

# WEEKLY WORD



March 1 and 2, 2008

A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Strategic Plan Vote

This weekend the members of Gloria Dei will be voting on the proposed Strategic Plan. We need every member 18 years and older to participate in this vote so we can hear God speak through the collective voice of our congregation. It is vitally important that every member spend the time studying the Strategic Plan and praying before they vote. If you have missed one of the Cottage Meetings, Open Forums, or were unable to read the mailing that has been sent out, please spend some time today looking at those important documents. If you have not received the Strategic Plan and DVD presentation, please pick them up at the Information Center in the narthex or ask one of the elders. In addition, information can be found on our Web site ([www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)) under the Strategic Plan tab.

### Vote Today

Saturday, March 1 from 4-8 p.m.

or

Sunday, March 2 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.  
in rooms 130-32

Please keep this entire process in your prayers as we collectively work together to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime.

### Details and Qualifications

Voting stations will be located in rooms 130 and 132. Members will sign in and receive a paper ballot. The completed ballot will be placed in a secured container. Ballots will be counted immediately following the close of voting on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

In order for the Strategic Plan to be accepted by the congregation, the vote will require that 2/3 of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Strategic Plan.

### Absentee Ballots

Please note: If you requested an absentee ballot, you will not be able to receive another ballot this weekend; however, you can place your absentee ballot in the secured ballot container during voting hours. For an example of the paper ballot, see page 2.

### The Results

Votes will be tabulated by a committee of eight individuals: Brenda Bartels, Sarah Hensel, Tom Westby, Devin Wren, Diane Young, Diane Greenwood, Marv Rohn, and Mark Pierson. In total, they represent the Governing Board (two), the Board of Elders (two) and the congregation at large (four).

Results will be posted on our Web site ([www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)) Monday, March 3 and a postcard announcing the results will be sent to all member families.

## 30-Hour Famine

The teens will accept donations in the narthex on Sunday, March 2.

When you see a youth, don't forget to ask them about their weekend experience at the 30-Hour Famine.

## VBS

Register today!

With all the snow and cold weather, we look forward to spring break at Gloria Dei.

That's right, children ages 3 years

to grade 5 are invited to three days at the "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School. See page 7 for more details.



## Holy Week

Taste, smell, see, feel and hear the culture that surrounded Jesus as we transform the Family Life Center into interactive stations for children and parents. This is a must for children, or for those who want to see things through the eyes of a child. See page 2 for more details.

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## Paper Ballot Example

The Governing Board has requested a congregational vote using the following paper ballots.

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Strategic Plan  
Voter Ballot March 2008**

Sample

This voter ballot is for a voting member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church to express their approval or non-approval of Gloria Dei's Strategic Plan, dated February 2008. Indicate your vote at the bottom of this page.

To pass, this vote requires that 2/3 of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Strategic Plan.

The direction provided by the congregation will be either "YES"- approve for implementation the Strategic Plan, or "NO" - non-approval of the Strategic Plan.

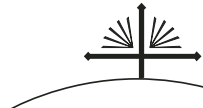
A "Yes" vote indicates your approval of the Strategic Plan and allows the Gloria Dei Governing Board to move forward with implementation of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan calls for relocation of the congregation to another site. Further congregational approvals are needed for the purchase of land, sale of the existing church property, and church operating budget.

A "No" vote indicates your non-approval of the Strategic Plan and will require the Gloria Dei Governing Board to reevaluate the Strategic Plan for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. A revised strategic plan would be developed and presented to the congregation for voter approval.

**VOTE FOR ONLY ONE      PLACE AN "X" IN THE DESIRED SPACE**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (approval of and implementation of the Strategic Plan)

NO \_\_\_\_\_ (non-approval of the Strategic Plan)



## Relive Holy Week

**Grab your children; Invite your neighbors.**

Come and experience the sights, sounds, tastes and happenings of Holy Week in the Family Life Center with your children this year. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter family-focused services will incorporate hands-on learning stations that will help to relive the sights and sounds of the last week of Jesus' life.

If you would like to partner in this adventure, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 2 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



**M**errick David Vest born January 31, 2008 to Joshua and Billie (nee Shorma) Vest. Merrick's spiritual sponsors are Scott and Megan Arnold.

## Prayer Breakfast

Mark your calendar for the 2008 Iowa Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, March 20 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. David Noebel, president of Summit Ministries, will be the keynote speaker and Faith Baptist Bible College Chorale will provide the music. To register call 253-9600.

## Lenten Devotional II

Pick up your Lenten Devotional II, "The Journey with Jesus," today at the Information Center.



## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Preacher:**

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 19:16-26

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Genna Graber

Todd Jensen

Bryan Johnson

**Elders:**

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

**Ushers:**

**Northwind**

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

Kent Kramer

**7:45 a.m.**

Wendell Dickey

Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst

Bill Kickbush

Jeff Liittschwager

Tim Radig

**9 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

**10:30 a.m.**

Jimmy Hanselman

Dave Miller

Mark Pierson

## 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 church family
- For our upcoming Easter services

## Prayers

- For the successful surgery of Eduard Zell
- For the healing of Barb Thompson
- For the health concerns of Kay Clark
- For Carol Wenndt's friends, Kristy, Jon and Trevor
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Kim Marsh, who is recovering from surgery
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

## Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Anne Graham Lotz to Speak

Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, will speak at a conference for women at Wells Fargo Arena on Friday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "Just Give Me Jesus" conference is free, with no registration.

## Volunteers Needed

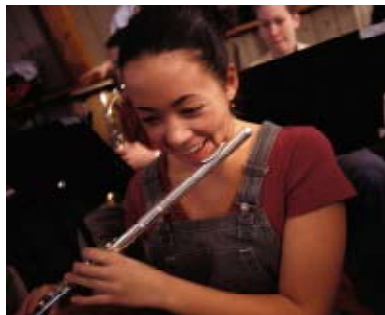
Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity needs help April 29-May 3 as they raise the roof on two homes located at 1631 12th Street and 1544 10th Street. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or [billclark@mchsi.com](mailto:billclark@mchsi.com).

## Drake Choir

The Drake Choir and Chamber Choir, conducted by Aimee Beckmann-Collier, will launch their regional tours with a home concert on Tuesday, March 11 at 8 p.m. in Sheslow Auditorium. The performance will feature music by composers from the United States, Austria, Australia, Spain, Italy and Venezuela, as well as folk songs and spirituals. There is no admission charge for the event.

## Concordia High School Band to Visit

We continue to support and pursue our vision of G.R.A.C.E. at Gloria Dei. Part of that vision is to be a beacon to our community. With that in mind we have an opportunity to host junior and senior high school students who are traveling to various churches sharing their God-given musical talents.



Concordia Junior and Senior High School, located in northwest Omaha and operated in association of 16 LCMS churches, has been blessed with a tremendous amount of growth since its start in 2001. Their vision is simple, "Equipping Students for Godly Excellence."

The junior and senior high school band will perform Sunday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Not only do we hope for a great turnout, but we are in need of host homes for the evening. This opportunity is not just for those who participate in the music ministry; it is open to all members of Gloria Dei.

If you are interested, please contact Steve Kohtz at [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com) or Amy Jo Wiese at [everydeilord@msn.com](mailto:everydeilord@msn.com).

## Scrapbook Fellowship

Whether you're current on your scrapbooking or way behind, come spend some time with us at Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131 and 133. This is a come-and-go group, so come whenever you can; we'd love to have more participants! For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

## Spring Clean-Up

**Next Saturday,  
March 8  
8 a.m. to noon**

Join the outside fun as we prepare for the upcoming Easter services by cleaning up our grounds.

(If per chance the weather does not cooperate, we will try again on Saturday, March 22).

**Sign-up today  
at the  
Information  
Center.**

## Citizens Scholarship Foundation

The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale, “Dollars for Scholars,” will host a fund-raiser brunch on Sunday, March 2 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ralph Whitten Shelter House in Lions Park. The cost for omelets, pancakes, muffins and drinks is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The foundation was started in 1962 and has helped more than 780 students with their higher-education tuition.

## Softball

### Men’s League



The Gloria Dei softball league begins Thursday, April 17. It will play on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights at 6:15, 7:15 or 8:15 p.m. in a 14-game schedule. The season ends during the Saturday tournament on June 28. The cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested, please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com.

### Couples’ Co-ed Softball

If you are looking for something fun to do this summer, consider joining our softball team, designed especially for couples, on Sunday nights. It is a great way to do something as a couple with other adults. All levels of expertise are invited. If you are interested, please contact Trina Mazza at 270-2105.

## Honduras Mission Trip

The following items are being collected in the trunk located in the narthex for the Honduras mission trip in June:

- Vitamins • Adult and children’s Tylenol
- Hair gel • Hair pretties
- Toothbrushes • Toothpaste
- Dental floss

## Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine, West Des Moines.

## Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellen Allen, 4208 69th Street, Urbandale.

## Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the church in rooms 131-33. Please bring your material.



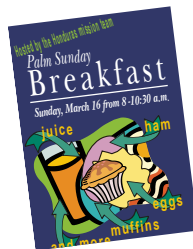
## Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Rd., Des Moines.

## Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, March 11 at 6:45 p.m. at the church in room 139.

## Palm Sunday Breakfast



The Honduras mission team is sponsoring a Palm Sunday breakfast on Sunday, March 16 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in rooms 130 and 131. Scrambled eggs, ham, muffins, milk, juice and coffee will be served. A free-will donation will be collected with matching funds from Thrivent Lutheran.

## Ugandan Collections

Starting this Sunday, March 2, we will collect items to fill the cargo container for our Uganda mission. These items will be given to the poorest families from the congregations that we support in Uganda. Any help is greatly appreciated.

This month we are collecting kitchen supplies (towels, utensils, cleaning and shower-type items). Please drop off your donations in the white wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of Family Life Center. Cash donations to cover the shipping cost (\$5 per box) can be left in the secured box on the wire collection box.

Don’t forget the first Sunday of each Month is “Un-dei” Sunday. Please donate packaged underwear and socks in all all sizes for adults and children.

# Mission Corner



The region is known for its nomadic population who sleep in tents throughout the year and herd Yaks for milk, hair and transportation.

## China: Yunnan Providence and Tibet

For the last several years, members of Gloria Dei have been called to bring Jesus Christ to the remote parts of China, specifically to the Yunnan Providence and Tibet, a region known for its isolation due to the vast Himalayan mountains. Its freezing winters and dry summers make the inhabitants fight for daily survival. Its main religion is Tibetan Buddhism, which believes in reincarnation and the steps to enlightenment. A common practice of their religion is to offer gifts to statues as a payment for eternal life.



A village boy is excited to see visitors.

Shining City Foundation, a private organization formed in 2001 by a few members from Gloria Dei, has been committed to enhancing the lives of those in the impoverished region by providing:

- Improved medical and dental accessibility
- Enhancements at an ethnic orphanage for over 300 children
- Portable solar electric generators (120 units)
- Improvements at primary school
- Ongoing monthly scholarship support to students
- Initial support of second orphanage in Tibet



A newly-built church is home to hundreds of worshippers who travel in adverse terrain to worship.

In recent years, Gloria Dei has partnered with the Shining City Foundation in several ways by providing financial support to help build a church that replaced a wooden barn; providing quilts made by the Stitchin' Mission; hand delivering hundreds of knitted hats made by Cheryl Gilg, Girl Scout Troops and friends; and other items such as toothbrushes, etc.

### Tibet Fact Sheet

**Population**

85% rural

**Average Income:**

\$40 per year

**Economy:**

Agriculture

**Religion:**

Tibetan Buddhism

**Literacy:**

21.7%

**Government:**

Chinese Communist

**Staple Food:**

Barley

**Life Expectancy:**

40 years



These children from a remote village in Tibet are proud recipients of hats made by members of Gloria Dei.

## Easter – Opportunities to Serve

With record attendance expected for the Easter weekend services, it is very important to make the worship experience comfortable and inviting for our guests and members. In order to make things run smoothly, we depend on members to volunteer their time and talents. Please take some time to review all the ways to serve during our five Easter services. If you decide to help, write your name on the sign-up sheet at the Information Center in the narthex, drop a note off in the church office, contact the person listed below, or e-mail Dan Snyder at drs301@msn.com.

### Ushers:

Sign up early so you can help at the service of your choice. **Time:** Each worship service. **Contact:** Steve Junge at 276-0740 or any elder.

### Greeters:

We need friendly people at the north and south narthex entrances and the Family Life Center doors to greet our guests. **Time:** Each worship service. **Contact:** Alice Wegner at 276-1456.

### General Church Cleanup:

Light work, such as cleaning up flower beds, sweeping, picking up trash and re-setting the curbs. **Time:** Saturday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. **Contact:** Show up at 8 a.m. or contact Bill Clark at 276-2517.

### Easter Setup:

Prepare the sanctuary and Family Life Center for services, install signage and outside banners, and move chairs. **Time:** Saturday, March 22, 8 a.m. to noon. **Contact:** Show up at 8 a.m. or contact Dan Snyder at 967-4190.

### Easter Cleanup:

Remove signage and banners and stack chairs 30 minutes after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service. **Contact:** Dan Snyder at 967-4190.

### Easter Sunday Shuttle:

In order to accommodate our new guests, simply park your car at Urbandale Middle School and ride the shuttle to and from services. No sign up is necessary.

### Family Life Center 10:30 Simulcast Hosts:

If the 10:30 a.m. service is filled to capacity, we need hosts to graciously redirect the overflow crowds into the Family Life Center. **Contact:** Dan Snyder at 967-4190.



## Easter Services:

Saturday, March 22	5:30 p.m.	Contemporary in Family Life Center
Sunday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Family-focused in Family Life Center
Sunday, March 23	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary in Sanctuary

## Important Dates

### Grace Place

There will be no Grace Place on the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 15-16 and the weekend of Easter Sunday, March 22-23. The last session of Grace Place will be the weekend of May 3-4.

### Faith Alive

Faith Alive, Music Alive and the midweek meal will not gather on Wednesday, March 19. The last day for Faith Alive is April 30.

## Consignment Sale Friday

Tiny Treasures Spring Consignment Sale is this Friday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Family Life Center will be transformed into a huge sale arena. Ready for purchase will be treasures including lots of baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment. Maternity and many other items for all bargain seeking shoppers will fill up the room. Don't miss it. Tell your friends and neighbors too. It's not too late to be a seller too. Get materials from Terry today. Volunteers are also needed, so consider spending an hour or two helping make our sale a success. Sellers keep 70 percent of their profits and the preschool gets 30 percent. Supplemental funds are from the SW Polk County Chapter #31170 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Terry with any questions at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## VBS CD

We are gearing up for Power Lab VBS. If you want a head start with the music, go to the Toolshope today and purchase a fun Power Lab CD and get ready to sing along.



## Fun Night

**Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The second annual Family Fun Night will be Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for a great evening of fun for young children and their families. Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool parents will organize and sponsor the event, but all are invited. Look for more details to follow.

## Sign up today!

### Invite your neighbors!

Power up as we experience God's amazing power through his Word. Each day we'll discover some amazing science facts and have some wacky fun while learning that Jesus gives us the power to be helpful, be thankful, be brave and live forever!

If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Cost: Free

Register today at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or the Information Center.



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## Junior & Senior High Youth

### Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

March 2: Scene 3 rehearsal from 12-2 p.m.

March 9: Scene 3 rehearsal from 6-7:30 p.m.

### Paint-ball

**March 9 from 11:45-5 p.m.**

#### Action Jacks, Colfax

Join us for some paint-ball fun. Meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. Sign up at the bulletin board. Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 if you have your own equipment and \$20 for 500 paint balls.

### Concert

**Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m.**

The Comatose Tour, featuring Skillet, Thousand Foot Krutch and Decyfer Down will be playing at the Val Air Ballroom. Meet at the church at 6 p.m.; cost is \$22.85. If interested, please sign up at the bulletin board. Payment is due to Tim by Sunday, March 23.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Café 923

**Friday, March 7 from 6-9 p.m.**

Mark your calendar and invite all your friends for an evening of hanging out, playing games and eating.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

### Wednesday: Confirmation

**Please note:** During Lent, Confirmation will be held Wednesdays from 6:15-7 p.m.

**Grades 6-7, March 5:** No class.

Parent, student and teacher conferences will be held.

**Grade 8, March 5:** Parent and student Confirmation meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. in rooms 131-33. Robe measurements will be taken.

### Junior High Ministry Opportunity

#### Hope Ministry

Join Hope Ministries as they reach out to the poor on Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We will work at the Bargain Center and pass out groceries to the homeless.

#### Service Hours

If you still need service hours, you can help with spring clean up on March 8 or VBS from March 17-19. Confirmation requirements are due by March 30.

## Senior High - Grades 9-12

### Sunday: Bible Study

Join us from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

### Wednesday: The Point

Join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions. March 5: Relationships with the Opposite Sex, Part 2

### Coffee with Tim

Need someone to talk with? Tim will be at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m. to talk about good times, frustrations or just to have a cup of coffee.

### Senior High Café 923

**Sunday, March 16 from 6-8:30 p.m.**

Come, hang out and play games.

# Week of March 2 - March 8

## Sunday, March 2

- 7:00 a.m. Congregational Vote
- 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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Teacher Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal 3
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. Iowa Teacher's Conference
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive Team Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

## Wednesday, March 5

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

## Thursday, March 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 5:00 p.m. Connections Ministry Focus Group
- 5:00 p.m. Jayhawks Spirit Cheerleading Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

## Friday, March 7

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club of WDM
- 11:45 a.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. Café 923
- 6:30 p.m. Home Builders

## Saturday, March 8

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Spring Cleaning
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,988
YTD Offering	\$1,039,200
YTD Budget	\$1,056,030

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	150	104
7:45 a.m.	188	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	413	
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	89	59
10:30 a.m.	337	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>163</b>

Lenten Services, February 27 (Attendance)	
Traditional	205
Contemporary	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>

## Week of March 9 - March 15

### Sunday, March 9

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:45 a.m. Youth Paintball
- 6:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner 3 Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, March 10

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, March 11

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:45 p.m. Sarah Circle

### Wednesday, March 12

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

### Thursday, March 13

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, March 15

- 8:30 a.m. Hope Ministries
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 p.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	6	30	19	30	Music Alive
Elementary	17	59	25	86	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>Wed. Meal</b>
Junior High		12		66	114
Senior High		8			

# Welcome to Gloria Dei!

## Welcome

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

## Weekends at Gloria Dei

### Nursery

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

### Cry room

Located in the southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

### Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

#### Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

#### Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

### Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



### Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

### Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary  
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary  
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.