WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

May 7, 2006 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Congratulations to the 2006 Confirmation Class



We are proud to introduce the following 2006 Confirmation Class: Ashley Anderson, Kaitlin Boettcher, Alexander Brunsen, Derek Buchholz, Jacob Chalfant, Rachel Chapman, Benjamin Clausen, Allison Collins, Eric DeVries, Margaret Dreyer, Dustin Fish, Travis Fish, Brianna Gerke, Justin Handel, Kevin Johnson, Kara Jordan, Daniel Klinefelter, Colby Kubat, Ryan Lanham, Benjamin Meyer, Mariah Morrison, Olivia Pace, Kayla Pentico, David Peyton, Meredith Radig, Allissa Rice, Khael Rosburg, Michael Schinstock, Nicholas Smith, Matthew Sturgeon, Benjamin Warrick, Keith Wiskirchen and Kayleigh Wren.

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Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

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News

New Worship Schedule in the Fall

A new worship schedule for the fall was approved by the Elders during their April 25 meeting. The new schedule will be as follows:

Sunday Worship

8 a.m. Traditional 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Blended Contemporary

Contemporary

Sanctuary Family Life Center Sanctuary Family Life Center

Sunday Educational Time (Children to Adults)

9:30-10:15 a.m.

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, Northwind Worship

5:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Saturday Educational Time, Grace Place (Children age 3 to Grade 5)

6-6:45 p.m.

This change will accomplish several objectives:

- 1. Currently the classrooms on Sunday mornings are crowded; thus, a second educational time was added.
- 2. Families can worship together. Currently many families are split on Sunday mornings with children in Sunday school and the parents in worship. The new schedule allows a family to worship together for the first half of the 9 and 10 a.m. services before the children are excused for an age-appropriate message. Please note: if you worship at the 8 a.m. service as a family and then attend Sunday school, your schedule would remain the same. In addition, a family could attend the entire 9 a.m. service and then attend the 10:30 a.m. educational time.
- Adult education classes can be held in classrooms. Currently the Family 3. Life Center is being used for several adult classes and the noise level can be distracting. The new schedule will open up classrooms in the center wing for adult classes.
- The 11 a.m. service will end before noon. Comments have been heard since 4 the inception of the late service to begin and end earlier. The new late worship schedule begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.

The new schedule will begin in September of 2006. There will be one preacher each weekend, the pastor who is preaching will go between the different locations. The other pastors for the Sunday will be the liturgists at each service. A Bible study will be led by one of the pastors during the first educational time while other adult studies will be held at both educational times. If you have any other questions, please ask one of the elders, staff, or call the church office.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Staffed Nursery 8 a.m.-noon

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News



Thank You

Thank you to the parents and the helpers who helped with this year's Confirmation class. Your contributions helped prepare our youth to live out their Christian faith. – Thanks, Tim Kightlinger.

A Patriotic Tribute is Being Formed

Come and join the music as we form a patriotic tribute team, a multi-generational choir and orchestra, who will offer praise on Father's Day, June 18 and Sunday, July 2. Since this team is open to the church and the community, please extend the invitation to your soprano, alto or tenor neighbor or co-worker. We also need volunteers to help in the mix of mingling music with fellowship. If you are interested, call Julie DenHerder at 251-4632.

Rehearsals will be Wednesdays, May 24-June 28 for the following groups:

Patriotic Praise Choir Patriotic Praise Children's Choir Patriotic Praise Orchestra Junior high to Adult Grades K-5 Junior high to Adult 6:15-7:15 p.m. 6:15-7:15 p.m. 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Servers

We are thankful for our volunteers today who help provide a great place to worship.

Elders:	Bob Kollmorgen	11 a.m.
Family Life Center	Ken Meythaler	Jared Nicol
Vic Kesse	Lou Schroedel	Gary Wasko
David Graaf	Jim Wollslager	Ryan Wedemeyer
Joe Gilg	9:30 a.m.	Jeff Brunsen
Sanctuary	Dennis Appelhons	Organist:
Gary Wasko	Brett Hosch	Kathy Stange
Marvin Deer	Keith Nicolet	Shirley Roberts
8 a.m.	Dave Schramm	Acolytes:
Randy Bosworth	Bonnie Wharton	Alana DeVries
Dick Fastenau		

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 Pennie in the church office, 276-1700, or contact Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our nation and military
- For our teachers and helpers in Sunday school and Faith Alive
- For our Confirmation Class
- For a wonderful youth fundraiser at Uncle Phil's.

Prayers

- For Kent Siems, who is serving in Iraq
- For Jackleen Dohlman's stepmother, Judy, who is suffering from cancer and for the family as they deal with her sickness
- For Joann Leland and Andy Morse and their families during this difficult time
- For Diane Mahaffey, who is recently diagnosed with lung cancer and will be having surgery
- For Brent Clark, who is hospitalized at Methodist
- For continued enrollment at Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool
- For the ministry of our summer camps
- For Bob Kotouch, who has health concerns
- For Carl Evans, who has serious health concerns

Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail pennie@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

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ChristCare Meeting

Join us Tuesday, May 9 at 1 p.m. as Merlin Siefken, member of the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team, will be available to receive input and answer questions pertaining to Gloria Dei's strategic plan. If you have any questions, please contact Lou Grotheer at 334-9979.

Let's Share Our Bread with the Hungry

Naomi Circle is collecting food donations for the Des Moines Area Religious Council food pantry by the first Sunday of each month. Each month, they will suggest several items that the pantry needs to assist the estimated 10,500 Des Moines residents who need food and other items.

Please bring the following items to the narthex today:

- Canned fruits (especially applesauce, 15 oz.)
- Canned meals (chili, stew, etc.)
- Canned meats
- Canned soups (no Ramen noodles)
- Canned vegetables/beans (15 oz)
- Cereal (hot or cold)

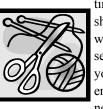
In addition to donating items, checks can be written to Gloria Dei with "food pantry donation" written on the memo line and placed in the offering plate.

Strategic Planning

Thank you to those who attended the Q&A session to hear more information and to ask questions. The Governing Board appreciates your interest and feedback. If you have further questions or want to visit with a Board or Ministry Action (MAT) member, contact the board at govboard@gloriadeionline.com or call one of the members of either group. —Thanks! Deb Kesse

Sew and Sews

Please join us Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in room 127/29 for a



time of fellowship and handiwork in a group setting. Whether you crotchet, embroider or needlepoint or

work on any other sewing craft, we would love to have you join us for this fun group.

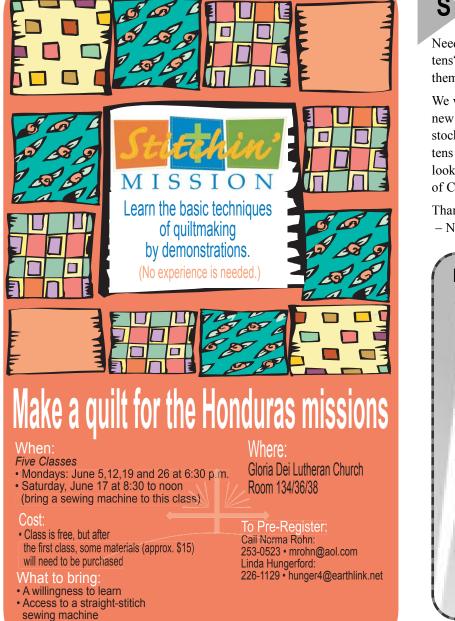
Softball

Softball season is in full swing. If you have any questions, please call Bill Clark at 276-2517.



Upcoming Schedule: Monday, May 8, 6:15 p.m. Away: Aldrsgate; Home: GDLC Thursday, May 18, 7:15 p.m. Away: Westview; Home: GDLC Thursday, May 18, 8:15 p.m. Away: GDLC; Home: MDRC Monday, May 22, 6:15 p.m. Away: GDLC; Home: Hope Min Tuesday, May 30, 7:15 p.m. Away: GDLC; Home: Central A Monday, June 5, 8:15 p.m. Away: GDLC; Home: MDRC Monday, June 5, 9:15 p.m. Away: GDLC; Home: Luth Hope Thursday, June 15, 7:15 p.m. Away: Cntrl A; Home: GDLC Thursday, June 15, 8:15 p.m. Away: Union Pk; Home: GDLC Saturday, June 24, 7:15 p.m. Tourney





Spring Cleaning

Need a place for stocking caps and mittens? We have a great place for them—Shining City of China.

We will be collecting new or gently used stocking caps and mittens until May 21. Please look for the Shining City of China box in the narthex.



Thanks for your contributions. – Naomi and Miriam Circle

Bulletin Board

- Confirmation Sunday, May 7 (No Sunday School)
- Celebrating Family Banquet Friday, May 12
- Last Day of Sunday School Sunday, May 14
- Grace Place Held throughout the summer
- Discovery 201 Sunday, June 11
- Waffle Breakfasts Sunday, May 21 Saturday, July 1

Scrapbook Fellowship

Dig out your pictures and come scrapbook with us Friday, May 12 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in rooms 131-133. It's a good time to get organized, get to know some new people, share ideas and take a break from all the distractions of home! Stay as long as you want; come and go as you need to. We typically close up about 11 p.m. In addition to our own albums, we're starting work on an album of the preschool and the stained glass project. Join us and do a page or two for those great projects. For further information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

LWML/Children



Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, May 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Walter, 13583 Village Court, Clive.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Street Place, West Des Moines, 225-2497.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. at church. We will tour Hope Family Center and eat lunch at Latin King. Anyone is welcomed. For more information, call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sheila Manteaw, 6100 Trace Court, Johnston, 986-9380.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the church kitchen.

Iowa District West Convention

The 60th anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be observed at Camp Okoboji at the Iowa District West Convention June 22-24. The theme of this year's convention is "Jesus is My Light and My Rock." Gloria Dei is on the registration committee and will be making name tags.

In addition, we are collecting the following items:

- Yarn: whole or partial skeins (Krgyzstan)
- Backpacks: new or slightly used (Los Angeles and Mexico)
- School supplies: spiral notebooks, pencils, 16 or 24 boxed crayons, erasers, 6"or 12" metric and inch rulers and calculators
- New toys: unwrapped toys in the \$5-10 range for infants to 14-yearolds.

A box will be in the narthex for the items. Thank you!

Summer Camps

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Our summer camps are a fun way to spend the hot summer days! All of the camps are open to elementary school children. We also have fun summer opportunities for preschool age children



too! Check out our summer camp brochure at the Information Center today about the following fun camps:

• Science • Girl • Fine Arts • Sports • Drama

Investigate the Fun

Our summer reading program will help children investigate reading possibilities throughout the summer. Sign-up begins Sunday, May 14. Each group will read books from our library or other locations to collect clues to spend at the Investigator's Shop. Come and investigate which group is right for you:

- Preschool Puzzle Masters
- Elementary Mystery Solvers
- Read To or With Someone Secret Decoders
- CSI Advanced Readers

Giving Plus

"Giving Plus," a program sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that will match a \$1 for every \$2 given, is available to help with our preschool playground plans. Please pick up an information sheet at the Information Center; forms must be filled out and checks made payable to Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool.

Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures is hosting a consignment sale June 9 and 10. This sale is open to the congregation and to the public to sell baby, children and adult items.

Here is how it works: You pick up a seller's packet, which will outline the instructions for the sale at Tiny Treasures Preschool office.

The cost: The seller determines the price of their items and keeps 70% of the selling price; Tiny Treasures keeps the remaining 30%.

Volunteers: Volunteers who work a minimum of four hours are invited to a pre-sale on Thursday, June 8.

For more information: Grab a consignment sale brochure at the Information Center or on the literature racks throughout the building.





Information: Tim Kightlinger, 278-5544, ext. 212 or tim@gloriadeionline.com

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Bible Study Today at 9:30 a.m.

Grades 6-8	May 7: No Sunday School, Confirmation			
	May 14: Sunday School			

Grades 9-12

May 7: No Sunday School, Confirmation May 14: Sunday School

Confirmation

Confirmation: Grades 6-8

Congratulations! We are thankful for all your hard work. Eighth graders are welcome to join the high school group beginning this week.

High School

High School: Grades 9–12

No studies this Wednesday; instead, we are going to the Grits concert at 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by today.

Sunday Nights at Tim's

Join us Sunday evenings for Bible study and fellowship at Tim's house, 9916 Brookview Drive, Urbandale starting May 21.

Rewards Are In

The 30-hour famine rewards are in. Team participants may pick up their rewards Sunday, May 7 or 14 at 9-9:30 and 10:30-11 a.m. in room 135/37. If you have any questions, call Kim Phillips at 254-1036.

Celebration for Families Banquet

Mark your calendar for May 12 from 6-10 p.m. We are hosting a Celebration for Families banquet. This night will feature a world class illusionist, Dave Horsager, and newest comedian improv, the Burckites. Tickets sales end today.

Appalachian Meeting

The Appalachian mission team will meet Saturday, May 13 at noon in the Youth Center. Please bring your completed paperwork and the remainder of the trip cost, which is \$325.

Paintball

Join us Sunday, May 21 at the church at noon. We will return at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 for rental and course usage; \$20 per 500 rounds of paintballs.

Graduating Seniors

Join us Sunday, May 21 from 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center as we honor your graduation. Families of the graduates are invited to join us. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 17. Parents, please provide us with photos of your child as a baby and as a teen.



Buy your tickets today at the Information Center!





Get your motors running!

The Incredible Race is a fun-filled opportunity for kids to go trackside where they will learn from Biblical pacesetters who were transformed into champions. The Incredible Race drops its green flag at Grace Place, Saturday, May 20 and rumbles for kids ages 3 to fifth grade.

Volunteers Needed

Pit crew workers are needed to help equip the children with the correct tools for the race. Lots of crew members are needed, so name your available hours and jobs that will help to keep the team on track. If you are interested, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

1:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

BSF

6:00 p.m.

Week of May 7-13

Sunday, M	ay 7	Wednesda	iy, May 10
Confirmati	on Sunday	6:15 p.m.	Chorale and Chapel Rehearsal
No Sunday	/ School	7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Forum
8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service with Communion (FLC)	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Orchestra Hand Bell Practice
8:30 a.m.	Confirmands to Arrive	7:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Service (Sanctuary)	Thursday,	
9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service with Communion (FLC)	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service (FLC)	10:00 a.m.	Sew and Sews
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting - RM 109	11:00 a.m	Urbandale Pastoral Luncheon
Monday, M	-	Friday, Ma	y 12
6:00 a.m.	BSF Leaders Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Fellowship Scrapbooking
6:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle (Kitchen)	6:00 p.m.	Celebrating the Family
Tuesday, N	. ,	Saturday,	May 13
6:00 a.m.	Urbandale School Election (Narthex)	5:30 p.m.	Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion
9:30 a.m.	American Lung Assn. Training		
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting		

Outpouring of Love for the Lord			
General Fund Offerings	\$24,124		
YTD Offering	\$1,045,954		
YTD Budget	\$999,535		

Christcare Bible Study Group

Foundation Board Meeting

Attendance				
Northwind	146	Communion:		
8 a.m.	229	Fifth Sunday, April 30	N/A	
9:30 a.m.	365			
11:00 a.m.	224			
Total	964			

Week of May 14-20

6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting

1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group

Tuesday, May 16

6:00 p.m. BSF

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Governing Board

Sunday, May 14	Wednesday, May 17
Mother's Day	6:15 p.m. Chorale and Chapel Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service	7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
9:30 a.m. Sunday School	7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says about Parenting	7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. DaVinci Bible Study	Thursday, May 18
9:30 a.m. Lifelight-Gospel of Luke	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says About Parenting	10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
9:30 a.m. Discovery 101	Friday, May 19
9:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)	Wedding Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. DaVinci Bible Study	Saturday, May 20
10:45 a.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)	Guttenfelder and Shepherd Wedding
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with	5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service
Communion	
12:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Hospice	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109	
Monday, May 15	

Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sat., Early Childhood	14	Sun., Early Childhood	34	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	N/A
Sat., Grades 1-5	13 Sun., Grades 1-5		62	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	N/A
		Sun., Grades 6-12	61	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	N/A
		Total	157	Total	N/A

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Welcome

"Halleluiah" (Your Love is Amazing) "I Am a Friend of God" "Shout" "In the Secret" "Draw Me Close" **Confession and Forgiveness** "Firm Foundation" **Old Testament Reading** (NIV) I Kings 18:16-39 **Gospel Reading:** (NIV) Matthew 10:32-39 Children are Invited to Grace Place Offering: "Good to Me" Sermon: Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care Prayers Lord's Prayer "Blessed Be Your Name" **Blessing and Announcements**

Musical Offering "Rise Up O Church of God" Offered by the Alleluia Ringers Welcome "God Himself is Present" LW 206, 3 Vs **Confession and Forgiveness** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" LW 279, 3 Vs **Old Testament Reading** (NIV) I Kings 18:16-39 **Gospel Reading:** (NIV) Matthew 10:32-39 **Apostles' Creed** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," LW 368, 2 Vs Sermon: Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," LW 368, 2 Vs Offering: "Good to Me" **Prayers** Lord's Prayer **Celebration of Holy Communion** "Sanctus," TLH 26 "Agnus Dei," TLH 28 "Be the Center" "You Will I Love, My Strength," LW 375, 3 Vs "Halleluiah (Praise the Lord)" "Yours Forever, God of Love" LW 256, 4 Vs **Benediction** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," TLH 394, 2 Vs

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"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness," TLH 305, 4 Vs "You Will I Love, My Strength," LW 375, 3 Vs "Yours Forever, God of Love" LW 256, 4 Vs Benediction "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." TLH 394, 2 Vs

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

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The Celebration of Holy Communion

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.