

WEEKLY WORD



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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The Road to Unity

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Today is the last of the series of messages on "Laying the Foundation." We began the series with the important foundation of depending on God; the following week, Pastor Burcham discussed God's mission and our responsibility; and last week, he examined the Biblical perspective on sacrifice.

This week, we will take a look at unity. Unity requires trust, participation and respect. In many ways, unity demands a lot more than the other three topics because it requires individuals to work together in harmony. A person can be dependent on God, passionate about a mission, and be able to sacrifice, but the challenge intensifies when we try to accomplish things together.

God commands us to aggressively pursue unity.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

Unity requires us to love and understand people that are different from us, to think the best of each other and to be honest. In other words, it requires work on our part. As with everything in life, we begin by looking at the scriptures to see what is needed for us to travel on unity's road.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14

God has designed his church to shine brightly to a world that is marred with conflict and strife. He desires that the church set a shining example of unity. In John, Jesus prayed that his followers would be one as he was one with God. In Romans, God uses the human body as an example of how the church can work together. In Philippians, Paul states that the oneness between God's people will set an example to the world.

At times, the unity road may become bumpy, but God encourages us to endure until we see the benefits of living in one accord with each other. After all, unity is a heavenly place where God will be glorified and healing will occur to each other and to the world.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. Psalm 133:1-3

Blend Your Talents

Want to blend your talents into the musical experience of Gloria Dei? Talk to a member of the Worship Ministry today in the narthex.

Art and Craft Fair

Join us next Saturday for the 16th annual Art and Craft Fair. See page 4 for more details.



Women's Connections

It is not too late to join Women's Connections this Monday at 6:30 p.m. See page 5 for more details.

Book Fair

Tiny Treasures is hosting a Scholastic Book fair in the Gathering Place this weekend. See page 8 for more details.

Town Hall Meetings

Your input concerning the criteria for land selection is needed at the town hall meetings in October and November. See page 2 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates

Communication Focus Group

The Communication Focus Group is passionate about communicating the ministry opportunities at Gloria Dei.

“It is really exciting to be a part of a ministry whose mission is to bring the good news of Jesus to so many people,” said Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion. “We have so many wonderful ministry happenings for the congregation, the community and even the world.”

The Communication Focus Group is also committed in 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.



Town Hall Meetings Scheduled at the end of the month

During October, the Facilities Focus Group will host town hall meetings to share their recommendations for the criteria of site selection. During those gatherings, your input will be sought to make sure the site characteristics list is complete and also to help the Facilities Focus Group establish the weighting factor for each criterion. Mark your calendars now to attend one of the 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

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 ¹ Points

¹The U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system for green buildings.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:
the 29th wedding anniversary of Vic and Deb Kesse,
the 3rd wedding anniversary of David and Lisa Kesse and
the wedding of Sarah Kesse and Kyle Smith.

LeadNow

The Youth Ministry is hosting LeadNow on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gloria Dei. Erwin McManus, Matt Chandler, Margaret Feinberg and Francis Chan will speak via a national simulcast to 20- and 30-year-olds about deepening their relationships to Christ, empowering them on their quest to impact the world and connecting them to other leaders.

“This is a great opportunity for our young adults,” said Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry. “It will be a great opportunity to help this age group connect to Jesus and to each other.”



If you are interested, please register at www.gloriadeionline.com or contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

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

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

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
Calvin Correll
Hannah Brunsen
Ross Miller

Elders:

Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

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:

Joshua 24:11-15 (NIV); Mark 9:33-37 (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 the health of Lee Echtenkamp
- For Marv Rohn, who is recovering from open heart surgery
- For all those affected by Hurricanes Ike, Hanna and Gustav
- For Tom Nelson, who is being deployed to Iraq
- For Bruce Ganzer and family, who are grieving the loss of his grandmother
- For Jennifer Simpson and family, who are grieving the loss of her grandfather
- For Trent Lumley's mother, who was diagnosed with cancer
- For Julie DenHerder's father, Gary Zumach, who is recovering from open heart surgery
- 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.

One Week and Counting: Join us for the Art and Craft Fair

Baked Goods:

We would greatly appreciate your support by providing baked goods. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Please label your baked items and also list if they contain any nut products. Remember witches, ghosts, or jack-o-lanterns on items will not be accepted. Bring your bakery delights to the board room Friday Oct. 10 by 8 p.m. or Saturday morning Oct. 11 after 7 a.m.

Help Needed:

We need help packaging baked goods on Friday, Oct. 10 from 6-8:30 p.m. If interested, please call Kim Brienzo Walker at 986-5370.

We will also need help to set up and tear down; sign up at the Art and Craft table in the narthex.

Canned Goods:

Your donation of canned goods would be appreciated for the Urbandale Caring Corp. A container will be available at the Art and Craft Fair for your donation.

Mission Projects:

This year's mission projects are Camp Okoboji, Orphanage in Lhasa, China (winter clothing and bedding), Honduras mission trip (children's medicine and Bibles), and the Gloria Dei youth.

Attention Sports Fans:

This year the Drake Bulldogs, Iowa Hawkeyes and ISU Cyclones do not have a home football game during the Art and Craft Fair; therefore, we are providing a fun opportunity to wear your school colors and work a shift in the Gloria Dei Art and Craft Fair café.

Shift 1 -

The Bulldogs from 7:30-10 a.m.

Shift 2 -

The Hawkeyes from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Shift 3 -

The Cyclones from 12:30-3 p.m.

Enjoy selling cinnamon rolls, beefburgers, chips, pie and beverages to our customers while listening to the games on the radio. This is open to women, men and high school youth. There will be prizes for the best dressed "die-hard fan" representing each university. Sign-up sheets are on the Craft Fair table in the narthex.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:



16th annual

Art & Craft
Fair

Saturday, Oct. 11

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Free admission

50 Vendors

Hand-crafted items

Coffee bar

Café



Next Saturday

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Traveling on life's path together for the first time and for a lifetime.

Connections Ministry PATH:

- Providing spiritual opportunities
- Attending to other's needs
- Telling of God's love
- Helping each other



**Questions?
Contact:**
Pastor Meyer at
278-5544, ext. 224

Pastor Kendall Meyer

Community Groups

If your group is looking for a study, take a look at "Why Are We Here? Motivated for Missions," which is available in the narthex and in the Family Life Center.

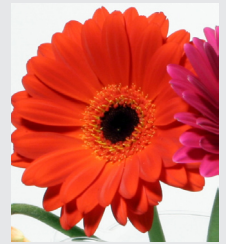
Interested in connecting to a group?

Contact Pastor Meyer today or go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on "Join a community group" link.

Women's Connections Updates

Ladies Wanted!

Ladies, are you for a night out for yourself to re-energize and revitalize? Are you also looking to enhance your personal devotions? You can do both at Women's Bible Connections on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. It's not too late to get in on the fun; and the course selections are awesome:



- **Beloved Disciple:** Beth Moore gives amazing insights into John, one of Jesus' disciples. Just as Jesus took John on a life-long journey into the depth of his love, he will do the same for you in this magnificent study.
- **You Matter More Than You Think:** Whether you are married or single, restless or content, wounded or strong, this study is designed for every woman who longs to be more than part of the mainstream. Leslie Parrot shows you how each hodgepodge piece of your life, no matter how haphazard, represents a part of what you do and who you are.
- **Minor Prophets - A Devotional Study:** These so called "minor" prophets had major messages for the people of Israel. Travel along through some of these shorter books of the Old Testament and find out what messages these more unknown prophets might have for your life.
- **Chasing Daylight:** Adventure awaits. Opportunity is all around us. Pastor Erwin McManus follows along with Jonathan as he calls us to risk everything for a life of genuine purpose.
- **5 Love Languages of Children:** Each child, like an adult, expresses and receives love best through one of five different communication styles. This study helps to prepare you to meet your children's deepest emotional needs.
- **That I May Know Him:** The Scriptures record the stories of three women who were touched by the Lord in intimate and life-changing encounters. June Kimmel takes you through the experiences of Hagar, Hannah and the woman at the well to discover how the Lord reveals particular aspects of himself in dealing with these three women.



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 mail or in the offering plate today. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

2 Attend the Open House

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 by Oct. 8 to fill the shelves for the grand opening on Oct. 15.

- 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.

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.



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

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. at the home of Shirley Johnson, 9709 Aurora Ave., Urbandale, 278-9156.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will not meet on Tuesday, Oct. 7; instead they will meet for a pie-making extravaganza on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. at the home of Norma Rohn, 9612 Tanglewood, Urbandale, 253-0523.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the church to finish setting up for the Art and Craft Fair.

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.

Book Fair

Browse the Scholastic Book fair this weekend in the Gathering Place. Books are available for immediate sale. Great literature at a terrific price. Don't miss it. Tiny Treasures is sponsoring the sale and will redeem the proceeds by purchasing new books for the preschool.

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.



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.

Consignment Sale

Children's
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.

Pumpkin Time



Top:
 Kanaan and Kindrek Schramm enjoy their pumpkin pick.



Bottom:
 Emma Miller takes a ride on a toy tractor.

Last Sunday, more than 150 children and adults gathered at Howell's farm for a glimpse of harvest time.

Come for the Fellowship

Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 5:15 p.m.

Spaghetti

Thursday, Oct. 9 at 5:30-6 p.m.

Baked Potato Bar

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

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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.

Craft Fair

Wednesday Oct. 8 from 7:30-9 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11 from 2:45-4:15 p.m.
We need help setting up and tearing down for the Craft Fair.

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. 5 "The Pride of Satan"

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. 8:
"Mr. and Mrs. Influence (parents)"

Senior Café 923

Sunday, Oct. 5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends to this fun, casual night of games and food.

IDW Senior Youth Gathering

Nov. 28-30 • Embassy Suites, Des Moines
Cost: \$150 Register and pay deposit of \$85 by Oct. 8 (remainder due Nov. 23.)

Registration forms can be picked up by the youth bulletin board.

Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 7:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center.
Open to grades 8-12

To Write Love on Her Arms

Point of Grace Church • Friday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.
Cost: \$5 (must sign up and pay by Oct. 8)

We'll depart Gloria Dei at 6 p.m. and return after the event is over (approximately 9 p.m.).

Renee Yohe will be speaking from her brand new book "Purpose for the Pain."

Week of Oct. 4-10, 2008

Saturday, October 4

- 4:00 p.m. Sarah Kesse and Kyle Smith Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, October 5

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 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
- 10:00 a.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Cafe' 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 6

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Drama Class
- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, October 7

- 8:30 a.m. Pastoral Circuit Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village

Tuesday, October 7 (Continued)

- 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. Pre-Marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Craft Sale Set-Up
- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Assoc. of Adoption Agencies
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Resonators 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
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Craft Sale Set Up
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101 – New to the Lutheran Faith
- 7:30 p.m. Ministry Focus Group

Friday, October 10

- Youth: Urban Plunge
- 8:00 a.m. Craft Sale Set Up

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	160	101
7:45 a.m.	158	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	357	
9 a.m. (FLC)	89	43
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	312	
	1076	144

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	25,121
YTD Offering	337,018
YTD Budget	436,241

Week of Oct. 11-17, 2008

Saturday, October 11

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

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 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 and Creative Movement
 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance II

Tuesday, October 14

12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 6:00 p.m. 1st Grade Girl Scouts
 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. Resonators 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
 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. Scrapbook Fellowship
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
 5:00 p.m. Jenalee Pook/Tyler Wright 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	8	26	22	35
Elementary	27	68	36	121
Total Children	35	94	58	156
Junior High		25	8	94
Senior High		10		28
Total Youth		35	8	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: Joshua 24: 11-15

"Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant."

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve 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