

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

March 28 and 29, 2009

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

New Beginnings

March 28 and 29: Healthy Lifestyle - Physically Fit: This weekend concludes the five-week New Beginnings series of messages about how to face change with confidence and hope because of the Lord's continuous presence. Today's message revolves around the importance of taking care of our physical bodies. But before you make a resolution to change, you may want to gather information from a few experts at the following Web sites:

Steps to a Healthier You:

www.mypyramid.gov/

American Council on Exercise:

www.acefitness.org/

Web MD (Healthy Eating and Diet)

www.webmd.com

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

www.cdc.gov

Specific links:

www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov/

www.smallstep.gov/index.html

what's
NEW!
this week!



It is not too late to attend today's dinner theater. See page 9 for details.

Holy Week and Easter

As Easter approaches, we are excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with all of our family and friends at Gloria Dei. The Easter message, "Going from Admirer to Follower," will show us how to become stronger followers of Jesus.

Invite a Friend

Easter is a great time to invite family, friends and co-workers to church. If you need an extra invitation postcard, which shows all the service times, please pick one up at the Information Center today.

Housekeeping News

To be gracious guests on Easter Sunday, we ask you to park at Urbandale Middle School and ride the shuttle to and from the services. The shuttle runs continually from 6:30 a.m. to noon. And for our younger riders, there will be surprises from our fun-loving shuttle drivers.

Sunday Bible Study

The Resurrection Bible Study will resume Sunday, March 29 at 10:15 a.m.

Lenten

Thursday
Lenten
Worship
April 2
6:30 p.m.
in the
Sanctuary

30-hour Famine

Our teens are gearing up for the weekend of April 17-18. See page 7 for more details.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Lenten Worship April 2

Traditional worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion, April 9

Traditional worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Good Friday Worship, April 10

H3 family worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Traditional worship at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship:

Saturday, April 11

Contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Contemporary-blend worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 12

Traditional worship at 7:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Traditional worship at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

H3 family worship simulcast at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center

Contemporary worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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Ministry Celebrations

Vacation Bible School: During spring break, the halls of Gloria Dei turned into the swamps of a bayou where Crocodile Dock rocked for more than 230 children. Each day offered children a glimpse into the heart of God as Bible lessons, songs, crafts and games unfolded. See page 8 for photos of the fun event.



New Beginnings: New Beginnings continues to offer career support to those who have been displaced from their current employment.

Individuals are finding encouragement through the weekly support meetings. In addition, they are learning practical knowledge that will help them navigate through this time period. Last Thursday, David Van Ahn shared medical insurance information to 14 participants, many of whom heard about the group through the newspaper article the week before. There was a lively discussion time after the presentation.

Land Selection Updates

As you may be aware of, the Facilities Focus Group has been diligently searching for parcels of land that will meet the criteria and the assigned weights in the site selection matrix completed with member feedback from last fall's town hall meetings. They have been working alongside the architects at SVPA to determine which available site would best meet the needs of the ministry at Gloria Dei. Several parcels of land have been identified as potential sites and initial communication with the land owners has begun. Although the communication process is slower than anticipated, the Facilities Focus Group is developing a recommendation for review by our members that will be available at cottage meetings as soon as all details unfold. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers.

IDW Publications Online

The April 2009 IDW monthly supplement to the Lutheran Witness is online at: http://www.idwlcms.org/publications/the_monthly/april/2009/april_2009.htm.

The Harvest Spring 2009 edition is online at http://www.idwlcms.org/publications/the_harvest/spring/2009/spring_2009.htm.

Accounting Manager

Gloria Dei is looking for a part-time accountant/bookkeeper who has a passion for all business aspects of Gloria Dei. Work will include payroll, budget preparations and management of the budget. Attention to detail, good communication skills and a love of numbers are a must for the position.

For further details, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 29 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Madelyn Alexa Smith born Oct. 9, 2008, to Chad and Erinn (nee Hedrick) Smith. Madelyn's spiritual sponsors are Cathy Allen and Rosalind Gordon.

Invitation to Pastor Meyer's Installation

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, invites you to the installation service for Pastor Meyer on Sunday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

Audio CDs

Do you know someone who would benefit from the New Beginnings series of messages? If so, the Media Ministry will have an audio CD set of all the messages. The cost is \$5 for the set, which will be available in the Toolshope in April.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

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:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Natalie Larimer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Jacob Jordan

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Northwind

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

7:45 a.m.

Wendell Dickey

Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst

7:45 a.m. (continued)

Bill Kickbush

Jeff Littschwager

Tim Radig

9 a.m.

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

10:30 a.m.

Jimmy Hanselman

Dave Miller

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 3:10-17 and Matthew 12:1-14 (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 church
- For a successful VBS
- For our families
- For our country

Prayers

- For Dan and Becky Thomas grieving the loss of Dan's father
- For the Gilg family, who is grieving the loss of Cheryl's grandmother
- For the upcoming surgery of Allan Ruhnke's mother, Evelyn
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Thomas Mark Hueser
- For taking care of Paul and Jessica Kramer's family
- For the recovery of Alisha Wunsch
- For the health of Ben Schermer
- For God's help with all the aspects of the Strategic Plan
- For our summer programs
- For those who are unemployed
- For those in the military

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.

LWML Circles

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 9 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lou Grotheer, 3808 Melanie Circle, Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepp, 808 48th St., West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the church for a short devotion before carpooling to Freedom for Youth. See adjacent article for more information.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sheila Mantau, 6100 Trace Court, Johnston.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Pl., Des Moines.



Kitchen Update

Thank you so much for your support in raising funds to purchase a counter and tools for the kitchen. Your generosity has provided everything needed.

If you ordered Tupperware and Pampered Chef items, please make sure to pick them up in the kitchen today.

– Elaine Klinefelter and the kitchen ministry partners



Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Let's get ready for our Easter guests!

Volunteer to clean and prepare the outdoor grounds for Easter.

Bring your rakes, pruning shears, gloves, etc.

Donuts, bagels, coffee and pizza will be served.

Questions? Contact Brandon at 710-5483.

Freedom for Youth

Naomi Circle invites the congregation to join them as they visit Freedom for Youth, 2301 Hickman, Des Moines. They will meet at the church April 9 at 9:30 a.m. for a devotion before carpooling to the Freedom for Youth, a ministry aimed at helping inner city youth.

They will collect the following items to be donated at the Freedom Store:

- Canned soup (ready to eat — not concentrated)
- Canned meats
- Hamburger/tuna/chicken helpers
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit (no fruit cocktail)
- Canned vegetables
- Rice
- Boxed cereal
- Diapers
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap

Additional service opportunities: Freedom for Youth is looking for tutors to help with Freedom Quest (teen after-school program on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and Whiz Kidz (elementary program on Monday nights and Saturday late mornings). In addition, they need volunteers to help with the weekly Freedom farmer's market and to serve dinners during the week. For more information, contact Melanie Wise, Volunteer and Whiz Kidz Coordinator, at 282-4822 or go to www.freedomforyouth.org.

Gloria Quilters

Saturday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rooms 130-134

In the last several years, Gloria Quilters have donated their quilts to the people in Honduras. Join them again for this mission. Please bring a sack lunch. No experience is required, just willing hands! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com.

Consignment Sale

The Tiny Treasures spring consignment sale will be held April 17 and 18. Baby, children, teen and maternity clothing, furniture, books, strollers, riding toys, games, etc. will be sold Friday, April 17 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m.–noon. If you are interested in being a seller, pick up an informational brochure in the plastic racks around the building and fill out the registration form. The preschool office will then give you a seller number, which will appear on all of your tags. Additional seller information can be picked up in the preschool office or downloaded online. Sellers receive 70 percent of proceeds from

items sold and Tiny Treasures receives 30 percent. If you have questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Prayer Breakfast

The 48th annual Iowa Prayer Breakfast will be held Thursday, April 9 from 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. (doors open at 6:45 a.m.) at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Ron “Gus” Gustafson will speak on “From Setbacks to Comebacks.” Gus was a standout basketball player in high school in spite of having lost his right arm and shoulder in a tragic accident. After a knee injury ended his collegiate basketball career, he was devastated. But, once again, his faith and courage sustained him. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (student seminar from 9-9:45 a.m.). Reservations must be made by Monday, March 30 at www.iowaprayerbreakfast.com.

Breakfast Fundraiser

Next Sunday: The Honduras mission trip team will host the second annual Palm Sunday breakfast Sunday, April 5 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

in the kitchen and rooms 131-33. Eggs, ham, bakery items, juice, milk and coffee will be available for a free-will donation. All profits will go toward the mission team trip. The SW Polk County Chapter #31170 of Thrivent Financial For Lutherans will also provide funds.

In addition, the team will set up a trunk for the following donations: Tylenol and vitamins (adult and children), hair pretties (bows, pony tails, etc.), hair detangler and hair gel. Thank you for your support.



Camera Club

For all you photo buffs, get your cameras out and join us Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. for a preliminary meeting about forming a camera club. Come with your ideas! For further information, contact Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300.

XYZ

Tuesday, April 2 at 9 a.m.

Join this Extra Years of Zest group as they converse and pray together on the first Tuesday of every month at the Machine Shed.

Marriage Workshop to be Held at Gloria Dei

Friday, April 24 from 7-9 p.m. • Saturday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marriage, similar to life, requires lots of attention and skill. Join Dr. Daniel Earle, Psy.D with a strong LCMS background and Dr. Cora Schuhmacher Majors, Psy.D from Glen Haven Counseling Resources in



West Des Moines, as they hold an interactive 2-day workshop teaching important skills for your every day married life.

The cost is \$90 per couple, which includes snacks, breakfast and lunch. Register by contacting Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrative Assistant, at diane@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700.

Pantry Requests

Please don't forget to drop off laundry detergent in the narthex or by the Family Life Center for the Urbandale Food Pantry. Thanks for helping those in our community.

Welcome New Members !



Julie and Craig,
Zach, Josh and Ryan Dueker



Cheri Fisher



Ruby, Amy and Ezra Halter



Doug and Beth
Ryan, Evan and Jared Jorgenson



Matt and Lindsay Knoop



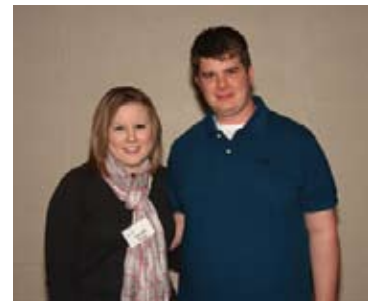
Maggie and Joshua Miller



Mark Moeller



Stacia and Ryan Parker



Amanda Radig and Scott Sheeder



Jon Sievers



Jason and Julie Wulfekuhle

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 relationship with Christ.

Youth to Help World Hunger

Each day more than 26,000 children under the age of five die from preventable diseases such as malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea, and acute respiratory infections. Malnutrition is associated with over half of those deaths.

Our teens wanted to help solve the devastation caused by hunger, so they joined forces with World Vision's 30-hour Famine. By pledging to go without food for 30 hours, participants gain an understanding of how it feels to experience hunger.

Under the direction of Kim Phillips and the help of several ministry partners, weekends have been planned to help bring awareness and support to fight hunger. The youth not only fast, but they spend the night at church, participate in group activities, such as games that help to educate about hunger, help with community service projects, and collect funds and canned goods in the neighborhood.

"The support has been overwhelming. It has grown bigger than I ever dreamt," said Kim. "It's been thrilling to see how the youth have grabbed onto this mission and to see the incredible support from the church."

According to David Hunter Pitts, 30-Hour Famine Church and Youth Marketing Director, Gloria Dei has placed first out of 100 churches in the state in raising funds in the last three years. Gloria Dei's contributions are as follows:

2005:	\$5,551
2006:	\$8,236
2007:	\$11,247
2008:	\$12,297

Once again approximately 70 youth will participate in 30-hour famine on April 17-18. Next weekend they will be in the narthex, collecting donations for their mission. Please help them and pray for them as they help battle the poverty in our world.



Thrivent Builds

Join us Wednesday, April 29 to Saturday, May 2.

Get ready to raise the roofs! "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roofs Celebration" on the 1200 block of 10th Street, Des Moines. The dates are Wednesday, April 29 through Saturday, May 2. Their goal is to frame and enclose two two-story houses, plus set the trusses. As the houses are side-by-side, it will be exciting to work with one another and the Habitat home buyers to see the houses take shape!

Help Needed.

They need a group of 10 volunteers from Gloria Dei to work from 8:15 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1. If that date does not work for you, other days are available. No experience is necessary; just a willingness to express your faith through service to others. Lunch will be prepared and delivered by the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity.

Please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543, billclark@mchsi.com or Brendalyn Shird at Habitat for Humanity (471-8686 or bshird@gdmhabitat.org).

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Vacation Bible School Rocked



photos by Melissa Kruse

Mark Your Calendar



AriSon, a Christian group from Nashville with Iowa roots, will perform at Gloria Dei on April 18 at 7 p.m. Invite all your friends!

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, April 1

Taco Enchilada

Wednesday, April 8

No Meal

\$3.50 per person

(children under 2 eat free)

Summer Camps

Some of our classes are beginning to fill up. Please secure a space today! Pick this year's summer camps brochure up at the Information Center. You can register today by filling out the registration form in the brochure or online. The Next Generation "Her" Story Camp is full.

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Junior High **Grades 6-8** **Sunday: Castaway**

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

March 29:

The Good Book - 2 Timothy 3:16

April 5:

The World's Greatest Lover - I John 3:16

WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

30-hour Famine



The registration deadline is March 28. If you need packets for teenagers (12 and older), please contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com or Tim Kightlinger at 278-5444, ext. 212.

Dinner Theater

It is not too late to purchase tickets for today's show.

Saturday, March 28

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Purchase tickets outside the Youth Center at the host table.

Sunday, March 29

Doors open at noon with dinner at 12:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at the Information Center.

Confirmation **Grades 6-8**

April 1: The Sacraments class will meet in the Cry Room.

Confirmation **Grade 8**

We need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte for the 7:45 a.m. service in April.

Urban Plunge

April 3-5: We'll depart Gloria Dei at 2 p.m. Friday, April 3 and return by 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

Confirmation Robe Measurements

Confirmands will be measured for robes during Wednesday's class on April 1.

What's Next

Parents of eighth grade confirmands are invited to a two-week study on helping your teenager grow spiritually. Join us in the narthex Wednesday, April 15 and 22 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Senior High **Grades 9-12 Sunday Bible Study**

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-138.

Wednesday: The Point

April 1: Eating Disorders

April 8: No Class

April 15: Cutting

MSG Sent

Sunday, June 7 from 2-6 p.m. in Mapleton, Iowa

Mission Central presents: A rockin conference for senior high teens to launch us into the reality of God's love. We receive the msg. of God's love, then God sends us as a msg. to our friends and family. Dr. Lo, missionary, will be the featured speaker and Rough Draft will perform. The conference is free. For questions, contact Tim Kightlinger.



Week of March 28 to April 4, 2009

Saturday, March 28

- 7:00 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater

Sunday, March 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm up
- 10:15 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 30

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Teacher's Conference Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Spring Dance Recital

Tuesday, March 31

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, April 1

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Sacraments Class
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, April 3

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 2:00 p.m. Urban Plunge
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Scripture Base on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."
Malachi 3:10-11

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	184	110
7:45 a.m.	108	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	373	
9 a.m. (FLC)	67	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	277	
Total	1009	
Lenten (March 26)	101	

Outpouring of Love- (March 14-15, 2009)	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,779
YTD Offering	\$1,134,023
YTD Budget	\$1,241,609

Week of April 4-11, 2009

Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, April 5

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Honduras Mission Trip Breakfast Fundraiser
- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm up
- 10:15 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education Monthly Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4

Tuesday, April 7 (Continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Friday, April 10

Good Friday Office Closed

- 4:30 p.m. Good Friday H3 Family Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

Saturday, April 11

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Easter Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Contemporary Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary

Last Week's Educational Attendance	
(Please note: Grace Place was not held March 14-15 and 21-22.)	
Preschool	21
Elementary	87
Total Children	108
Junior High	88
Senior High	29
Total Youth	117

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth

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

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact 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: 1 Corinthians: 3:10-17

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon