

WEEKLY WORD



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Epiphany of Our Lord

G.R.A.C.E. Continues

Last year we listened to several “Sharing Grace Moments” at the beginning of several worship services. We learned about Gloria Dei’s past successes, worship trends, facilities boundaries, stewardship information and the demographics of our community.

In a series of Weekly Word articles, we further learned about the study, research and prayers for Gloria Dei’s future by our staff, four Ministry Action Teams and other leaders in the church. We now have reached a point where we need to outline in detail our findings and recommendations, and receive your input at the following Cottage Meetings:

Saturday, Feb. 2	9-11 a.m.	FLC
Saturday, Feb. 2	6:45-8:45 p.m.	FLC
Sunday, Feb. 3	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	FLC
Monday, Feb. 4	6:30-8:30 p.m.	FLC
Tuesday, Feb. 5	6:30-8:30 p.m.	FLC
Thursday, Feb. 7	6:30-8:30 p.m.	FLC

Since the information given out at the Cottage Meetings will be vast, we will also offer Open Forums where members of the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team, the Governing Board and Pastor Burcham will be present to listen to and answer questions. These Open Forums will be held:

Saturday, Feb. 16	9-10 a.m.	135/137
Sunday, Feb. 17	7-8 p.m.	135/137
Tuesday, Feb. 19	7-8 p.m.	135/137
Thursday, Feb. 21	7-8 p.m.	135/137

In order to prepare ourselves when it is time to formally make a decision later this winter, Pastor Burcham will begin a three-week series of messages on how to make godly decisions starting next week. Our prayer is that these messages will not only be relevant to our personal lives and decisions, but also to our life together as the body of Christ here at Gloria Dei.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 276-1700 or a Governing Board member at govboard@gloriadeionline.com. Thank you in advance for your prayers and involvement in this process.



Check it Out!

Missed a “Sharing Grace Moment?”

All of the “Sharing Grace Moments” are online at :

gloriadeionline.com

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Sermon Series

Join us next weekend as we begin a three-week series of messages on making godly decisions.

Jan. 12-13
Seeking God’s Voice

Jan. 19-20
Seeking God’s Direction

Jan. 26-27
Seeking Godly Consensus

10 Ways to Enjoy Gloria Dei in 2008

We have so much to be thankful for here at Gloria Dei. Take time to pursue some of the opportunities that are available this year to help strengthen our walk with the Lord. If you have questions or want more information, please call the church office at 276-1700.

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 this winter. We are offering Discovery 101: The Basics of Christian Faith; Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei; Preparing for Marriage Class, Spanish Class, and DivorceCare, GriefShare and Breast Cancer support groups.
4. **Lutheran Women's Missionary League –**
Get involved with the Women's Missionary League. These groups meet in homes or at church and focus on mission work.
5. **Women's Bible Connections –**
Women's Bible Connections will start Monday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m.
5. **Volunteer –**
Use your God-given abilities at Gloria Dei. We have several opportunities where your gifts can be used for the glory of God.
6. **Grace Place, Faith Alive and Music Alive –**
Bring your children for learning and fun on Sundays and Wednesdays.
7. **Tiny Treasures Preschool –**
Enroll your preschooler in Tiny Treasures Preschool.
8. **Youth Programs –**
Grab your youth in grades 6 through 12 and bring them to Confirmation, Bible classes, discussion groups, mission trips, fellowship groups, youth retreats, and service projects.
9. **On the Web –**
Gather information from our Web site: www.gloriadeionline.com.
10. **Music Opportunities –**
We have countless opportunities to make a joyful noise unto the Lord by joining one of our worship teams.

Stewardship notes

Final giving statements for 2007 will be mailed by Jan. 15. If you do not receive a statement, please contact Steve Kammeyer in the church office at 276-1700, ext. 202.

In addition, please remember to pick up your giving envelopes, which are located on the tables as you enter or exit the narthex.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 14th wedding anniversary of Jim and Betty Wollslager.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Start the New Year off by archiving your memories. Please join us for a fun time of talking, laughing and getting work done on scrapbook projects. We will meet Friday, Jan. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131-33.

Thank You

On December 3, Iles Funeral Home used our facility for an annual remembrance service for both Westover and Dunn's funeral homes. In appreciation for being able to use our facilities, Iles has made a donation to Gloria Dei that will be used towards the purchase of a new Advent wreath for the sanctuary. We would like to thank the Iles family for their gracious gift.

Recycled Christmas Cards

The Honduras Mission team needs recycled fronts of religious Christmas cards for their mission trip to Honduras. Please save your cards and put them in the "donation-card" box located in the narthex in January.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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.

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Jacob Snyder

Emma Anderson

Eric Bass

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 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Tom Richards

Tim Mueller

Chad Oehlert

10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

David Sengpiel

Colleen Sengpiel

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Pastor and Lynn Meyer, as they celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary
- For Rich and Shelley Sessler's new adopted son, Caden

Prayers

- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the health of Cara Setsodi
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For Mari Caligiuri, who lost her father
- For the health of Betty Wollslager
- For Angie Meyer, who lost her father, Roger Schmidt, to cancer
- For Jay McCowen
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Spanish Class

Come learn Spanish with the Honduras mission team! The class begins on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. and runs for eight weeks. This is an introductory class for beginners and we will meet in room 134-138. Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204 for more details.

Gloria Dei Book Club

Gloria Dei book club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6:15-7 p.m. in the cry room. They will read "Dinner with a Perfect Stranger," by David Gregory. It's an easy read and copies are available in the Gloria Dei Toolshoppe.

Handbells

Alleluia Ringers will rehearse on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6:45-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are an experienced or new ringer, please join us. For more information, contact Angie Gage at 276-1700 or amgage@hotmail.com.

Circle meetings



Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Hazel Schroedel, 5212 Cody Drive, West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at Ruth Luecht's, 12695 Woodlawn Pkway, #207, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

Women's Bible Connections

*Monday,
January 14*

Sample 6 p.m. | Courses 6:45 p.m.

The Gathering Place

(Use the Family Life Center west entrance)

Sample the winter courses

- † BETH MOORE'S A HEART LIKE HIS, PART 2
- † FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S THE TRUTH PROJECT, PART 2
- † NOURISHMENT FOR YOUR BODY & SOUL
- † GETTING A GRIP ON YOUR DAILY LIFE
- † ACTS: MEN AND WOMEN SHARING THEIR FAITH



Community Group Notes

As we embark on the New Year, let's resolve to know our Lord better. If your community group is looking for studies for the start of the new year, here are a few suggestions:

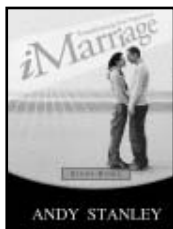


"Groups"

Format: Workbook **Author:** John Ortberg **Length:** 7 Sessions

Relationship: Community with Insiders **Work:** 1 hour per week

Description: Wondering what is so special about being in a community group? In this study, you will explore the amazing potential for spiritual and relational growth found in community groups.

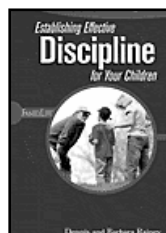


"iMarriage"

Format: DVD **Author:** Andy Stanley **Length:** 6 Sessions

Relationship: Community with Insiders **Work:** 2 hours per week

Description: This study explains how to experience God's design for marriage by transforming your expectations and looking to God for his provisions.

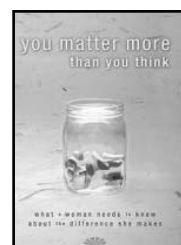


"Establishing Effective Discipline for your Children"

Format: Workbook **Author:** Dennis Rainey **Length:** 6 Sessions

Relationship: Community with Insiders **Work:** 1 hour per week

Description: Examine the basics of why children need discipline and how to raise a child from a biblical perspective.



"You Matter More than You Think: What a Woman Needs to Know about the Difference She Makes"

Format: Book **Author:** Dr. Leslie Parrott **Length:** 236 pages

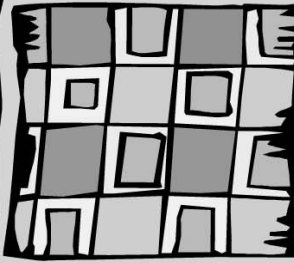
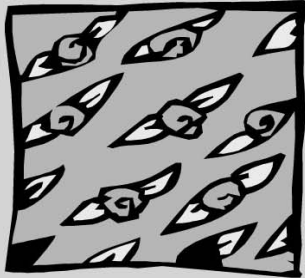
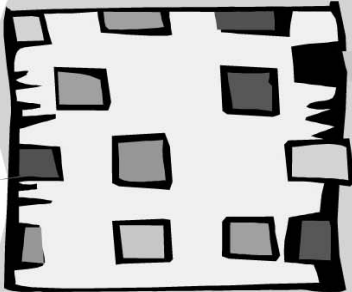
Relationship: Women's study **Work:** 1 hour per week

Description: Whether you are married or single, restless or content, wounded or strong, this book is designed for every woman who longs to be more than part of the mainstream. Join Leslie on this journey to discover for yourself how all of your quirks, gifts, pains, whims, and wishes can come together.

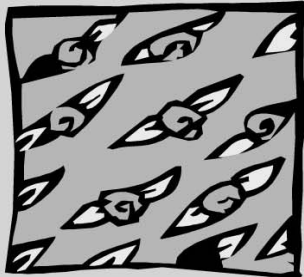


Tip from Pastor Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor:

When looking for a study, check out www.groupcurriculum.org. You can search for DVD-led series, books, workbooks, etc., and a description of the study. When you decide on a study, I encourage you to go to Gloria Dei's bookstore, the Toolshope, to place your order.



Starts
Saturday,
Jan. 19
from 8:30 a.m.
to 4 p.m.

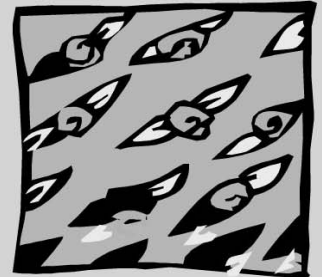
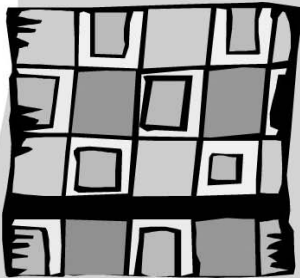
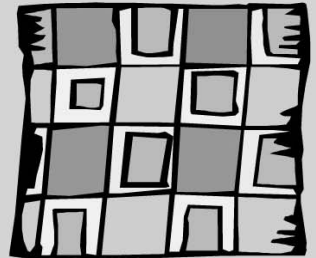


Come in from the cold

Are you tired of shivering in the cold, walking on ice and shoveling snow? Join the Gloria Quilters on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or whatever time is convenient for you. Whether you are an accomplished quilter, an intermediate or a new quilter, come and help contribute to the number of quilts that will be taken to Honduras. Last year over 50 quilts were sent and they need even more this year.

For more information or to register, contact:
Norma Rohn at 253-0523 or mrohn@aol.com
Connie Cook at 987-1516 or sewjazzy@mchsi.com.

Please note: If you are new to quilting, please let Norma know, so she will have enough helpers to walk you through every necessary 'thread' to construct a beautiful quilt. The only equipment that you will need is access to a sewing machine.



Gloria Dei Quilters

Top ten reasons why to join us:

- It will get you out of the house one Saturday per month.
- You will learn how to thread a needle correctly.
- You can bring your sewing machine with you.
- You will meet other quilters.
- You can concentrate on 6" X 6" squares, and forget about the weather.
- You will find out how to use a spider.
- You will discover how creative you really are.
- The socialization will be good for you.
- You'll be contributing to the number of quilts that will go to Honduras in June.
- You will be following God's command to serve others.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check “wish to join Gloria Dei.” All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101: Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201: Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Sign-up

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

**Register today for
Discovery 101 class on
Wednesday, Jan. 9.**



Congregational Care Corner

Starts next week!

Bringing Jesus Christ to the hurting for the first time and for a lifetime.

Contact Information:

**Pastor Tim Phillips, 278-5544, ext. 204
or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com**

Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in January that will bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Please feel free to join us at any time for all of our adult support groups; new people are always welcome.

Current Support Groups:

Cancer Support Group

BCS Group: Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Divorce Support Group

DivorceCare: Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Grief Support Group

GriefShare: Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children Grief Support Group

Stepping Stones starts Thursday, Jan. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. If you are interested, please call Lynn Meyer at 986-5653.

January Kindermusik sessions

Please pick up the new Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center.

Kindermusik Village

Kindermusik Village for children newborn to 1 1/2 years old, incorporates the most current research on early childhood development and provides families a special place for learning and connecting with other parents and babies through music and movement.

Instructor: Angie Gage **Cost:** \$70

Date: 8-week session: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 from 6:30-7 p.m.



Kindermusik Our Time

Kindermusik Our Time is designed for children ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old. Along with an accompanying parent or caregiver, children meet weekly for a 30-minute class and enjoy singing, moving, listening, interacting socially and playing simple instruments.

Instructor: DeAnn McCue **Cost:** \$95

Date: 12-week session: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to April 1 from 6:30-7 p.m. (No class March 18.)

Date: 12-week session: Wednesdays, Jan. 9 to April 2 from 10-10:30 a.m. (No class March 19.)



Kindermusik Imagine That!

This session takes children ages 3 to 4 years old on an incredible musical journey of discovery and exploration—a journey limited only by the power of imagination.

Instructor: Julie DenHerder **Cost:** \$100

Date: 12-week session: Wednesdays, Jan. 9 to April 2 from 10-10:45 a.m. (No class March 19.)

Kindermusik for the Young Child

Kindermusik for the Young Child is for children ages 4 1/2 to 7 years old and balances activities that integrate listening, vocal development, movement and performing in instrumental ensemble, and introduces your child to the written language of music while cultivating music creativity.

Instructor: Penny Schramm **Cost:** \$110

Date: 12-week session: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to April 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (No class March 18.)

If you have questions, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Help Needed

Spring break will be here before we know it. VBS curriculum has been chosen and planning can begin. Since this is a busy time, we are looking for a pair of leaders (perhaps moms of preschoolers), who would be interested in helping to organize the preschool part of VBS. Some of the benefits of being a ministry partner leader would be:

- The time is clearly defined.
- VBS has a beginning and end with a short-time commitment (March 17-19).
- Materials are always exciting and creative.
- The rewards far outweigh the time.

Prayerfully consider getting involved. If you are interested, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Third Grade Bibles

Third grade is an important year in a child's development. To help remind them of the assurance that they have in Jesus Christ, parents and 3rd-grade students will walk through the scriptures for six weeks during the Lenten season on February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12. During that time, parents and students will highlight verses in scripture together. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held Monday-Wednesday, March 17-19 from 9-11:30 a.m. Watch for registration information in the coming weeks! Interesting in helping? Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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Junior & Senior High

Mark Your Calendar

We have lots of great activities planned for the beginning of the year.

Uncle Phil's Dinner 2: The Badger Homecoming

Casting: Sunday, Jan. 13 at noon in the Youth Center.

Rehearsals: Sunday, Jan. 20 and 27 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Café 923

Friday, Jan. 11 from 6-9 p.m.

Anavox and Kaboose Concert

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. Free-will donation will be collected.

Cast Party for the Ugly Duckling

Saturday, Jan. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. More information to follow.

30-hour Famine Meeting

A mandatory meeting for parents and youth, who would like to participate in the 30-hour Famine will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at 8:45-9 a.m. or 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center.

30-hour Famine

Mark your calendar for the 30-hour Famine on Friday, Feb. 29 and Saturday, March 1.

Junior High - Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

.Wednesday: Confirmation

Confirmation will be held Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us at 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

Meet us in the Youth Center at 6 p.m. to hang out. We will have a teaching and then go to small groups starting at 6:15 p.m.

Topic: January 9: Prioritization

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip senior high youth to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. Cost is \$25 for the first 20 sign-ups (\$35 thereafter), which includes transportation, food and housing. If you would like more information, contact Tim; registration deadline is in January 13.

Buccaneers Outing

Junior and senior high youth and families are invited to a hockey game on Friday, Jan. 18 when the Buccaneers meet the Sioux City Musketeer's. Tickets are \$10 per person; sign up with Tim or at the church office by Jan. 13. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and carpool together.

Buy it today!

Youth Sweatshirts

They are in and they can be bought!

Check out our youth sweatshirts at the Toolshoppe for \$25.



Week of Jan.6-12

Sunday, January 6

- 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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 7

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 8

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Group
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, January 9

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Assoc. of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 10

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, January 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923

Saturday, January 12

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Honduras Soup Fundraiser
- 6:30 p.m. Cast Party

Outpouring of Love

General Fund Offerings	\$28,103
YTD Offering	\$811,859
YTD Budget	\$814,644

Attendance Dec. 29-30

Attendance Dec. 29-30		Christmas Eve	
Northwind	119	4 p.m. (FLC)	195
7:45 a.m.	110	4:30 p.m.	598
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	242	6 p.m.	614
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	(No service)	6 p.m. (FLC)	57
10:30 a.m.	290	7:30 p.m.	306
Total	761	Total	1770

Week of Jan. 13-19

Sunday, January 13

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Casting
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 14

3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:00 p.m. The Point
 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, January 18

3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Youth Outing

Saturday, January 19

3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Attendance Dec. 22-23			
Northwind	88	Misc. Attendance	
7:45 a.m.	86	Christmas Day	132
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	229	New Year's Eve	88
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	(No service)		
10:30 a.m.	208		
Total	611		

Welcome to Gloria Dei

Welcome

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.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.



Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sunday, Jan. 6 from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.