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Weekly Word



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March 11, 2007 Third Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Events

Today's Sermon: Attitude Adjustment

Pastor Burcham will focus on the reaction of the Samaritan woman, who was busy in her everyday routine when she encountered the Lord. As the story unfolds, we will see how she made a 180-degree turn when Jesus spoke directly to her. A simple everyday occurrence turned into a community milestone when she proclaimed her life-changing encounter with the Messiah to her neighbors.

Lenten Worship, Wednesday, March 14 and 21

Pastor Meyer will continue "What Would You Do When..." sermon series during our Lenten worship in the Sanctuary or the Family Life Center at 7:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

We are offering a traditional service in the Sanctuary and a contemporary service in the Family Life Center. Communion will be offered at both services and the sermon will be simulcast from the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Grab your little ones and join us for this family-friendly interactive worship service in the Family Life Center as families worship together and explore the key events in the passion story.

Good Friday, Contemporary, April 6 at 6 p.m.

Description: Contemporary worship service will be offered in the Family Life Center with a simulcast sermon from the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, Traditional, April 6 at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Description: Traditional services will offer choir, organ and hand-bells in the Sanctuary.

Easter

We are excited to offer the following services for Easter. Pastor Burcham will conclude the "Encounter Jesus" sermon series with a teaching about Thomas, entitled "Defeating Doubt."

Easter, Saturday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Description: High energy contemporary worship led by our worship team.

Easter Sunday, April 8

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Description: Traditional Easter hymns, organ music, brass, choir and hand-bells in the Sanctuary.

9 a.m. Traditional Worship

Description: Traditional Easter hymns, organ music, brass, orchestra and choir in the Sanctuary.

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Description: Contemporary praise music led by our worship team in the Family life Center with a sermon simulcast from the Sanctuary.

10:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Description: Easter hymns, praise songs, orchestra and worship led by the praise team in the Sanctuary.

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Description: High energy contemporary worship in the Family Life Center led by our worship team with a sermon simulcast from the Sanctuary.

Invitation

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family to church, so extend a hand to those around you this week and invite them to one of our worship services.

PARKING

For the convenience of our guests and members who have physical limitations, please either carpool or take a shuttle bus from the Urbandale Middle School from 6:30 a.m to noon. Thank you!

Town Hall Meeting

Due to inclement weather last week, we have rescheduled the Town Hall meetings for the following times and locations:

- Saturday, March 24 from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134/136/138
- Sunday, March 25 from 11:45 a.m-12:45 p.m. in rooms 134/136/138

Please join Pastor Burcham and Merlin Siefken as they review the activities and updates of the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team (MAT) during the past year. If you have not attended any of these meetings, please feel free to attend—your participation helps to mold the team's future work.

Ministry Action Team Forming

Do your kids attend Grace Place on Saturday or Sunday? If the answer is "yes," then we need you. We are forming a Ministry Action Team (MAT) to evaluate Grace Place. If you would like to help with this MAT, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Visiting Today?

If you are visiting us today, we warmly welcome you. Please take time and check out all of our upcoming classes and activities. Here are two classes that you won't want to miss!

Discovery 101: Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

Discovery 101 is a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201: Sunday, May 20 from 3-7 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Thank You

Phaedra and I really enjoyed getting to worship with you all twice during our visit. We were amazed at all the ways Gloria Dei seeks to bring people to Jesus Christ. We hope and pray we get the privilege next year to serve in a congregation like Gloria Dei. Grace and peace to you all! – Rodney and Phaedra Serbus

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9 a.m. service is for:

Maxwell David Sampson, born October 9, 2006 to Joshua and Megan (nee Kramer) Sampson. Maxwell's spiritual sponsors are Kimberly Kramer, Lindsay Sampson and Astrid Horan.

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are provided by:

Alvera Mindermann in memory of her husband, Harold.

Easter Flowers

Easter flower plants will be available to order for \$15 by signing up at the Information Center today through March 28. The flowers will be displayed at our Easter services and can be picked up after the last Easter service.

Worship Service Ministry Partners

We are thankful for our helpers today who assist in providing a great place to worship.

Elders
Terry Woolman
David Graaf
Vic Kesse
Ushers:
Northwind
Mike Cobb
Sandy Junge
Tom Junge
7:45 a.m.
Richard Counley
Wendell Dickey
Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst
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 a.m.
Jim Riddle
Peg Riddle
10:30 a.m.
Dave Miller
Organist
Kathy Stange
Acolytes
Alana DeVries
Jake Hermanson
Megan Fellows

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 our nation

Prayers

- For the continued support and healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For support of Dan Hinson and family after Ann's death
- For Rachel Onsrud's mother, Norma Willems, whose cancer is not responding to chemo
- For the healing of John McK-eighan
- For Karen Andresen who underwent cancer surgery this week
- For the continued comfort of Beth Corell's mom, Kay Jacobson
- For Betsy Sturgeon, who is recovering from surgery
- For Ruth Ebke and family grieving the loss of her brother
- For the health of Carol Claussen, Deb Kesse's mother
- For the continued comfort of Monica Duncalf's mother
- · For our Vacation Bible School

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.

The Gloria Quilters

A new small group, The Gloria Quilters, has been formed to offer Christian fellowship and fun while supporting missions throughout the United States and the world by making and donating quilts. The group will meet one Saturday per month. Each meeting will consist of devotion, prayers, instruction and of course, quilting time.

The group is open to novice or experienced quilters, and to both members or nonmembers. If you are interested, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com or 253-0523 or Connie Cook at sew-jazzy@mchsi.com or 987-1516.

Weekend to Remember

FamilyLife, a ministry arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, will sponsor a marriage conference in Des Moines on March 30-April 1 at the Downtown Marriott. Cost is \$119 per person; topics include:

- Exploring God's purpose for each individual marriage.
- Understanding the role hardship plays in making every marriage stronger.
- Making meaningful progress toward resolving past hurts.

If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Walking in the Light



Tune in Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. on radio station 940 AM Praise as Pastor Baldwin shares on "Knowing When to Keep Quiet" during his "Walking in the Light" message.

Men's Softball

If you are interested in playing on Gloria Dei's stellar softball team, please contact Bill Clark at wrcljc@mchsi.com or at 491-8543. Games start the week of April 16; the cost is \$35 per person. They will play 14 games ending with a tournament tentatively set for June 23.



Honduras Updates

Items Needed

The Honduras mission team is collecting the following items for the June 23-30 trip. The items can be placed in the plastic bin in the narthex.

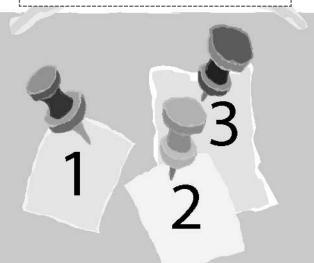
- Tylenol Adult and Children's
- Vitamins We need a huge supply of vitamins
- · Lice Shampoo
- Hair pretties
- · Hair gel for boys
- Ziploc bags (quart and sandwich size)



Check out the latest updates of our upcoming trip:

http://honduras.gloriadeionline.com/

Vacation Bible School March 19-22 from 9:30 - 11 a.m.



Three Ways to Help

We need adults and senior high school youth leaders for Bible challenge sessions. This fun session will take kids on a quest for truth in Scripture. Everything is printed out in an easy-to-follow format

We need adults, junior and senior high school youth leaders for quest groups. All elementary students will be in quest groups; thus, we need leaders for each group that will guide the students in their "Quest for Truth" journey to different stations each day.

We need adults, junior and senior high school youth helpers for craft sessions. We need helping hands to complete each day's craft activities.

If any of these three job descriptions interest you, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Summer Camps

Learning, summer and fun will be combined into a capsule of activities during each of our 13 summer camps. Check out the wide range of exciting camps for children ages 3 to 14 by picking up a brochure at the Information Center.

If you have any questions,



please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

Consignment Sale

Friday, April 20 8 to 3 a.m.

Saturday, April 21 8 a.m. to noon

(Items will be half-price starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday.)

Do you have gently used children's clothing, toys or equipment, to sell?

If so, please pick up a brochure at the Information Center.

All proceeds to benefit Tiny Treasures.

Forty-sixth Annual



Iowa Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, April 5, 2007

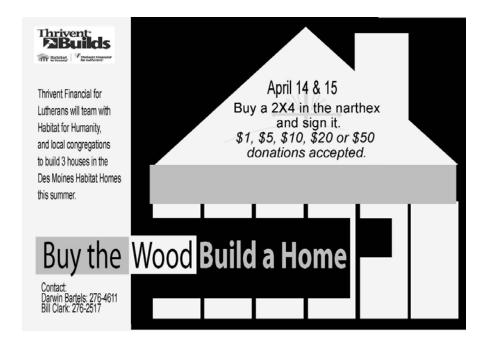
7:15 - 8:45 a.m. (doors open at 6:45 a.m.)
Polk County Convention Complex
501 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tom Osborne

Dr. Tom Osborne is a former head football coach for the Nebraska Cornhuskers and a former Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Nebraska's 3rd congressional district. Dr. Osborne has written three books, "More than Winning," "On Solid Ground," and "Faith of the Game."

Adults \$20/Students \$10

RSVP by Wednesday, March 28 at www.iowaprayerbreakfast.com or phone Karen at 515-334-8247.



S.H.A.P.E. Class to Travel

Discovering your S.H.A.P.E. is part of the assimilation ministry at Gloria Dei. This ministry focuses on helping people to get involved by using their gifts to serve God. We are now making the S.H.A.P.E. class available for small groups. We will come to the small group location and meet for two to three sessions to help individuals discover their God-given gifts. If your group is interested, please contact Pastor Tim Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544, ext. 204.

District Singles Seminar

The Single Adult Ministry Committee of Iowa District West is sponsoring a spring singles seminar on Saturday, March 24, at the Museum of Religious Arts on Highway 30 between Logan and Missouri Valley. They will meet at 11 a.m. to enjoy a light lunch before touring the museum. Cost for the seminar is \$7 at the door. There may be an opportunity for fellowship activities and/or supper in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area in the late afternoon and evening. Singles of all ages-widowed, divorced, or never married-are invited to this event.

THE YOUTH PRESENTS: Mayhem in Mayville

Mystery Dinner Theatre

March 30-31 and April 13-14

Doors open at 6 p.m. Show begins at 6:30 p.m.

Join the investigator group and find the clues that will unlock the culprit who killed Buc, Mayville's local idol.

We will be selling tickets after the Wednesday and weekend services for \$15 for adults, \$10 for adults ages under 55 as well as for children ages 12 and under. Tickets can also be purchased at the office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. -4 p.m.

Childcare with meal for children ages 8 and under is provided





Meetings

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4725 71st St., Urbandale.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Susan Ferguson, 9849 Clark St., Clive.

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 from 7:30 -11:30 a.m. at Aldersgate Family Life Center, 3600 75th St. (behind and to the right of El Rodeo restaurant). To set up an appointment, call 278-0935.

30-Hour Meeting

A mandatory 30-hour famine meeting for participants and at least one parent per student will meet Sunday, March 25 from 11:30 a.m.-noon in the Youth Center. If you have not filled out a permission slip, you may do so on or before the March 25 meeting. Please contact at Kim Phillips 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com. The famine dates are April 27-28.



Mark Your Calendar

- Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18
 No Grace Place Spring Break
- Wednesday, March 21

 No Faith Alive, Music Alive and the midweek meal Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 4

 No Faith Alive Holy Week
- Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8
 No Grace Place Easter
- Wednesday, April 25
 Last day of Faith Alive, midweek meal and Music Alive
- Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 Last day of Grace Place

Summer Reading Club Helpers

Helpers are needed for each open library time during our summer reading club. The library will be open for tallying points and prizes after each worship service on Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Materials Needed Immediately

We need polyfill stuffing (not quilt batting) for Vacation Bible School as soon as possible. Please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or drop the stuffing off at DeAnn's office. Thank you for your help.

New Life Ministry Action Team

The response to the New Life Ministry Action Team has been great; eight families have been visited since the first of the year. If you are expecting, please let the church know when your new one arrives by calling 276-1700 or e-mailing Marsha at marsha@gloria deionline.com.



Junior High Wednesdays

March 14

Sixth grade topic: "Our Daily Bread"

Seventh grade topics: "The Lord's Prayer,"

"Other Christian Religions"

Eighth grade topic: "Means of Grace: Sacraments"

Castaway

Join us today at 9:20 or 10:20 a.m. for a high-energy time of study and fellowship.

Topic: "How to be a Life Preserver"

* Please note that the 10:20 Castaway has been moved to rooms 131/133.

Saltillo Mexico Mission Reminder

Sign up and make your \$100 deposit for the mission trip by March 11.

Senior High Sunday Morning Senior High Bible Study

Large-group Bible study begins at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays in the Youth Center.

Topic: "Holy Spirit, Our Power Source"

The Island

March 11 at 5:30-8 p.m.

Join us for movie night, "Facing the Giants." We will have popcorn and pop.

The Point

Let's get to the point on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Senior high youth will gather for fellowship, a large-group teaching time, and a 20-minute small-group discussion.

Dinner Theatre Mayhem in Mayville

March 30-31 and April 13-14

Full cast rehearsal on Sunday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Main cast rehearsal on Sunday at 8 p.m.

We will be selling tickets after Wednesday and weekend services for \$15 for adults, \$10 for adults ages under 55 as well as for children ages 12 and under. Tickets can also be purchased at the office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. -4 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Childcare with meal for children ages 8 and under is provided.

VBS Volunteers

Junior and senior high youth are encouraged to help with our spring break VBS. Service hours can be applied to this or next year's Confirmation requirement. Sign-up sheet is located near the Youth Center's door.

30-Hour Famine

Sunday, March 25 from 11:30-noon in the youth center. All participants and at least one parent must attend. If you have not filled out a permission slip, you may do so on or before the March 25 meeting!! Please contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com. The famine dates are April 27-28. "It's All about Saving Lives"

Week of March 11-17

Sunday, March 11						
7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary					
9:00 a.m.	Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary					
9:20 a.m.	Castaway					
9:20 a.m.	Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5					
10:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion					
10:20 a.m.	Castaway					

10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 510:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke10:20 a.m. Senior High Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary

3:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. The Island 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting **Monday, March 12**

6:15 p.m. Women's Connections 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball

7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, March 13

11:45 a.m. Preschool Beginning Dance Class

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

6:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting

Outpouring of Love

Please note: Our outpouring of love numbers from March 4 will be posted next week. Our business manager, Bill Wishman, was on vacation last week.

Wednesday, March 14				
7:00 p.m.	Small Group Study			
7:00 p.m.	Kindermusik: Family Time			
6:45 p.m.	Co-ed Volleyball			

10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Family Time10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer

5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal 5:30 p.m. Music Alive

6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale

6:15 p.m. Faith Alive

6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You

6:15 p.m. The Point

7:15 p.m. Lenten Services (Sanctuary and FLC)

7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, March 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir

6:30 p.m. GriefShare

6:30 p.m. Men's Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, March 17 3:30 p.m. Dance Class

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship

5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Attendance						
Northwind	161	Communion				
7:45 a.m.	174	7:45 a.m.	153			
9 a.m.	419	9 a.m.	256			
10 a.m.	82	10:30 a.m.	156			
10:30 a.m.	273	Lenten Services				
		Traditional Service	200			
	1109	Contemporary Service	114			

Week of March 18-24

Sunday, March 18

Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 7:45 a.m.

with Communion

Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion 9:00 a.m.

9:20 a.m. Castaway

Contemporary Worship Service in 10:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke

Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion 10:30 a.m.

3:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. The Island 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 19

Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m Women's Connections 6:15 p.m.

6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball

7:00 p.m. LWML Planning Mtg.

Tuesday, March 20

Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting Helping Hands 1:00 p.m.

Kindermusik: Imagine That 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

7:00 p.m. Kindermusik: Family Time 7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday, March 21

9:00 a.m Vacation Bible School

10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer

The Gloria Dei Chorale 6:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You

Lenten Service (FLC and Sanctuary) 7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, March 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir

6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Men's Small Group Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

Town Hall Meeting 9:00 a.m. **Dance Class** 3:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team

5:30 p.m. Castaway

Northwind Service with Communion 5:30 p.m.

5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Educational Attendance								
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:20	Wed., 6:15	Misc.			
Preschool	12	38	25	25	Music Alive			
Elementary	9	66	28	78	56			
Junior High	2	51	11	90	Wed. Meal			
High School			8		100			
Total	23	155	72	193				

A Week at a Glance

Throughout the week, children were learning some basic principles of the Christian faith. Top left: Jennifer and Hayley Tekippe are enjoying the rhythms of Kindermusik. Top right and bottom right: Morgan Sickerson and Braden Kinnes are marching with Tiny Treasures to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis. Bottom left and Center: Items such as tables and rugs were purchased from a Quality Rating System Grant received for Tiny Treasures. Center left: Drake Griffiths learns the traffic flow in the Family Life Center during the street signs week at Tiny Treasures.













Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

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

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