

WEEKLY WORD



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The Second Sunday after Christmas

Family Values

by Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another... ---Hebrews 10:25

One of our family's precious memories was the day Michaela, our oldest daughter, first started to ride her bike without training wheels. Her eyes were wide with excitement as she started down the sidewalk and she beamed, proud that she was able to do it, "all by myself." I should say that I saw the whole thing. I wasn't around. I was at a meeting that day. I missed out on a family memory. It happens to all of us. We don't want it to happen, we wish it didn't. But it does.

Making family relationships a priority is tough. Finding time to be with family can be a challenge and oftentimes the family can be put in second, third or last place in the demands for time. It's difficult in this day and age. We talk about quality time and then spend that quality time glued to our Blackberry or locked behind the earphones of our iPods. Nevertheless, family connections are important; hence, the reason for our new sermon series, "Family Values." God designed a family to be a cohesive nucleus where God's love for each family member is fully realized.

In the next five weeks, we are going to challenge one another to carve out time for our families and treat it as precious, because it is. We'll encourage each other to do something together as a family. Whether it's playing games, watching a movie or serving together, the focus will be on carving out time during the week to meet together. The writer of Hebrews understood the importance of gathering: "Do not stop meeting together..."

How do you define family? Is it a nuclear family with the husband, the wife, the children and the dog? What about those who have never married, or those who are widowed? Jesus describes family in this way, "whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Fellow believers are defined as family.

To help encourage the gathering of fellow believers, we have a sign-up table in the narthex that will help to form small groups for the duration of this sermon series. So, whether you are single, widowed, an empty nester, or if your family is not nearby, you can still experience the weekly activities suggested within the confine and comfort of a small group.

This week's first challenge: Find a night to have a family meal. No TV, radio, books, newspaper, phones, only total attention on the family. Spend time together in our families and make memories that each family member can be a part of. And please let your family know what you thought of the time together.

Memory Verse of the Week:

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another... Hebrews 10:25

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what's
NEW!
this week!

Winter Opportunities

We offer lots of great ministry opportunities in January; see pages 4-6 for more details.

Grace Place Faith Alive

All children's programs resume today. See page 8 for more details.

Playgroup

We have a playgroup for young children. See page 8 for more details.

Youth

Check out page 9 for the youth's activities in the winter.

Message Topics

Jan. 3-4

"Find Time"

Jan. 10-11

"Family Meal"

Jan. 17-18

"Movie Night"

Jan. 24-25

"Game Night"

Jan. 31-Feb. 1

"Serving Together"

Strategic Plan Updates

Cottage Meetings

Cottage meetings to discuss the progress of the ministry destination, the details of the land selection recommendation and the corresponding financial model will be held in late winter. More details will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, if you have any questions concerning any aspect of the Strategic Plan, please pick up a note card at one of the packed with possibilities displays throughout the building and turn it in at the Information Center.



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.



Stewardship Notes

Please pick up your giving envelopes today.

Giving envelopes for next 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 in the church office at 276-1700.

Urbandale Food Pantry Updates

Volunteer opportunities: Volunteers are vital to the effective operation of the Urbandale Food Pantry. Your help is needed to process and fill food orders. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 12-2:30 p.m. The Food Pantry is located at 7611 Douglas Ave., Suite 31, Urbandale. Please contact Eileen at 251-6688 to schedule a time when you can volunteer.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan 4 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Carter Edmund Dammen born on July 31, 2008 to Jason and Mindy (nee Miller) Dammen. Carter's spiritual sponsors are Justin and Lynelle Wise and Lynn Dammen.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Jan. 4 are in celebration of: The 15th wedding anniversary of Jim and Betty Wollslager on Jan. 1.

Servers

Jan 3 and 4:

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

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. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

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

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

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)

Ivan Daniels
Dan Johnson
Jack Redfearn
Mary Ann Redfearn

10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

Scripture Reading:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 and Luke 10:38-42 (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 children as they go back to school and college
- The birth of Shane and Stacy Love's baby girl

Prayers

- 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 with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

10 Ways to Enjoy Gloria Dei this Winter

Come in from the cold of winter and bask in God's warmth in the top ten opportunities at Gloria Dei.

1. Worship

Join us for worship each Sunday at 7:45, 9 or 10:30 a.m. or Saturday night at 5:30 p.m.



2. Bible Studies and Community Groups

Dive into a Bible study or a community group during the week.

3. Classes and Support Groups

Attend one of our classes or small groups this winter.

4. Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Get involved with the Women's Missionary League.



5. Women's Bible Connections

Join us for Women's Bible Connections starting Monday, Jan. 12.

6. Volunteer

Use your God-given abilities at Gloria Dei. We have several opportunities where your gifts can be used for the glory of God.

7. Grace Place, Faith Alive and Music Alive

Gather your children for our weekend and Wednesday educational times.

8. Tiny Treasures Preschool

Enroll your young child in Tiny Treasures playgroup.



9. Youth Programs

Grab your youth in grades 6 through 12 and bring them to one of our youth activities.

10. Music Opportunities

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord by joining one of our worship teams.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 276-1700 or go on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Book Club

Gloria Dei's book club is an informal discussion group of Christian books, which meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:15-7:25 p.m.

Jan. 7 - "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom

Want to know more? Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Discovery 101

Membership Classes

**Thursdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 19, 2009
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.





Women's Bible Connections

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

Monday, Jan. 12 at 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

January is noted for a time of new beginnings, so Women's Bible Connections will add an additional time slot for women to connect with each other. Starting Jan. 12 women can gather, pray, study and connect with each other in the mornings and the evenings. Childcare will be provided.

Women's Bible Connections a.m.

The new addition to Women's Bible Connections will start Monday, Jan. 12 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. Take time out to safeguard your relationships. Beth Casady will be the facilitator.

Scriptural-based Bible Study: This group led by Barb Miles will study the book of John.

Jesus, the One and Only: Lisa Scherer will facilitate this 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 Monday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity to sample the different classes that will be provided.

Who is invited?

All women members and non-members, whether you are young, a 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.



Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joanie Kickbush, 13942 Oak Brook Drive, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellen Mortenson, 700 19th St. West Des Moines.

Scrapbook Fellowship Expands

By popular demand, Scrapbook Fellowship is adding Saturday sessions.

Now you can work on your scrapbooks on Friday, Saturday or both. Friday sessions run

from 8:30 a.m. to

11:30 p.m. Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as you like. We meet in rooms 131/133.



Saturday will include childcare, but it must be reserved by contacting Laura Ammann at 778-9161. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 26-1700.

Support Groups/Care Night

Thursday Evenings starting Jan. 8, 2009

On Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 we will begin a new series of support groups, which 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.

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. 8 at 5:30 p.m.
Grilled cheese and tomato soup

Preparing for Marriage Class

New session begins 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 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Bible Study for Parents of Teenagers

A Bible study for parents of teenagers will be offered on Mondays starting Jan. 12 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

Jan. 11

Pick up recipe and pans

Jan. 18

Pick up recipe and pans or
Drop off frozen casseroles

Jan. 25

Drop off frozen casseroles

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. 11 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.

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

New Kindermusik classes start the week of Jan. 5. We will offer Family Time classes, Village, Our Time, Imagine That and Young Child Semester 4. More information can be found on our Web site by clicking on the Kindermusik link from our home page at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Dance Classes

Starting Monday, Jan. 12, the following dance classes will be held for preschool and elementary age children:

- Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement for children ages 3 and 4
- Creative Dance for children ages 5-7
- Creative Dance for children ages 8-12

Additional information and registration can be found at www.gloriadeionline.com/children.

Tiny Treasures Playgroup

Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall.

The two classes will meet on Tuesday or Friday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks today. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2009 and toilet trained. Tuition is \$40 each month; registration fee of \$10 must accompany the form. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Grace Place Notes

January 4, 2009: Today's Sunday school lesson studies "The Boy Jesus in the Temple." Jesus is always about his Father's business—and that business is always earning our salvation! No thing and no one can stand in his way. Consider asking, "How does the young Jesus show that he is about his Father's business?? What is the most important part of his Father's business?"

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Jan. 7
Chili

Wednesday, Jan. 14
Meatloaf

\$3.50 per person
(children under 2 eat free)

Children Soared at Tiny Treasures Christmas Program



Tiny Treasures Preschool told the angels' story at their Christmas program last month. More than 100 children sang the Christmas story in the Sanctuary to an appreciative audience of parents and friends. Of course, the best part of the evening according to most of the children was the cookies and balloons at Jesus' birthday party immediately following the program.

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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. We also need an acolyte for the 9 a.m. service in March. Confirmation resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Sunday: Castaway

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

Jan. 4: Castaway resumes

Junior High Café 923

Friday, Jan. 9 from 6-9 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun and fast time in the Family Life Center and Youth Center. Pizza will be available \$1 a slice.

Our Mission

Our youth ministry is on a mission, so we will follow the GYM (Grow, Yield, Minister) acronym:

Grow in our relationship with God and others, yield to Jesus as Lord and Savior and minister to others through outreach and service.

Mission Trip

July 11-18, 2009, Ashland, MT If you currently are in grades 8-12, you are invited to the mission trip. Currently there are 11 signed up to go. A \$75 deposit is due at this time. There are still spots available, contact Tim if you are interested.

Mission trip meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

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

Jan. 4: Bible Study resumes

Wednesday: The Point

Jan. 7, The Point resumes

Senior High Café 923

Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Hamburgers will be served for dinner. Invite your friends.

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

Join the dinner theatre rehearsals on Jan. 4. Casting will be done at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will then decide rehearsal times.

Week of Jan 3-9, 2009

Saturday, January 3

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 4

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. Sr. High 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
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Casting
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept. of Ed Monthly Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That!
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village

Wednesday, January 7

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 – Sr. High
 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

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 20,21 & 27-28)	
General Fund Offerings	\$78,542
YTD Offering	\$796,031
YTD Budget	\$872,482

Thursday, January 8

9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
 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. SPI MAT

Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Worship (Dec. 20-21)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	170	
7:45 a.m.	109	87
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	265	195
9 a.m. (FLC)	72	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	258	163
Total	874	445

Christmas Services	Attendance
4 p.m. (FLC)	195
4:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	681
6 p.m. (Sanctuary)	537
6:30 p.m. (FLC)	114
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	269
Total	1796
Christmas morning	79

Worship (Dec. 27-28)	Attendance
Northwind (cancelled-weather)	
7:45 a.m.	77
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	281
9 a.m. (FLC) (not scheduled)	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	189
Total	547

Weeks of Jan. 10-17, 2009

Saturday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 11

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. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
 2:00 p.m. Take Down Christmas Decorations
 4:30 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 12

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement Class for Preschoolers
 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance for ages 5-7
 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance for ages 8-12
 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study for Parents of Teenagers
 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That!
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik for the Young Child
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
 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
 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Iowa District West/East Workshop
 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

Friday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Iowa LCMS School Board Workshop

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 FLC
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Educational Attendance (Dec. 20-21)			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	7	16	16
Elementary	15	41	32
Total Children	22	57	48

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.

Weekly Bible Reading: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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