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# WEEKLY WORD



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## A Time to Remember

*by Karen Kennedy, staff*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4*

Even though Thanksgiving was first celebrated in 1621, it was nationally recognized by President Washington in 1789 when he issued a Proclamation for citizens to “unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks.” In 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving as a Federal holiday and invited all the citizens of the United States to “set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

For those history buffs, the context of President Lincoln’s proclamation was in the midst of the Civil War. More specifically, it was after the battle of Gettysburg and Vicksburg where at least 8,000 soldiers had lost their lives. Times were uncertain as the nation battled against each other. And yet, in the midst of the turmoil, President Lincoln decreed to set aside a day for the entire nation to give God praise and honor.

President Lincoln further stated that the nation needed to rely on God’s power to help those who had been hurt by the Civil War. He closed with a plea for the Almighty “to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.”

And now 144 years later, we still have the privilege of setting aside time as a nation to thank God for

his abundance, to ask for his help and to praise our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Psalms 105:1-3*

There are other great examples of men and women throughout the centuries who despite the times, the poverty, the abundance, the health or sickness, set aside time to thank God. Take for example the Lutheran Pastor Martin Rinkart, who grew up as the son of a poor coppersmith in the small town in Germany around the 17th century. As he began his pastoral ministry, the Thirty Years’ War raged in Germany. He found himself in a country where plague, death, famine and fear were everyday occurrences. Yet despite the desperate situation, Rinkart believed in the importance of thanking God as evidenced in the hymn he wrote, “Now Thank We All Our God, which we now sing.

*Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom his world rejoices.*

As we approach the holiday season, let’s learn from past leaders who understood that thanks and praise belong to our God.

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### Holiday Opportunities



Pick up a Holiday Opportunities brochure today at the Information Center. The brochure contains information about all the upcoming holiday activities and events.

### Kind Reminders

- **Thanksgiving Service**  
Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
No Faith Alive and Confirmation
- **Thanksgiving Day Service**  
Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25**  
No Grace Place or Castaway

## 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 Thursday, Nov. 22 at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:



**M**eryl Kathryn Casady born September 21, 2007 to Douglas and Bethany (nee Ellenberger) Casady.

## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar for Nov. 18 are in celebration of the 37th wedding anniversary of Jim and Janet Tysse.



The flowers on the altar for Nov. 25 are in celebration of the anniversary of David and Jackie Dohlman.

## Breast Cancer Support Group

Breast Cancer Support group, a 9-week small group session, is offered to encourage survivors of breast cancer on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m in room 112. For more information, contact Sheila Oolman at 515-986-3158 or smtoolman@hotmail.com.

## Servers

**Nov. 18**

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 and 10:30 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Preacher:**

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Scripture Reading:**

II Corinthians 9:6-8

Matthew 6:19-24

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Brian Gilg

Maddie McLaughlin

Eric Cushing

**Elders:**

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

**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

**Nov. 25**

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Preacher:**

Rev. Kendall Meyer

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalms 34:1-7

Romans 15:5-13

Matthew 15:21-28

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Brian Gilg

Maddie McLaughlin

Eric Cushing

**Elders:**

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

## 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 Kevin and Cindy Freese's new addition, Anna Elise, who was born Nov. 8

For Dan and Tina Morton's new addition, Micah

## Prayers

- For the good friend of Lee and Katie Echtenkamp, Joe Muhlenbruck, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Janet Tysse's mother, Joyce Scarr
- For the grieving family of Chad Cronk
- For the healing of Dean Kleckner
- For the strength and guidance of the Setsodi family
- For the healing of Barb Koepp
- For Monica Pingel's sister, Patty, who is ill
- For Walker Duncalf, who is recovering from surgery
- For Larry Shafer, who is battling cancer
- For Lawrence Meseck
- For Marilyn Gerstenkorn
- For Gary Klocke
- 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.

## Bake Sale

Naomi Circle will be hosting a bake sale Sunday, Dec. 2 in the narthex after worship services. Proceeds will go toward one of their ministry projects.

## Honduras Updates

The Honduras team will meet Sunday, Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Also, the team is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, children's and adult vitamins and tylenol in a trunk in the narthex.

# Holiday Planning

Please remember to invite your friends and family to all the holiday activities at Gloria Dei.

- **Tuesday before Thanksgiving (Sanctuary)**  
Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Day (Sanctuary)**  
Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Advent Worship (Sanctuary)**  
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at 7:15 p.m.
- **Advent Worship with Children's Programs (FLC)**  
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at 7:15 p.m.
- **Gingerbread Tea**  
Saturday, Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.
- **Church Decorating Time**  
Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon
- **Advent By Candlelight (FLC)**  
Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)**  
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 and 7 p.m.
- **Family-Focused Christmas Eve (FLC)**  
Monday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.
- **Christmas Candlelight Eve Services (Sanctuary)**  
Monday, Dec. 24 at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve Contemporary Service (FLC)**  
Monday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.
- **Christmas Day (Sanctuary)**  
Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 29 (FLC)**  
Northwind Service at 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 30 (Sanctuary)**  
Worship Services at 7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
(Please note: the 9 a.m. Family-focused service will not be held)

*Essence of the Heart*

Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.



## *Advent by Candlelight: Essence of the Heart*

**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 of Christmas melodies and Advent readings will be offered. Stop by the display in the narthex to reserve a table for this event.

**Register today!**

If you are interested in attending and do not have a reserved seat, please give your name and contact information at the display table in the narthex. We will try to match you with a hostess that has extra seating. Please remember: Seating is limited, so sign up today!

Questions may be directed to Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## Cantata

Mark your calendar for this year's Cantata, "Dwell," on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The orchestra, choir, bells, dancers and readers will express the truth of how Jesus became flesh and dwelt among mankind.

## 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](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com).

## The Sounds of Christmas

Come sing with us! The Gloria Dei Chorale, our 40-50 voice adult choir, invites you to join our ministry as we head into the Christmas season. We sing a mix of traditional/traditional blend music and are currently preparing for our Christmas Cantata. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, from 6-6:45 p.m. in rooms 134-38. No previous experience needed; new voices are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Elyse Brimeyer at 664-0283 or [elyseflagg@gmail.com](mailto:elyseflagg@gmail.com).

## Deck the Halls

**Saturday, Dec. 1,  
8 a.m. to noon.**

**Hands and hearts needed!**

Grab your spouse, children, friends and neighbors to help us decorate the church for the Christmas season. Daycare is provided for children under 3.

If you are able to help, please e-mail Steve Kohtz at [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com).

## Advent Devotional



Pick up the Advent Devotional at the Information Center starting Nov. 25. The devotional goes off the beaten path to study promises found in the not-so-studied passages of the Old Testament.

## Check Out the Bookstore

Check out the Tool Shoppe for your one-stop holiday shopping. We have many household items that will add Christmas cheer to your house during the holiday season. Thank you and see you soon!

## No Room at the Inn

Valley United Methodist Church, 4201 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines will sponsor a festival of the nativity, on Friday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; free-will donation will be collected for Habitat for Humanity.

## Help Needed

We need teen servers and adult kitchen help at the dinner theatre Nov. 30- Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-8. We also need bakers who will bring in desserts for the dessert auction. Please sign up today at the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Register today!



## GINGERBREAD TEA

CHILDREN AND THEIR FAVORITE ADULT(S) ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A GINGERBREAD TEA AT GLORIA DEI SATURDAY, DEC. 1 AT 11 A.M.

Each family will decorate a gingerbread house and eat a light lunch. The cost is \$30 per family to attend, which includes one gingerbread house. A registration form can be picked up in the Information Center or by contacting DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

youth presents:  
**dinner theatre**  
*Ugly Duckling*  
Buy your tickets today!

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
**Friday, Dec. 7**  
**Saturday, Dec. 8**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**  
**(Doors open at 6 p.m.)**

Tickets are now on sale through Nov. 25 at the ticket table or at the church office during the week.

**Reserved Seating Only:**  
**\$10 per person**

**Free childcare is provided.**  
**Proceeds go toward the youth ministry**



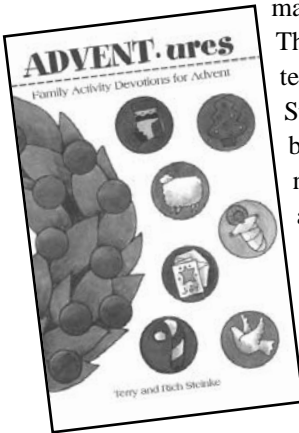
## Kindermusik Brochures

Please pick up January's Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center. Classes fill quickly! If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

## Advent Devotions

Pick up an Advent Devotion at the Information Center today.

The "Advent-ures" written by Rich and Terry Steinke, are published by Creative Communications and feature a cut-out Advent wreath with candles. Each devotion has stickers, which corresponds to the daily message.



## Important Dates

### November Dates

#### Wednesday, Nov. 21

No children or youth activities.

#### Weekend of Nov. 24-25

No children or youth programs.

### December Dates

#### Dec. 5, 12 and 19

Advent services at 7:15 p.m.  
(Faith Alive will dismiss at 6:55 p.m.)  
Youth will dismiss at 7:05 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.

## 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"**

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

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

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

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

Rehearsal: 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.

## Midweek Meal Menu:

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

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## Junior & Senior High

### Dinner Theatre

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

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

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

**Friday, Nov. 23**

Those attending the Senior high Youth Gathering meet here at 4 p.m. We will return at noon on Sunday.

**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.

**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. 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. 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.

**Servers Needed:**

**Dinner Theatre:** We need teen servers and adult kitchen help. We also need bakers who will bring in desserts for the dessert auction.

**Advent by Candlelight:** We need servers on Monday, Dec. 3 from 6-9 p.m.

Please sign up today at the bulletin board near the kitchen.



## Week of November 18-24

### Sunday, November 18

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 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 with Communion
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Young Child
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Life Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. GriefShare 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
- 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

### Wednesday, November 21

- No Tiny Treasures
- 5:00 p.m. No Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. No Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. No Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. No 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. No Adult Handbells

### Thursday, November 22

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

### Friday, November 23

- Offices Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 4:00 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

Check out our Web site:

[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

Check us out today!

We have all latest events, updates and other important information.

# Week of Nov. 25-Dec.1

## Sunday, November 25

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:20 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
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, November 26

- 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. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal

## Tuesday, November 27

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Helping the Poor MAT
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Meeting

## Wednesday, November 28

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Freedom from Smoking
- 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. 30-Hour Famine Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Southwestern Community Concert

## Thursday, November 29

- 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. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal

## Friday, November 30

- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

## Saturday, Dec. 1

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating
- 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)
- 11:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

### Outpouring of Love (Nov. 10-11)

General Fund Offerings	\$25,510
YTD Offering	\$522,206
YTD Budget	\$603,440

### Last Week's Attendance (Nov. 10-11)

		Communion	
Northwind	157		
7:45 a.m.	169		
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	408	Northwind	94
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	83	9 a.m. (FLC)	33
10:30 a.m.	306		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1123</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

# Week of Dec. 2-Dec.8

## Sunday, December 2

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Naomi Bake Sale
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 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 with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 5:30 p.m. Community Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Beta Cottage Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, December 3

- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight
- 7:00 p.m. Remembrance Service

## Tuesday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Group
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

## Wednesday, December 5

- 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. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Services
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service with Children's (Grades 3-5) Program
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

## Thursday, December 6

- 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. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Beta Cottage Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

## Friday, December 7

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

## Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (K-2)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (Preschool)
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	7	34	19	28	Music Alive
Elementary	27	79	37	94	67
Total	34	113	56	122	Wed. Meal
Junior High	28	5		84	160
High School	10			27	

# 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.