

WEEKLY WORD



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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Recipe for Witness

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Wouldn't it be great if a manual was written giving us step-by-step instructions on how to share our faith?

Perhaps, it could be entitled "The Book of the Planned Acts." Chapter One would read: Step One: Get out of bed. Step Two: Find someone who looks lost. Step Three: Take a deep breath and introduce yourself. Step Four: Ask the question: If you were to die tonight, would you go to heaven? Step Five: Quote John 3:16 with as much gusto as you can muster.

Of course, such a detailed manual would prove to be inefficient because it does not allow for an important element that God takes into consideration—we are all individuals. Take the unique steps that God created to reach Cornelius, a devote Jew, in the real book of Acts. While Cornelius was praying one afternoon, an angel told him to send for a stranger named Peter. The following day, Peter was praying on top of the roof and received a disturbing vision of a large sheet containing all kinds of animals and reptiles followed by a command to "get up, kill and eat." Peter, who had been taught not to eat certain foods, quietly refused this unusual request three times when a knock occurred at the door by Cornelius' servants. As the story unfolds, Peter visits Cornelius and begins to understand the rooftop vision.

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation who fear him and do what is right." Acts 10:34-35

Peter then begins to share about the crucified and resurrected Lord, which resulted in Cornelius' entire house believing in Jesus.

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning." Acts 11:15

Obviously, the prescribed steps in the book of Acts are written for specific individuals by a caring and loving Lord. Although we can never duplicate the exact steps that caused an entire household to believe, we can learn great principles from the account, such as prayer and obedience. They both prayed and were receptive to listening to God's directions even though it contradicted their understanding.

We can also ask the questions: How willing are we to listen to God's voice? Can the Lord direct us to a Cornelius? We believe he can. It probably won't be in the exact way that Cornelius was reached but because of God's loving desire to save all people, he will guide our steps to them.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members to the Gloria Dei family at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services. Please take time to greet them. See page 7.

Informational Meetings

Today! Please join us for one of the informational meetings to discuss the proposed budget, the amendments to the bylaws and the Governing Board election.

Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.
Room 131/32

Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Wednesday, June 18 at 6 p.m.
Room 131/32

To Help

There are many avenues to help the people in Parkersburg rebuild their lives. See page 5.

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar for our annual congregational meeting on June 22 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more details, see page 4.

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Patriotic Tribute Details

“By the People, For the People” will be presented on Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at Lions Park in Urbandale. This community concert will be a tribute to all veterans, soldiers, fallen soldiers and military families. Here are a few details of the event.



Musicians Needed

We are seeking 100 vocalists, 50 wind and string players and 50 children for the children’s choir.

If you have missed a rehearsal, no problem. Come join us this Wednesday.

Children’s Choir: 6-7:30 p.m. • Adult Choir 6-7:30 p.m • Orchestra 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Partners Needed

We need help setting up and tearing down on Saturday, June 28 from 7 a.m.-noon and on Sunday, June 29 from 3-7 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center or call Terry Woolman at 270-9125.

Essays

What does freedom mean to you? Children are invited to answer the question by using no more than 250 words. The winning essays will be read at the patriotic tribute. There are three age groups: ages 6-9, 10-12, and 13 years and up. The grand-prize winner will be awarded four tickets to an Iowa Cubs game. Please send your essay via e-mail to jrdnherder@gmail.com or drop it off at the church office by June 22.

Flag

To date, 65 soldiers from Iowa have fallen in The Global War on Terror. We will honor each fallen soldier by providing a memorial flag that will be displayed at Lions Park. If you are interested in sponsoring a flag for \$30, please sign-up at the patriotic display in the narthex.

Strategic Planning Updates

Each of the four focus groups has been busy building a strong infrastructure that will move toward fulfilling the Strategic Plan. The following are a few highlights from two of the groups:

Future Facilities Focus Group: The selection criterion for the future facility site is being compiled and a Request for Proposal for the architect’s selection is being drafted.

Finance Focus Group: Research is underway for a detailed financial model and various funding methods.

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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Praise Report

In recent weeks, Thomas Mitchell, an infant, has been in our prayers due to a heart condition which required surgery. The following is a note from his family and grandparents:

We wanted you to know that Thomas was released from the hospital on Saturday, several days earlier than anticipated. We believe his uneventful recovery has been due to all the prayers on his behalf. We ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers for complete recovery.

Thank you to the staff of Tiny Treasures for your prayers and concern, and to Pastor Phillips for his prayers, visits, and baptizing baby Thomas.

— Michael and Beth Mitchell, Daniel, Elizabeth and Thomas and Grandparents Dennis and Lois Appelhons

Counting Help Needed

We are currently trying to complete a couple of teams that count offerings. Each team consists of 3-4 members that counts once every six weeks for about an hour—usually on a Sunday morning. Your total time commitment is about 8-10 hours per year. If you have been looking for an opportunity to be involved without a huge time commitment, this might be right for you. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact Steve Kammeyer in the church office at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Hailey Kromminga

Emily Scott

Andrew McKeighan

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

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 Reading: Mark 6:30-34.

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 Stan and Diane Greenwood, as they celebrate 40 years of marriage

Prayers

- For the city of Parkersburg
- For Merle Knuth, as he recovers from hip surgery
- For Theresa Erpelding's continued recovery
- For our missionary contacts in China and their efforts to help the victims of the earthquake
- For Linda Trobaugh - tests and recovery from surgery
- For Ken Anderson, who is battling cancer
- For the safety of Ted Rives as he serves in Iraq
- For the health of Barb Thompson, daughter of Bob and Mary Kuefner
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- 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.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Last March, the Governing Board piloted a new voting process by setting up expanded voting times and informational meetings for the Strategic Plan vote. More than 40 percent of our congregation participated in this process, which is a significant increase from the normal Sunday afternoon voter's meeting.

The Governing Board received positive feedback concerning this voting process; therefore, they propose the following title change and amendment addition to the bylaws to be inserted in article II after number 4. These two modifications will be voted on at the annual congregational meeting Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

1. Title Change:

Changing title of Article II from, Meetings of the Congregation, to, Congregational Proceedings.

2. Text Insertion:

5. Voting process: Unless otherwise stated in a procedure to be followed or referenced in other Articles, members may vote by casting ballots at a designated voting location over a designated time period approved by the Governing Board. The use of absentee ballots is acceptable. Those members casting ballots shall constitute a quorum. A vote may only be taken, after the congregation has had opportunities to review information and attend informational meetings on the matter to be voted upon. Proper notification of the informational meetings, voting date(s), which shall include the hours, and voting location, shall consist of written announcement at weekend worship services for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, prior to such events.

This new voting process could be used for the following items in Article I requiring a vote. The first one is the reason for requesting this bylaw amendment; the last two would be affected as they do not have specific procedures in place:

Article I

3. Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property
4. Incurrence of Indebtedness
7. Excommunication of a member of the Congregation

It does not change the existing voting process for the following items in article I that require a vote:

1. Calling a Pastor
2. Removal of Pastor
5. Election or Removal of Members of the Governing Board
6. Ratification of the Annual Budget
7. The Amendment of the Constitution and By Laws

Current bylaws can be located on the Web site on the Governing Board page. The Governing Board is committed to making the voting process as accessible as possible to the congregation because they believe that each vote will provide long-term direction to Gloria Dei.

Informational meetings to review this amendment as well as the budget will be held on June 8 at 10 a.m., June 14 at 6:30 p.m., and June 18 at 6 p.m.

Important Facts

Annual Report

Please take time to read the annual report before the informational and congregational meetings.

Informational Meetings

Today! In previous years, we have held one budget hearing meeting. However, due to the large turnout at the Strategic Plan cottage meetings, the Governing Board has decided to hold three informational meetings.

Childcare is provided.

Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.
Room 131/32

Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Wednesday, June 18 at 6 p.m.
Room 131/32

At each meeting, the proposed budget, the amendments to the bylaws and the Governing Board election will be discussed.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Members and non-members are invited to attend, but only members 18 years old and older will be able to vote.

Childcare is provided.

Aid to Help Parkersburg

The following donation avenues are easy and direct ways to help the victims of the tornado that ripped through northeast Iowa.

Lutheran Services in Iowa: Tax-deductible donations can be made to Lutheran Services in Iowa online at: www.lsiowa.org; by mail to: LSI, P.O. Box 848, Waverly, Iowa, 50677; or by phone: 866-584-5293. Please designate your donation with the words “disaster response.”

Red Cross: Checks can be made payable to: Hawkeye Chapter American Red Cross, and mail it to: Hawkeye Chapter American Red Cross, 2530 University Ave, Waterloo, Iowa 50701. Please note in the memo: “Parkersburg tornado.”

LCMS World Relief and Human Care Ministries: Donations may be addressed to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, marked “tornado relief 2008,” and mailed to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, Mo. 63166-6861. To give by secure credit-card gift line, call 1-888-930-4438, or go to https://catalog.lcms.org/givenow/Gift_Input.asp?ID=661.

Send Items: A local group is collecting items for the community. Please send the following items:

- Non-perishable food items
- Garbage bags
- Personal care items: shampoo, soap, dental items, toilet tissue, etc.
- Cleaning items and paper towels.
- No clothing at this time. They are not equipped to store and handle it.

These items are to be delivered or sent to:
Wolterman’s Implement
Dike, IA 50624

Confirmation Photos

Confirmation pictures and DVDs are in. They can be picked up in the church office Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. On weekends, they will be located at the Information Center in the narthex.

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.

Wednesday, August 6 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: “A Woman’s Place,” by Lynne Austin
Location: Shani Fjelsted, 6520 NW 95th Court, Johnston, 259-4099.

Wednesday, September 3 from 7-8 p.m.

“White Chocolate Moments,” by Lori Wick
Location: Church

Scrapbook Fellowship

School’s out! Don’t forget to make some time for yourself. Join us for the day or a few hours at Scrapbook Fellowship. We meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131-133 on Friday, June 13. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

New Life Ministry Partners

Gloria Dei seems to be “busting at the seams” with all the new babies. All these new ones mean lots of activity with 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.

Part-time Position

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Associate of Children’s Ministry. This 20-hour per week position will help to oversee and plan the Children’s Ministry with DeAnn McCue. A job description is available upon request. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Mission Corner

Honduras

Work in Honduras

The Reason for the Trip: For several years, members from Gloria Dei and other churches have joined forces with the World Gospel Outreach (WGO) to help the poor in Honduras. In June, 21 members from Gloria Dei and six members from Lord of Life Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota will once again partner with this organization.

A Glimpse into One Team Member's Story: Bill Clark's original request to be on the Kentucky mission team in 2005 landed him in a foreign country. After finding out that the Kentucky mission trip was no longer available, he opted to jump on board the team that was headed for Honduras.

"I thought it would be a good adventure at first; but when it got closer, I wondered what I got myself into," says Bill.



Bill Clark

Even though he was hesitant at first, Bill's experiences on his first trip proved to be eye-opening as he had never visited a third-world country before.

"I realized that most of the world doesn't live like we do," says Bill. "But the first day that I helped with the medical brigade, it completely changed my perspective. I wanted to help these people, and in return, they were so appreciative."

Since his first trip, Bill has traveled to El Salvador to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity last year and is slated to help again June 6-15. Five days after he returns, he will travel for the fourth time to Honduras with the team from Gloria Dei.

"I guess what I really enjoy is the simple form of giving that occurs on these trips," says Bill. "We provide the service, and don't expect anything in return."

Like many other individuals from the team, Bill highly recommends for everyone to travel on at least one mission trip, because it helps to change one's perspective of the world.

"I now see how I fit into the world," says Bill. "I see that my life is actually small compared to the need that is out there, but my life becomes bigger as I help those in need."

Please keep Bill in your prayers this week as he travels to El Salvador.



A helper combs a local girl's hair. • A group of children shows off their new bracelets.

Team Facts

Team Members:

Tim Phillips, Gary Wasko, Jennie Ganzer, Norma Rohn, Stephen Webb, Gale Webb, Jason Nesheim, Cheryl Gilg, Bill Clark, Mary Grimm, Deb Timmons, Vera Voss, Laurie Page, Nick Bass, Jody Bass, Dustin Blythe, Jane Lamfers, Julia Kightlinger, Megan Kightlinger, Patty Wright and Howard McDaniel.

Items of Urgency:

Eye glasses (any size, prescription will work).

Other Items:

Children's and adult vitamins and Tylenol, baby shampoo, hair pretties, hair gel and detangler, and Zip-loc bags (sandwich and gallon size) .

Welcome New Members!

We welcome our newest members to Gloria Dei. We are thankful for each of their lives. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationships with Christ.



Aaron and Carey Bewyer
Julian, Eadie and Brendan



Amy Delfs
Lucas (not pictured)



John Diekelmann



Erin Grandgenett and Stuart Spencer



Bradley and Jodi Meyer
Jack (not pictured)



Julie and Andy Mitchell
Katie and Erik



Lisa Scherer
Alana and Nolan (not pictured)



Jon and Kelley Stahl
Brandon and Katelyn



Robert Tribitt

Please note: New member Carrie Stief is not pictured.

Summer Grace Place

Teachers and helpers are greatly needed this summer! If you are interested in helping for a week or two, please see the list outside your child's classroom.

Class locations:

Ages 2-4	Rooms 123/125
Entering kindergarten:	Room 113
Entering Grades 1-2	Room 114
Entering Grades 3-5:	Room 112
Entering Grades 6-8:	Youth Center

Items Needed for Summer Camps

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

Preschool Teachers Needed

Tiny Treasures is looking for teachers to join our preschool family this fall. Various days and times are needed. One interesting new challenge will be staffing our after-preschool childcare from 3-5:30 p.m. each day. Since this is completely new for Tiny Treasures, we will be looking for someone who is creative and energetic. If you know someone interested in applying, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Tiny Treasures Open Classes

All of our morning classes are full. However, we have openings for the following afternoon classes (12:30-3 p.m.): the 4-5 class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and the prekindergarten afternoon class on Monday-Friday. Our new after-preschool childcare session Monday-Fridays from 3-5:30 p.m. is also accepting registrations. Children participating must be in our afternoon preschool program. If you are interested, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Tiny Treasures Staff Departs for the Summer



Tiny Treasures staff has packed all their fun memories away for this year and has started their summer plans with their families. Pictured from top left is Mary Kozitzky, Terry Steinke, Penny Schramm, Rochelle Haas, Jane Meythaler, Barb Kramer, Tracy Hoffman, Susie Mitchell and Christy Marshall.

Not pictured is Cyn-dee Kusy, Janet Tysse and Martha Raecker.

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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.

Clean Socks Tour

Featuring: Ever Stays Red and This Great Escape

Thursday, June 19
Doors Open at 6:15 p.m.
Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$2 and a clean pair of socks to donate.

Check out the songs and sound:
www.myspace.com/everstaysred
www.myspace.com/thisgreatestescape

Adventureland

Invite friends and families! Won't want to miss this event. Junior and senior high youth and their families are invited to a fun-filled event on June 25. Cost is \$20, which includes admission and transportation costs. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return 6 p.m. Register and pay by June 18.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

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

Iowa Cubs Game and More

Junior high 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. Register by June 22.

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

Meal and hang-out time from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Join us for a free home-cooked meal in the Youth Center.

June 11: No Point • June 18: Mini pizza

June 25: No point (Join us at Adventureland)

June 18: Starting June 18, after the Point, we will have open gym from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Praise, teaching and interactive discussion from 6:15-7:30 p.m. June's Topic: What makes Christianity true?

Senior High "Urban Plunge" mission trip June 20-22

The participants sleep at the Turning Point campus, visit the jail, feed the homeless, sort and hand out clothes, and attend a church where they hand out groceries to the poor. Cost \$75 or use money from your GYM account.

Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 26 • Willow Creek Golf Course, West Des Moines • Registration begins at noon

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.

30-Hour Famine

Prizes can be picked up outside the Youth Center on Sunday June 15 between 8:45 a.m - noon. Please note: participants that collected \$80 on up are only eligible to receive rewards.

Week of June 8-14, 2008

Sunday, June 8

- 7:00 a.m. MSG High School Conference Departure
- 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 the Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:00 a.m. Informational Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 9

- 10:00 a.m. Fan into Flame Steering Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Fan into Flame Circuit Representative Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries
- 7:10 p.m. Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, June 10

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board 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
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 4:30 p.m. Connections Ministry Focus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries

Thursday, June 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board

Friday, June 13

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, June 14

- 7:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing
- 6:30 p.m. Informational Meeting

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	97	
7:45 a.m.	156	131
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	287	233
9 a.m. (FLC)	118	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	228	146
Total	886	510

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,206
YTD Offering	\$1,451,660
YTD Budget	\$1,478,428

Week of June 15-21, 2008

Sunday, June 15

- 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. 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, June 16

- 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 Connection
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, June 17

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 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 Meeting
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 9:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

Wednesday, June 18

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 4:30 p.m. Connection Ministry Focus Group
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Informational Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Sr. High Café 923

Thursday, June 19

- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 6:30 p.m. Clean Socks Tour Concert

Friday, June 20

- 2:00 p.m. Urban Plunge – Sr. High Youth to Omaha
- 5:00 p.m. Amy Hosler/Danny Mulford Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 21

- 4:00 p.m. Amy Hosler/Danny Mulford Wedding
- 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	26
Age 5 and K	27
Grades 1 and 2	23
Grades 3 and 4	8
Total	84

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