

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

October 18 and 19, 2008

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

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

Let's Meet the Members of the Facilities Focus Group

At the upcoming town hall meetings, the members of the Facilities Focus Group will discuss the criteria for land selection and gather feedback on the criteria. In the last several months, they have been diligent in studying the criteria that need to be considered in selecting a parcel of land for our future home.

These qualified men and women from our congregation not only have a great passion for the ministry of Gloria Dei, but also represent a wide array of experience in project management and development.

If you get a chance, please thank them for their time in helping us sift through all the site criteria. It is their hard work and prayers that will help us select the best suited piece of land and will help us build a facility to hold the future of Gloria Dei.

Pastor Ron Burcham: Pastor Burcham is the staff advisor for this group. His main task is to keep the group focused on the ministry that God has called us to accomplish.

“The emphasis is to be first on the ministry we feel God is calling us to accomplish,” said Pastor Burcham. “After that, what kind of facility is needed to accomplish the ministry. I will say that this group understands this very well.”

Merlin Siefken: Merlin and his wife Nancy have been members of Gloria Dei for 22 years and have three children, Steven, Robin and Craig, and eight (but soon to be nine) grandchildren.

Merlin retired from John Deere Credit in 2001. From 1995 through 2000, Merlin managed multi-million dollar building projects by selecting and developing building sites and overseeing building designs and space planning for John Deere Credit.

Greg Cushing: Greg and his wife Brenda were married at Gloria Dei in 1989 and have been members of our congregation for the past 20 years. Greg and Brenda have two children, Eric and Megan.

Greg currently splits his time between his duties as a stay-at-home dad and his part-time business as a design and construction consultant. Greg spent nine years as Vice-President of Business Development for the Hansen Company, a commercial general contractor and construction management firm. Before that, he spent ten years with RDG Planning and Design. Greg brings his 20 years of design, construction and planning experience from a wide range of buildings, including educational and religious facilities. *(Article continued on page 2.)*

what's
NEW!
this week!

Children's Ministry

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



Are you between the ages of 20-30?

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



Fall Clean Up

We need help raking our outside grounds. See page 3 for more details.

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Facilities Focus Group

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Julie DenHerder: Julie and her husband Steve have been members of Gloria Dei for ten years. They have four children, Elizabeth, Hannah, John and Sarah.

Julie teaches private music lessons and directs the orchestra at Gloria Dei. With her connection to the music ministries, Julie understands how these ministries utilize our facility as well as what their special needs are. Julie is inspired to serve on the Facilities Focus Group to do her part in representing the music ministries as well as other members of the congregation.

Elaine Klinefelter: Elaine and her husband Patrick have been members of Gloria Dei since 1991 and have one son, Daniel, who is now a junior in high school. Elaine graduated from Concordia Seward with a BA in education and has taught in Texas, Kansas and Iowa.

Elaine has been involved in many aspects of the children's and youth ministry at Gloria Dei for the last 15 years. She has been the children's librarian for the last six years and recently started working at Gloria Dei by planning and preparing meals and food for various congregational activities.

"Because I have been involved in so many areas in the congregation," said Elaine, "I understand some of our needs and I wanted to make a positive impact."

Kurt Mumm, Jr.: Kurt is President of NAI Ruhl and Ruhl, a commercial real estate brokerage, management and development company. Kurt and his wife Jen, along with their three children, Gavin, Makenna and Karsen, have been members of Gloria Dei since 1999.

Throughout his career, Kurt has assisted various companies in the site selection process both in the Des Moines metropolitan area and nationally. Kurt is excited and honored to devote his experience and expertise to chart a course for the growth of our congregation and the benefit of future generations.

Terry Woolman: Terry and his wife Mina have been members at Gloria Dei for 4.5 years. They have two children and six grandchildren. Terry, a retired manager from Mid-American Energy Company, wanted to serve on the group because of his background with economic development and working with architects and developers in coordinating getting gas and electric to new developments.

Ken Wunsch: Ken and his wife Lora have been members of Gloria Dei for 16 years and have three children, Allison, Nathaniel and Anjaela.

Ken is presently an Economic Development Consultant for the Mid-American Energy Company. For the last 12 years, he consulted with a number of corporate and community leaders on building projects designed to preserve or promote local economic development. Ken serves on the Facilities Focus Group because his service presents "a great opportunity" to implement a portion of the Strategic Plan that will allow Gloria Dei to bring the community of Christ to future generations.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center is for:



Ruby Ruth Van Thournout born on August 18, 2008 to Craig and Karen (nee Tripp) Van Thournout. Ruby's spiritual sponsors are Shane and Stacy Love.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:

The 48th wedding anniversary of Phil and Connie Olson on Oct. 16.

Fall Clean Up



Let's work together as a family on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon as we clean our outside grounds. Please bring your rakes, leaf blowers and wheel barrows. We will provide bagels, donuts, juice, milk and coffee for breakfast and pizza for lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Simpson, Facility Manager at 710-5483.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
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9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ross Miller

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Hannah Brunsen

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

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:

Philippians 4: 8-9 (NIV); Mark 10: 13-16 (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
- In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Phil and Connie Olson

Prayers

- For our nation's economy
- For the health of Penny Schramm's mother, Peggy Byrd
- For the health of Gary Zumack
- For Tom Nelson, who is being deployed to Iraq
- For Allen Linquist, who is undergoing medical tests
- For Lauren Snyder, who is recovering from a broken collar bone
- For the mother of Lee Echtenkamp
- For the mother of Marilyn Carlson
- For Marv Rohn
- 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 Kighlinger, 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
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Registration:
Register by Oct. 24 at
515-276-1700 or www.gloriadeionline.com
Register after Oct. 24 at www.ccn.tv/leadnow

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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?

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

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

Thank You

Thank you so much for the generous donation on behalf of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Your support will go a long way in helping the residents of Urbandale and Windsor Heights in their time of need.

— Eileen Boggess, Urbandale Food Pantry Coordinator

Craft Fair Thanks

Thank you to everyone who made the 16th annual Art and Craft sale a success last weekend. We raised \$6,000 for our mission projects and this will be supplemented by \$1,600 of matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. More than 65 vendors filled three separate areas with handmade items ranging from wooden toys to delicate painted porcelain to photography. The enticing aroma of freshly baked cinnamon rolls from the café filled the air and a beefburger lunch was available later in the day. We are very grateful for the generous donations of baked goods and fresh produce which flew off the bake sale table as fast as we put it out. Special thanks to Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry and the rest of the crew who transformed the building, the drivers of the golf carts who transported our guests and to Dan Snyder who does so much for us every year. —LWML

Discovery 201

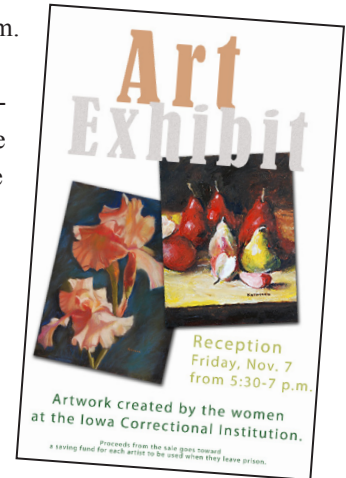
Sunday, November 9 from 3-7 p.m.

Interested in making Gloria Dei your home church? Please join us for an interactive experience for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and dinner are provided. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Art Exhibit and Sale

Friday, Nov. 7 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Join us Friday, Nov. 7 from 5:30-7 p.m. for the Iowa Women's Correctional Facilities annual art show in the Family Life Center. The show will feature pastel, oil, and charcoal work that are for sale through the month of November. Subjects vary from still life, studio studies, portraits, landscapes, and animals. The monies raised by the show go directly back to the artist. Postcards of the artists' work are also on sale. The monies raised from the postcard sales go back to support the products and utensils needed to continue their studies. Des Moines artist Mary Muller will be present at the art show; she is the instructor of these talented students. Light hors d'oeuvres and tea will be served.



Come for the Fellowship

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

Grilled Hamburgers

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

Deli Night

Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 5:15 p.m.

Deli Night

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

Meatloaf

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



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.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels meeting for October has been rescheduled. Please watch the bulletin for the next meeting announcement. If you have any completed outfits or need sewing kits, please feel free to contact Lois Cole at 288-1250 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

Agape 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, woodworking or any craft would be much appreciated. Baked goods are also needed. For more information, call Jan Ebert at 255-0243.

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.

Thrivent Builds El Salvador Trip 2009

Bill Clark has been chosen to lead a team for Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity to Santa Anna, El Salvador May 22 to June 1, 2009. This will be Bill's third trip to El Salvador and seventh trip to Central America. The cost is approximately \$1,500, which includes round-trip airfare from Des Moines. Non-Thrivent members are required to make a \$500 donation to Habitat for Humanity. To reserve airfare, a \$100 deposit is due Nov. 10, 2008. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-853 or billclark@mchsi.com.

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.

Quality Rating

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool has been awarded the Quality Rating System Level Four from the State of Iowa. The five-level system was developed to encourage centers to work to improve to the highest quality. All of the levels are above the basic licensing requirements. Level four requires additional education, experience, training, health and safety compliance and work with parents. The award comes with an achievement bonus of \$2,400. Congratulations to all who have worked very hard to achieve this new mark of quality.

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

Please pick up the “People Page,” a newsletter published by LCMS District and Congregational Services today that featured Tiny Treasures.

The Fall Brings Lots of Learning to Tiny Treasures



Teacher Penny Schramm reads a story to her Thursday morning class. The other Thursday morning class enjoyed the brisk weather outside.

Updates from Children's Ministry

Grace Place Updates

This weekend in Grace Place: Gideon trusted in God for he knew that God was powerful. God can move mountains. Trust! Bible words to remember: "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God... will come and save you." Isaiah 35:4

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 from 4-4:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary; all elementary and preschool families are encouraged to attend. Every child ages 2 to 5th grade is invited to be part of the event. 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. If you would like to 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

Beginning Ballet is for children ages 3-5 on Mondays from 6-6:30 p.m. in room 112; the cost is \$55. Creative Dance I is for children ages 5-6 on Mondays from 6-6:45 p.m. in room 114; the cost is \$85. Creative Dance II is for children ages 7-12 on Mondays from 6:45-7:30 p.m. in room 114; the cost is \$85. If interested, please contact DeAnn today.

Bible Covers

Bible covers can be purchased for the Bible for 3-year-olds and the Bible for kindergartners in the Toolshoppe. Stop by and see the blue and red Bible covers designed specifically for little hands and preschool Bibles.

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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.

Main Topic: "Say What?"

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. 22:

"Who Are You Hanging Out With? (Focus: friends)

Oct. 29:

"Cha Ching" (Focus: money)

Senior High Outing Grades 9-12

Sleepy Hollow

Sunday, October 26

Meet at church at 5:30 p.m. and we will carpool to Sleepy Hollow. We will roast marshmallows and hotdogs over a campfire. Then we will explore three different themed haunted houses and a haunted walk.

Cost: \$23.

Sign up by Wednesday, Oct. 22 on the Youth Bulletin Board.

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. Confirmands are expected to attend the conference with their parents.

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 Pooch 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
- 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
- 6:30 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 (Youth)
- 6:00 p.m. Emily Disney/Chad McCarty Rehearsal

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	120	76
7:45 a.m.	157	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	295	
9 a.m. (FLC)	97	56
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	317	
	986	132

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	25,441
YTD Offering	387,700
YTD Budget	503,355

Week of Oct. 25-31, 2008

Saturday, October 25

- 9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
- 10:00 a.m. Red Barrel Make a Difference (Youth)
- 4:00 p.m. Emily Disney and Chad McCarty Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

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- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program Parent/Child Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 27

- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction
- 5:00 p.m. Homeschool Drama Parent Presentation
- 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

Tuesday, October 28

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship Meeting
- 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 Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, October 29

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship Meeting
- 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 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 30

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

Friday, October 31

- 5:00 p.m. Amanda Jagim/Scott Damstetter 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	7	29	17	25
Elementary	15	82	35	119
Total Children	22	111	52	144
Junior High		25	12	86
Senior High		10		25
Total Youth		35	12	111

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

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

Nursery

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

Cry room

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

Families worship together

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

Children

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

Youth: Junior

Junior High: Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

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

Adults

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



Communion

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

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

Weekly Bible Reading: Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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