

WEEKLY WORD

October 3 and 4, 2009

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

Take the Survey Today!

Access the survey by going to our Web site:

www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the spiritual survey link.

Take some time. Take the survey. We ask all adults (18 years and older), who regularly attend Gloria Dei, to take this online, anonymous and confidential survey. The findings from this survey will help us understand what we need



to offer in helping individuals grow in their faith.

Although the survey was supposed to take between

20-25 minutes, we have discovered from those who

have actually participated in the survey that the

time commitment is closer to 35 minutes. So, please

allow plenty of time to take the survey. If you have questions, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Reclaiming Your Identity

Upcoming Message Series: “Reclaiming Your Identity” message series begins Oct. 10-11. This series will focus on the truths in I Peter that explain our true identity in Christ and how we are a chosen people who live in a fallen world, but can rest in hope because our Lord is coming back.

Oct. 10-11: “Reclaiming Your Identity: It’s All About Hope”

Oct. 17-18: “Reclaiming Your Identity: Show So You Can Tell”

Oct. 24-25: “Reclaiming Your Identity: This Might Hurt”

Oct. 31-Nov. 1: “Reclaiming Your Identity: Amazing Grace”

Bible Study: Each of us learns information in different ways and many use a combination of learning styles. There are three recognized learning styles; visual, auditory and tactile. In a Bible study or small group setting, the learner has the



RECLAIMING
YOUR IDENTITY
Bible Study

opportunity to use all three styles; visual and tactile learning when reading the Bible and looking up passages, auditory through discussion of questions with others.

When looking at a sermon series, we are beginning to explore how we can reach each learning style. In an effort to move toward this goal, we have written a more in-depth study, which can be picked up at the Information Center or can be accessed online at www.gloriadeionline.com. These lessons take you into the text and ask questions within the framework of a

small group of friends, family, co-workers or individually. If you have any questions about the Bible study, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

In Preparation: Since the message series will focus primarily on I Peter, it may be advantageous to read I Peter this week in preparation of next week’s message. And since you will have your Bible open, why not bring it to church next week.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Today’s Message “True For You”

Oct. 3-4:

“As Long As it
Doesn’t Hurt Any-
one”

In today’s society, we are expected to accept whatever someone does as a plausible alternative; after all, if they are not hurting themselves, should we really care?

Today’s sermon will look into what is acceptable and unacceptable from God’s viewpoint.

Craft Fair

Mark your calendar and visit the Arts and Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Worship Service Location Change

The worship service on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. will be in the Sanctuary; it will resume back in the Family Life Center on Oct. 17.

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Beacon of Blessings

Beacon of Blessings members will be in the narthex today collecting donations for the Share the Heat Campaign. Your donations will provide heat for the homeless in the Des Moines vicinity. For example, a \$20 donation will



provide one week's heat and a \$80 donation will provide one month's heat. All donors will receive a tax deductible receipt for their donations from Joppa, a local non-profit organization created to foster a community of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless.

Last winter, Joppa's Founder and Executive Director, Joe Stevens, provided propane gas for 50 dwellings, but the cost became more than what he anticipated. This year's projection is \$8,000 for the propane and heaters.

So, stop by the table today and donate to the Share the Heat Campaign.

Let's Meet Our Interim Worship Leader

We are pleased to announce the hiring of an interim worship leader. Steve Kowbel will assist the music ministry by leading the praise teams during Saturday's 5:30 p.m. worship service and Sunday's 10:30 a.m. worship service. He will also provide leadership, training and education to all of our praise teams.

Steve comes to Gloria Dei with a long history of experience in music and worship. He became a fan of Christian contemporary music in 1994 when he listened to Delirious "Out of the Can." A few years later, he started to play guitar.

"I love to listen to new artist's work and explore different venues where God is at work to reveal himself through worship," said Steve.



Steve Kowbel

Steve has been married to Stephanie for 20 years and they have two children, Micaela, 16 and Micah, 14. As a family, they love sport activities, such as volleyball and basketball, and family gatherings.

Steve has led worship in several churches in the past years and has also served as a consultant to churches to help, equip and expand their worship ministries. His hobbies match his passions, guitar, sound and music.

Another hobby has developed in recent years—his interest in motorcycles. He also loves to fish, hunt and play sports, which all developed from his childhood on a 120-acre farm in Michigan. His favorite scripture verse is Phil 1:6: *Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

"When I walked on the campus at Gloria Dei there was a sense of authenticity of faith and a genuine care for people, those two characteristics excite me about the opportunities to serve," said Steve.

When you see Steve, please introduce yourself and warmly welcome him to the family at Gloria Dei.

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Altar Flowers



The arrangement on the altar on Sunday, Oct. 4 is provided by: "Women on a Mission" in recognition of Lutheran Women Missionary League Sunday Oct. 4.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

New to the Lutheran Faith?

Starts Thursday, Nov. 5: Join us for Discovery 101 starting Thursday Nov. 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 135/37. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. To register, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "register today" link. If childcare is needed, please indicate so on the online registration form. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 276-1700.



Want to become a member of Gloria Dei?

Sunday, Oct. 25: If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3-6:30 p.m. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. To register, please go to our Web site and click on the "register today" link or call the church office at 276-1700.

Don't forget to register online today!

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.:

Natalie Pace

9 a.m.:

Ian Ksiazak

10:30 a.m.:

Lachlan Kelley

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind

Dale Engelken

Dave Giesselmann

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann

Brent Handel

Justin Handel

Dean Mohr

9 a.m.

Tom Feldotto

Casey Fluegge

Dean Kleckner

Mark Kramer

Rob Stueber

Jared Nicol

10:30 a.m.

Phillip Bax

Jim Kellenberg

Chris Warwick

Scripture Readings:

2 Timothy 4:1-5 and Matthew 7:15-23 (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 Bob and Mary Kuefner celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Oct. 3
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For our Ministry Partners

Prayers

- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Diane Schmidt and family, who are grieving the loss of her great uncle
- For the healing of Pat Monroe, who was in an automobile accident
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For the health of John McKeighan
- For the healing of Steve Lutz, who is recovering from brain cancer surgery
- For those serving in the military
- For our young children and youth
- For our country

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.

Visit the Arts & Craft Fair Next Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Baked goods and more! Pull out your favorite recipes and select what you'd like to contribute to the annual Arts and Craft Fair this year. Cookies, pies, brownies, breads—all go fast! When you choose your mouth-watering baked goods recipe, there are labels at the table in back of the narthex along with a sign-up sheet. If nuts are included in the ingredients, please note on the package. We'll start wrapping on Friday night, but will gladly accept your donations up until noon on Saturday. Baking not really your specialty? Fresh fall produce and preserves are also desired and add an attractive element to the tables. The apples just flew out of here last year!

Featured Artists



Artist - Shani Fjelsted

Craft/Art- Hand-stamped cards and Barbie/Ken doll clothes

Description - All cards are hand stamped. There are designs for many different occasions along with cards that could be used for multiple occasions. All cards are blank on the inside for your own greeting and signature. Envelopes are included with every card.

We have a variety of Barbie and Ken doll clothes. Fancy dresses, pajamas, casual dresses, matching Ken and Barbie outfits. All outfits also come with accessories such as a purse or headband.

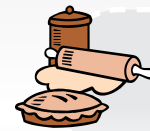
Artist Name - Carol and Emma Wenndt, Jim Leverich

Business Name - Carol's Crafts/It's the Pits

Craft/Art - Cherry pit pillows, microwave vegetable bags, kennel covers and pads, cat trees

Description - Carol and Emma create hand-sewn items to fit into a busy lifestyle. Cherry pit pillows can be heated or cooled as needed for injuries, aches or just to warm up a cold bed. The pillows are sectioned, come in different fabrics and some include ties. The vegetable bags save time in the kitchen. Potatoes come out like they've been baked in an oven in a fraction of the usual time. The kennel covers and pads are made of fleece and flannel to give our pets a little cozy comfort.

Jim created his own design for cat trees after comparing trees on the market. His trees are built to withstand even big cats, have a hiding house and a scratching post. They come in a variety of neutral shades, and can be custom built if desired.



Apples Needed

Miriam Circle needs apples for pies. If you would like to donate apples, call Marolyn Carstens at 262-3249.

We need people!

Stop by the Arts and Craft Fair table in the narthex to sign up for a time to volunteer.

LWML Circles

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd Street, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle (Please note change of meeting): will meet Friday, Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. to finalize setting up for the Arts and Craft Fair. Please also remember we will set up Wed. Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Oct 8 at 8 p.m. All help is appreciated! Remember your baked goodies for the bake sale. If you have any questions, please call Meri Mohr, 327-1821.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Walter, 13583 Village Court, Clive.

Flu Updates

We wanted to inform the congregation of a confirmed case of novel influenza A (H1N1) of a child at Tiny Treasures. The parents immediately took proactive steps by taking their young child to the doctor when cold-like symptoms and a fever appeared. Their course of action is to be applauded because it helped their child and lessened the possibility of spreading the influenza at the preschool.

Please be assured that we are committed in taking the necessary steps to prevent the spread of any communicable disease in every area of ministry at Gloria Dei.

We encourage the children and staff to wash hands frequently or use the hand sanitizer provided throughout the building, we disinfect tables, toys, door-knobs, bathrooms regularly and we encourage individuals who are sick to stay home. In addition, Brandon Simpson, Facilities Manager and the cleaning crew has routinely disinfected public areas such as the classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, Family Life Center and Sanctuary.

“We are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of all of our members at Gloria Dei by taking the necessary steps as prescribed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA),” said Bill Jesse, Executive Director.

We are also in the process of organizing a Ministry Action Team to provide feedback, recommendations, and to develop a written plan to address the issues associated with the spread of communicable disease within the church organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Bill at 278-5544, ext. 217.

OSHA Flu Guidelines

The United States Department of Labor has issued some simple guidelines:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or with a hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve. Dispose of tissues in no-touch trash receptacles.
- Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.
- Keep frequently-touched common surfaces clean (for example, phones, computer equipment, etc.).
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, exercise and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.

For more information, go to www.osha.gov.

Blood Drive

Save the date: We will hold another blood drive in support of Zach Duncalf on Oct. 31 from 8-11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. To register, contact Robin Stewart at 515-250-1076 or at iowahawkfans@msn.com.

Book Club

Get your books ready to read! Join others who enjoy reading and discussing some great (and not so great) Christian fiction books. They meet in the cry room the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7: “Cry in the Night,” by Colleen Coble.

Books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe. If you have any questions, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or at hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

It’s that time again! Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, Oct. 16 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 131/33. Come and go as your schedule allows.

Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Urbandale Pantry Update

In 2008, Pastor Burcham was involved with the startup of the Ministerial Alliance of Urbandale and the City of Urbandale to create a DMARC food pantry for the local residents in need. Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessings soon became involved with overseeing monthly collections earmarked for the pantry and Naomi Circle collected monetary donations twice a year.

The following is an update from the Urbandale Food Pantry Coordinator, Eileen Boggess:

"As the months have progressed, so has the need for services. When we first opened our doors, we supplied approximately 125 families (350 individuals) from Urbandale and Windsor Heights with a five-day emergency supply of food each month. During the month of July, we provided approximately 160 families (469 individuals) with an emergency supply of food. We have also provided each of these families with a personal product bag that contains shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet tissues, feminine hygiene products, diapers and laundry soap."

We are thankful for the service that the pantry provides to those in need. We will continue to support them by our monthly donations of requested items and by our monetary donations. (Please note: Naomi Circle will provide DMARC envelopes in the Weekly Word later this fall.) Meanwhile, feel free to drop off October's suggested item of laundry detergent in the Urbandale Food Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support!



Holiday Cheer Box

For many, the onset of the holidays brings excitement and happy memories. For families facing the first holiday without a loved one, they dread the thought. With your help, Amanda the Panda will send a surprise holiday cheer box to families they have served who have experienced a recent death. Beginning Oct. 5, a holiday cheer box will be placed in the narthex. Helping is very simple—just fill the box with gifts for young children, teens or adults. A suggested gift list is located next to the box. Thank you for your support.

Hand painted bottles from China

A Christian Chinese man, affectionately called "The Bottle Man," hand paints bottles from the inside using a tiny brush. These amazing bottles can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

This Christian man has been very important to the work in China including the construction of two churches funded by Gloria Dei. However, his livelihood has been threatened when the local government raised the rent on his shop, which made it impossible for him to remain open. And without the shop, his livelihood is severely limited. Shining City Foundation wants



to help "The Bottle Man" market his art work in the hope of helping him earn some money.

Items Needed

• Toothbrushes • Toothpaste

- The Honduras 2010 Mission Team is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for the month of October. A Collection bin will be located in the narthex.

Honduras Mission Team

Is God tugging at your heart to help those in a foreign land? Why not check out the possibilities of going to Honduras June 26 to July 3, 2010? An informational meeting for the 2010 Honduras trip will be Wednesday Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at church.



Gloria Dei Job Openings

We have several part-time positions open; the hours are somewhat flexible, the work environment is supportive and conducive to achieving success in the specific job responsibilities. Details of each job description can be found on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Part-time Choral Director

The candidate will lead worshippers into God's presence through vocal music in both traditional and contemporary styles. A degree in vocal music and experience in leading and conducting large ensembles are required. This position will require less than 20 hours per week with required weekend hours.

Part-time Administrative Assistant

The part-time administrative assistant will work with the Youth Ministry and the Youth Director. The successful candidate must have a desire to work with the youth ministry in the afternoon hours and will be responsible for providing administrative support to the Youth Director. Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office is required along with the ability to be detail minded. Duties may also include answering telephone calls, filing, data entry and performing other administrative tasks as needed.

Part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

The part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant will work morning hours in the office. Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office is required along with the ability to be detail minded. Duties will include answering telephone calls, filing, data entry, providing excellent customer service to congregation members and visitors, completing the daily scheduling signage, and other administrative tasks as needed.

Music MAT Updates

The Music Ministry Action Team met Wednesday, Sept. 30 to continue their assistance in helping form the orchestra and choir segments of the Worship ministries. They have recommended the following:

Choir: On Wednesday, Oct. 7, the Gloria Dei Choir will begin rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. At this time, the choir will be directed by Gale Webb, who has accepted the role of the interim Gloria Dei Choir Director until a permanent replacement is found. Gale will continue to also serve as the Assistant Director of Worship, a position she has held since early July.

Orchestra: In an effort to allow individual's musical talents to be used, members of the Gloria Dei Orchestra will be enhancing the worship experience of the Gloria Dei services with solos, duets, and small chamber groups of musicians under the coordination of Gale Webb and Kathy Stange. Rehearsals will be scheduled as needed by individuals and small groups. If you are interested in offering your musical talents, please contact Gale Webb at 278-5544, ext. 201.

Pecans

Sign up today! Pecans from the Valparaiso University Guild are available to order today, Sun. Oct. 4. Sign up at the Information Center. Orders will be picked up Oct. 5; delivery will be made by Oct. 31. The price is \$8 for plain pecan halves (16 oz.) or chocolate (milk, dark chocolate or caramel) covered pecans (12 oz.). Please call Kathy Wagemann, 225-2569, Elaine Anderson, 225-8820 or Ellie Knuth, 276-6118 with questions.

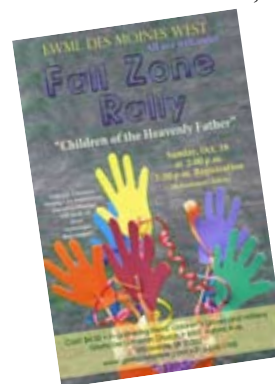
Financial Seminar

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presents "Finding money to Save, Budget and Net Worth" Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive. Come and enjoy refreshments while learning how to make your money go further in challenging economic times. Please RSVP to Brendalyn Shird at 964-3832.

LWML Rally

All women are invited to LWML's Fall Zone Rally Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at Gloria Dei; registration begins at 1:30.

Deborah Timmons, Executive Director of Shining City Foundation, will speak on the three orphanages they support. Cost is \$4.50; tickets can be purchased the day of the event.



Consignment Sale

Want to sell items? Pick up a brochure today.



Tiny Treasures will host a fall consignment sale on Friday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (half-price items are for sale from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.). This sale will help Tiny Treasures purchase equipment and supplies. A seller flier is available at the Information Center.

Clean out your closets. The consignment sale accepts children's, teen's and maternity clothing, accessories and bedding, décor, toys, books, videos, equipment and furniture. Items must be clean and in excellent condition. If you have any of these items to sell, please go to Tiny Treasures' page on our Web site and click on the fall consignment sale brochure link. For further questions, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Third Grade Bible Highlighting

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. until Oct. 21.

Third grade students and parents are invited to take a journey through the Bible, highlighting important scripture passages on Wednesdays.

The Wave Rolls In

The Wave Games Day - Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m.

All 4-5 graders (and their friends) are invited to come to The Wave. We're making sack lunches for the homeless in Des Moines. Each student should bring a box or bag of prepackaged snacks or granola bars, or cereal bars or crackers. We'll have some fun and make some new friends! Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue 278-5544, ext. 207.

Parental Bible Studies

New Baby Parent Bible Study
Sundays from 9:20-10 a.m. (Oct. 4 and 11)

Parents with a new baby are encouraged to come to this unique Bible study. Babies are welcome!

Parenting Families Bible Study
Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m.
(Starts Nov. 4)

Parents with children of any age should attend this fun video-based Bible study offered during Faith Alive. Gain powerful insights on how to turn "me" into "we." Childcare is provided.

Midweek Meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Oct. 7

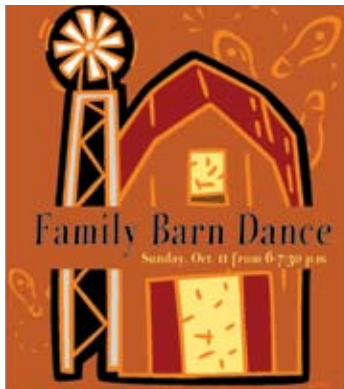
Baked Potato Bar

Oct. 14

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Hot Dogs-Chili

\$4 per adult and \$2 per child or youth

(2 and under eat free).



Family Barn Dance

Sunday, October 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Get your dancing shoes on! Families and friends are invited to a fun-stomping barn dance Sunday, October 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Simpson Barn, Johnston. A live band and a square dance caller will lead the evening. No admission charge to this event; we ask that each family bring a snack to share. Hot and cold apple cider will be served.

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theaters (grades 7-12)

Rehearsal Sunday, Oct. 4 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Rehearse for "Christmas at Uncle Phil's" showing on Nov. 20-22.

Summer 2010 (grades 8-12)

Registration for next summer's trips has started. Information packets can be picked up by the youth bulletin board.

National Youth Gathering, July 17-21, New Orleans, La

Teens in grades 8-12 can meet up with approximately 35,000 teens and adults to grow in their faith. The cost is \$900; a \$100 non-refundable deposit and registration are due Oct. 14.

Summer Mission Trip, June 12-19, Rushville, Ind

Teens in grades 8-12 will join other teens and adults to form work groups to perform home repairs/improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. The cost is \$610; a \$50 nonrefundable deposit and registration are due Oct. 4.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Topic: "Dead Man Walking"

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Junior High Mission Opportunity

Red Barrel Make a Difference Day

Saturday, Oct. 10 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12-2 p.m.

Youth and parents will sell bags that will go to the DMARC food pantry. We need at least three youth and one parent/adult at each of the two times slots. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Junior High Service Opportunities Reminders

- Craft Fair setup: Thursday, Oct. 8 from 8-9 p.m.
- Craft Fair teardown: Saturday, Oct. 10 from 4-6 p.m.
- Pastor's conference setup: Sunday, Oct. 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Teacher's conference setup: Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Eighth Grade Urban Plunge

Join the Urban Plunge, one of the two Urban Plunges required for Confirmation, from Oct. 9-11 in Des Moines.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m.

Join us as we discuss and study relevant issues for high school youth. Meets in room 114.

The Point

Wednesday evenings will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study, discuss, and experience some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.

Bible study: Wednesdays in Youth Center at 6 p.m.

Topic: "A Fresh Look at the New Testament"

Oct. 7 Come together... right now...

Senior Youth Gathering

"The Impact" is the theme for the Senior Youth Gathering from Nov. 27-29 at Embassy Suites, Des Moines. Cost is \$145 and is due with registration by Wednesday, Oct. 7. Forms are available next to the youth bulletin board.

Week of Sept. Oct. 3-10 2009

Saturday, Oct. 3

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Annie Schwartz and Trevor Redlin Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Sunday, Oct. 4

- 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. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. New Baby Parent Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi 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. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Oct. 5

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept. of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

Tuesday, Oct. 6

- 7:00 a.m. Urbandale City Primary Election
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 7

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Military Support Session
- 8:00 p.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair Setup

Friday, Oct. 9

- 8:00 a.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair Setup
- 2:00 p.m. Junior High Omaha Urban Plunge

Saturday, Oct. 10

- Junior High Omaha Urban Plunge
- 8:30 a.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	153	98
7:45 a.m.	138	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	355	
9 a.m. (FLC)	94	40
10:30 a.m.	320	
Total	1060	138

Outpouring of Love Second Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,103
First QTD Offering	\$28,103
First QTD Budget	\$29,464

Week of Oct. 11-17, 2009

Sunday, Oct. 11

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
 9:10 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. New Baby Parent Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 3:00 p.m. Senior High Café 923
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Oct. 12

8:00 a.m. Iowa District West Pastors' Conference
 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

Tuesday, Oct. 13

8:00 a.m. IDW Pastors' Conference
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Girl Scouts
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That

Tuesday, Oct. 13 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale Setup

Thursday, Oct. 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale Set up
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
 6:00 p.m. Care Night
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:30 p.m. Newborn Support
 6:30 p.m. Managing Money Through Christ

Friday, Oct. 16

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, Oct. 17

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	10	26	24	20
Elementary	19	82	37	128
Total Children	29	108	61	148
Junior High	2	21	11	94
Senior High		14		37
Total Youth	2	35	11	131

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 with access 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 southwest 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

Families are encouraged to worship together before children and youth 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: We will offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are invited for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children directly to the classrooms.

Youth

Castaway: Our junior high youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a high-energy educational time Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth are invited to a Bible study that will touch on relevant issues Sundays at 9 a.m. in room 114.

Adults

We have a plethora of opportunities for adults, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Center.

Want some more information?

Feel free to visit our Information Centers, located in the narthex and outside the Family Life Center.

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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. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

Weekly Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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

Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon