

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

October 25 and 26, 2008

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Join Us at a Town Hall Meeting

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

This week, the members of the Facilities Focus Group will host town hall meetings where they will discuss the criteria for land selection and gather feedback on the criteria. Please plan on attending one of these town hall meetings. Together we can plan for what is needed for the future of Gloria Dei. Below is the criteria list that will be discussed:

Criteria	Characteristics
Location and Surrounding Development	Address, Existing Neighborhood Use, Municipality, Distance to Undesirable Uses, Distance to Desirable Uses, Location Relative to Attenders, Distance to Major Road
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, Previous Use, Sensitive Zones
Infrastructure	Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Electric, Natural Gas, Cable TV, Fiber Optic, Telephone, Fire/Rescue Response (Miles), Police Response (Miles), Paved Access Points
Image	Quality of Views, Distance of Vistas, Site Prominence, Site Aesthetics, Current Beacon Site

Upcoming Sermon Series

Pastor Burcham concludes the series of messages on "Parents Priority" today. Next week, the message series "Being Rich in a Poor Economy" begins. No one has to tell us that the economy is struggling. It has been labeled a crisis and a recession; no matter what we call it the news isn't good. Yet, despite everything that is happening in the market, you could make a good argument that we are rich. Over the next three weeks, we will learn some important lessons about the financial blessings God has given to us and how to manage those resources. Then four weeks from today, we will celebrate what God has given us as a congregation and as his people.

Nov. 1 and 2: Good News/Bad News
 Nov. 8 and 9: Deceitfulness of Riches
 Nov. 15 and 16: Rich Givers
 Nov. 22 and 23: Celebration Sunday

what's
NEW!
this week!

Children's Christmas Program

All children and adults are invited to an organizational meeting Sunday, Oct. 26 from 4-4:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, see pages 7 and 8.

Faith Alive's Family Night

Join us this 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 a pumpkin and hear about letting Jesus' light shine. The cost per family is \$5. Please note: Family Night will replace our regular Faith Alive this Wednesday.



LeadNow

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

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Let's Meet the Facilities Focus Group

At the town hall meetings this week, you will be able to meet some of the men and women who have worked on gathering the criteria for the land selection:

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.

Greg Cushing: 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 10 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.

Julie DenHerder: 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 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.

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.

Merlin Siefken: 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.

Terry Woolman: Terry, a retired manager from MidAmerican Energy Company, wanted to serve on the group because of his background with economic development and working with architects and developers in getting gas and electric to new developments.

Ken Wunsch: Ken is presently an economic development consultant for the MidAmerican 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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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:
The marriage of Emily Disney and Chad McCarty on Oct. 25.



The flowers on the altar are in recognition of:
Breast Cancer Awareness Month and have been provided by
the Gloria Dei Breast Cancer Support Group.

Thank You

Naomi Circle would like to thank the congregation for the generous donations for the fall DMARC food drive. The total money raised to purchase food for those in need was \$3,593. Thank you for your generosity!

As the cold weather approaches, please keep our local families in your prayers.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ross Miller

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

Elders:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

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:

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV); John 15: 9-17 (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

- In celebration of the marriage of Emily Disney and Chad McCarty

Prayers

- For our nation's economy
- For a safe harvest
- For the Jo Rice's son-in-law, Tom, who will be deployed
- For the continued health of Gary Zumack
- For Tom Nelson, who is being deployed to Iraq
- For Allen Linquist, who is undergoing medical tests
- For Bill Van Vliete, who is recovering from a hip replacement surgery
- For the mother of Lee Echtenkamp
- For the mother of Marilyn Carlson
- For John McKeighan's health
- For a bountiful harvest

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- to 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. Registration is \$40. If you have any questions, contact Tim Kightlinger, 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 don'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

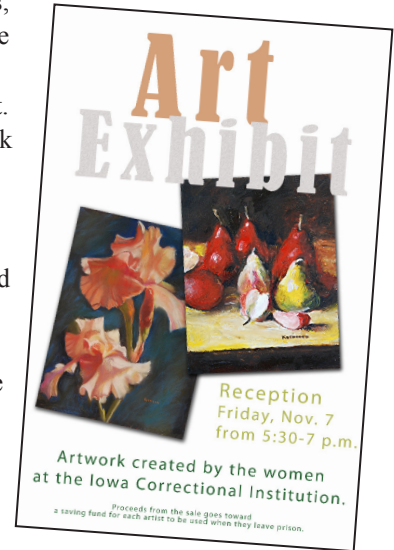
Jan. 7 - "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom



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 Narthex. The show will feature pastel, oil and charcoal works 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.



Discovery 201

Sunday, Nov. 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.



Mission: *To assist all women in discovering and using their God-given gifts in thanksgiving and service to our Lord.*

Advent by Candlelight

The weather lately has prompted thoughts about Advent. Plans are underway for Advent by Candlelight, which will be held Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. A musical program will be offered to help reflect on the Advent season. Keep an eye out in the Weekly Word for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Miriam Circle

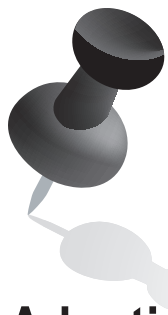
Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Kusy, 9774 Sunset Terrace, Clive, 225-7486.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Walter, 13583 Village Court, Clive, 226-9555.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.



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.

Adoption Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 9 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Jordan Creek Church, 475 68th Street, West Des Moines

If you are considering adopting or becoming a foster parent, please come and enjoy special music, prayer and reflection, and hear from knowledgeable guest speakers as well as local organization/agency representatives.

If you have any questions, contact Carla Tripp at Carla@aboutachild.org.

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 from 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.

Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool's fall children's consignment sale was a huge success. There were 47 sellers, a record number of volunteers and hundreds of customers. The earnings were more than \$6,000, which means the preschool's profits were about \$2,000. Thanks to all who participated as volunteers, sellers or buyers; it was a positive experience for everyone. Mark your calendars for the spring sale on April 17 and 18.

Gloria Quilters

Gloria Quilters will meet Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 130/132. Please bring a sack lunch. We are planning to spend much of the day working on the Memory Quilt for Dylan. If you would rather work on a project of your own, please feel free to do so. Also, don't forget to bring "show and tell." No meeting is planned for the month of December.

Ministry Partners Needed

We are seeking over 140 ministry partners for the preschool and elementary Christmas programs to be held Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 and 5 p.m. Many hands make light work! All of us together will make this year's program extraordinary and special! If you are interested, please attend our Christmas program meeting Sunday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn or Penny at 276-1700.

Halloween Candy Drive

A small group from Gloria Dei is sponsoring a Halloween candy drive starting Wednesday, Oct. 29 through 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 278-5544, ext. 224.

Holiday Opportunities

We have lots of great events planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In fact, the staff has been busy planning and praying for the holiday season and is

excited to offer more than 20 opportunities in November and December that will highlight our Savior and proclaim the Good News of the birth of Jesus.



Next week at the Information Center, the Holiday Opportunities

brochure will be available. All of the Christmas opportunities will be on our Web site by Nov. 1.

Come for the Fellowship

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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 5:15 p.m.
Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up

Thursday, Nov. 6 at 5:30-6 p.m.
Chicken Casserole

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

Updates from Children's Ministry

Christmas Program Parent Meeting Today

The Christmas program is just around the corner! The program will be Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. or 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.

**Questions?
Please contact:**

**Director of
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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 this 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 about letting Jesus shine through our lives. The cost per family is \$5. Please note: Family Night will replace our regular Faith Alive this Wednesday.

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 Toolshope. Stop by and see the blue and red Bible covers designed specifically for little hands and preschool Bibles.

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Dates To Be Remembered:

November 26: No Faith Alive, Thanksgiving Break

November 29 and 30: No Grace Place, Thanksgiving Break

December 24 and 31: No Faith Alive: Christmas Break

December 27-28: No Grace Place: Christmas Break

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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.

Café 923

Junior High Café 923

Friday, Nov. 7 from 6-9 p.m.

Please join us as we play in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. This event is a must to invite your friends to.

Senior High Café 923

Sunday, Nov. 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Please feel free to invite your friends.

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. 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. 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 haunted houses and a haunted walk.

Cost: \$23.

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. 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

Sunday, October 26

- 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
- 10:15 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program Parent/Child Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program Parent/Youth Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Outing to Sleepy Hollow
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 27

- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Homeschool Drama Parent Presentation
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance One
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance Two

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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 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)
- 11:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Machine Shed)
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M & M's Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive: Family Night
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra 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

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Amanda Jagim/Scott Damstetter Rehearsal

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	182	
7:45 a.m.	128	117
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	287	199
9 a.m. (FLC)	98	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	314	172
	1009	489

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	17,090
YTD Offering	406,389
YTD Budget	536,912

Week of Nov. 1-7, 2008

Saturday, November 1

- 8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Quilters
- 10:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth Depart for District West Conference
- 3:00 p.m. Amanda Jagin and Scott Damstetter Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 2

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- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth return from District Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 3

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Ed Monthly Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance One
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance Two

Tuesday, November 4

- 7:00 a.m. General Election
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 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. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

- 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. 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
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 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, November 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 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

Friday, November 7

- 8:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 5:30 p.m. Iowa Women's Correctional Facility Art Show Opening
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

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	21	31	26
Elementary	17	60	44	111
Total Children	24	81	75	137
Junior High		25	12	94
Senior High		14		33
Total Youth		39	12	127

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: Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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