

WEEKLY WORD



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God's Challenge

by Rev. Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

As I was sitting in my family room, intently working on an old laptop computer, Michelle, my wife, said, "This has become a mission for you, hasn't it?"

In our family those words are code for: "Ron is not going to give up until he meets the challenge, or completes the task." She was right of course, it had become my personal "mission."

I had spent several hours pondering how to fix the laptop; I had long passed the point of no return, which meant all my energies were now focused on this worthy challenge.

In rising to the level of being an effective steward, we also face several challenges. In our personal budgets, we need to constantly evaluate how we should spend our money. To take it a step further, we need to wisely manage the resources God has given to us and make sound financial decisions. If we meet that challenge, our spending or saving solutions will help us to more fully enjoy God's provisions in our lives.

In like manner, God not only wants us to be good managers in our personal budget, but also wants us to be good stewards towards him. In other words, he wants us to be good stewards of what he has given to us; therefore, he chal-

lenges us to put our trust in him and give a portion back to him.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not

have room enough for it."
Malachi 3:10

God's promise issues a real challenge by asking us to give back to him. Now I don't know about you, but it seems that subtraction has entered into this Malachi equation. God has blessed us and then wants us to demonstrate our trust by giving a portion back to him. He then clearly promises to pour out more blessings upon our lives. From experience, I know those blessings cannot always be measured in the

physical realm, but they will always reflect God's providential care upon our lives. We will recognize God as the owner of all that we have and will be able to more freely enjoy what he has given to us.

Speaking about God's provisions, even in the midst of my computer mission, my family allowed me to eat dinner with them—that is—if I left my laptop in the family room.

November Dates

Sunday, Nov. 18
Commitment Sunday

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Thanksgiving
Worship Service
at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 22
Thanksgiving
Worship Service
at 9:30 a.m.

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African Children's Choir

Invite your friends and family to tonight's offering from the African Children's Choir from 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Stewardship

One of the great blessings Gloria Dei has experienced is the generous giving of our members towards the growth of God's kingdom. Since 2000, our total congregational giving has gone from a little less than \$900,000 annually to almost \$1,500,000 during the last fiscal year. That is an increase of over 60 percent! God has truly blessed us.

While the increase in giving is important, it is more important what is accomplished with those resources. Consider the exciting things that have happened over that time period:

- We have opened a thriving Christian preschool which serves almost 100 children weekly.
- We have added the Northwind worship service on Saturday evenings, which 150-200 people weekly attend - allowing us to reach people in unique and exciting ways.
- We have supported missions worldwide. In the last year, a group from Gloria Dei made their third trip to Honduras on a medical mission trip that also brought Christ to the poor and needy in that country. We supported the building of a Christian church in China where none had existed. We made a second trip to Uganda to train and support the growth of the church there and funded a trip for two members of that church to the United States for additional training and support. None of these missions was active just five years ago.
- We have added support groups and care ministries where few existed before to serve the needs of our members and members of the community.
- We have grown our audio/visual capabilities to the point where we are now hosting concerts and other events in our facility and in the community as another way to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

While the congregation and community have been blessed, so have those contributing to these exciting activities. Each person that has financially supported our ministry is blessed with the knowledge of what has been accomplished.

Consider the opportunities ahead and the blessings we could enjoy if we challenged ourselves, even in small ways, to further supporting the ministry. What if we could increase the current average family giving from 2.7 percent of income to even 3 percent? Consider the blessings if the fifty percent of our membership that currently gives less than \$5 per week to the ministry committed to giving 1 percent of their income. The opportunities for us to reach people are endless.

God has truly blessed Gloria Dei and we continue to look for new and innovative ways to continue bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime.



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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday Nov. 11 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Hayden John Brown born July 25, 2007 to John and Sara (nee Judson) Brown. Hayden's spiritual sponsors are Randy and Tammi Dickey.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of Jim and Barbara Miles.

Dinner Theatre Tickets

Ticket are now on sale now through Nov. 25 at the ticket table or at the church office for the youth's performance of "Ugly Duckling." The cost per person is \$10; reserve seating only. Free childcare is provided.



"Ugly Duckling"

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-8 at 6:30 p.m.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC)

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9 and 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

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Scripture Reading:

Malachi 3:6-13

Luke 6:37-38

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind

Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

Andy Varley

9 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

Ken Wenndt

10:30 a.m.

Dale Cochran

Ed Mautz

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 children and youth

Prayers

- For the help of those in California who are affected by the fires
- For the health of Janet Tysse's mother, Joyce Scarr
- For the grieving family of Chad Cronk, whose stepfather has passed away
- For the healing of Dean Kleckner, as he recovers from knee surgeries
- For the extended stay in the Philippines for Daffodil Miller and family
- For the strength and guidance of the Setsodi family
- For Isabella Ksiazak's healing
- For Will Dowling's health concerns
- For the healing of Barb Koeppe
- For Karen Collins' sister, Kathy Meisgeier, who is recovering from surgery
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- 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.

Clothing Needed

A small group from Gloria Dei is in need of several clothing items to continue outreach to the residents of the New Directions Shelter, a local shelter for homeless women and children. The small group had a pizza party with the families last week and passed along several necessities, but there are many items still needed:

- Girl's sweaters and pants (sizes from 6-12 months and 12-18 months)
- Women's snow boots (size 10 or 10 1/2)
- Men's shirts for teenage boys (sizes 2X and 3X)
- Men's jeans (sizes 34x36 and 42x32)
- Boy's shirts and pants (sizes 5-6, 3T)

Please contact Penny Schramm with questions at 986-5806. All donations can be dropped off by Nov. 20 in a box labeled "Shelter" located in the narthex.

Art Show at Gloria Dei

Please take time to view the artwork located in the narthex and in the central hallways from students of Mary Muller's art class at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the artwork, please contact Mary Muller at 278-2083 or at marymuller@mchsi.com.

Complimentary Photos

If you have not picked up your complimentary photo from your photo directory appointment, please do so today in the narthex.

Medicare Part D Check Up

The Urbandale Senior Center, 7305 Aurora Ave., is hosting a Medicare Prescription Drug presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. This presentation is open to the public and will explain the new fall's medicare prescription drug plan (Part D).

On Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers will be available to help with individual questions. If you would like an appointment, contact 281-5189.

Breast Cancer Support Group

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m in room 112

Breast Cancer Support group, a 9-week small group session, is offered to encourage survivors of breast cancer. Each session will include three components: an in-depth study of God's Word and questions relating to the illness, a sharing time and a prayer time. For more information, contact Sheila Oolman at 515-986-3158 or smtoolman@hotmail.com. They also have a Web page at: <http://groups.google.com/group/gloria-dei-breast-cancer-support>.

Special Rate

LCEF's special 6 percent investment offer expires Nov. 30, 2007. This introductory special to the two-year fixed rate term note is made to help cover the amazingly increased loan demand in our District and Synod. Churches and schools continue to need the partnership to fund expansion, renovations, and new mission starts. If you are interested in this or any other LCEF investment opportunity, please call 1-800-843-5233 or go to www.LCEF.org. For a personal visit or more information on LCEF loans and services, contact Carole White at 877-439-5233.

Offering Envelope

If you have the offering envelope number 793, please call Steve Kammeyer at 278-5544, ext. 202.

Influenza Vaccination Today

A health professional will be in rooms 130-32 from 8:30-noon to give influenza vaccinations to people 9 years and older. Vaccinations will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Supplies are limited, so come early. The cost of the vaccine is \$25; all profits will go toward the Honduras mission trip in June.

Holiday Concert in November

Southwestern Community College Concert Choir will be sharing "Holiday Carols in Concert" at Gloria Dei Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m.. The choir will be performing music by F.M. Christiansen, Maddux, Schreck, Mattson, Jennings and Burt. All are welcome and a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the choir.

We need 16 host homes for the evening of Nov. 28. If you are able to host two or more students, please e-mail Steve Kohtz at steve@gloriadeionline.com.

Movie Alert

It is not normally our policy to warn people of movies; however, since we have had so many e-mails about this movie, we thought we should forward this information to our parents.

A new children's movie, "The Golden Compass" previews in Des Moines' theaters on December 7. Although this movie has the feel of "The Narnia Chronicles," it has questionable moral undertones. The movie, based on Phillip Pullman's trilogy, "His Dark Materials," follows the adventures of a streetwise girl who travels through multiple worlds populated by witches, armor-plated bears, and sinister ecclesiastical assassins to defeat the oppressive forces of a senile God. When asked about the book in a 2003 interview, Mr. Pullman said "his books are about killing God."

Last Week for Food Drive

This is the last week for the food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. If you are interested in giving a cash donation, please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line. Please make sure that your offering envelope number is written on your check. The checks can be placed in the mail, or in the offering plate today. If you have any questions, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

Circle Meetings

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Maasen, 5447 NW 72nd Place, Johnston.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kara Cobb, 3401 Patricia Drive, Urbandale.

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:45 p.m. at the church in room 139.

Important Dates

November Dates

Wednesday, Nov. 21

No children or youth activities.

Weekend of Nov. 24-25

No children or youth programs.

December Dates

Faith Alive will dismiss at 6:55 p.m. on Dec. 5, 12 and 19 for Advent services at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

No children or youth activities.

Weekend of Dec. 22-23 & 29-30

No children or youth activities.

Advent by Candlelight

Plans are underway for Advent by Candlelight, which will be held Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m in the Family Life Center.

Ladies are invited to host a table for this annual event. Each hostess will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join them for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and preparation for the Christmas season. Each hostess is asked to pay \$20 for their table to help defray expenses. A musical program will be offered with songs and scripture that reflect the Advent season. Stop by the display in the narthex to reserve a table for this event.

In addition, if you are interested in attending and do not have a reserved seat, please reserve your seat today at the display in the narthex. Questions may be directed to Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Welcome new members



Mark and Cindy Anderson



Nancy and Ken Anderson
(Troy, Ian and Emma)



Lori and Danny Beeler
(Marissa, Micah)



Tamie Christean and James
Pfaff



Theresa Erpelding (John)



Brad and Alissa Fredericks
(Lily and Aidan)



Daniel and Sarah Glann
(Kathryn, Samantha, Danielle)



Robert and Charleen
Hilterbrand



Carrie Jackson (Sarah and
Ryan)



Rachelle Johnson

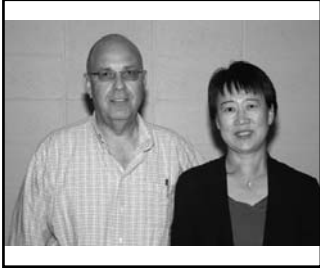


Robyn, Derrick, Raigen and
Rylee Johnson



Gloria and Jackie Julius

New Members



Joe and Lim Kaiser



Frank and Marianne Ksiatak
(Ian, Emma and Isabella)



Koen Luinstra and Laura
Haukom



Howard, Cheri & Bethany
McDaniel (Gregory)



Kim Mueggenberg



Ercole Murano



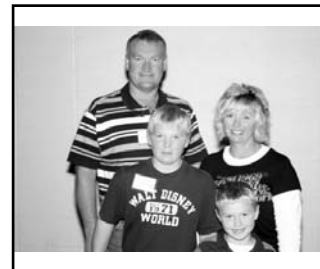
Kelly and Jason Nesheim
(Claire, Regan and Cael)



Jerry Steinmetz



Paula and David Swift
(Bailey, Peyton and Sam)



Neil, Lisa, Christopher and
Brandon Timmerman



Jen and Joe Woodley



Lynn and Rob Woollums
(Carter and Addison)



Tyler Wright and Jenalee
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Please welcome the newest members to our church family. We are thankful for each of their lives. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationship with Christ.



Saturday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center

All children and families are invited.

The gingerbread tea is a special celebration for families with children to decorate a gingerbread house to take home and have tea together. The cost is \$30 per family to attend, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate and take home. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each, a gingerbread tree can be purchased for \$8. A light lunch will be served with the tea.

A registration form can be picked up in the Information Center or by contacting DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Midweek Meal

Menu:

Nov. 14 - Sloppy Joes

Nov. 21 - No Faith Alive

Nov. 28 - Macaroni and cheese and hot dogs

Cost: \$2.50 per person
Children under 3 eat free

Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Children's Christmas Programs

It's not too late for your child to join us for rehearsals! A folder with a CD and schedule can be picked up at the Information Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5: "The Big, Big Story"

Rehearsal: Saturday, Nov. 17 from 8-9 a.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8-9 a.m.

Music Alive (3-5) Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

Rehearsals: Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9-9:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Grades K-2: "Hold On To Your Hat"

Rehearsal: Saturday, Nov. 17
and Dec. 1 from 9-10 a.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9-10 a.m.

Preschool: Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Preschool: "The Best Gift"

Rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15 from 10-11 a.m.

Reminder: All rehearsals are one hour and are in the Family Life Center; we will not rehearse Thanksgiving weekend.

Preschool Christmas Program

Calling all parents of children ages 2 years old to prekindergarten.

If you have a preschooler, check out the bulletin board today for information and registration for this year's Christmas program, "The Best Gift of All" on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m. Fill out the yellow form and place it in the gift box. Then take a CD of songs (one per family) for your child to listen to and practice. Inside each CD package contains a script for you to practice with your child. Since most of the learning can occur at home, we will hold only two rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 from 10-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Children's Library

The following early reader books are missing: "Our School Workers," by Amy and Richard Hutchings; "Young Jackie Robinson - Baseball Hero," by Edward Farrell; "Winter on the Farm," by Laura Ingalls Wilder; "Clubhouse Surprises," by Mona Gansberg Hodgson; and "Thanksgiving, Friendship's First Thanksgiving." If you have any of these books, please return them this week.

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Junior & Senior High

Dinner Theatre

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 and 8

Please join us as we rehearse for our dinner theatre on Sundays from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

The play, "Ugly Duckling," is a medieval play about a king and queen trying to marry off their daughter.

We need you! Please let us know if you would like to help with designing the set.

Tickets can be purchased between or after worship services or at the church office Monday - Friday from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Holiday
No Confirmation or The Point

Sunday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Holiday
No Castaway or senior high Bible Study.

Junior High - Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

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

Wednesday: Confirmation

Join us for Confirmation on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

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

Team Building

Sunday, Nov. 11- Meet us at church at 2:30 p.m. We will head over to Team Fitness where we will participate in lots of fun activities. Afterwards, we will go out to dinner. If you are interested, please contact Tim.

Wednesday: The Point

New! Check us out on our website to view our video-taped Bible studies. Go to the youth page and click on the "New Online Bible studies" link.

Join us this Wednesday as we hang out starting at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center; The evening activities consist of praise, teaching and activities.

Nov. 14: Topic: Talking to those who are unsure

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving (No Point)

Nov. 28 Topic: Responding to objections

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip teenagers to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. This training weekend will use 2 Peter 3:9-14 as a survival guide to provide teens the hope and victory that comes only through Jesus Christ. Cost is \$25, which includes transportation, food and housing. If you are interested or want to register, contact Tim today.

Mission Trip Planning Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 18 from 7-9 p.m. in the Youth Center

If you are interested in searching for a significant mission trip opportunities for the upcoming summer and following years, join Tim for a planning and brainstorming meeting Sunday, Nov. 18 from 7-9 p.m.

Week of Nov. 11-17

Sunday, November 11

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Flu Shots
- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsals
- 2:30 p.m. Senior High Team Building
- 7:00 p.m. African Children's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 12

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Project

Tuesday, November 13

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Mtg.

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$42,897
YTD Offering	\$492,092
YTD Budget	\$573,268

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

Wednesday, November 14

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Our Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. PhotoShop Elements
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Foreign Mission MAT

Thursday, November 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Strategic Preview Presentation
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, November 16

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Oil Painting Class
- 7:00 p.m. Worship MAT

Saturday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (3-5)
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (K-2)
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Music Alive Rehearsal (3-5)
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Attendance

Northwind	156	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	221	7:45 a.m.	176
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	423	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	312
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	149	10:30 a.m.	163
10:30 a.m.	276		
Total	1225	Total	651

Week of November 18-24

Sunday, November 18

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- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsals
- 5:30 p.m. Community Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Beta Cottage Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Opportunities Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 19

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Life Bible Study

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- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

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- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Our Time
- 5:00 p.m. No Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. No Music Alive
- 5:30 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. Strategic Planning Committee

Thursday, November 22

- Offices Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service

Friday, November 23

- Offices Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Gathering

Saturday, November 24

- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	9	54	20	34	Music Alive
Elementary	15	94	31	107	70
Total	24	148	51	141	Wed. Meal
Junior High		40	6	82	159
High School		10		30	

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.



Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 twenty 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, or a study that parallels the new sermon series from 10:20-11:20 a.m. in rooms 135-37.

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.