

WEEKLY WORD



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Second Sunday of Lent

What does the Lord require?

by Karen Kennedy, staff

God's commitment to his people is astounding. When God pledged himself to Israel in the Old Testament, he vowed to sustain, defend and nurture them despite their tendency to ignore him. Even when their unfaithfulness appalled him, he remained faithful and pleaded with his people to embrace his faithfulness. At times, the Lord would renew his commitment in front of their eyes. For example, during Israel's forty-year trip, Moses took them aside and reminded them how the Lord provided clothes, food, drink and shelter during their wilderness adventure. From a logical point of view, the Israelites weren't a prize-winning people; their tendency to forsake God should have kept God from entering a covenant with them. But their unfaithfulness did not sway him.

You are standing here in order to enter into a covenant with the LORD your God, a covenant the LORD is making with you this day and sealing with an oath, to confirm you this day as his people, that he may be your God as he promised you and as he swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am making this covenant, with its oath, not only with you who are standing here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God but also with those who are not here today. Deuteronomy 29:12-15

Now I don't know about you, but whenever I enter into a contractual agreement with someone, I like to believe that the other person is trustworthy. We know that was not the case with Israel—God was completely dedicated to revealing his love to them despite their weaknesses.

And he wants to do the same for us. He is committed to you and me.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

God's commitment to mankind was sealed at the cross. We enter into a covenant by the blood that was shed at Calvary. In many ways, it is the end of the story, but also the beginning of a great story because we can experience God's faithfulness on a daily basis as he shows us with his love and goodness.

And what does this loving and faithful God require of us?

Today, Pastor Burcham will examine a man who was faithful in obeying the commandments but held back his most valued possession, his money. From this account, we begin to see what God wants from his people—he wants us to be free from worldly entanglements in order that will love him with everything we have or possess. In other words, he wants us to be as committed to him as he is to us.

Encounter Jesus!

March 3-4	Commitment Confronted
March 10-11	Attitude Adjusted
March 17-18	Forgiveness Forged
March 24-25	Rest Revealed
March 31-April 1	Hope Heightened
April 7-8	Doubt Defeated

Lenten Services

Join us this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary or the Family Life Center as we explore from a first-person perspective the people who were involved with Jesus' trial, death and resurrection.

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Spring Ahead

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead Sunday, March 11.

Easter Services Announced

Due to the increase in worship attendance and our ability to telecast sermons into the Family Life Center, we will have six Easter services this year.

Saturday, April 7

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

Sunday, April 8

7:30 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Traditional with Orchestra in the Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Contemporary (Sermon simulcast from sanctuary) in the Family Life Center

10:30 am Blended Contemporary with Orchestra in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Contemporary (Sermon simulcast from sanctuary) in the Family Life Center

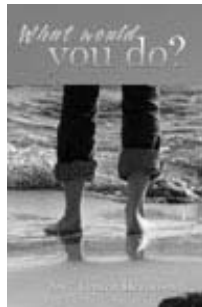
Town Hall Meeting

Our fourth town hall meeting will be held today at 11:45 a.m. in rooms 134/36/38. 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. Please attend today—your participation helps to mold the team’s future work.

Lenten Books and Services

Lenten devotional books are available at the Information Center. These books correspond with our Wednesday Lenten services entitled, “What would you do?”

So, grab a book today and join us this Wednesday and throughout the week as we examine the question: “What would you do?”



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.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship
7:45, 9, 10 and 10:30 a.m.
Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Educational Times at 9:20 & 10:20 a.m.

Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship at 5:30 p.m.
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m.
Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.

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276-1700

Orchestra Players Needed

Please join the orchestra for Easter services. We need all instruments, including woodwind, brass, strings, and percussion. There are no tryouts; we only request that you have a willing heart to praise our Lord. We will practice every Wednesday evening from 8:15-9:15 in rooms 131/33. So dust off your musical instrument and call Julie DenHerder at 251-4632 today.



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.

Worship Service Ministry Partners

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

Elders

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Cobb
Sandy Junge
Tom Junge

Kent Krame

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

Lynn Hays

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 health of Carol Claussen, Deb Kesse's mother
- For the grieving family of Ann Hinson
- For Beth Corell's mom, Kay Jacobson
- For guiding the doctors who are treating Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of Sheila Oolman
- For the health of John McKeighan
- For Britt Morris, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer
- For the health of Dennis Hays

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.



Meetings

Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Drive, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the church to clean the kitchen and finish the blankets.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

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.

Walking in the Light



Tune in Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. on radio station 940 AM Praise as Pastor Baldwin shares on "Stray Sheep" during his n "Walking in the Light" message.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet on Friday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131/33. Come and go as your schedule allows. Make new friends, catch up with others and get inspired. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



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)



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.



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



Three Ways to Help

1 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.

2 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.

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

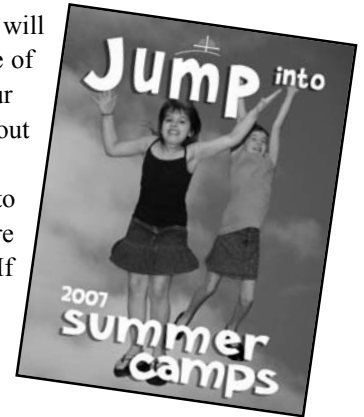
If any of these three job descriptions interest you, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or deann@gloriadeionline.com.

VBS Meeting

Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. We will train and equip our VBS partners during this fun and interactive meeting.

Summer Camps

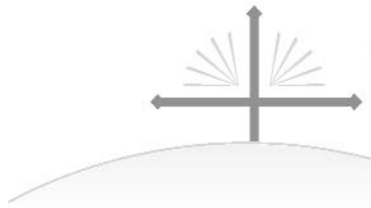
Learning, summer and fun will be combined into a capsule of activities during each of our 13 summer camps. Check out the wide range of exciting camps for children ages 3 to 14 by picking up a brochure at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Happy Times



Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures and Early Childhood Ministry wrote the entire issue of "Happy Times," a monthly magazine from Concordia Publishing House for preschool children. This edition can be picked up at no cost at the Information Center.



Welcome new members



Scott and Jennifer Anderson
(not pictured - Benjamin)



Ken and Mary Dubas
(not pictured - Jessie and Rachel)



Bryan Easter and Jen Gray



Brian and Elly Hein
(not pictured - Aspen and Ava)



Matt Hueser



Jon and Kirsten Illian
(not pictured - Bryson and Elisebeth)



Jodi Jensen
Tanner and Todd



Raymond, Jonie Karns
Cole (not pictured - Matthew and Jacque)



Paul and Teri Kruse
(not pictured - Harrison)



Donna Kusy



Bryan and Kelli Ladd



Mike and Kim Larson
Emilie and Jackson

New Members



Sandy and Dean Miller
(not pictured - Nicholas, Brandon, Caitlin)



Susie Mitchell
Cameron and Crayton



Dan and Tina Morton
(not pictured - Jessica and Luke)



Kendall Neessen



John Rohden and Ashley Young



Susan and Al Ruhnke



Stacy and Paul Sams
Luke and Dylan



Meggan Samuelson



Kevin Stengel



Bev Tweedt



Jim and Janet Tysse



Matthew Van Meter




Diane Wieditz



Kurt Zuelke and Deb Welke

Our newest members of our church family were introduced last weekend. Please take some time and welcome them. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationships with Christ.

VBS
QUEST for TRUTH!
Jesus: The Way,
The Truth, The Life
SIGN UP TODAY!
MONDAY-THURSDAY
MARCH 19-22 • 9-11:30 A.M.



Calling Children 3-11
Join the fun of Vacation Bible school as kids discover Jesus, the way, the truth, the life. Kids will join Dakota Joe and his faithful dog, Digger, as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the keeper of the truth artifact. This camp is free and open to our congregation and community.
Two ways to register!
• Fill out registration form at the display in the narthex
• Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com

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 off the stuffing 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@gloriadeionline.com.

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Junior High Wednesdays

March 7:

Sixth grade topic: "Our Daily Bread"

Seventh grade topics: "The Lord's prayer,"
"Leadership 101" and "Relationships: Families."

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: "Integrity, Who is really watching?"

* Please note that the 10:20 Castaway has been moved to rooms 131/33.

30-Hour Famine

Please return your parental permission slips to Kim Phillips by March 4.

Saltillo Mexico Mission Reminder

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

Kutless

Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Meet at Gloria Dei at 5:30 p.m. and travel to the concert at Point of Grace Church. Sign up and pay \$15 to Tim by March 4. When you sign up by March 4, a drawing will be held for two VIP passes, which will include a personal meeting with the band including a photo opportunity.

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: "Jesus my Savior, my Friend"

The Island

March 4

Join us on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. for large and small group study and fellowship.

Large Group Topic: "Rain. Where is God when it is Beginning to Pour?"

Small Group Topic: "My Body is about Him"

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.

Topic: "Attitude Adjustment"

Guy/Girl Ministry Brainstorming

Join us as we hear your input concerning future activities for senior high guys and girls. Meet us in the Youth Center this Sunday, March 4 from 12-1:30 p.m.

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.

Tickets can be purchased starting Monday, March 5 for \$15 for adults, \$10 for adults ages 55 and over, and children ages 12 and under.

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

Week of March 4-10

Sunday, March 4

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 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
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:30 a.m. National Youth Gathering Mtg.
- 11:45 a.m. Town Hall Meeting.
- 12:00 p.m. Senior High Girl and Guy Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. The Island
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Beginning Dance Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 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

Outpouring of Love

General Fund Offerings	\$15,957
YTD Offering	\$940,901
YTD Budget	\$911,540

Wednesday, March 7

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Family Time
- 10:30 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 Service (FLC and Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, March 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. VBS Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, March 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, March 10

- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Castaway
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Attendance			
Northwind	82	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	35	Northwind	42
9 a.m.	67		
10:30 a.m.	73		
		Lenten Services	
		Traditional Service	170
	257	Contemporary Service	112

Please note: the 10 a.m. service was cancelled due to the weather.

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
- 10:15 a.m. Financial Peace University Orientation
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 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: Village
- 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

- 6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 - 7:00 p.m. Kindermusik: Family Time
 - 7:00 p.m. Small Group Study
- Wednesday, March 14**
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Family Time
 - 10:30 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 Orchestra
 - 7:30 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
- 5:30 p.m. Castaway
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:20	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	4	cancelled	cancelled	28	Music Alive
Elementary	8	due to weather	due to weather	80	59
Junior High	2			87	Wed. Meal
High School				10	85
Total	16			205	

A Week at a Glance



Wednesday activities were in full swing last week. Mid-week meal, Lenten Services, choir rehearsals, and Faith Alive became a warm place for people to gather on the cold winter nights.