

# WEEKLY WORD

November 15 and 16, 2008

The Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Being Rich in a Poor Economy

God has blessed us greatly; in fact, we have discovered from a global perspective that we are rich compared to most other countries. There is nothing wrong with being rich; it is a great blessing from God and we should acknowledge his blessings. One way to acknowledge God's blessing is through our giving back to him a percentage of the income that he has blessed us with. However, our attitude toward giving is as important as our gift to God. Giving back to God should come from a joyful and willing heart. In fact, scripture declares that he rewards those who give out of a cheerful heart.

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Today, Pastor Burcham will cover in detail the blessing of rich givers. Then, next week during Celebration Weekend, we will celebrate our blessings by laying our pledges at God's altar. Please note: commitment cards will be mailed this week; please fill them out and bring them to one of next week's worship services. If you do not receive one in the mail, the ushers will have extra commitment cards.

### Being Rich in a Poor Economy

Nov. 15 and 16: Rich Givers  
Nov. 22 and 23: Celebration Weekend

## Holiday Opportunities

Please take home a Holiday Opportunities brochure today. It contains all of the details of our offerings for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The following is a snippet of what is forthcoming:

### Thanksgiving Services:

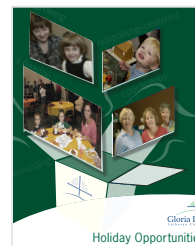
Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. or  
Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Take time to reflect on God's blessings during one of our Thanksgiving worship services.

### Advent Services:

Thursday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Due to our increased attendance at Grace Place on Wednesday evenings, we moved our Advent services to Thursday evenings. This year's series of messages, "Peace on Earth," will help to unravel the mystery of Christmas during our traditional Advent worship. In the stress of the holiday season, we struggle to find peace. Often we are troubled by things we have done or things that have happened in our lives. We can find personal peace in our Savior Jesus, who was sent for us to suffer for those sins and brings us healing from all of our wounds.

For more information on the upcoming holiday opportunities, see pages 4-5.



what's  
**NEW!**  
this week!

## Flu Shots Today

Flu shots given by the Iowa Visiting Nurse Services will be available in rooms 135-137 Sunday, Nov. 16 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Cost of each shot is \$20 (checks made out to VNS). Those with Medicare Part B can bring their Medicare card to use for payment. Children who have never had a flu shot will need a second one in a month.

## Newspaper Plea

The youth ministry is in need of lots of newspapers to be used for the Christmas program. Please drop off your old newspapers at the Youth Center before Wednesday, Nov. 19.

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## Strategic Plan Updates

**Ministry Destination Celebrations:** We have been blessed as a congregation to see some of the Ministry Destination initiatives come into fruition this fall. One of which is Care Night where people who are hurting can find comfort and support through fellowship, devotion and small groups on Thursday evenings. Pastor Phillips has led this initiative and has been pleased with the stories of people who have been helped.

“It’s been exciting to see how people who were hurting have grown in their faith in these small groups,” said Pastor Phillips. “It is equally exciting to see these people take on the responsibility to help others in similar situations.”

Last Thursday was the final session of the fall’s Care Night, but next Thursday, Nov. 20, Care Night will offer special holiday support to those grieving or going through a divorce. See page 4 for more details.

## Let’s Meet Gloria Dei’s Executive Director

With a plethora of experience both in the academic and business realms, along with a great passion to help further God’s kingdom, Bill Jesse began his first week as Executive Director. The Executive Director’s primary responsibility is for the overall management and day-to-day operations of the congregation’s ministry and staff; thus to further the mission and vision of the church.

“God has been so good to me that I wanted to give back something to my God,” said Bill. “I am excited about this opportunity and am looking forward to using the talents and skills that God has given me to assist and move the ministry forward at Gloria Dei.”

Bill started his career as a teacher for a self-contained seventh grade classroom; he then spent the next 33 years serving school districts in northwest Iowa as a teacher, principal, athletic coach and a superintendent. When asked why he choose a career in education, he immediately replied, “The kids!” He said that he often sought out children to mentor and encourage that did not have good or stable homes. “To make a difference in a young person’s life is an incredible blessing,” Bill said.

He retired in 2005 for seven weeks and decided that his “honey-do” lists would not suffice his need for human interaction, so he began work for Allied Insurance as a training supervisor. He then accepted a position at Ameriprise Financial as an operations manager.

Bill and Sue, his wife of 37 years, are actively involved with the families of their two married sons, who live in the Des Moines vicinity. Dan and Lisa have two daughters, Kiara, 4, and Kasey, 2; and Dave and Angie are expecting in February and have two sons, Benjamin, 3, and Bryan, 2.

When you see Bill in the hallways, please take some time and welcome him to Gloria Dei.



*Bill Jesse starts his first week as Executive Director.*

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the 5:30 p.m. service is for:



**H**enry James Meyer born August 19, 2008 to Bradley and Jodi (nee Nelson) Meyer. Henry's spiritual sponsors are David and Linda Meyer.

## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in memory of: Waneta Bolyard from her loving family, David and Jackleen Dohlman.

## Wedding Coordinator Position

We are looking for two individuals to fill an opening as Wedding Coordinator. The position is part-time and depends on the number of weddings scheduled at Gloria Dei. Each wedding is assigned to a Wedding Coordinator, who must be available to be at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding. On average, a coordinator spends approximately 10 hours with a couple, over a period of months, from the first meeting to the end of the wedding.

If you would like more information or would like to apply for this position, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*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:**  
Lynn Hays

### Acolytes:

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*

Faith Rosburg

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*

Matt Tanner

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*

Harrison Kruse

### Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

### Ushers:

**Northwind**

Brett Hosch

**7:45 a.m.**

Gordon Dahlby

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

### 9 a.m. Sanctuary

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

### 9 a.m. FLC

Paul Rusch

Shirley Roberts

### 10:30 a.m.

Doug Fuller

Clayton Linquist

Ed Mautz

### Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (NIV); Luke 21:1-4 (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 the fall harvest
- For our families

## Prayers

- For the grieving family of Karen Andresen
- For Julie DenHerder's friend, Julie Reese, who has been diagnosed with leukemia
- For quick recovery from knee replacement surgery for Janet Tysee
- For Phil Linquist, who is battling cancer and other health concerns
- For the health of Marv Rohn
- For the health concerns of Shirley Nuzum
- For Melinda Hubbard's friends, Tricia and Ryan Flattery, who are having a difficult pregnancy
- For Jo Rice's son-in-law, Tom, who will be deployed
- For the mother of Lee Echtenkamp
- For John McKeighan's health

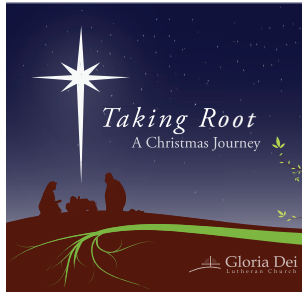
## Prayer ministry team

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.

## Christmas Program 2008

Journey with us as we hear again the words of Isaiah, Matthew and Luke through an exciting adventure.

**What should people expect?** This year's program is for the entire family. Children ages 2 years old through high school seniors will tell the Christmas story in a traditional and contemporary way. Audience members will travel from site to site where children and youth will present the story from the Bible.



The audience will start in the Family Life Center where junior and senior high youth will begin the journey, uncovering a scroll telling a prophecy about the lineage of Christ. They will learn about the passage in the Bible (Isaiah 11:1) that foretells the Savior's coming from the root of Jesse. Audience members will then move to one of three areas to hear more of the story: kindergarten through second graders will share their perspective in the sanctuary, the third through fifth graders will share in the center wing, and the preschool children will tell more of the story in the Youth Center. The audience will finish in the Family Life Center and receive a gift to help them remember the prophecy and God's greatest gift, Jesus.

**What's so different?** Aside from traveling from site to site, this year we will have all ages involved in the same Christmas program. We will have more than 150 ministry partners involved in this year's program. In addition, this year's program has been written by the ministry staff.

## Care Night Offers Holiday Help

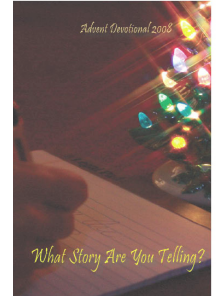
On Thursday night, Nov. 20, Gloria Dei will host an event called "Surviving the Holidays." This program is designed to help people who are grieving or going through a divorce with the difficult and challenging experience of surviving the holidays. There will be two separate tracks: one for those going through divorce and one for those who have experienced a loss. We will enjoy a nice meal together at 6 p.m. and then follow with the program. Everyone is invited, so please share this information with friends and neighbors who may benefit from it. For more information, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) or 278-5544, ext. 204.



## Advent Devotional

Available Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Information Center

Come along with us as we follow the Advent sermon theme, "Re: Christmas," throughout the week. We will explore some of God's promises about the coming Messiah. Let's spend time and rejoice together in the good news of what God has done for each of us.



## Church Decorating and Cookie Exchange

Sunday, Nov. 30 from 4:30-7 p.m.



"It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas." Join us for an evening of Christmas fun. We'll decorate the church, eat and exchange cookies. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Steve Kohtz at 278-5544, ext. 205.

## Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m.

This fun parent/child tea includes decorating, a light lunch and taking home a gingerbread house. Cost is \$35 per family. Register online or in person at the Information Center today. Space is limited! Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue at 278-544, ext. 207.



## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Cantata set-up on Dec. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Volunteers will also be needed for Cantata tear down on Dec. 21 from 7-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Terry Woolman at 270-9125.

## Concert

**Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The concert of jazz and classical Christmas music offered by Creston's Southwestern Community College is one you won't want to miss. Our own choir director, Carmen Emborski and orchestra bass player, Grey Lovelace, are members of this elite choir.

**Host Homes:** We need host homes. Host homes will provide two breakfast meals and evening snack, transportation to and from Gloria Dei and a bed for two students. For more information or to sign up to be a host home, please contact Steve Kohtz at 276-1700 ext. 205 or [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com).

## Giving Tree

Help us give to those in need

We want to give to those in need during the holiday season. Join us as we reach out by purchasing gifts to be given to families in need.

All you have to do is:

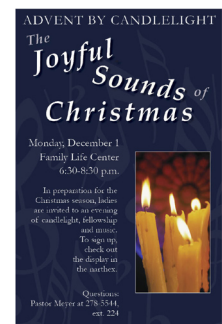
1. Please visit our giving trees, which are located in the Narthex and Gathering Place.
2. Pick a tag(s) and purchase the item(s) on the list.
3. Wrap the item(s).
4. Securely attach the tag(s) to the outside of the package(s).
5. Return item(s) to either tree on or before Sunday, Dec. 7.
6. Pray for families in need.
7. Join us Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Family Life Center to help with the pick-up and deliveries.
8. Gather your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers and adopt an entire family!

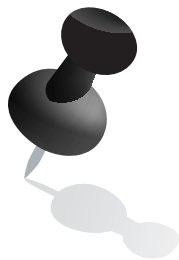
If you are interested in adopting an entire family, or have any questions concerning the mission, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Pick up a tag today!

## The Joyful Sounds of Christmas

"The Joyful Sounds of Christmas" is the theme for Advent by Candlelight, which will be held on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Ladies of the congregation are invited to host a table for this annual event. Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. As a hostess, you decorate a table in the Family Life Center, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and preparation for the Christmas season. Each hostess is asked to pay \$15 for their table to help defray expenses. Stop by the display in the narthex and sign up for your table today. Please pick up an information packet and put your money in the envelope provided. Questions may be directed to Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 or [kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com).





# Community Involvement

*Part of our vision at Gloria Dei is to be a beacon to our community; therefore we will take an active role in our community.*

## Upcoming Concert

On Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m., Drake University's four choruses will present "Wanting Memories," a concert that will explore the role music plays in creating and recalling memories. Actors, an interactive script, and music ranging from the Hallelujah Chorus to vocal jazz and folksongs will provide an experience that may rank as one of the most enjoyable and unusual concerts you've ever attended. The performance will be held in Sheslow Auditorium on the campus of Drake University. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted.

## Urbandale Food Pantry

Please remember to bring the following items to the Urbandale Food Pantry box in the narthex: 15 oz. shampoo or conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, sanitary napkins and diapers.

## National Memory Screening Day

In recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, Senior Helpers working through the Alzheimer's Foundation will provide free confidential memory screenings to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Urbandale Senior Center, 7305 Aurora Ave., Urbandale. The memory screening takes approximately 5-10 minutes and consists of questions and/or tasks to assess memory and other cognitive functioning. An appointment is not necessary. For more information, visit [www.nationalmemoryscreening.org](http://www.nationalmemoryscreening.org) or call Senior Helpers at 251-7444.

## Artwork For Sale



More than 85 people attended the art exhibit in the narthex that was held on Nov. 7.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the artwork from The Iowa Women's Correctional Facilities annual art show, please e-mail Steve Kohtz at [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com).

## Open House Today

Derek and Melissa Deer request the pleasure of your company at an open house celebration in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents, Marvin and Rhonda Deer, Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All are invited.

## Room to Rent

A 17 year-old youth from Our Savior, in Ft. Madison, is looking for a room to rent from January through February because of his plans on being a page in the Iowa legislature. He is a non-smoker, but is allergic to cats. If you are interested in helping this young man, please call Kris Ensign at 991-5392.

## Imagine: Let Your Light Shine

Gloria Dei is passionate in being courageous in outreach. A few years ago a group from Gloria Dei founded the Shining City Foundation, which has provided humanitarian aid to those less fortunate. Below is an article from one of their representatives, who has helped with the work in China:

*by Scott Raecker, Shining City Foundation Representative and Member of Gloria Dei*

Imagine you and your family live in a tent with a dirt floor. Your only heat comes from the fire in the middle of the tent. The only light you know is that of the fire, the sun, and the moon. You have never traveled farther than you can walk.

You have no money, and don't need any, because there are no stores to shop and nothing to buy. You do not have a job, because your only job is to produce everything needed to survive. Your children do not go to school because there is no school. Your health care consists of folk medicine. You eat only milk, cheese, butter, and barley. The only toys you have are the ones you have made from sticks and rocks. You have no electricity, radio, newspaper and TV.

And you have never heard of God or his Son Jesus.



*Children are proud recipients of hats from Gloria Dei.*

Compared to those around you, you consider yourself well off. You have a tent while others have no place to call home. You have a Yak that produces your

staple food. And you own a vicious dog that protects you. You are content and feel so fortunate for what you have; you offer prayers and sacrifices to multiple gods of folk religions passed on from your ancestors.

Can you imagine anyone living like this? I couldn't, until I witnessed it with my own eyes. The first time I experienced such living I prayed to God to help me act so that I never again felt the shame of doing so little to help others. God tells us in Matthew 25:40 that *whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.*

I have come to believe that it is not the humanitarian support we provide that will enhance the lives of those less fortunate; it is through humanitarian efforts that we enhance their lives as we introduce people to the concept of a Creator God, and his Son Jesus, who died for all of us, even those that may not know him yet.

Have you ever considered who introduced the concept of God and Jesus to you and/or your family—possibly last month or centuries ago? Think about what your life would be like if you did not know of God and Jesus—to know grace, hope, forgiveness, and life eternal.

Through mission work at Gloria Dei we have an opportunity to bring the Gospel to life—to introduce people to Jesus Christ for the first time, and for a lifetime.

We do this when we deliver a solar generator, light bulb, and radio to a yak herder who has never had electricity. We do this when we knit a hat that is placed on the head of child who has only known frostbite and cold.

We do this when we buy a calendar and the proceeds go to provide food supplies for orphans we will never meet.

In Matthew 5, Jesus shares with us the Beatitudes, and then He tells us: *You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Let your light shine.



*A local man is thrilled to have light.*

**For more information about The Shining City Foundation, go to [www.shiningcity.org](http://www.shiningcity.org).**

## Children's Ministry Updates

### Coins Collected

All children are asked to collect coins for a local mission. Every penny counts. The coins (and dollars) will go to Freedom For Youth Ministries in Des Moines. On Nov. 19, we will collect coins and line them up. A mile of pennies is \$847. Freedom for Youth Ministries is six miles from Gloria Dei. We need six miles of coins. That's a lot of change. Remember, every penny, nickel, dime, quarter or dollar counts. All change received will go directly to Freedom For Youth Ministries in Des Moines. Bring your coins on Wednesday, Nov. 19 and help count the miles.

### A Christmas Journey Rehearsals

Christmas Program rehearsals are Sunday, Nov. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. All kindergarten to second grade students will meet in the Sanctuary. All third and fifth graders will meet in rooms 131/133, next to the kitchen. All preschool children will meet in the Youth Center. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the Family Life Center. Each child's meal is \$2; adults are \$3.50.

### Dates To Be Remembered:

- Nov. 26:  
No Faith Alive: Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29 and 30:  
No Grace Place: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 24 and 31:  
No Faith Alive: Christmas Break
- Dec. 27 and 28:  
No Grace Place: Christmas Break

### Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 5:15 p.m.

Chicken Casserole

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

## Tiny Treasures Newest Addition: Risers



Tiny Treasures Preschool enjoyed the new risers that were purchased with consignment sale profits from their spring and fall consignment sales. They practiced with them this week and will use them for the first time when they sing at the 10:30 a.m. service this weekend. The risers will be a great addition to our ministry programs at Gloria Dei. Thanks to all who helped as sellers, workers and buyers in our consignment sales. All your contributions will be seen for years to come.



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## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Service and Mission Hours

There are lots of opportunities for service and mission hours in the next few weeks. Sign up at the youth bulletin board today.

### Eighth Grade

Please turn in your Urban Plunge registration forms. We need three parents to attend.

### Kids Against Hunger

Saturday, Nov 22. We'll depart Gloria Dei at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona. We will put together food pouches that will be sent to various areas of the world. We'll return to Gloria Dei by 12:30 p.m. Parents please sign up to help drive.

### Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Join us Sundays for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m.

#### Main Topic: "Yikes"

Nov. 16: Fear

Nov. 23: Death

Nov. 30: No Castaway

## Mission Trip

**July 11-18, 2008, Ashland, MT** If you currently are in grades 8-12, you are invited to the mission trip. A \$75 deposit is due at this time. There are still spots available, contact Tim if you are interested.

## Youth Gathering

**Nov. 28-30:** Youth attending the Gathering should meet at the church on Friday, at 4 p.m.; will return to the church by noon on Sunday.

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38

### Wednesday: The Point

Join us from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for a multi-sensory active learning time. Each evening will consist of praise worship, large group Bible study, and small group discussion.

**Main Topic:** "Breaking Down Stereotypes and Prejudices in the Light of God's Love."

## 30 Hour Famine Planning Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 7:30-8:15 p.m. in rooms 131-133**

All interested teens ages 12 years old and up are encouraged to attend this very important planning meeting. The famine date is April 17-18, 2009. If you have any questions, e-mail Kim Phillips at [tnk4jc1@msn.com](mailto:tnk4jc1@msn.com).

## Christmas Program Grades 6-12

**Rehearsal: Sunday, Nov. 16 and 23 from 12-1 p.m.**

**Set Construction: Sunday, Nov. 16 and 23 from 12-3 p.m.**

We are in need of chicken wire, masking tape, newspapers (lots of it), wrapping paper tubes, paper towel tubes, large (appliance-size) cardboard boxes and large paper leaf bags (unfilled). These items will be used to construct one of our sets for the Christmas program. Please collect and drop off any of the above items to the Youth Center on or before Nov. 16.

# Week of Nov. 15-22, 2008

## Saturday, November 15

- 8:00 a.m. Lead Now Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Holiday Card Make and Take
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, November 16

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Flu Shots
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Wedding Anniversary Celebration
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, November 17

- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance Two

## Tuesday, November 18

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Focus Group

## Wednesday, November 19

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M's Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Communication Focus Group
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, November 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 11:30 a.m. M.A.N.E. Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Lunch Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

## Friday, November 21

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	157	104
7:45 a.m.	152	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	379	
9 a.m. (FLC)	93	37
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	327	
	<b>1108</b>	<b>141</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	20,303
YTD Offering	489,652
YTD Budget	637,583

## Week of Nov. 22-28, 2008

### Saturday, November 22

9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger  
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

### Sunday, November 23

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. Castaway  
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place  
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up  
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place  
 10:50 a.m. Castaway  
 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal  
 1:00 p.m. Christmas Program Set Building  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, November 24

9:00 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Meeting  
 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction  
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet  
 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball  
 6:30 p.m. Womens Connections  
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance Two

### Tuesday, November 25

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands  
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice  
 4:30 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice  
 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service  
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball  
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

### Wednesday, November 26

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study

### Thursday, November 27

#### Thanksgiving

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service  
 Church Offices Closed

### Friday, November 28

4:00 p.m. Youth Depart to District Gathering  
 Church Offices Closed

### Saturday, November 29

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wed. 6 p.m.
Preschool	9	23	22	33
Elementary	18	57	43	121
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>154</b>
Junior High		31	7	88
Senior High		13		36
<b>Total Youth</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>124</b>

# 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 southeast 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 thru grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 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**

**Junior High: Castaway:** 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 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.

## **Adults**

There are lots of community groups forming for the fall. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



## **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.

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## **Weekly Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

## **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