

March 7 and 8, 2009

The Second Sunday in Lent

Gloria Dei Seeks Seminary Graduate for Director of Adult Ministry

The voter's assembly of Gloria Dei met on Sunday, March 1 and decided to call an upcoming graduate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to fill the position of Director of Adult Ministry. A call committee that had been assembled by the Governing Board according to the bylaws of the congregation recommended calling an upcoming graduate instead of a pastor who is currently serving in a congregation. The call committee members stated that based on the positive experience with Pastor Meyer, whom Gloria Dei called as a graduate from the Seminary four years ago, and how it fit in with our vision of being an equipping center—they recommended we call an upcoming graduate from the Seminary. The voters approved the recommendation from the call committee unanimously.

The call committee then presented three candidates from the Seminary for consideration by the voters. The call committee had previously reviewed five candidates who had been interviewed by Pastor Burcham on February 19. The three presented to the voters had risen to the top because of their emphasis on adult education, desire to be mentored in the ministry, and their leadership qualities. The call committee recommended that we extend an open call to any one of these three candidates, which means that Gloria Dei would accept any of these three men to fill the position of Associate Pastor: Director of Adult Ministry. The voters approved the recommendation unanimously.

The call papers to receive the graduate from the Seminary were sent in this past week. On April 22, a special service will be held on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and the graduates will receive their assignments. At that point, we will know if one of the three candidates has been assigned to Gloria Dei. Since we have asked the Seminary to allow us the option of assigning any one of the three candidates, the likelihood of fulfilling our request is high.

Pastor Burcham said, "What a great testament to both Pastor Meyer and our congregation that we will once again call a candidate from the Seminary. The experience with Pastor Meyer was so positive that the congregation wishes to welcome another young pastor and be an equipping ground for them. This is a great way for us to live out our vision."

Spring Break Vacation Bible School

Children's Ministry is gearing up for a fantastic Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock, March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Every day offers a rock-solid God-centered lesson in a palatable venue that children ages 2-11 can quickly understand and grasp even in the midst of the wet, swampy location of the bayou. See page 6 for more details.

Discovery 201

It is not too late to join us on Sunday at 3 p.m. If you are interested, just come to the Family Life Center. See page 4.

Dates

March 14-15

March 21-22

No Grace Place,
Castaway and
Senior High Bible Study

March 18

No Faith Alive,
Confirmation and
The Point

March 16-20

No Kindermusik
Dance Classes
(spring break)

Lenten

Services:

Thursday

Lenten

Worship

March 12 at
6:30 p.m.
in the
Sanctuary.

Join us for a meal
before Lenten
Services
at
5:30 p.m.
FLC
(\$3.50)

See page 6 for more
Lenten and Easter
worship times.

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Welcome New Staff Member

If you call the church or come in during office hours, you will be greeted by Diane Schmidt, who has recently joined the Gloria Dei staff as the Front Desk Administrative Assistant. Diane comes to Gloria Dei with a long list of experi-



Diane Schmidt joined the staff at Gloria Dei.

ence and education. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in health from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and a Master of Science degree in family life from Concordia, Steward, Neb. She has taught school, been a Dcat coordinator and ran an in-home child development day care.

“I love the ministry at Gloria Dei and am thrilled to be a part of it,” said Diane.

Diane and her husband, John, and their three children, Samantha, 14; Betsy, 12; and Michael, 11, moved to Urbandale last summer from Carroll, Iowa and attended last fall’s Discovery 201 class. She loves chauffeuring her children to sport and school events and watching Husker games at Memorial Stadium.

New Beginnings

This weekend continues the five-week New Beginnings series of messages about how to face change with confidence and hope because of the Lord’s continuous presence. His abundant promises become a strong foothold when the storms of life surround us.

March 7 and 8: Dealing with Loss

Dealing with any type of loss is not easy; whether it is the loss of a loved one, a relationship or a job. Allowing time to work through the five stages of grief will help us heal.

March 14 and 15: Finding Your Identity

We often find our identity in the roles we have as a father, mother, son or daughter. We also label ourselves by the work we do. This message will explore how God sees and defines us.

March 21 and 22: Healthy Lifestyle - Spiritually Fit

We need the living water that Jesus offers us. If we are not spiritually strong, we cannot survive the tough times in life. Studies are now showing the effects of prayer on a person’s outlook on life, mental health and positive attitude.

March 28 and 29: Healthy Lifestyle - Physically Fit

We are a new creation in Christ and even our bodies serve as his temple. We are to care for our bodies and treat them as God’s gift to us. There is a direct link between physical fitness and spiritual fitness—they go together. In troubling times, we need a physical fitness plan that reduces stress and helps us have a positive, godly optimism.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 8 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Colden Matthew Martinson born September 4, 2008, to Lance and Suzanne (nee Brittain) Martinson. Colden's spiritual sponsors are Keith and Beverly Brittain and Gary and Debra Martinson.



Isabell Marie Weeks born January 21, 2009, to Terry and Jodie (nee Bergan) Weeks. Isabell's spiritual sponsors are Jay and Charlotte Bergan and Angie Weeks.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, March 8 are provided by Donna Belden in memory of her father, who died March 8, 2008.

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:
Terry Woolman
Vic Kesse

Ushers:

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 Reading:
John 16:17-24 (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 families
- For our country

Prayers

- For the health of Jessica Kramer
- For Marianne Ksiazak's son, Ian, who is having heart surgery March 11
- For Julie DenHerder's friend, Julie Reese, who is battling leukemia and is in the ICU
- For Pastor Meyer and his family as they transition to Mt. Olive
- For those who are unemployed
- For the continued health of Kim Marsh's father, Jack Pfrimmer
- For the quick recovery of Dale Readinger
- For the health concerns of Dean Grimm, brother of Bruce Grimm
- For Jodi Jensen's mom, who is battling cancer
- For the health concerns of Bev Bellile
- 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.

Discovery 201: This Sunday, March 8

Welcome to Gloria Dei

Sunday, March 8 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Welcome to Gloria Dei is a one-day interactive experience for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and a meal are provided. If you are interested, please feel free to come to the Family Life Center at 3 p.m.



Online Children's Music Survey

Please take a moment today to visit Gloria Dei's Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and take the quick children's music survey from Survey Monkey. Your input is greatly appreciated and will help us move forward this fall. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue or Penny Schramm at 278-5544, ext. 207.

VBS Leader Orientation Meeting

All VBS leaders and helpers should plan to attend Sunday's meeting at 1 p.m. You won't want to miss the fun as we explore Crocodile Dock from the inside!

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.

A Cappella Choir

The internationally acclaimed University A Cappella Choir from Concordia University Nebraska will perform Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University, Des Moines. The concert program repertoire includes sacred and secular choral music representative of many historical eras.

Care Night

Thursdays from 5:30-8 p.m.

Our Care Night support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Childcare is provided. Thursday meals are available to Care Night participants and anyone in the congregation who would like a dinner (\$3.50) and fellowship.

Thursday's meal at 5:30 p.m. - Deli Night

Gloria Quilters

In the last several years, Gloria Quilters have donated their masterpieces to the



people in Honduras. Please join them again for this mission on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in rooms 130-34. Please bring a sack lunch. No experience is required, just willing hands! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com.

Life Catching

Wednesday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

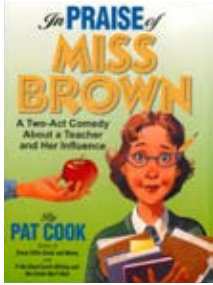
**The Lodge of Ashworth
909 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines**

Come enjoy an afternoon of fun and learning as they journey through the art of Life Catching. Local authors, Barbara Tabach and Polly Clark have published a book focused on saving and sharing memories.

To reserve your spot, please call 224-4898.

Purchase Dinner Theater Tickets Today

Tickets on sale today for \$10.



The youth are rehearsing for a dinner theater, “In Praise of Miss Brown,” which is a heart-tugging depiction of the impact a teacher had on high school students. Tickets can be purchased starting March 7.

Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

Doors open at noon with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Scrapbook Fun

March 27 and 28

Stamp-A-Stack will meet Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. You will make three different pre-designed cards, five of each card. The cost is \$25. Registration is required by March 10 by contacting Shani Fjelsted at 259-4099 or shanifjelsted@mchsi.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship will work on scrapbooks Friday and Saturday. Friday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as you like. We meet in rooms 131/133. Saturday will include childcare, but it must be reserved by contacting Laura Ammann at 778-9161. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

New Beginnings

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Starting in March, Gloria Dei will be offering help to those who are unemployed or looking for a career change. We will offer the following opportunities:



1. Support Groups and Workshops

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. (No registration or fees)

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| March 12 | Support Group |
| March 19 | Support Group Workshop: Medical Insurance (David Van Ahn) |
| March 26 | Support Group |
| April 2 | Support Group Workshop: Resume Writing (Tracy Barton) |
| April 16 | Support Group |
| April 23 | Support Group Workshop: Interviewing (Jackie Van Ahn) |
| April 30 | Support Group |
| May 7 | Support Group Workshop: Job Market (Sue Gibbons) |
| May 14 | Support Group |
| May 21 | Support Group Workshop: Financial Planning/Mortgage (Jim Miles and Paul Kramer) |

2. Resource Room (No registration or fees)

Visit our resource room where we have computers, printers and individuals who can help you with your job search. Call Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700 for specific times.

3. Message Series

Join us for the series of messages on “New Beginnings.”

Join us this Thursday.



Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine St., West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellen Allen, 4208 69th St., Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. They will be finishing the blankets.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peggy Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn, Urbandale.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Lenten Worship March 12, 19, 26 and 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

Staffed nursery for children under 3.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Easter News: Saturday Evening Service Added

Each year Easter attendance warrants us to find creative ways to celebrate the Easter joy with our members and guests coming to Gloria Dei for the first time.

This year we are adding a Saturday worship service at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the five other worship times.

“We are excited to add another worship service this year for Easter.” said Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries. Steve continued to say that this service will be a bit different because it is a contemporary blend that will be held in the Sanctuary. “This candle-light service will feature the celebration of Easter with exciting and joyous music in both contemporary praise and traditional Easter hymns.”

As with anything new, we need additional support to make this service into a welcoming environment; therefore, we will need Ministry Partners to assist with the following:

Ushers: Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to help greet and welcome people to the service.

Greeters: Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to welcome our members and guests.

Musicians and Tech crew: Assist with leading the worship.

Families: Consider trying a different time for worship with your family this year. Your family’s smiling faces will help create a warm and friendly environment.

If you are interested in helping with this service, please contact Dan Snyder at 967-4190.

Men's Summer Softball

Attention all men 16 years and older! Are you ready for softball? Sign-up has begun and we need you! Join us for some great times and fellowship. No experience necessary! Games will begin April 20. If you are interested, please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com no later than March 20. The cost is \$30 per person (based on 14 players) for the 14-game season. So sign up today!



Thrivent Builds

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 and see the houses take shape!

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).

Trivia Tournament

First Annual All-LCMS Trivia Tournament: Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School, 5625 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines will host the First Annual All-LCMS Trivia Tournament on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Missouri Synod congregations are encouraged to send teams to this competition. The team fee is \$80 for a team of four; participants must be at least 18 years of age. The format will be 10 rounds of 15 questions, covering a variety of categories. Door prizes will be drawn between rounds. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Refreshments will be available.

For a registration form, call Orv Spence at 277-8349. The deadline for entering a team is March 15. Proceeds will go toward the “Helping Families Fund” of Mount Olive Lutheran School.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry has developed a personal product rotation system to help meet the needs of our community.

March request:

Laundry detergent

Please drop them off in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks for helping those in our community.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the generous donations of diapers for the Urbandale Food Pantry in February. Your generosity goes a long way in helping our residents in need.

— The Urbandale Food Pantry



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.

Join us for Group's Crocodile Dock

March 16-19
9-11:30 a.m.



March 16-19
9-11:30 a.m.

Children
ages 3-11

VBS

Questions? Contact
DeAnn or Penny at
278-5544, ext. 207.

register online today!
www.gloriadeionline.com

VBS Online Registration Now Open!

Online registration has begun for VBS. Please register your child today at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Vacation Bible School Leader Meeting

Are you planning to help with VBS this year? If so, plan to attend the fun, fact-filled, awesome leader's training Sunday, March 8 from 1-2 p.m.

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.



Dance Class

Dance 1 and 2 will meet March 9 and 23 with a recital on March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures received a \$3,000 grant from Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Iowa, which will be used to purchase additional classroom equipment.

Eat Ice Cream

We need 125 more empty ice cream gallon containers with lids for VBS. Eat and enjoy your ice cream and bring your empty containers to the Information Center before March 11.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Mar. 11
Goulash

\$3.50 per person
(children under 2 eat free)

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Mission Opportunities

Sunday: Castaway

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

The Other 3:16's:

March 8:

The Good Book - II Timothy 3:16

March 15 and 22:

No Castaway

March 29:

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

Dinner Theater Sign-Up

Servers Needed

Youth can earn money to their accounts for upcoming trips and gatherings. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Kitchen and Desserts

If you would like to donate an eye-catching treat for the dessert auction or help in the kitchen, please contact Elaine Klinefelter at 276-1700 or Elaine@gloriadeionline.com.

Confirmation (grades 6-8)

March 18: No Confirmation Classes

Confirmation (grade 8)

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

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Parents of 8th grade confirmands will meet Wednesday, March 25 from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the narthex. This meeting is mandatory because Confirmation day proceedings will be discussed.

Robe Measurements

Confirmands will be measured for robes during Wednesday 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

March 11: Leadership 2009: A Teen's Perspective
March 18: No Point

Dinner Theater Rehearsals

Rehearsals will continue each Sunday at 12 p.m. through March 22. A Wednesday rehearsal will be held on March 11 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Café 923

Sunday, March 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Dinner will be served.

Grades 6-12 Opportunities

WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

A meeting for all registered participants with a parent will be held Wednesday, March 25 from 7:30-8 p.m. in rooms 135-37. 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.

Week of March 7-13, 2009

Saturday, March 7

- 8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Summit 2009 Conference
- 9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, March 8

- 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 with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 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. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. VBS Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 9

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club

Tuesday, March 10

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 9:00 a.m. Police Color Guard Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, March 13

No Special Activities Scheduled

Scripture Base on Giving:

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."
2 Corinthians 8:13-15

| Worship | Attendance | Communion |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Northwind | 164 | |
| 7:45 a.m. | 135 | 100 |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 327 | 240 |
| 9 a.m. (FLC) | 148 | |
| 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 281 | 194 |
| Total | 1055 | 534 |
| Lenten Services | | |
| 6:30 p.m. | 106 | |

| Outpouring of Love) | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$34,867 |
| YTD Offering | \$1,089,409 |
| YTD Budget | \$1,174,495 |

Week of March 14-21, 2009

Saturday, March 14

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
in Family Life Center

Sunday, March 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
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult 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
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 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, March 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 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, March 20

No Special Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 21

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

| Last Week's Educational Attendance | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Sat. 5:50 p.m. | Sun. 9:20 a.m. | Sun. 10:50 a.m. | Wednesday |
| Preschool | 10 | 26 | 23 | 23 |
| Elementary | 15 | 60 | 29 | 98 |
| Total Children | 25 | 86 | 52 | 121 |
| Junior High | | 30 | 3 | 87 |
| Senior High | | 12 | | 32 |
| Total Youth | | 42 | 3 | 119 |

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: John 16:17-24

Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'?" We don't understand what he is saying."

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

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