

WEEKLY WORD

November 8 and 9, 2008

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

An Evening of Reaching Out

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care

Recently, the fifth grade Faith Alive students sponsored an effort to feed the homeless by asking the congregation to make sack lunches for the shelters and camps where homeless people live.

For some time God has been tugging at my heart to do more for the homeless in our community. I felt a need to know them, to know where they live and to learn more about the world in which they struggle to survive. Coincidentally, DeAnn McCue asked me if I would be willing to help take the lunches to the homeless camps. Eagerly I agreed and marked the date on my calendar.

The plan was for us to gather in prayer and bless the lunches before we delivered them. It was exciting to see all the lunches come in. Family after family brought in their brown bags decorated by the kids with crosses and Bible verses. Then we all gathered around the lunches and DeAnn led us in a prayer. After sorting out who was going where, we loaded up and headed out. My group was going downtown to deliver the lunches to the make-shift homes or camps south of the downtown area.



The evening began in prayer.

It was fascinating to ride along with Joe Stevens (an advocate for the homeless) and his family and hear about the work they were doing. He pointed out different places where people live and described where we would be going. The levee, a big area, was our first destination. We found three people living in tarps, tents and trash near a bridge. Joe called out to the people we spotted around the fire. "Hello. It's Joe! We brought you lunches for tomorrow!" Slowly the people responded. Although, we needed to be cautious not to scare the people, they were very welcoming. I went over and stood by their fire and handed them the lunches. Through our conversation we heard of their plans to travel south for the winter and how they knew where they could find medical help. The challenge for them was getting up the nerve to go out in public and seek help. (Continued on page 4)

Message Series:

Being Rich in a Poor Economy

Nov. 8 and 9: Deceitfulness of Riches
Nov. 15 and 16: Rich Givers
Nov. 22 and 23: Celebration Sunday

what's
NEW!
this week!

Discovery 201

Sunday, Nov. 9
from 3-7 p.m.

Interested in making Gloria Dei your home church? Please join us for an interactive experience for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and dinner are provided.

Holiday Opportunities

We have lots of great events planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In fact, we are excited to offer more than 20 opportunities in November and December that will highlight our Savior and proclaim the Good News of the birth of Jesus. Obtain your copy at the Information Center today.



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Strategic Plan Updates

The Facilities Focus Group met last Thursday to review the suggestions and input from the four town hall meetings where more than 200 people attended.

The Communication Focus Group met last Wednesday to discuss the next communication phase of the Strategic Plan.

The Finance Focus Group will meet next Wednesday to further discuss financial options.

The Ministry Focus Group met last Thursday evening to further prioritize the initiatives from the Ministry Destination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Karen Kennedy at karen@gloriadeionline.com or fill out a postcard located at one of the four communication stations throughout the building.

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.



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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 9 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Ryland Raymond McMaster born July 13, 2008 to Erik and Brandi McMaster. Ryland's spiritual sponsors are Jason and Dana Hoffman, and Robert and Kristan Baker.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 9 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Alena Kay Wedemeyer born Sept. 25, 2008 to Ryan and Jennifer (nee Owen) Wedemeyer. Alena's spiritual sponsors are Julie Owen and Jenni and Josh Wiig.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:



The 10th wedding anniversary of John and Sara Judson Brown.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

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 Linqvist

Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings:

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV); Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For the fall harvest
- For our families

Prayers

- For the health concerns of Karen Andresen
- For the grieving family of John Jennerjohn, Shirley Kramer's brother-in-law
- For quick recovery from knee replacement surgery for Janet Tysee
- For our country
- 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 continued health of Gary Zumack
- 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 with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

An Evening of Reaching Out

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As we stood talking by the fire, I was struck by the beauty of the nearby office buildings lit brightly in the clear night. We were probably within a mile of downtown—what a stark contrast—corporate extravagance viewed from the very margin of our society. The three were very gracious and thankful for the lunches and other supplies we gave them, candles, matches, blankets—whatever we had and they needed.

That's how the evening began and that is how it continued. Joe knew where the people were and each time we drove along the levee, he would stop and call out, "It's Joe! We have lunches for you!" Sometimes they would answer. Sometimes there was no response. Some of the camps were hard to find, so we looked for a campfire or other evidence. The smell of wood smoke seemed pleasant in the night air and always led us to more friendly faces. I was always curious to see their eyes. I wanted to learn about these people. As I looked into the eyes of a twenty-something girl, I saw a young, playful person just like many other girls her age. She and her friend were excitedly talking about moving into an abandoned boxcar. I wondered what had led her to live like this.

After a night of calling out in the dark, I came away thinking several things: First, I wanted to find others like them—to reach them all. Secondly, although we could get philosophical and speculate why they were homeless and maybe justify why we are not going to help, the bottom line is this: They are still homeless, they are still hungry, they are still cold at night, they are still lonely and they are still hurting.

I believe God had a purpose for sending me out that night to deliver lunches. It was to connect with the soul of the homeless and to see in them the opportunity to serve Jesus.



Many individuals helped organize the sack lunches.

LeadNow Simulcast

The Youth Ministry is hosting LeadNow, an event for 20- to 30-year-olds on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Registration Information: Registration can be completed on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. Registration is \$40. If you have any questions, contact Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Flu Shots

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.

Care Night Offers Holiday Help

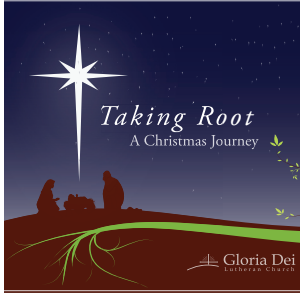
On Thursday night, Nov. 20, Gloria Dei will host an event called "Surviving the Holidays." This program is designed to help people who are grieving or going through a divorce with the difficult and challenging experience of surviving the holidays. There will be two separate tracks: one for those going 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 or 276-1700 ext. 204.



Christmas Program 2008: Taking Root

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.



Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 and 5 p.m. 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 about the Savior coming from the root of Jesse. Audience members will then move to one of three areas to hear more of the story: kindergarten to second graders will share their perspective in the sanctuary, the third to 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.



The children are preparing for this year's Christmas program.

LWML Circles

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4725 71st St., Urbandale, 278-8495.

Miriam Circle

Please note location change: Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Dr., West Des Moines, 225-8820.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Walter, 13583 Village Court, Clive, 226-9555.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive, 225-6111.

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.



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.

Adoption Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 9 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Jordan Creek Church, 475 68th Street, West Des Moines

If you are considering adopting or becoming a foster parent, please come and enjoy special music, prayer and reflection, and hear from knowledgeable guest speakers as well as local organization/agency representatives. If you have any questions, contact Carla Tripp at Carla@aboutachild.org.

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.

Artwork For Sale

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.

Holiday Cards

The holiday card make-and-take session on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon will meet in rooms 131/133. Free-will offering will be collected to cover the cost of supplies. Each make-and-take will feature two cards. Get a jump on your holiday cards. Please RSVP by Nov. 10 to DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Swap your Scraps! If you're a scrapbooker, you have supplies that you don't use. Here's your chance to clean out your papers, stickers, embellishments and other items. On Friday, Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., you are invited to bring any of your extra supplies in and trade with others. Any supplies left at the end of the day, will be donated to charity.

Scrapbook Fellowship Day: Join us for all or part of the day for the swap, to get organized, work on pages or Christmas cards! We meet Friday, Nov. 14 in rooms 131-133 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. For more information or to drop off donated supplies early, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700 or leave clearly marked supplies in the kitchen anytime before Nov. 14.

Invitation

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.

Come for the Fellowship

Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 5:15 p.m.

Walking Chili

Thursday, Nov. 13 at 5:30-6 p.m.

Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup

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

Can Heaven Wait?

Gloria Dei is passionate of 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 Dan Timmons, Shining City Foundation Representative and Member of Gloria Dei

Have you ever found yourself in a crowd and heard someone yell out your name? If so, how did you respond? Did you turn to see who it was that wanted your attention or did you ignore the voice and go on with your life?

I hope you hear God's voice calling your name right now and I hope you turn to see what he wants. In Matthew 28, Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations." Those words are not difficult to understand. God wants all of us to be saved and he instructs us to go.

Late last spring, I was on my way to church and as I drove I was thinking about mission work and why it often seemed like something very important, but was



Local Children take cover from the rain.

rarely a priority in most people's lives. Pastor's sermon that morning nearly blew me away as he talked about our responsibility to lead people to the Shepherd. (I encourage you to go online and read his sermon from June 8, 2008.)

I really struggle to understand why we are so complacent when it comes to sharing the Gospel. Although heaven might be able to wait a while, how do we know how long is safe for our friends and neighbors that don't know Jesus as their Savior? The Bible reminds us several times that we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's coming. Matthew 24:36 tells us that not even the angels know. Why then are we so willing to wait to share the Good News with those that don't have salvation?

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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, in partnership with The Shining City Foundation, has been working to bring Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime in China. We have partnered on our first church and are ready to do another. Most likely this will happen in 2009 or 2010.

The earthquakes this past May were devastating to thousands and thousands of Chinese, but have opened many doors that will allow us to reach into their lives and spread the Gospel. We soon will begin to learn more details of these opportunities as our American contacts have just recently returned to China. We anticipate that many schools and churches will need to be rebuilt as well as orphanages and medical clinics. These are powerful ways to share God's love for his children.



A village boy takes time to wave.

Each time a child is baptized at Gloria Dei, we hear from the Gospel of Mark about Jesus' love for his children. As I mentioned earlier, God wants all of us to be saved. Matthew 28 is quite clear on that. The Psalms remind us that we are "precious in his sight" and tell us that he took the time to "knit us together in our mother's womb." How much more do we need to know to realize that we are special to God. Not just some of us, but all of us.

I hope that you have heard God calling you as you have read this and I hope that you have turned your ear to listen closer to God and the desire for his people to know him. I pray that you will be moved to reach out to someone and bring them to the Shepherd.

For more information about The Shining City Foundation, go to 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.

Taking Root: A Christmas Journey Rehearsals

Christmas Program rehearsals begin Sunday, Nov. 9 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. The next rehearsal will be Nov. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in the same locations.



Gingerbread Tea

Make plans to attend the Gingerbread Tea on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center. 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.

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

Family Night Fun



Family pumpkin carving on Wednesday, Oct. 29 was fabulously slimy and fun. With more than 170 people attending, the Family Life Center was filled with creative carving. They shared a devotion and carved. Then each pumpkin was lit as a reminder to let the light of Jesus shine.

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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.

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.

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

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

Main Topic: "Say What?"
Nov. 9: "Vine and Branches"

Mission Trip

Informational Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 9 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center

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. This meeting is for anyone who has signed up for the mission trip to Ashland, Mt. or for anyone who is undecided and would like more information. Contact Tim if you are interested.

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.

Christmas Program Grades 6-12

Rehearsal: Sunday, Nov. 9, 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. 8-14, 2008

Saturday, November 8

- 8:00 a.m. Fall Clean-up
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 9

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 10

- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
- 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 11

- 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. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

- 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. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Finance Focus Group

Thursday, November 13

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 7:00 p.m. Ministry Focus Group

Friday, November 14

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	166	
7:45 a.m.	191	167
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	406	301
9 a.m. (FLC)	108	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	292	180
	1163	648

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	25,536
YTD Offering	465,094
YTD Budget	604,026

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
 3:30 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 Kendall'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. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
 6:15 p.m. Communication Focus Group
 6:20 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 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
 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Lunch Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
 5:30 p.m. Surviving the Holidays Care Night
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, November 21

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

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	11	30	22	28
Elementary	18	84	36	115
Total Children	29	114	58	143
Junior High				77
Senior High				30
Total Youth				107

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.

Weekly Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

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