

# WEEKLY WORD

January 17 and 18, 2009

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

## Movie Night

by Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28*

For the majority of Americans, buying or renting DVDs is a popular form of entertainment. In fact, home video has become the most popular way for Americans to view the latest movies. Last year consumers spent \$23.7 billion buying and renting DVDs, far surpassing the \$9.7 billion that moviegoers spent at the theatrical box offices. In 2007, with more than 90 million U.S. households owning a DVD player, home video accounted for 56.5 percent of studio revenue from movies. So, with the high demand for DVD movie entertainment, a video store has to offer a wide variety of movies choices to satisfy every age group and interest. Their movie inventory should range from romance, drama, science fiction, comedy, horror, and let's not forget the old-time westerns and classics. Most successful video stores will have movies available for all kinds of people.

From a much larger viewpoint, God makes himself available for all kinds of people. The apostle Paul tells us that God is a God for everyone. Everyone? In Galatians, Paul lists title after title—Jew, Greek, slave, free, male, female—it doesn't matter who we are, what title we carry, or what background we may or may not have. What really matters is that we are the same in Christ Jesus. More importantly, God stands on the same plane with each of us no matter what plot has thickened in our lives. Dealing with an addiction? Been divorced? Made a major mistake? God is still God. Spent all your money? Cursed God? In a rut? Having relationship problems? Or are all the details in your life working harmoniously together? God is still God.

It's comforting to realize that whatever scene in life we are in, the director of our life, God, promises never to leave us. We can take heart knowing that God doesn't look at our past, our mistakes or life circumstances. He doesn't even judge our lack of Oscar-winning performances. In fact, in his viewing pleasure, God looks at us and sees in the words of Paul that we "are all sons (daughters) of God, through faith in Christ Jesus."

Now that is a documentary movie that deserves a standing ovation.

## Family Values Message Series

Jan. 17-18 "Movie Night" • Jan. 24-25 "Game Night"

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 "Serving Together"

what's  
**NEW!**  
this week!



## Women's Bible Connections

If the weather kept you from attending last week's Women's Connections, please join us this Monday. See page 5 for more details.

## Salvation Army Casseroles

Stop by the narthex today and pick up the casserole recipe and pan for the Salvation Army homeless feeding program. The recipe is simple and the benefits are far reaching. See page 7 for more details.

## Bible Studies

Spend time warming up in God's Word during one of our Bible studies. See page 5 for more details.

## Tiny Treasures

Registration for Tiny Treasures' fall program is now open. See page 8 for more details.

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## Strategic Plan Updates

**Celebrations:** Part of our G.R.A.C.E. vision is to be a beacon to our community. Throughout the year, we seek opportunities to help our neighbors that have needs. Last year, we helped to launch and support the Urbandale Food Pantry, provided sack lunches to the homeless in Des Moines, worked on Habitat for Humanity houses, and most recently, organized the Giving Tree project.

**Giving Tree Project:** In the last several years, we have supported the Giving Tree project and have been blessed to be able to help provide Christmas gifts to those families who are financially struggling. Again, this year the members of Gloria Dei generously responded and purchased gifts for 21 families and made emergency food baskets for 18 families. Gloria Dei members were also bountiful in their time and support as they helped to organize and distribute the gifts to the families.

**Packed with Possibilities Displays:** Throughout the building, we have several Packed with Possibilities displays. Each display has the new January newsletter, which summarizes the movement toward fulfilling the Strategic Plan. In addition, there are postcards that can be filled out if you have any questions concerning any aspect of the Strategic Plan. After filling the postcards out, please return them to the office or the Information Center.



## Stewardship Notes

**Please pick up your giving envelopes today.**

Giving envelopes for this year are located on the tables near the north entrance of the narthex. Take a minute today and pick up your envelopes. Please note: each year your envelope number changes, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2009.

**2008 Giving Statements to be mailed.**

Final giving statements for 2008 will be mailed by Jan. 20. If you do not receive a statement, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700.

## Want a Daily Dose of God's Word?

Last year, Sue Wilson, a member of Gloria Dei, launched Dei Break, a daily e-mail devotional of the Old Testament. This year, a New Testament devotional, called "Dei Time NT" is available. If you are interested in receiving this devotion by e-mail, please go to our Web site's home page at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) and click on the registration link.

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## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Jan. 18 are in celebration of: the 50th wedding anniversary of Duane and Rochelle Haas married on Jan. 17, 1959.

## Spring Break Help Needed

March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.



We are in the process of recruiting adults and youth to help with this year's Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock. If you are interested in helping, please contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com), or Penny Schramm at [penny@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:penny@gloriadeionline.com), or call 276-1700.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

### Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Natalie Larimer

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Jordan Nicolet

### Elders:

Tim Mueller  
Steve Junge  
Tim Radig

### Ushers:

**Northwind**  
Mike Mazza

### 7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt  
Dave Disney  
Lou Grotheer  
Mo Grotheer  
Arlyn Hesse  
Jim Johnson  
Dick Mueller

### 9:00 a.m.

Greg Haessler  
Doug Kumm  
Jim Miles  
Tanya Richards  
Tom Richards  
Tim Mueller  
Chad Oehlert

### 9:00 a.m. (FLC)

Dan Johnson

### 10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

### Scripture Readings:

Galatians 3:26-4:7 and Matthew 18:1-9 (NIV)

## God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For our families

## Prayers

- For Laurie Varley following surgery for cancer
- For Susie Mitchell and family as they grieve the loss of their father
- For the health of Amanda Merry, Carol Dickey's niece
- For the grieving family of Fannie Jacobs, Wendell Dickey's aunt's family
- For those serving in our military
- For the health of June Reed's elderly parents
- For Becky Disney's father, Ed Kladivo, who is going through his second round of chemo in a month
- For the health of Julie Mitchell's mother
- For the health concerns of Shirley Nuzum

## Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Thank You

On behalf of the Saydel Community School District, thank you for your outstanding support during Christmas. The holidays were a lot brighter for 10 very special families. ~ Cindy Cahill

Special thanks to Carol Wenndt and, of course, Kevin, and all the ministry partners from the nursery who helped during the cantata. We couldn't have done it without your help and support. As always, your help stretches beyond this event —Saturday and Wednesday evening practices and early Sunday morning warm up times. We truly appreciate your efforts to look after our little ones as we practice to praise God through our music! ~ The Worship Ministries

## National Day of Service

“Give Food, Give Warmth, Give Art,” a national day of service event to benefit the Urbandale Food Pantry, will be held on Monday, Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Urbandale Public Library.

During the event, area residents can drop off non-perishable food items, new personal care products, new boxes of crayons or colored pencils and new winter scarves. Knitters are especially invited to come and knit scarves for donation during the event, or to drop off scarves already knitted. The personal care items most needed include: shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers and laundry soap.

This event is one of several held in the Des Moines area and nationwide in conjunction with the president-elect's call for a national day of service to celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr.

## Germany Trip Planned

St. Mark Lutheran, West Des Moines, is hosting a tour group to Germany and Austria from July 27 – August 8, 2010. Tickets are now reserved for this group to attend the famed “Passion Play” in Oberammergau, Germany.

An informational meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1115 Grand Ave., West Des Moines or call 223-4208.

## Fireproof Your Marriage

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, will show “Fireproof” on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at no cost to the participants. They have purchased the rights to show the movie, which has impacted marriages throughout the nation.

## Membership Class

**Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Basics of the Christian Faith is a seven-week class for those wishing to join Gloria Dei who are new to the Lutheran Church. We will journey along with Apostle Paul in the hope that we will experience where God meets us in our lives. As we go through the six chief parts of Luther's catechism (the 10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and Lord's Supper), we will see how they pertain to and help with our daily faith-life journey. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Pastor Kendall Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



## A Kind Reminder

Please help us be good stewards of our utilities. If you need to change the temperature of a thermostat, please do not turn it above 72 degrees, and please turn it back to 66 degrees when leaving. Thank you!



Join us this Monday!

## Women's Bible Connections

Make it your time ~ a.m. or p.m.

Women can gather, pray, study and connect with each other in the mornings and the evenings. Childcare will be provided at both sessions.

### Women's Bible Connections a.m.

Meets on Mondays from 9:15 – 11 a.m. in rooms 130-32, 131-33 and 135-37. Each session will begin with an opening devotion by Tina Morton in the Sanctuary before splitting into the three groups:

**Topical Bible Study:** The topic we will be studying is a DVD-led Bible study entitled "Fireproof," based on the movie.

**Scriptural-based Bible Study:** This group will study the book of John.

**Jesus, the One and Only:** This study cover in-depth study by Beth Moore. There will be homework to prepare for each class.

In addition to the regular a.m. schedule, the first Monday of every month we will begin at church and then go off-site to a coffee shop, restaurant or a host's home where we will fellowship together.

### Women's Bible Connections p.m.

The evening sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Topical Bible Study:** The topic we will be studying is a DVD-led Bible study entitled "Fireproof," based on the movie.

**Scriptural-based Bible Study:** This group will study the book of John.

**Jesus, the One and Only:** This study cover in-depth study by Beth Moore. There will be homework to prepare for each class

**You Matter More than You Think:** This study dives into how the fragments of your life hold great potential.

**That I May Know Him:** Walk along with three women found in the Scripture who were touched by the Lord in life-changing encounters.

### Who is invited?

All women members and non-members, whether you are young, middle-aged or one blessed by many years, are invited to join us in the mornings or evenings. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## Inclement Weather Cancellations

At times it may be necessary to cancel our weekend worship services or weekly events due to poor weather conditions. Cancellations will be announced on our Web site, the church's answering machine, TV channels, 8, 13 and 5, and WHO radio.

*Please note:* If Urbandale Schools cancel its activities during the week, all of our activities will also be canceled.

## Weekly Bible Studies

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Reminder: It's a heavenly time! Wednesday mornings Bible study at 10 a.m. will look at some popular perceptions of heaven and whether they agree with the words of Scripture.

### Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Thursday Mornings Men's Bible study at 6:30 a.m. will dive into the book of Job as we pick out the nuggets that can help us as we strive to live as Christian men in this society. In addition, you can enjoy coffee and sports talk.

## Support Groups/Care Night

**Thursday Evenings from 5:30-8 p.m.**

**It is not too late to join us!** Our Care Night support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship and meeting time in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Childcare is provided. If interested, sign up on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

### Care Night Schedule and Classes

- 5:30 – 6 p.m.** Join us for a meal; cost is \$3.50 per meal.
- 6 – 6:15 p.m.** Touch Point: Gather for a time of song, words of encouragement and prayer.
- 6:15 – 8 p.m.** Support Group Meetings: Individual groups meet for study, discussion and prayer.

### Cancer Support Group

BCS Group is our Breast Cancer Support Group that reaches out to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

### Caregiver Care

Caregiver Care is for adults who are now in the role of being caregivers for their parents or spouses. We will be going through “Caring for Your Aging Parents,” by Barbara Deane, which can be purchased from the Toolshoppe for \$12.

### DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a program for people who are experiencing the pain of divorce.

### DC4K: Children’s DivorceCare Support Group

DC4K is a program to help children whose parents are going through a divorce.

### GriefShare for Adults

GriefShare is a program designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative. This winter, we will offer support groups for adults, youth and children.

### GriefShare for Teens

This group is designed to help teens navigate through the grieving process.

### GriefShare children

Children ages 10 and under are encouraged to attend this group that is geared to their age.

### Self-Defense Class

This class is taught by an experienced self-defense/martial arts instructor and will teach you how to protect yourself and avoid unsafe situations. The cost is \$25 and the class meets six times.

### Weight Loss Class

This biblical-based class will help individuals with the challenges of controlling their weight.

## Thursday Meals

Thursday meals are available to Care Night participants and anyone in the congregation that would like a warm dinner and fellowship. Cost is \$3.50. See you there!

**Thursday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m.**  
Chili

**Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m.**  
Baked Potato Bar

## Preparing for Marriage Class

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009**

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week pre-marriage class. To register, contact Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

## Bible Study for Parents of Teenagers

A Bible study for parents of teenagers will start Monday at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center.

River Bend, a six-week Bible study led by Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, will help parents navigate through their children’s teen years. Even though parents cannot predict their teenager’s future, they can prepare for some of the unfamiliar waters that lie ahead, just around the river bend.

If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger, at 278-5444, ext. 212.

## New Mission Trip Opportunity

Gloria Dei has been approved to participate in the Gulf Coast Thrivent Builds event from Feb. 15-22, 2009. The trip is open for the first 15 participants; the cost is \$185 for Thrivent members (\$370 for non-Thrivent members). The team will leave on Sunday, Feb. 15 and drive 8-10 hours before staying overnight; on Monday they will drive to Gulfport, Miss., where they will work with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

For more information, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or Bill-Clark@mchsi.com.

### Mission Team Registration

The Honduras mission team is forming now and you can be a part of it! They plan to provide medical services and other practical ways to help show the Hondurans that Jesus loves them.

**Date:**

June 26-July 4

**Who can get involved?**

Anyone 16 years and older may attend.

**Costs:**

The total cost is \$1,845, which includes airfare, sleeping accommodations and most meals; a \$200 deposit is required by Jan. 28, 2009.

**Activities:**

Giving free medical, dental, and optical care to Hondurans as well as sharing the story of Jesus with children and adults.

**Informational Meeting:**

Join us Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. for an informational meeting.

**Questions:**

Please contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

## Salvation Army Project

Take two girls, mix in the love of Jesus, pour in the desire to help people and what do you have?

Two dedicated young teens.

Katie Gilg and Allissa Rice will be in the narthex Sunday, Jan. 18 between services to hand out simple recipes and pans for casseroles to be made for the Salvation Army. Their goal is to provide 500 casseroles for the Salvation Army to take out to those in need in our community each week. Each casserole feeds ten people; 125 casseroles are used weekly at different locations throughout the city.

**Salvation Army**

For the past 111 years, the Salvation Army has worked hand-in-hand with many Des Moines area churches to help meet the needs of the disadvantaged. The following are some of the ways that the Salvation Army and churches have merged together to help those in need:

- More than 60,000 hot breakfasts were served last year.
- More than 1,000 families received food boxes at Christmas time.

**Help today**

Stop by today and pick up the recipe and pan to assist the girls and the Salvation Army in helping those in need.

**Dates**

**Jan. 18**

Pick up recipe and pans or  
Drop off frozen casseroles

**Jan. 25**

Drop off frozen casseroles

## Save Your Christmas Cards

Please save the front of your religious Christmas cards that were received this year; the mission team will bring them to Honduras and hand them out as a reminder of the Christmas story. A container will be in the narthex. Thank you!

## Kindermusik and Dance Classes

It's not too late to join a winter session of Kindermusik or one of our dance classes. All of the information can be found on our Web site. We prorate for weeks not attended. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

## Sack Lunch Collection



The homeless of Des Moines are in need of food to help them through these cold months, so we are encouraging families to make sack lunches again! Paper sacks are available at the Information Center. Sack lunches will be distributed Wednesday, Jan. 28. Please bring them in Jan. 24, 25 or 28. Consider including a packet of instant dry soup mix in your sack lunch. If you have questions, please talk to DeAnn McCue or Pastor Phillips at 276-1700.

## Tiny Treasures Updates

**Fall Registration:** Tiny Treasures will be starting its fifth year! Check the racks today for the new preschool brochure and registration forms. What an amazing ministry serving more than 100 children. Tuition, registration fees and class offerings will remain the same this year. The only change in the program is the three day 3-year-old class—it will only be offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Because our program is so full this year, we anticipate classes to fill quickly.

**Playgroup:** Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall on Tuesday or Friday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks today.

**Contact or Questions:** If you have questions, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## Vacation Bible School

**March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

Mark your calendars! Children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School during spring break. Registration information will be following soon.

## Grace Place Notes

**Jan. 18, 2009**

Today in Sunday school we will study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"

**Faith Alive Meal**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 21**  
 Baked Potato Bar  
 \$3.50 per person  
 (children under 2 eat free)

## Christmas Program DVD

Photo DVDs of the Christmas program can be purchased for \$5 in the Toolshope. The DVDs are a wonderful photo montage of each performance. Questions can be directed to Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300.





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## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Service and Mission Hours

Sign up at the youth bulletin board today for service and mission hours.

### Eighth Grade

Please turn in your Urban Plunge registration forms by Feb. 1 to Tim or the office. We need at least three parents to attend; the Youth Ministry will cover the cost for the parents.

### Confirmation

We need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte for the 7:45 a.m. service in January, February and March.

### Sunday: Castaway

Join us Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

January's topic: Survival Kit

### River Bend Bible Study

**Mondays from 7-8 p.m.**

Parents of teens: Please join us for a Bible study. See page 6 for more details.

Week 1: Topic - Roles and Goals  
(Ephesians 6:1-4)

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38.

### Wednesday: The Point

Topic: Jan. 21: Mission

### Winter Jam Concert

**Saturday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

We are leaving the church at 4:30 p.m. for a Christian concert which will have some of your favorite bands, such as Toby Mac, BarlowGirl and more. The cost is \$10. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Sunday, Jan. 18.

### Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will have dinner theatre rehearsals on Sundays from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center. The rehearsals will continue through March 22.

## Grades 6-12 Opportunities

### Hope Ministry Mission Opportunities

**Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and take a short tour of the Bethel Mission, deliver food and supplies to homeless tent camps, eat lunch at Hope Cafe and finish the day by a work project. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Jan. 18.

### GriefShare for Teens (Grades 6-12)

**Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.**

Please join us for a small group that is designed to help teens navigate through the grieving process. Tim Kightlinger will facilitate the group. Come early for a meal at 5:30 p.m.; the cost for the meal is \$3.50.

### WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

World Vision's 30-Hour Famine is underway. Packets are available for teenagers age 12 and older by April 17-18. Nearly one hundred packets have been given out already! Registration deadline is March 28. A meeting for all registered participants will be held at the end of March. Join us as we strive to raise money to prevent world hunger and help local ministries in the Des Moines area. Contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or by e-mail @ [tnk4jc1@msn.com](mailto:tnk4jc1@msn.com)) or Tim Kightlinger at 278-544, ext. 212..

# Week of Jan 17-23, 2009

## Saturday, January 17

- 9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
- 9:30 a.m. Have Hope Suicide Prevention Convention
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, January 18

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, January 19

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. PEO Chapter KO Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. "River Bend" Bible Study

## Tuesday, January 20

- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:00 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child, Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

## Wednesday, January 21

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Communication Focus Group
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool New Student Open House

## Friday, January 23

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Scripture Base on Giving:

*Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."*

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$29,566
YTD Offering	\$880,258
YTD Budget	\$939,596

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	210	137
7:45 a.m.	154	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	356	
9 a.m. (FLC)	96	40
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	392	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>177</b>

# Weeks of Jan. 24-31, 2009

## Saturday, January 24

9:30 a.m. Hope Ministries  
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m. Winter Jam Concert (Off Site)  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service with Communion in Family Life Center  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, January 25

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion  
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study  
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place  
 9:20 a.m. Castaway  
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up  
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study  
 10:50 a.m. Castaway  
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place  
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  
 2:00 p.m. Boy Scout Event  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, January 26

9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.  
 9:30 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Meeting  
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Dance 1  
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training  
 6:45 p.m. Dance 2  
 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study

## Tuesday, January 27

11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time  
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands

## Tuesday, January 27 (continued)

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice  
 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time  
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child, Semester 4  
 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class  
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That  
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball  
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

## Wednesday, January 28

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study  
 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal  
 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive  
 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells  
 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High  
 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal  
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time  
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club  
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir  
 5:30 p.m. Care Night  
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

## Friday, January 30

3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

## Saturday, January 31

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wed. 6 p.m.
Preschool	8	31	19	15
Elementary	17	62	45	69
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>
Junior High		28	10	67
Senior High		13		25
<b>Total Youth</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>92</b>

# Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

## Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

## Cry room

Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

## Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

## Children

**Grace Place - preschool and elementary children:** We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

## Youth

**Junior High: Castaway:** For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

**Senior high students:** Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

## Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



## Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

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## Weekly Bible Reading: Matthew 18:1-9

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell."

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

**Educational Times:** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon