

WEEKLY WORD

July 25 and 26, 2009

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The Sky is Falling! The Sky is Falling?

by Pastor Philip Robarge, Director of Adult Ministry

I can remember very vividly the news stories and the talk surrounding the turn of the clock on December 31, 1999. It was the infamous Y2K scare. The world is run by computers and the computers are all going to crash because they are not programmed right. This would have a world-wide domino effect that would result in the destruction and devastation of the world's population. The world would come to an end! Fear had spread.

In the history of the world there have always been people who have attempted to predict the end of the world. The wonderful Disney character, Chicken Little, is famous for his portrayal of the apocalyptic messenger who is delivering the bad news. Times have not changed. Recently it is the Nostradamus and Mayan calendars that have aligned to give us the most recent date for the end of the world set for 2012.

Lots of questions arise when discussing the end times. Is the end near? What will happen to me? What will happen to my loved ones? What will life be like when Jesus comes back? What is all this talk about a new heaven and earth? All those questions are normal, but what becomes damaging is the fear that sometimes surfaces.

Fear then takes our attention away from what is most important—Jesus.

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1a-2 (NIV)

Jesus does instruct us to “keep watch” and “be ready” for he will come back for us. Until then, we live not out of fear, but live boldly by praying, reading and hearing the Word and speaking about the Savior to the world.

We do not have to be afraid of the end times, or for that matter, any time that we are facing. Jesus reassures us that “in the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” His promise of a perfect love that drives away fear inspires us to look upward being rooted in him and not in the world's trepidation. So when others are fearing or when Chicken Little screams “the sky is falling,” we can rest assured Jesus is with us “even to the ends of the age.”



Chicken Little is an old fable about a chicken who believes the sky is falling. He became a popular fowl when Walt Disney Studios made a movie about him.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Swimming Anyone?

Those hazy, lazy, hot summer days can be tackled by swimming with us on Sunday, Aug. 2 from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

And it's free!

See page 5 for more details.

Mission Trip

The youth have returned to Gloria Dei from their mission trip to Montana with lots of stories and memories.

See page 8 for more details.

Sermon Series

Ever fail? Have you lived contrary to God? You are not alone.

Check out next week's sermon as we dive into “Famous Failures” of the Bible.

See page 3 for more details.

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Director of Worship

Director of Worship, Steve Kohtz, is no longer on staff at Gloria Dei. Steve brought many gifts and talents to Gloria Dei over the years in ministry at our congregation and we are grateful for his service. We pray that the Lord will open great doors for Steve and his family in the years to come. The search for a new Director of Worship will begin in the next few weeks.

Blood Drive at Gloria Dei

During the summer months, the blood supply in Iowa and across the country is low because the demand for blood is higher, and the number of donors is lower. Approximately 38,000 Americans need blood every day, so even with busy summer schedules and vacations, it is still important to find the time to donate blood.

Donate blood this summer and you can redeem a “What Color Do You Bleed” t-shirt in your favorite team colors from The Blood Center of Iowa’s online store. This is your opportunity to show your school spirit and blood donor pride at the same time.

Please plan to donate blood on Saturday, August 15 from 8-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years old, be in general good health and weigh at least 120 pounds. If interested, contact Robin Stewart at 515-245-2647 or schedule online at www.bloodcenterofiowa.org.



Tracking the Annual Budget

The report for the weekly offerings and giving will take on a new look. The information in the weekly chart (page 10) will contain the same information as always; however, the difference is the giving and offerings projections will be based on the quarter instead of the entire year. You will still be able to see the current weekly giving, but it will be compared with the quarterly budget instead of total year-to-date budget. We will also add a line reflecting the actual giving during the quarter. If you have any questions, please call Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 276-1700.

Fall Opportunities

The Fall Opportunities brochure can be picked up at the Information Center anytime after August 8. It will contain all the start-up dates and events in the fall. So, don't forget to pick yours up.

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Sermon Series: Famous Failures

We will begin to take a look at men and women in the Bible who have completely deviated from the Lord's pathways and how the Lord strategically and lovingly sets them back on course.

August 1-2: Famous Failures - Jonah

Jonah not only ran away from God but was angry when Nineveh repented because he could not believe that God would forgive the people. Do we truly believe that God will forgive everyone? Or better yet, should he forgive everyone?

August 8-9 : Famous Failures - Peter

Out of fear, Peter denied Jesus. Not a stellar accomplishment to add to your credential list to become a leader in the church, and yet he becomes the leader of the church in Jerusalem. Will we let our failures hold us back?

August 15-16: Famous Failures - Saul/Paul

Saul thought he was doing the right thing, but was completely misdirected. So instead of working for God, he was working against him. Do we ever find ourselves in a similar situation?

August 22-23: Famous Failures - David

David committed adultery and murder. When Nathan confronted the sin, David repented. When we are confronted with our sin, do we repent or become defensive?

August 29-30: Famous Failures - Sarah

Sarah's response to God's promise of a son was met with laughter and an alternative plan. How do we react to God's promises?

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:

Rev. Philip Robarge

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Eric Fluegge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Natalie Larimer

Elders:

Devin Wren

Terry Woolman

Jim Miles

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

Tim Mueller

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Chad Oehlert

Dan Johnson

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 24:36-44 and Revelation 22:12-17 (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
- For our country
- For the safe return of our youth

Prayers

- For the Jim and Janet Tysse, who is grieving the loss of Jim's mother, Carol Tysse
- For a successful knee surgery for Carol Dickey on July 28
- For Natalie Kleckner's brother, Gene, who is having heart and kidney problems
- For the health of Carol Dickey's sister
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf

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.

Welcome Pastor Robarge

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Robarge to Gloria Dei! On Sunday, July 12, he was installed as Associate Pastor during a service in the Sanctuary. He will serve as Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor.

Pastor Robarge's Story

Even with a strong Christian upbringing and his junior and senior high school years spent at a Lutheran school, Pastor Robarge did not even consider full-time ministry. However, his father's work as a chaplain at a local police department inspired him to pursue a degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology at Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Ariz. His dream was to establish a career in the FBI or in a local police department.

But his career choice was challenged when two officers were shot shortly before his daughter was born.

"My family and my career choice were not matching up," Pastor Robarge said.

He decided to put his career on hold and began to work for Lutheran Brotherhood and then for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as an insurance/stock and bond representative.

Meanwhile, his wife, Heather, whom he courted throughout high school and college, taught at a local public school and became aware of an abusive situation of one of her students, Laura. After reporting the situation to the police and failing to find a healthy living arrangement for Laura, the Robarges became permanent guardians and eventually adopted her.

"So now I was married for two years, with a one-year old and a 14-year-old and then my wife became pregnant," said Pastor Robarge. "Under those circumstances, we grew up fast as individuals and as a couple. It pushed us to make sure that we were raising our children correctly. We wanted to make sure they were receiving the knowledge of God in a stable environment."

During that time, both Heather and Pastor Robarge were active in his father's church with many people suggesting

the seminary to him. But those suggestions didn't resonate with him until a retired pastor sat him down and said, "We are all Christians with a job to do, what is yours, Philip?"

That question spurred a conversation with his father about going to seminary. "I have been thinking about you going to seminary for three years, but didn't want to bring it up to you because I didn't want to pressure you," his father stated.

After surviving his first 12-week course in Greek, the seminary years became grounds for great learning and inspiration. His vicarage was spent at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Freeport, Ill. where he served the congregation of more than 800 by preaching, teaching, presiding over weddings and funerals, and making hospital calls.

Under the senior pastor's tutelage, Pastor Robarge observed how to lead quietly by motivating people to discover their gifts and then releasing them to work in the kingdom of God.

As for hobbies and interests, he is an avid sports fan, particularly the Dodgers and the Lakers and thoroughly enjoys reading an assortment of non-fiction books, with a special fondness for the simplicity of John Ortberg's writings. Because his mind is usually engaged

with lots of thoughts, he finds movies extremely relaxing. Among the top of his list is the Monty Python series, action movies and historical documentaries.

"I learn a lot from conversing with people," he said. "I am looking forward to listening, thus learning from the people at Gloria Dei."

In addition to getting to know people, he is excited to preach and teach. He especially is fond of studying a particular chapter in the Bible and then facilitating group studies around the chapter.

So please, when you see the Robarge family in the hallways, give them a warm welcome.



Pastor Robarge, Heather, Kaitlyn and Tyson. Their daughter, Laura, who recently married, is not pictured.

Ways to Get Involved in the Community

Exchange Families Wanted

Looking for new experiences and cultural immersion for you and your family? Want to open your home to an exchange student or do you know someone who would? Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is looking for a host family for Saminu. The student is an English-speaking high school junior from Nigeria. He is 16 years old and an active athletic student. IRIS works through the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program funded by the State Department. If you have any questions or would like some more information about Saminu, please contact IRIS at 515-292-7103 or check the Web site at <http://www.iris-center.org>.

Meals for the Heartland

Meals for the Heartland, a non-profit organization, is organizing an event for volunteers to package and ship million of meals to starving and malnourished people around the world from Sept. 3-7 at Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines.

Working in teams of eight to 10 people, volunteers are needed to work in two-hour shifts to assemble, weigh, seal and pack meals for the needy overseas. If interested, please go to www.MealsfromtheHeartland.com.

Country Market

The Country Market will offer hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind designs by Freedom for Youth students every Saturday through August 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hand-crafted items include: Adirondack chairs, porch swings, arbors, bird houses, wind chimes, metal art, pottery, jewelry, dip mixes and homegrown veggies. Enjoy lunch in the outdoor coffee garden. All proceeds will fund post-secondary scholarships for the students. The Country Market is located on Freedom Campus, 2301 Hickman Road, Des Moines. For questions, call 282-4822.

Junior Olympics Games

The Des Moines Sports Commission is in need of volunteers for the 2009 AAU Junior Olympic Games, July 27 through August 8. There are volunteer opportunities for groups (professional, friends and or families) for one shift, a day or for an entire sporting event. For more information, please contact Angela Brodersen, Volunteer Coordinator, at 699-3465 or abrodersen@desmoinescvb.com.

Biblical Parenting Conference

Westkirk Presbyterian Church, Urbandale, will host a Biblical Parenting Conference at no cost on Friday, Sept. 18 from 6:30-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The goal of the conference is to provide a place for parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers and ministry leaders to gather, to be inspired, encouraged and equipped to raise children and youth in a spirit of faith, emphasizing the importance of bringing children to Jesus for his blessings.

For more information, contact Steve Randall, Assistant Pastor, at 253-0330.



Family Time at Clive Water Park

Sunday, August 2 from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Come all! Invite your friends! We have rented the entire pool, no registration required. This is a no-cost family event that will cool you off and keep you laughing. Open to all families.

Note of Thanks

Thank you so very much for the very generous donation to our Auxiliary. It is so appreciated. Gloria Dei has been most supportive of our soldiers and airmen and their families.

Thank You and God Bless You.

Carmel Dardis, Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make meals for the Duncalf family. Their son, Zachary, is undergoing treatment for leukemia. If you enjoy cooking and are interested in helping out, please contact Tina Morton at tinamorton6@hotmail.com or at 978-4504.

Tiny Treasures Staff Openings

Lead teachers: We are seeking two lead teachers for 3-year-olds; one for Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the other for Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Applicants must have teaching and child development education and experience.

Preschool Director: We are requesting applications for the position of Preschool Director for Tiny Treasures Preschool. Tiny Treasures Preschool is a vital ministry area of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The preschool enjoys a stellar reputation. Tiny Treasures has received National Lutheran School Accreditation and is the first early childhood accredited preschool in Iowa District West.



The staff of Tiny Treasures is a caring, dedicated and talented Christian staff devoted to sharing the gospel with the children of God.

The successful candidate for the Director position must be ministry minded, possess an insight into academic excellence and be able to understand and manage the process to achieve this excellence.

A teaching degree with Early Childhood teaching experience is preferred. Experience in creating and managing an annual budget, grant writing, and managing teachers and assistants is also desirable.

Applications: An application can be found on our Web site. Return the completed application and a resumé to Bill Jesse, Executive Director at the church office.

Book Club

Join us as we discuss Christian books. We will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the dates listed below in the cry room:

Wednesday, August 12

“The Someday List” by Stacy Hawkins Adams

Books can be purchased in the Toolshoppe. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at hlschmitz@mchsi.com or at 371-5875.

Ministry Partners Needed!

We need ministry partners for our “Trip Around the World” Summer Grace Place on August 1-2 and 8-9. Can you help? If you would like to join in on the fun, contact DeAnn McCue or Penny Schramm at 276-1700.

Lost and Found

An electronic ear piece was found, if you know whose it is, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Glorious Dei Gardeners

Saturday, August 8 from 7 a.m. to noon

Families are invited to work together. We will load our wheelbarrows with mulch and travel to the east end of our campus to soften the Tiny Treasures playground. And guess what? You are invited to join us! If you have any questions, call Brandon at 710-5483.



Hot Fun in the Summer

Summer Story Time

Tuesday, August 4 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Join in the fun and read a great book too. Children of all ages are invited; books will be geared for each age group. No registration required.

Kindermusik Play Date

Monday, August 10 at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Children ages infant to 4 years and their parents are invited to come for a play date on Monday, August 10 at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is a must. The cost of this fun play date is \$5 per family. If interested, contact DeAnn McCue or Penny Schramm at 276-1700.

August Grace Place

August 1-2 and 8-9 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Join us for two weekends in August as we travel the globe! We will travel to Southeast Asia and to Guatemala! We'll learn about the region, learn how God is working through missionaries in those regions, play a game, do a craft and even learn a little about their languages.

Please note: No Summer Grace Place will be held from August 15 - Sept. 6. Join us as we kick off another terrific school year on September 12 and 13. If you are interested in helping this fall, contact DeAnn McCue or Penny Schramm at 276-1700.

The Dazzling of the Fine Arts Camps



A dabble here, a stroke there, and a splatter of creative juices everywhere were seen as the young artists created their masterpieces.

Youth Travels to Montana



by *Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry*

On Friday, July 10, eight youth and four adults headed out to Ashland, Montana for our summer mission trip. We joined approximately 400 other campers in Ashland knowing only one thing... God was going to do great things through us. We were separated into workgroups (64 total groups of six workers) and were assigned specific projects, such as painting houses, working on roofs, building porches and wheelchair ramps, and hanging drywall. My crew insulated and hung drywall for the Tallbull family as we enclosed their garage to make another room for them. Each day we would focus on a part of Luke 4:18-19, "The spirit of the Lord is

upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." We saw that we are the ones who need to see better, to be freed from our sins, to be released from those things that are weighing us down and dictating to us our behaviors.

The impact of the trip is not only seen on the work that was done on the Northern Cheyenne reservation and the people we worked for, but can be heard from the following responses from the youth. (Continue on the next page.)

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Please note: Summer Castaway is offered at 9:20 a.m.

Topic: Bad Girls of the Bible

July 26: Lot's Wife

August 3: Woman Caught in Adultery

Lunch and a Movie

Sunday, July 26 from 12-4 p.m.

We will depart from church at noon and head for a bite to eat before we hit a movie. Cost is approximately \$15.

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"I wish I could go to the evening program every day! (I get down, He lifts me up...!)" ~ Alex McKeighan.

"During our mission trip I grew a lot closer to God and I think it was because of the very powerful messages that Jimbo (our MC) gave. I also grew because of how our devotions went; I felt closer to the whole group too. The mission trip was awesome!" ~Shelby Aufdenkamp

"This week on the trip I formed new relationships with fellow Christians as well as strengthened existing relationships. Throughout the week I discovered how much

Senior High Grades 9-12

The Point

Wednesday evenings during the month of July will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study some hot topics from the Bible and then enjoy a fellowship activity following the study.

Bible study: Join us in the Youth Center at 6 p.m.

July 29: I do: Understanding Marriage Today

Fellowship Opportunity: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29: Bar-b-que and mud-sliding at Tim Kightlinger's house

Junior and Senior High Grades 6-12

Ice Skating and Broom Ball

Thursday, July 30 from 8-10 p.m.

Meet us at Metro Ice Sports Facility, 5100 NW 72nd Street, Urbandale for some refreshing time out of the heat. Sign up and pay by July 26. The cost is \$10.

Worlds of Fun, Kansas City, Missouri

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Please meet at from the church at 7 a.m. We'll return at midnight. Cost is \$30, which includes transportation and admission. Bring extra money for food and games.

God loves me. This week I learned through devotions and helping others. I am glad I had this experience. The biggest thing I will take away from this week is that Jesus Christ died for me and loves me and I will choose to live for him." ~ Manda Clark

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, your encouraging words and your financial support of the youth ministry. Your giving allowed us this opportunity to share the love of God with those in need.~ God's blessings, TK

Photo Captions from page 8.

From left to right. • (front row) Jamie Dierenfield, Caroline Pace, Emily Scott, Manda Clark and Tim Kightlinger (back row) Olivia Pace, Julie Pace, Shelby Aufdenkamp, Don Scott, Zac Kightlinger, Dan Petrak and Alex McKeighan • Manda Clark paints • Caroline Pace paints with her crew. • Zac Kightlinger learns how to build a porch. • Tim Kightlinger holds up dry wall with his crew. • Emily Scott gets ready for construction. • Olivia Pace details a window. • Jamie Dierenfield carries a ladder. • Alex McKeighan takes a moment to relax with her team on the porch that they built.

Week of July 25 to August 1, 2009

Saturday, July 25

- 4:00 p.m. Mandy Baudler and Kenneth Cooper Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, July 26

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Junior High - Lunch and Movie
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 27

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Women's Connections p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

- 8:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. LWML Craft Fair Planning Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, July 30

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 4:45 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice
- 8:00 p.m. Junior and Senior High Metro Ice Sports Facility Event

Friday, July 31

No scheduled meetings

Saturday, August 1

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

Scripture Based on Giving:

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	140	96
7:45 a.m.	103	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	251	191
9 a.m. (FLC)	49	
10:30 a.m.	254	152
Total	797	439

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,707
First QTD Offering	\$77,185
First QTD Budget	\$91,013

We have changed how our offerings are reported; for a detailed explanation, see page 2.

Week of August 1-8, 2009

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Retreat
- 6:15 p.m. Family Time at Clive Water Park
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, August 3

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. August Summer Story Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. August Story Time

Wednesday, August 5

- 7:00 a.m. Youth: Worlds of Fun
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, August 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 4:45 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice

Friday, August 7

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Harvey/Rolwes Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, August 8

- 8:00 a.m. Glorious Dei Gardeners
- 3:30 p.m. Jessica Harvey and Doug Rolwes Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	9	13	9
Elementary	12	21	24
Total Children	21	34	33

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 with 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: Join us for Summer Grace Place as 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. 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

Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9:20 a.m. And don't forget to look at page 9 for all the other summer activities.

Senior high students: Lots of activities are planned for our senior high youth this summer; see page 9 for all the details.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.



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: Revelation 22:12-17

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

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

Summer Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon