

WEEKLY WORD



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Strategic Plan Vote

Last weekend, the Governing Board requested a congregational vote through a paper-ballot system where members 18 years and older were encouraged to vote yes or no for the proposed Strategic Plan. In order for the Strategic Plan to be approved, the Governing Board requested a super majority of 66.7 percent. With 661 votes cast, the plan passed by 72.5 percent:

Yes votes: 478 (72.5 percent)
No votes: 181 (27.5 percent)
Invalid votes: 2 (not marked either yes or no)

“We were very pleased with the entire process. Specifically, with the amount of members who took the time to vote. No matter how they voted, we appreciated the large turnout of members and were pleased that they voted,” said Ken Wunsch, President of the Governing Board.

Pastor Burcham echoed those thoughts. “I am proud of our congregation. How we made this decision has always been just as important as the decision itself and I believe we have acted in a very God-pleasing manner over the last several weeks. We have discussed and sometimes disagreed, but have always treated each other with respect. We may have differed on how to make the vision a reality, but the important thing that I saw was a deep commitment from our members to make the vision a reality and to continue to do the ministry that God has put before us.”

Since the plan has been approved, the Governing Board which meets this Tuesday, March 11, will discuss the next steps. Implementing the Ministry Destination and beginning work on Accomplishing the Ministry will involve several Ministry Action Teams. The Board will discuss the number of teams needed along with defining the focus of each team. This information, along with the specific next steps and how you can be a part of one of these teams will be shared in future Weekly Word articles.

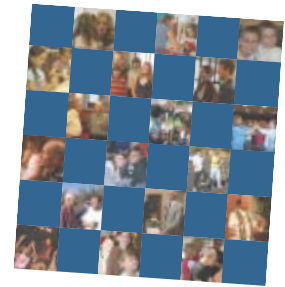
“Many people were involved in the Ministry Actions Teams and articulated the plan; it will surely take even more of our members to be involved with teams to implement the plan successfully,” said Steve Kammeyer, Executive Director.

The Board will also discuss how they will continue to hear from the members of the congregation as we go forward. “We knew that we would not get a 100 percent approval of the plan,” said Ken. “We want to continue to enhance our ability to listen and respond to the members of our congregation. The ballot voting process increased the number of participating voting members compared with the typical Sunday afternoon voters’ meeting attendance. Those who did not feel the Strategic Plan was the best way for us to fulfill our vision have concerns and we want to hear those concerns and address them as we move forward.”

There are many checkpoints along the way and much to accomplish as we move forward; we will continue to keep everyone informed as we move through this process as a congregation.

They’re Here!

The pictorial directories have been delivered!



Each family of Gloria Dei can pick up a copy in the narthex or the Family Life Center today. Please remember: only one copy per family.

Holy Week

Relive the sights, sounds, tastes and touches as we travel with Jesus into Jerusalem. Experiential worship for families in the Family Life Center:

Palm Sunday
March 16 at 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
March 20 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday
March 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 23 at 9 a.m.

Join us as we see celebrate Jesus!

See page 2 for more details.

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Easter Approaches

Join our family this Easter

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 20
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Good Friday, March 21
Family-focused Worship
4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Traditional Worship
6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship
6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Easter Services

Saturday, March 22
5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Sunday, March 23
7:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship in the Family Life Center
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

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We have a fully staffed nursery for children 3 and under.

As Easter approaches, we are excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with all of our family and friends at Gloria Dei. The series of messages beginning Palm Sunday through Easter will center around the theme “In a Moment Like This.” Since life is comprised of small moments, we will examine in detail a few of the monumental moments surrounding Jesus and his disciples during the last week of his life.

Invite a Friend

Postcards have been sent out to the congregation and our neighbors announcing our upcoming Easter services. An extra postcard has been inserted into this week’s Weekly Word; please take it home and give it to your neighbor, co-worker or friend.

Housekeeping News

We need ministry partners to help us host our guests at Easter; please see page 7 for a complete listing of opportunities. If at all possible, please plan to park at Urbandale Middle School and ride the shuttle to and from services.

Family-focused Relive Holy Week

Relive! 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.

Shopkeepers needed for Relive Holy Week! Hands-on shopkeepers are needed to help in the following shops: basket-making, the musical-instrument, spice, pottery and bakery shops. If you would like to help, 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 9 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Caden Richard Sessler born December 14, 2007 to Rich and Shelley (nee Meyer) Sessler. Caden's spiritual sponsors are Sara and Brian Bath, Tammy and Corey Wilkerson, and Troy Meyer.

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.

VBS Partners Needed

VBS starts Monday, March 17 at 9 a.m. Helpers are still needed to travel with children from place to place. No preparation is needed. Expect to have tons of fun. If you would like to help, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext, 207.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 18:10-14

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Geena Graber

Todd Jensen

Bryan Johnson

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

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 families

Prayers

- For the upcoming VBS
- For the upcoming Easter services
- For the healing of Barb Thompson
- For Annika Linquist, newborn cousin to Joy and Clayton Linquist, who is having respiratory problems
- For the health concerns of Kay Clark
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- 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 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.

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 or Amy Jo Wiese at everydeilord@msn.com.

Sunday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Spring Clean-Up

New date: Saturday, March 22 from 8 a.m to noon

The Spirit is willing, but the snow is not! Due to the ever-falling snow, we will clean our grounds for Easter on Saturday, March 22.

30-hour Famine Updates

The youth at Gloria Dei participated in a 30-Hour Famine from Feb. 29 -March 1. The youth fasted, participated in group activities and service throughout the weekend.

This year they broke into tribes and each teen received a new identity with a disability, which built compassion and understanding of another person's plight in life.

They also went around the neighborhood to collect food cans for Bethel mission and other needy families; painted the inside of a Habitat for Humanity home; cleaned the inside of Gloria Dei; tied quilts for local needy families; and packaged dry food for starving children around the world.

The congregation also took an active part by contributing \$11,150 for purchasing food for third-world countries.

"It was an amazing weekend," said Kim Phillips, the coordinator of the weekend. "I am so proud of our kids and this congregation as we reach out to others in need."

Stephen Ministry

Gloria Dei is exploring options to expand our care ministries. Currently we are looking at Stephen Ministry—a ministry which trains and commissions individual caregivers to assist people through difficult periods of life. If you have experience with, have interest in or have a heart for Stephen Ministries, please contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 ext. 204.

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 Financial for Lutherans.

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 St., 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.



Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

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.

Ugandan Collections

Throughout the month of March, 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.

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

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 Province 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 Province 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 resetting the curbs. **Time:** Saturday, March 22 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

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.

VBS CD

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



Midweek Meal Menu:

March 12: Baked Potato Bar
March 19: No midweek meal
Mar. 26: Tacos or Enchiladas

Cost: \$2.50 per person.
Children under 3 eat free.
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

Sign up today!

A colorful advertisement for 'Vacation Bible School Power Lab'. The background is green. Text includes 'Vacation Bible School' in large letters, '8 days to VBS fun! Register today!' in smaller text, and 'Power Lab' in a stylized font with 'DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER' below it. The dates 'March 17-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.' are at the bottom. There are three cartoon characters: a yellow girl, a blue boy with a beaker, and a pink girl.

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 or the Information Center.

Important Dates

Grace Place will not be held next weekend, March 15-16, and Easter weekend, March 22-23.

Faith Alive, Music Alive and the midweek meal will not meet Wednesday, March 19.

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

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

March 16: Scene 3 rehearsal from 12-2 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.

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.

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.

Castaway will not meet Palm Sunday, March 16 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Grades 6-8, March 19: Spring break: No class.

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 22 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.

Bible study will not meet Palm Sunday, March 16 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

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 12: Commitments: How to make and keep them.

March 19: No point.

March 26: Commitments: How to make and keep them.

Senior High Café 923

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

Come, hang out and play games.

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. Family Life Ministry Meeting
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

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. VBS Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, March 14

Tiny Treasures Spring Break Begins

Saturday, March 15

- 8:30 a.m. Youth Outreach to 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
- 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$35,006
YTD Offering	\$1,075,610
YTD Budget	\$1,086,192

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	298	
7:45 a.m.	165	148
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	353	243
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	43	
10:30 a.m.	384	234
Total	1243	625

Lenten Services, March 5 (Attendance)	
Traditional	159
Contemporary	75
Total	234

Week of March 16 - March 22

Sunday, March 16

Palm Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. Honduras Breakfast Fundraiser
- 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 Relive Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. No High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. No Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. No Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. No Being an Effective Christian
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. No Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. No Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner 3 Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Concordia High School Concert

Monday, March 17

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, March 18

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers

Wednesday, March 19

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 5:00 p.m. No Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. No Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. No The Point
- 6:15 p.m. No Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. No Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, March 20

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sew
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Survivor Group
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Traditional in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Relive Service Family-focused in Family Life Center

Friday, March 21

Good Friday

- 4:30 p.m. Good Friday Relive Service Family-focused in Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service Contemporary in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service Traditional in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service Traditional in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Spring Cleaning
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Easter Service
- 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place

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	4	33	22	28	Music Alive
Elementary	30	58	37	86	54
Total	34	91	59	114	Wed. Meal
Junior High		23			127
Senior High	21	7			

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.