


June 28 and 29, 2008

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Patriotic Concert to Pay Tribute on Sunday



Patriotic concert in the park:
*By the people.
For the people.*

Sunday, June 29
6 p.m.
Lions Park
Urbandale

Sponsored by
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
8301 Aurora Ave.
515-276-1700
www.gloriadeionline.com

Great Event for Everyone

The Patriotic Choir, Orchestra and Children's Choir are excited about Sunday's concert in the park. They have been busy practicing for this community-wide event where they will pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country.

If you haven't invited your friends, family and neighbors to the concert, please do so this afternoon.

Want a glimpse of the concert?

The Patriotic Choir and Orchestra will be offering a few concert selections during Sunday's worship services at 7:45 and 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

See you at the concert!

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Welcome Home

We warmly welcome the members of the Honduras team back home! The 21-member team from Gloria Dei left Friday, June 20 and returned Saturday, June 27. Their mission was simple—to provide medical, dental and optometry services to residents of the Tegucigalpa area; their motive was genuine—to share God's love with an impoverished nation.

If you see one of the team members today, grab them and ask about their experiences in Honduras. In the next few weeks, we will feature a few of their touching stories.



(top left to right) Pastor Phillips, Stephen Webb, Dustin Blythe, Howard McDaniel, Jason Nesheim, Nick Bass, Bill Clark, Gary Wasko, Patty Wright, Gale Webb, Norma Rohn, Vera Voss, Deb Timmons, Julia Kightlinger, Jody Bass, Mary Grimm, Cheryl Gilg, Jane Lamfers, Megan Kightlinger and Laurie Page.

Flood Teams

We are organizing teams from Gloria Dei that can help rebuild many of the houses and businesses that were affected by the flood. If you are interested, please register online at www.gloriadeionline.com or call the church office at 276-1700.

As we organize our efforts, we have contacted many churches in the affected areas. The following is a response from Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

Thank you so much for your e-mail. Such concern and offers to help strengthen us in many ways. We are all in the clean-up stage and will then go into the repair mode as soon as possible. Our needs so far have been difficult to determine, but your offer to help will be noted and I will forward this e-mail to our District LCMS office, so that all of our local sister congregations know of your offer. Continued prayers are felt by all of us.

—Karen Hass, Flood 08 Disaster Coordinator

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting was held last Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The annual proposed budget was approved and proposed by-laws were accepted. The three incumbents to the Governing Board, Lorrie Graaf, Marvin Rohn and Scott Snyder, were reelected. Pastor Burcham also gave an update on the progress of the implementation of the Strategic Plan. If you have any questions, please contact the Ken Wunsch, president of the Governing Board at govboard@gloriadeionline.com

Strategic Planning Updates

Each of the four focus groups has been busy building a strong infrastructure to fulfill the Strategic Plan. The following are a few highlights from two of the groups:

Communication Focus Group: Plans, focus groups and studies are underway to create a theme that will convey the progression of the Strategic Plan as it unfolds in the next five to 10 years.

Ministry Focus Group: An organizational plan is being formed that will help facilitate and prioritize the implementation of the staff's role in the Strategic Plan.

Please note: We will continue to update the congregation about the progress being made to move us into the future. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kesse at deb.kesse@gmail.com.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 29 at 9 a.m. service is for:



Katelyn Marie Stahl born September 5, 2007 to Jon and Kelley (nee Hilterbrand) Stahl. Katelyn's spiritual sponsors are Robert and Charleen Hilterbrand.



Brandon Jon Stahl born September 5, 2007 to Jon and Kelley (nee Hilterbrand) Stahl. Brandon's spiritual sponsors are Robert and Charleen Hilterbrand.

General Dismissal Starts Sunday

The elders have decided to have a general dismissal after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. worship services starting Sunday, June 29. They believe that it could facilitate a more conducive environment for fellowship after the services. The practice will be evaluated in late summer to determine if this will be a permanent change.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Hailey Kromminga

Emily Scott

Lisa Fuller

Elders: (Saturday)

Vic Kesse

Tom Westby

Terry Woolman

Elders: (Sunday)

Vic Kesse

Rod Serbus

Tom Westby

Ushers:

Northwind

Randy Bosworth

Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dwight Carlson

Marilyn Carlson

Dennis Dean

Mike Collins

Joe Gilg

Kory Meyeraan

Dan Timmons

9 a.m. Sanctuary

Jeff Monson

Don Pevestorf

Scripture Readings:

I Chronicles 16: 8-12; 23-25 (NIV)

Romans 13:1-7 (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 nation
- For the team coming home from Honduras

Prayers

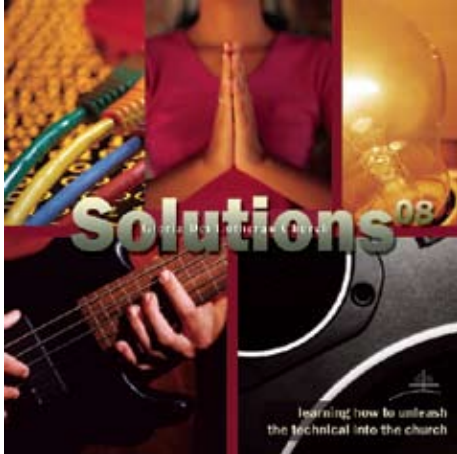
- For Don Pevestorf, Kristy Plummer's father, who is recovering from hip surgery
- For grieving family of Wayne Plagge, father of Jay Plagge
- For Carrie Jackson's entire family, who is grieving the loss of her brother-in-law
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For continued health of Nancy Siefken
- For the quick recovery of Connie Mautz
- For the people affected by floods
- For Ken Anderson, who is battling cancer
- For the health of Barb Thompson, daughter of Bob and Mary Kuefner
- For Diane Metz, who is now in Hospice
- 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.

Solutions 08

An important aspect of our G.R.A.C.E. vision is to be an equipping center where leaders are trained. Last year, we initiated a conference to help



smaller churches incorporate some of the multi-media tools that we have been privileged to use at Gloria Dei. Since the response was favorable from last year's participants, we decided to hold a similar conference this year.

Solutions 08 will be held Monday, August 4 and Tuesday, August 5. Registration is open to anyone who has a desire to learn about fueling the flames of worship using today's multi-media tools.

For more information, go to the home page of our Web site at www.gloria-deionline.com or to the Information Center.

Divorce Care

DivorceCare, a safe place for people who have experienced the pain of divorce, will be hosting a few outings in June and July:

Sunday, June 29 at 1-7:30 p.m.

Iowa Cubs game at 1 p.m., potluck picnic and Patriotic Concert

Saturday July 5 at 6 p.m.

Dinner and live piano music at Grand Piano Bistro in the East Village

Saturday July 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at Court Avenue and an Iowa Barnstormers game at Wells Fargo Arena

For more information, contact Robin Haase at rhaase@ruan.com.

G.Y.M. Golf Outing

Saturday, July 26

**Willow Creek Golf Course
West Des Moines**

Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m.

\$50 per person
(Includes cart, lunch and prizes)

Registration deadline, Sunday, July 13

Proceeds go toward purchasing materials for the youth to build sheds for the Habitat for Humanity families.



Items Needed for Summer Camps

We need the following items for camp this summer: glass flower vases, baby-food jars with lids, gently-used plastic tablecloths, old buttons, clean sawdust in cans or bags, and dried, pressed flowers. Items can be placed at the Information Center.

Omaha Plunge Impacts Youth



Clockwise left to right: Zach Kightlinger cleans the backyard of the Mission for All Nations.

• Kayleigh Wren packs food pantry boxes. • Liz Altemeier organizes items to be given to those in need at the People's City Mission.

Last weekend eight teens and three adults traveled to the Omaha Urban Plunge to serve the poor and needy of Omaha. The following are samples of what the teens learned:

“I am more comfortable in talking with people.” — Emma Wenndt

“It has touched me in new ways. I am more open to serve in the same ways in my own city.” — Carol Wenndt

“It brought me closer to God and set an example for the way to act.” — Caroline Pace

“It showed me a different world outside my comfort zone.” — Manda Clark

Book Club

Looking for a good read for the summer? Join us as we talk about how the examples found in great Christian literature apply to our lives. Read the book and then join us for a time of conversation and prayer. All books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

Wednesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: “Blue Bottle Club,” by Penelope Stokes

Location: Laura Ammann, 1059 45th St., Des Moines, 277-5587.

Car Wash

The youth from Gloria Dei are hosting a car wash on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church's parking lot. All proceeds will go toward the ONE campaign, a campaign that brings public awareness on the issues of global poverty, hunger and disease in effort to fight such problems in the world's poorest countries. For more information, contact Kayleigh Wren at 745-6772.

New Life Ministry Partners

Gloria Dei is busting at the seams with all the new babies. All this new life mean lots of activity for the New Life Ministry Action Team. More ministry partners are needed in this growing area to serve as seamstresses, cooks and visitors. If you are interested, call Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday, July 11 in rooms 131-133. Stop by anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome for as long as you can stay! It's a great chance to get to know others, to get organized or a few more pages done. (And yes, we go out for lunch and supper!) For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Mission Corner



Report from Uganda

Since we are committed to living out our vision of being courageous in outreach, we continue to partner with the Lutheran Church Missions in Uganda (LCMU) by sending financial support and donated items and sponsoring a seminary student. We are excited as we build relationships with our fellow believers across the world.

Seminary Student

Last year, we decided to fund a scholarship for the education of Waako Yeko, a 33-year-old seminary student from Uganda. Waako is passionate about the opportunity to gain knowledge that will match his desire to share God's love and grace.



Waako Yeko

Monthly Donations

In the last few months, the congregation has been very supportive in the efforts to collect items for Uganda. Currently, we have all the donated items boxed and ready to be shipped. Thank you for your support!

In the coming months, we will continue to collect items to be sent to Uganda.

July: Shoes (men's work shoes, children's school shoes and women's tennis shoes)

August: Kitchen supplies (towels, utensils, and cleaning items)

September: Children's summer clothes and school supplies

October: Men's work clothes

November: Women's clothes

December: Infant's clothing and bedding supplies



Boxes are ready to be shipped.



Top: Orphan children are in front of their two-room school house and worship center. On Sundays, a plastic canvas awning is extended from the building to hold worship services rain or shine for more than 150 people. This orphanage has 250 children during the school year.

Undy Sunday Next Sunday

Don't forget that Sunday, July 6 is Undy Sunday. We will be collecting socks, underwear, T-shirts in all different sizes that have not been opened.



Monthly Donations

Please take time to collect items in your house to donate to our brothers and sisters in Uganda.

Drop Off Items

All items can be placed in the white-wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of the Family Life Center. Cash donations to cover the shipping cost (\$5 per box) can be left in the secured box on the wire collection box.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Kohtz at 276-1700.

Missionaries to Speak

The Wednesday morning Bible study with Pastor Meyer has decided to sponsor two missionary families to come and speak to our congregation about their experiences as they seek to bring Jesus to a foreign culture.

Let's meet Jon and Heidi Heisterkamp

Friday, July 25, 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132.

Lunch will be served immediately following in the Family Life Center.

Jon and Heidi met during a study abroad program headed by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. They married August 8, 2005 and are currently members of Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Jon graduated from the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota in business administration, marketing and international trade with a Spanish minor and Heidi graduated with an elementary education degree. They live and serve in Panama City, Panama.

Let's meet Stephen and Maggie Oliver

Wednesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132.

Lunch will be served immediately following in the Family Life Center.

Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve as career missionaries in Asia, where Stephen is the Asia theological education facilitator and New Testament professor at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan. He teaches New Testament courses to Chinese students who are preparing to be pastors, counselors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, directors of Christian education and pastor's wives to grow in their faith and service. In addition, as LCMS World Mission's Asia Theological Education Coordinator, Dr. Oliver facilitates mutual support, interaction, visits, and communication among the seminaries to build upon their efforts to train indigenous servants of the cross to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and to shepherd Jesus' flock.



Born in Memphis, Tenn., Stephen grew up in Japan and in the southern and western sections of United States. He graduated from Concordia University, Portland, Ore., and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Stephen then served as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Iowa. He met his wife, Maggie, in Taiwan. In 2006, Maggie earned a Master of Arts in counseling from China Lutheran Seminary. Last year, Isaac joined the family on May 13.

Tibet Updates

Thank-you Note

Recently a missionary couple who is serving in Tibet gave a presentation at Gloria Dei. They wrote the following note:

We wanted to send a thank-you note. Your wonderful Christ-like care and encouragement to us was heartfelt and we counted it a great privilege to have been allowed to come and share about their work in Tibet.

It is such a sensitive location that we have to hold everything in until we return to the States. Thank you for being so open and supportive to allow us time to share what God is doing in Tibet. We so appreciate all the extra effort with the video promotions and everything else.

God bless, (the couple's names are being withheld for safety reasons).

Prayers and Support

Last month, the earthquake that devastated China killed more than 40,000 people and left 5 million homeless. This couple and many others, are helping orphanages by providing temporary shelter and food. The Shining City Foundation, a private organization formed by a few members from Gloria Dei, has also donated money for food and is looking into the possibilities of helping with the reconstruction of an orphanage. If you are interested in contributing financial support or to find more information about Shining City Foundation, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

Discovering the Greatness of God's Creation



Last week, our building was filled with young inquisitive scientists experimenting, examining and testing many of the elements found in God's great creation.

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Junior & Senior

Summer Registration Form

If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center.

Parents interested in participating as ministry partners at these events, please contact Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

SONshine Festival

Register and pay by July 2.

Senior High trip to Wilmar, Minn from July 16-19. Three days of music, camping and fun times. Bands: David Crowder Band, Toby Mac, Jeremy Camp, ThirdDay, Newsboys, Superchick, Jars of Clay, Barlow Girl and many more. See www.sonshinesfestival.com. Cost \$68, which includes transportation, food, admission, and camping fees.

Junior High grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Castaway will be offered Sundays from 9-10 a.m.

Topic: The Fantastic Four

Last week we looked at Elijah, for the next two weeks we will look at:

June 29: Mary Magdalene

July 6: Esther

Today's Iowa Cubs Game and More

Junior high youth and their families are invited to an Iowa Cubs game on Sunday, June 29 at 1 p.m. The cost is three cans of non-perishable foods for each participant.

In addition to the game, a new opportunity has been opened to us; Habitat for Humanity is seeking people to help with a carnival at the stadium before the game begins. We will leave the church at 10 a.m. to help Habitat, watch the game and return at 5 p.m.

Senior High grades 9-12

Wednesday: The Point

July 2: Spaghetti

July 9: Nachos Grande

July 16: No Point (SONshine Festival)

July 23: Child Dog/Fritos

June 30: Pizza

Saturday, July 26 • Willow Creek Golf Course, West Des Moines • Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Registration Team Deadline: Sunday, July 13

We need ministry partners for registration and to find donations for prizes. We are also looking for individuals, families or companies to sponsor holes for at least \$50 per hole. If you sponsor more than one hole, you will receive one golfer registration free. Pick up a registration form at the Information Center.

All funds raised will go toward purchasing material for the Youth Ministry to build sheds for Habit for Humanity on August 8 and 9.

Week of June 29 - July 5, 2008

Sunday, June 29

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:00 a.m. I-Cubs Game for Jr. High Students and Family
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert in the Park
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 30

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, July 1

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Peek-A-Boo I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Zoo Train
- 6:30 p.m. Tell Me A Tale
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT

Wednesday, July 2

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Trio Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

Thursday, July 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, July 4

Office closed for the July 4th holiday

Saturday, July 5

- 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Hoffard/Matthew Hueser Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Rebecca Hoffard/Matthew Hueser Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	87	55
7:45 a.m.	143	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	251	
9 a.m. (FLC)	100	44
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	202	
Total	783	99

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,011
YTD Offering	\$1,515,308
YTD Budget	\$1,568,944

Week of July 6-12, 2008

Sunday, July 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. H3 Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Trio Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

Thursday, July 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. MOM's of WDM

Saturday, July 12

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Car Wash
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	18
Age 5 and K	19
Grades 1 and 2	15
Grades 3 and 4	10
Total	62

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.

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 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

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.

Summer Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place at both 9 a.m. services. If you attend another service, please feel free to bring your children to the educational wing at 9:20 a.m.

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 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Point, an evening of food, fun, teaching and interactive discussions on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Adults: There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary
Summer Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary