

WEEKLY WORD



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October 11 and 12, 2008

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Parent's Priorities: Message Series

By Pastor Kendall Meyer, Associate Pastor

"Back in my day, we use to walk to school three miles in the snow, uphill, both ways. Close the door! We don't live in a barn. Don't make me turn this car around. If I have told you once, I've told you a thousand times."

Think of some of the things our parents said to us while growing up. Maybe you say similar phrases to your own children. Have you ever wondered what they'll remember about you? What have you taught them as they live out their lives?

This week we start a new sermon series entitled "Parent's Priorities." We'll dive into Scripture to see the foundational priority God wants us to teach our children. God wants us to take the time to teach our kids how to transfer their dependence from us over to God. We can accomplish that through our words and most importantly, through our actions. We'll explore some things that we can do to help our children learn to quickly turn to God before they turn to us.

Parent's Priorities

Oct. 11-12

Transfer Dependence of Children from Parents to God

Oct. 18-19

Unchanging Principles of Parenting

Oct. 25-26

Discipline: Correction Driven by Love

Town Hall Meetings

The Facilities Focus Group has been busy researching the needs of our future site selection. They have been diligent in studying all the criteria that need to be considered in selecting a parcel of land for our future home. This group is now at the point of calling others in on the process to make sure that their research is complete; therefore, they want you to join them in the upcoming town hall meetings. At those meetings, they will discuss their thought processes in detail and also ask for your feedback to ensure that the site criteria list is complete and prioritized appropriately. For a jump-start of what will be reviewed and discussed, see page 2.

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. - FLC

Sunday, Oct. 26 at 10:15 a.m. - FLC

Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. - Youth Center

Sunday, Nov. 2 at 10:15 a.m. - FLC

Children's Ministry

We have lots of fun activities for the entire family. See page 8.



Women's Connections

It is not too late to join Women's Connections this Monday at 6:30 p.m.



Are you between the ages of 20-30?

Please join us for a simulcast that is geared to empower young adults. See page 4.



Urbandale Food Pantry Open House

Attend the Urbandale Food Pantry's open house on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. See page 5 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates

Communication Focus Group

The Communication Focus Group is committed to receiving information from the congregation in regards to observations or questions that may arise concerning any aspect of the Strategic Plan. To help facilitate the two-way communication, postcards are available in the four Packed with Possibilities communication stations around the facility. After completing the postcards, please drop them off at the designated box in the Information Center. Town Hall meetings at the end of this month are also a great way to get your voice heard. Of course, e-mails are always welcome at karen@gloriadeionline.com.



Ministry Focus Group

In the last several weeks, the Ministry Focus Group has met to systemically prioritize the initiatives of the Ministry Destination. After all the process is complete, the group will lay out a detailed plan on how to proceed with fulfilling all the initiatives of the plan.

Finance Focus Group

The Finance Focus Group continues to investigate the most suitable financial model for the Strategic Plan by exploring funding options for the purchase of land.

Town Hall Meetings

Don't forget to mark your calendars to attend the upcoming town hall meetings on Oct. 25, 26, 28 and Nov. 2. Below is a list of the criteria that will be discussed and reviewed. In addition, the Facilities Focus Group will be requesting your input to ensure that the site criteria list is complete and prioritized appropriately.

Criteria	Characteristics
Location and Surrounding Development	Address, Existing Neighborhood Use, Distance to Undesirable Uses, Closest Church Within Distance, Location Relative To Attendees, Distance to Major Roads
Legal	Zoning District, Comprehensive Plan Designation, Historical or Cultural Features, Area, Rezone or PUD Amend, Park Ground Dedication, Easements, Governmental Jurisdiction
Ecological and Environmental	Slope Aspect and Suitability, Watershed Analysis, Flood Frequency, Water Impoundment Suitability, Soil Suitability (Depth, Fertility, pH, Perc Rates, Tree Groupings, Sensitive Zones)
Infrastructure	Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Electric, Natural Gas, CTV, Fiber Optic, Telephone, Fire/Rescue Response (Minutes), Police Response (Minutes), Paved Access Points
Image	Quality of Views, Distance of Vistas, Site Prominence, Site Aesthetics, Beacon Site, LEED [®] Points

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Oct. 12 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Weston Avery Danner born on July 21, 2008 to Chris and Amy (nee Martens) Danner. Weston's spiritual sponsors are Mike and Anne Martens.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in memory of:
The parents of Gena and Brent Johnson.

Thank you

We wish to thank our family and friends for the prayers and support during my recent operation and hospital stay. Thanks for the many cards, phone calls and e-mail wishes. A very special thank you to Pastor Phillips, Pastor Meyer and Pastor Burcham for their support and encouragement to myself and my family. We know that all things are possible with the power of prayer. ~ Marv and Norma Rohn

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:
Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
Calvin Corell
Hannah Brunsen
Ross Miller

Elders:
Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:
Northwind
Dale Engelken
Dave Giesselmann
Mike Martens
Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.
Scott Ammann
Dwight Carlson
Marilyn Carlson
Brent Handel
Justin Handel
Dean Mohr

9 a.m. Sanctuary
Tom Feldotto
Randy Fleming
Casey Fluegge
Dean Kleckner
Mark Kramer
Paul Rusch
Rob Steuber

9 a.m.FLC
Jared Nicol

10:30 a.m.
Philip Bax
Bill Clark
Jim Kellenberg
Chris Warwick

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NIV); Matthew 22:34-40 (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 our families

Prayers

- For our nation's economy
- For the health of Gary Zumack
- For Tom Nelson, who is being deployed to Iraq
- For the health of Gene Ashbaugh
- For John McKeighan's health

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

LeadNow Simulcast

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

Registration Information: Registration can be completed on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. If registered by Oct. 24, the cost is \$33 per person.; after Oct. 24, the cost is \$40. If you have any questions, contact Tim Kighlingher, Director of Youth Ministry, at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Prepare to Unleash the Possibilities of Your 20 & 30 Somethings Ministry!



Saturday, November 15, 2008
8-9 a.m. Registration • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Simulcast



**ERWIN
MCMANUS**



**MATT
CHANDLER**



**MARGARET
FEINBERG**



**FRANCIS
CHAN**

Develop your abilities to lead this passionate and influential age group!

- **HELP** your young adults dive into a deeper relationship with Christ
- **EMPOWER** them on their quest to impact the world
- **CONNECT** your leaders with other leaders looking to reach this generation
- **BUILD** a committed, servant-hearted and thriving 20 and 30 somethings ministry!

Cost by Oct. 24
\$33 per person

Cost after Oct. 24
\$40 per person

Location:
Gloria Dei
8301 Aurora Ave.
Urbandale, IA 50322

Registration:
Register by Oct. 24 at
515-276-1700 or www.gloriadeionline.com
Register after Oct. 24 at www.ccn.tv/leadnow




Book Club

Gloria Dei's book club is an informal discussion group of Christian books, which meets the first Wednesday of the month during Faith Alive. Worship with the children at 6 p.m., then join the group in the cry room at 6:15 p.m. Book discussions begin about 6:30 p.m. and are finished by 7:25 p.m.

Pick up the book at the Toolshoppe, your favorite library, or borrow it from a friend. Read it before you come and be prepared to share what you like or didn't like.

Nov. 5 - "The Secret's in the Sauce, Potluck Catering Club Series #1," by Linda Evans Shepherd and Eva Marie Everson.

Book Overview: Saucy, spicy and well-seasoned, the women of the Potluck Club are looking forward to launching their own catering business. But a steamy past threatens a marriage, a scalding truth exposes personal secrets, and dicey situations overheat a trip back home. Will their collaboration turn into a concoction for disaster or a recipe for success?

Upcoming Reads

Dec. 3 - "A Promise to Believe In, The Brides of Gallatin Series #1," by Tracie Peterson

Jan. 7 - "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom

Want to know more? Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

A Beacon to Our Community: Urbandale Food Pantry

Since our G.R.A.C.E. vision encompasses being a beacon to our community, we have helped to establish a food pantry in Urbandale, which will open Oct. 15.

Pastor Burcham was introduced to the idea of having a local food pantry at the Urbandale Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting last November. In January of 2008, the city of Urbandale approved funding to lease space for the food pantry and to pay the utilities; in the same month the Urbandale Ministerial Alliance task force, which was led by Pastor Burcham and Pastor Michael Mudlaff of Westkirk Presbyterian Church was formed. They took the challenge to raise the initial \$20,000 from the Urbandale congregations to pay for a part-time director and various administrative costs, and oversaw a multitude of other details to make the pantry a reality. To date, many congregations throughout Urbandale have made a commitment to provide funds to support the pantry on a yearly basis. Currently, Gloria Dei gives \$4,000 out of its yearly budget to help fund the pantry.

Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessings also got on board to assist in getting the pantry on its feet. They will play a vital role in organizing additional items needed for the pantry. Naomi Circle also contributed to the effort by organizing the fall food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will then purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry and to others in need. Last year, more than \$7,000 was received from Gloria Dei to help DMARC purchase food for families in need.

Ways to Help

1 Contribute Money Today in the Offering Plate

All the non-perishable food items will be from DMARC; therefore, your contributions are vital to the pantry. 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 offering plate today. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

2 Attend the Open House Today!

The Urbandale Food Pantry, 7611 Douglas Ave. Suite 31, invites you to the opening of the Urbandale Food Pantry, Sunday, Oct. 12 from 2-4 p.m.

For more information, please go to DMARC's Web site at <http://www.dmreligious.org>.

3 Donate Personal Items to the Box in the Narthex

To make the opening of the Urbandale Food Pantry a success, personal items are needed to stock the shelves. Please bring as many items as possible for the grand opening on Oct. 12.

- 15 oz Shampoo
- 15 oz Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- 4-roll Pack of Toilet Paper
- Diapers
- Sanitary Napkins





Community Involvement

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

Pecan Sale

The Valparaiso University Guild is selling pecans again this fall. The price is \$8 for plain pecan halves (16 oz.), chocolate covered pecans (12 oz.) and chocolate-caramel clusters (12 oz.). This year they will be dark chocolate. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for anyone wishing to place an order. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Wagemann at 225-2569, Elaine Anderson at 225-8820 or Ellie Knuth at 276-6118.

Habitat for Humanity

Matthew 25:40: *"I tell you the truth. When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me."*

The third and final Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity house of 2008 is scheduling volunteer opportunities. They will begin with interior painting and some outside projects on Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Additional Wednesday and Saturday volunteer days will be scheduled until the house is completed. If you are interested in volunteering as an individual or recruiting a group from Gloria Dei, please contact Brendalyn Shird at 471-8686.

Prayer at Capitol

"With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

A non-denominational organization that does not promote or endorse a political party or candidate, will be organizing a prayer meeting for the upcoming elections and the nation on Monday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. on the west mall of the Iowa State Capitol Building, 1007 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines.

Craft and Bake Sale

Agape Pregnancy Center will have a craft and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Ave, Des Moines. Proceeds will benefit the center. Anyone who can make crafts, wood-working or any craft would be much appreciated. Baked goods are also needed. For more information, call Jan Ebert at 255-0243.

Mentor Training

Serve Our Youth Network is hosting a mentor training for those interested in mentoring a child who has a parent who is incarcerated or a youth who currently resides at the Polk County Youth Shelter. The training will be held on Monday, Oct. 13 from 6-9 p.m. at the Polk County Youth Services in the Juvenile Detention Center. If you would like to attend this free training, contact Shane Vander Hart at 321-5077.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Drive, Urbandale, 276-8903.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday, Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in rooms 131/133. Join us to complete pages and get new inspiration! For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Happy Times Magazine

The October issue of “Happy Times” is available in the plastic racks around the building. Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool, is the author of this issue. This national monthly magazine produced by Concordia Publishing House is written especially for preschoolers.

Consignment Sale

Children's **Next Week!**

Consignment Sale

Friday, Oct. 17
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
8 a.m. to noon

Tiny Treasures Children’s Consignment sale will run Friday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m.-noon. This year’s focus will be exclusively connected with children—clothes, shoes, toys, furniture, maternity clothes and baby things. Tiny Treasures will receive 30 percent of the proceeds. If you are interested in becoming a seller, please fill out the form in the consignment sale brochure located on the plastic racks around the building and return it to the preschool office. You will be assigned a seller number and get a booklet of information and tags to use for the sale. Also, we are looking for a few round racks that we could use for the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Halloween Candy Drive

A small group from Gloria Dei is sponsoring a Halloween candy drive starting Wednesday, Oct. 29 thru Wednesday, Nov. 5. Each child is to bring in at least one piece of candy from their Halloween goodies. The treats will then be donated to Hope Ministries and Freedom for Youth Ministries. This is a great opportunity for our children to share some of their abundance with children who have little. There will be buckets inside each entrance of the church. For more information, please contact Pastor Meyer at 276-1700, ext. 224.

People Page Brochure

Tiny Treasures was featured in the September issue of “People Page.” The newsletter, published by LCMS District and Congregational Services, is sent out nationally to congregations.

Come for the Fellowship

Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 5:15 p.m.

Grilled Cheese

Hotdog/Chili Dog

Thursday, Oct. 16 at 5:30-6 p.m.

Spaghetti

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:15 p.m.

Walking Taco

Thursday, Oct. 23 at 5:30-6 p.m.

Deli Night

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

Updates from Children's Ministry

Grace Place Updates

This weekend in Grace Place: Deborah is one of two prophetesses mentioned in Scripture. The other is Anna. Through the unlikely acts of Deborah, Barak, and Jael, God brought about victory for his people. God brought about our victory too through the birth, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. Bible words to remember: "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God...will come and save you." Isaiah 35:4

**Questions?
Please contact:**

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Family Ministry**
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Christmas Program

The Christmas program is just around the corner! The program will be Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. A parent/child meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary; all elementary and preschool families are encouraged to attend. The Christmas program will be too fun to miss! Every child ages 2 to 5th grade is invited to be part of the event. The meeting will last 45 minutes and be extremely informative! Please plan to attend.

Sack Lunch Collection

Please help the homeless of greater Des Moines by making sack lunches. Each lunch should consist of a peanut butter (and jelly if you'd like) sandwich, a piece of fruit, a granola bar and a cookie. Please make the lunch as non-perishable as possible. The sack lunches should be at Gloria Dei on Sunday, Oct. 26 or Wednesday, Oct. 29. Fifth graders and their parents will travel to the mission on Oct. 29 to deliver them during Faith Alive. Would you like to help deliver them? Please contact DeAnn.

Family Night

Family Night is coming Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. We will start in the Sanctuary, and then move to the Family Life Center for some family fun. We will carve pumpkins and hear again about letting our light shine, letting Jesus shine through. The cost per family is \$5.

Bibles for 3-year-olds

If your 3-year-old child did not receive a preschool Bible at the Faith Alive opening worship on Sept. 24, please pick one up at the Information Center in the Narthex. With a preschooler's growing love for reading, it's a great time in your child's life to encourage diving into the most important book in their lives—the Bible. Please be sure to pick up this precious gift for your child!

Canning Jars Needed

Children's Ministry is in need of clean 1-quart jars used for canning with ring lids. Please place donated jars at Information Center. We need 125 jars before Nov. 15.

Dance Classes

We will offer two levels of dance classes for girls or boys beginning Monday, Oct. 13. Beginning Ballet is for children ages 3-5. Creative Dance (ballet and tap) is for children ages 5-12. The cost for Beginning Ballet is \$55 for nine weeks and will meet from 6-6:30 p.m. Creative Dance will cost \$85 for 9 weeks and will meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Both classes will meet in room 114. Please use the east entrance. A registration form and dancer attire list can be found on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Service and Mission Hours

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

Kids Against Hunger

Saturday, Oct. 25

We'll depart from Gloria Dei at 9:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Oct. 22.

Make a Difference Day

Friday, Oct. 24

Youth will meet at Fareway on Meredith at 5-6 p.m. to fill up bags for Saturday's red barrel event.

Saturday, Oct. 25

We need youth and parents to help us sell bags that will go to the DMARC food pantry. Time slots are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 12-2 p.m.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

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

Oct. 12 "The Pride of Satan, Part 2"

Oct. 19 "The Bread of Life"

Oct. 26 "The Good Shepherd"

Nov. 2 "Salt and Light"

Nov. 9 "Vine and Branches"

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

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

Wednesday: The Point

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

Main Topic: Relationship Checkpoints

Oct. 15:

"Mr. and Mrs. Influence, Part II"

(Focus: parents)

Oct. 22:

"Who Are You Hanging Out With?"

(Focus: friends)

Oct. 29:

"Cha Ching"

(Focus: money)

Confirmation Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 6-8

Wednesday Oct. 29

Parents of Confirmation students grades 6-8 will need to sign-up on the youth bulletin board for a time to meet with their child's teacher. Children are expected to attend the conference with their parents.

Week of Oct. 11-17, 2008

Saturday, October 11

Youth: Urban Plunge
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Arts and Crafts Sale
 2:45 p.m. Arts and Crafts Clean Up (Youth)
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, October 12

Youth: Urban Plunge
 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. Sr. High Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Homeschool Drama Class
 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Creative Dance
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, October 14

11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
 5:30 p.m. M&M's (Youth Handbells) Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Set Up
 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
 5:30 p.m. Care Night
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101 – New to the Lutheran Faith

Friday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 5:00 p.m. Jenalee Poock/Tyler Wright Rehearsal

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	142	
7:45 a.m.	231	151
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	401	253
9 a.m. (FLC)	88	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	341	180
	1203	584

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	23,055
YTD Offering	361,662
YTD Budget	469,798

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2008

Saturday, October 18

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Jenalee Pook and Tyler Wright Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, October 19

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 20

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Drama Class
- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, October 21

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball

Wednesday, October 22

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M&M's (Youth Handbell) Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High
- 6:20 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Finance Focus Group

Thursday, October 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101 – New to the Lutheran Faith?

Friday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference
- 12:00 p.m. IDW Lunch and Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Red Barrel Make a Difference Day
- 6:00 p.m. Emily Disney/Chad McCarty Rehearsal

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wed. 6 p.m.
Preschool	9	28	18	34
Elementary	22	81	40	119
Total Children	31	109	58	153
Junior High		29	9	94
Senior High				28
Total Youth		29	9	122

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southeast corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 thru grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth: Junior

Junior High: Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36.

Adults

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



Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Weekly Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon