

WEEKLY WORD



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Reflectors of Light

by Pastor Kendall Meyer,
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I recently read a story about sailors and twin lighthouses. As you know, lighthouses are noted for having powerful lights that give off continuous signals to ships at sea in order to help sailors navigate at night. These twin lighthouses stand about 50 feet apart. Interestingly, there is a powerful light in one of the lighthouses, but the second has only prisms and reflectors that mirror the light from the other. Yet, from a distance, they both appear to shine brightly. Both lighthouses have been placed to provide light to travelers at night even though they have different components.

As travelers here on this earth, we read in Matthew 5 about Jesus telling us, the church, something very remarkable: "You are the light of the world." Jesus is telling us that all who believe in him are lights in this world. In essence, we are to be concerned not for ourselves but for those around us who are traveling in darkness. There is a need for Jesus' light in this world. The darkness of this world makes that which is good seem evil, and that which is evil is then promoted as being good. Jesus is calling us as individuals and as a church to be Christian lights; lights shining brightly to help others see and navigate through their lives.

A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15

Where do we get this "light" that Jesus calls us to shine? God's Word is the source of our light and life. It is through God's Word that we are given the light of faith, which exposes the deeds of darkness. Through the Word, we find all we

need to know about him and his love. It is shining in the face of Jesus Christ, who came as a light so that all who believe in him need not travel in darkness. Jesus hung on a cross in the forsaken darkness on that Good Friday afternoon in order to deal with all the evil for us. Then, on that first Easter morning, Jesus revealed to us the light of the glory of God through his resurrection.

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God enables us as a church to reflect and mirror his light in our lives similar to the second of the twin lighthouses. We, too, have been placed specifically for the purpose of shining brightly to our families, friends, and those in the community. It is all done with the goal to allow those traveling in darkness to see the light of Jesus. How do we do that?

Francis of Assisi once invited a young monk to join him on a trip to town. Honored to be given the invitation, the monk readily accepted. All day long he

and Francis walked through the streets, byways and alleys. They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people. At day's end, the two headed back home. Not even once had Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the Gospel. Greatly disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach." Francis responded, "We have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behavior was closely watched. Preach the Gospel all the time. If necessary, use words."

We shine Jesus' light when our neighbors see us backing out of the driveway on our way to worship. We reflect Jesus' light when we purposely do not engage in office gossip. And sometimes, we might even use words to tell people about Jesus Christ, who is the true light.

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Sharing Grace: Worship Trends

Since the inception of Gloria Dei in 1963 when eight families worship in Olmsted Elementary school, we have been blessed to share God's grace to a growing congregation. Since 1998, we have enjoyed a 53 percent increase in worship attendance, which equals an average yearly growth rate of 5.6 percent. The good news is that this trend shows no signs of slowing down. In fact, 2006 attendance was 15.9 percent higher than 2005.



God certainly has blessed us. If this growth continues, let's say, at a rate of 3.5 or 5 percent annual increase, Gloria Dei will be worshipping at 1200 within the next three to five years.

The Strategic Planning Ministry Action team has been analyzing and studying the implications of such an upward trend. Research maintains that attendance will not exceed 80 percent-full at the service with the highest attendance. For the sanctuary, that means 400, while the Family Life Center meets that same threshold at 240. Additionally, parking lot guidelines tell a similar story. Each space accounts for 1.75 people, allowing the current parking lot of 355 spaces to accommodate 621 attendees.

Similarly, this research matches growth patterns found at Gloria Dei. When an additional worship service or parking lot spaces were added, worship attendance increased significantly as displayed in the chart below.

Year	Attendance	Change at Gloria Dei
1998	645	
1999	688	Third worship service added on Sunday morning.
2000	708	
2001	731	
2002	767	
2003	765	
2004	841	Parking lot added.
2005	846	
2006	989	Northwind service & fourth Sunday service added.

As we plan for the future, we need to take the research and our own history into consideration as we make room to share God's grace with as many people as possible for the first time and for a lifetime.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday Oct. 14 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Emma Jo Agan born August 22, 2007 to Brandon and Sarah (nee Tuel) Agan. Emma's spiritual sponsors are Sheila and Brandon Kenny.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday Oct. 14 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Caden Layne Heiden born July 13, 2007 to Colton and Jenn (nee Gronau) Heiden. Caden's spiritual sponsors are Jarad Gronau, Stephanie Gronau, Quent Heiden and Jason Heiden.



Cael Jarad Gronau born September 11, 2007 to Jarad and Pam (nee Hamilton) Gronau. Cael's spiritual sponsors are Jaymie and Kelly Harper, and Stephanie Gronau.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Brent and Gena Johnson's parents and in celebration of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

Teacher Needed

We are still in need of a second and third grade teacher and helper on Sundays at 10:50 a.m. If you can help, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45, 9 a.m.
Rev. Kendall Meyer
9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Scripture Reading:

Acts 11:1-18
Matthew 9:35-38

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Geena Graber
Zoe Collins
Gabby Engelken

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind
Dale Engelken
Dave Geisselmann
Mike Martens
Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann
Dwight Carlson
Marilyn Carlson
Casey Fluegge
Brent Handel
Jordan Handel

Justin Handel
Morey Juhlin
Dean Mohr
9 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Tom Feldotto
Randy Fleming
Dean Kleckner
Mark Kramer
Doug Pals
Paul Rusch
Rob Stueber
10:30 a.m.
Philip Bax
Bill Clark
Leslie Clark
Jim Kellenberg
Clayton Lindquist
Chris Warwick

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our children and youth
- For God's wonderful miracle of bringing Todd and Sarah Van Ahn and their two sons back to Des Moines

Prayers

- For Barney Dennis' health concerns
- For Jim Riddle and family as they grieve the loss of Jim's brother
- For Cheryl Counley, daughter of Richard Counley, who is healing from surgery
- For Violette Elliott, who is recovering from surgery
- For Ralph Aufdenkamp's mother, Laura
- For Larry Shafer
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check “wish to join Gloria Dei.” All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For the next class, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201: Register today for next Sunday’s class.

Sunday, October 21 from 3-7 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Sign-up

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Lead Gloria Dei

Lead Gloria Dei is a program consisting of five 60-minute presentations designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how we function as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church of our size. If you are considering or desiring to be a leader at Gloria Dei, please join us Wednesday, Oct 31 at 6:15 p.m. in room 127.

- Oct 31: The Vision of Gloria Dei
- Nov. 7: Understanding Church Life
- Nov. 14: Demographics of Our Community
- Nov 28: Policy-Based Governance
- Dec. 5: Servant Leadership

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information regarding Lead Gloria Dei, call Doug Pals @ 987-3249 or Ken Wunsch at 276-2498 or send an e-mail to govboard@gloriadeionline.com.

Gloria Dei Book Club

What: A chance to meet and discuss books that help give insight into how to live as a Christian. We will read the book before we meet and then discuss what we liked or didn’t like, and how we can apply it to our lives as Christians.

Who: Anyone interested in reading great Christian books.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 6:20-7:10 p.m.

Where: Room 129.

Why: To enjoy a passion for reading and great conversation about books.

The Book: “The Scarlet Thread” by Francine Rivers (available in the Gloria Dei’s Toolshoppe). When Sierra discovers her young ancestor’s handcrafted quilt and reads her journal, she finds that their lives are very similar. By following her ancestor’s example, she learns to surrender to God’s sovereignty and unconditional love.

Contact: For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.



If you have been around Gloria Dei for a few years, you may have met some lively women who love the Lord, help with various projects at Gloria Dei, host the annual craft fair and support various local, national and international missions. These women are on a mission and you are invited to join them.

Women on a Mission, part of the national Lutheran Women's Missionary League, hold six separate meetings, called circles, throughout the month. Their mission is to assist all women to discover and use their God-given gifts. In the last ten years they have raised \$53,579 for various causes, one of which includes \$7,072 for Gloria Dei's youth ministry.

For more information on how to get involved with women whose lives are aimed at service, stop by the narthex or the Family Life Center today or visit lwml.org.

Come and visit

Mary-Esther Circle

Meets:

Second Thursday at 9 a.m.

Activity:

Happy Times Day Care
in Valley Junction

Contacts:

Louise Grotheer, 334-9979
Mary Walter, 226-9555

Rebekah Circle

Meets:

Second Thursday at 7 p.m.

Activity:

Breakfast casseroles
for homeless to Salvation Army

Contacts:

Rosalie Petersen, 986-3697
Peg Riddle, 225-6111

Miriam Circle

Meets:

Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Activity:

Kids Against Hunger
Local mission projects

Contact:

Marolyn Carstens, 262-3249

Ruth Circle

Meets:

Second Monday at 7 p.m.

Activity:

Beacon of Life, Karen Acres,
and Ruth Harbor

Contact:

Kara Cobb, 270-2706
Mikki Kinning, 254-0583

Naomi Circle

Meets:

Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
Panera Bread on 86th Street

Activity:

Shining City Foundation
DMARC

Contacts:

Meri Mohr, 327-1821
Deb Timmons, 289-0360

Sarah Circle

Meets:

Second Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

Activity:

Weber Family
(African missionaries),
Not So New Shop
Adopted family

Contacts:

Kim Brienzo-Walker, 278-8310
Susan Ferguson, 226-9120

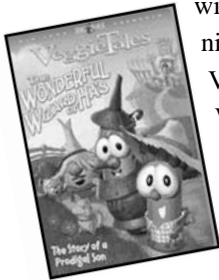
National LWML Mission Grants for 2007-09

The national LWML helps the following organizations:

- Train deaf-ministry leaders (\$50,000).
- Provide portable medical clinics in Sudan, East Africa (\$70,000).
- Build 10 Lutheran churches in India (\$100,000).
- Support a female missionary to Muslim people in Guinea, Africa (\$100,000).
- Help Lutheran Bible Translators, Aurora, IL, provide transportation for missionaries (\$60,000).
- Open 8 new Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach Centers nationwide (\$40,000).
- Provide education to Muslims in Bangladesh (\$75,000).
- Support a "circuit rider" pastor in rural northwest South Dakota (\$65,000).
- Support an inner-city children's ministry in Minneapolis-St. Paul (\$50,000).
- Send a female human care missionary to Africa (\$100,000).
- Support a Christian family counseling center in St. Petersburg, Russia (\$36,000).
- Expand mission work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia, (\$104,500).
- Begin a Lutheran campus ministry at Haskell Indian Nations Univ. in Lawrence, KS (\$95,000).
- Expand internet streaming capabilities at KFUE-AM radio in St. Louis (\$50,000).
- Support Concordia Univ., Austin, TX, students preparing for child-welfare careers (\$80,000).
- Assist Lutheran City Ministries in its outreach to homeless and addicted people in Detroit (\$49,000).
- Support a soup kitchen at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago (\$33,000).
- Support a cross-cultural urban ministry in Ohio (\$32,500).

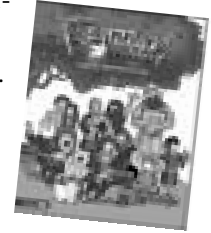
Family Movie Night

Faith Alive, Music Alive and Faith Alive meal will not be held Oct. 31; instead we will have a family movie night, showing the newest Veggie Tales movie, "The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's" at 6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Various items will be available for purchase at a concession stand. Families are asked to bring lawn chairs, blankets and pillows to sit on. Invite your friends and neighbors. The movie will last approximately one hour.



Bibles for 3-year-olds

A new children's Bible was given to our 3-year-olds in Grace Place this weekend to celebrate the start of their journey in Christian education. This pictorial Bible is a great resource for parents to read their favorite Bible stories and to review the stories shared in Grace Place. If your 3-year-old has not received one, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Consignment Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought items to sell at Tiny Treasures' fall consignment sale. Thanks to you, we sold over \$3,000 with approximately \$1,000 benefiting Tiny Treasures. The spring consignment sale will be Friday, March 7. If interested in selling, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

A Simple Way to Help

If there was a way to help one of our Tiny Treasures preschoolers in a powerful and easy way, would you be interested?

There is. Grab a little rectangular package off of the preschool bulletin board located in the narthex and the Family Life Center. On the bulletin board, you will find a preschooler's name written on a magnet. Put that magnet on your refrigerator or file cabinet and pray for the child throughout the school year. You can make a big difference in an easy and powerful way.

Children's Library

The following family DVDs are missing from the library:

- Rigoletto
- Eight Below
- Robots

Please check the DVD spine for green tape and the letters DVD-Fm. If you have one of these DVDs, please return as soon as possible.

Tiny Treasures Fundraiser

Order today; receive by Nov. 15. Tiny Treasures is selling cookie dough, coffees, brownie mixes and candles as part of their fall fundraiser. Sales will be open until Thursday, Oct. 25. If you would like to place an order, fill out the individual order form located by the preschool bulletin board in the east end of the building. Include a check to Tiny Treasures in the envelope and place the form and check in the gold chest. Our fall goal is \$1,200 for the purchase a large laminating machine.

Playground Additions

Check out the playground at the east end to see some new additions for Tiny Treasures and for our families at Gloria Dei. The little house was crafted by Brandon Woods for an Eagle Scout project. The second addition is benches that can be converted to picnic tables,



which were purchased with grant money and memorial money for Terry Steinke's dad, Robert Lassman. Benches can be moved but should be placed on level ground. Enjoy these new additions!

Children's Christmas Programs

The Children's Christmas programs will be offered on the first three Wednesdays in December at 7:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Grades 3-5 Dec. 5

Grades K-2 Dec. 12

Preschool Dec. 19

A meeting for children in grades K-5 and parents will be held Saturday, Oct. 27 at 8 a.m. in the sanctuary. All elementary children and parents who would like to be involved in the programs are expected to be at this informative 30-45 minute meeting. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Art Show Previews at Gloria Dei

The students of Mary Muller's art class at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville will present their artwork during the month of November at Gloria Dei. A reception for congregation and the public will be Friday, Nov. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

Most of the original pieces will be for sale at a price not to exceed \$125. Notecards featuring the art work will also be for sale. Proceeds will be given to the individual artists to help with supplies and to provide income upon their return to civilian life.

Originally, the class started more than three years ago with the goal of providing women an opportunity to create art in order to help them gain confidence and possible income. Participants, including several long-term women, are finding new purpose in life from their participation in the class.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Muller at 278-2083 or at mary-muller@mchsi.com



Top to bottom:
"Iris" by Kathleen Tyler
"Bobbled" by T. Hardin
"Pears" by Kathleen Tyler

Midweek Meal

Menu:

October 17 - spaghetti

October 24 - tacos

October 31 - no meal
(Family Movie Night)

Cost: \$2.50 per person
Children under 3 eat free

Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Fall Clean up

Saturday, Nov. 3
from 8 a.m to 1 p.m.
Families Invited!

What to expect:

Fun family time, bagels,
donuts, juice, and milk

Items needed:

Rakes, blowers and shears

Trucks needed:

We need trucks to haul bags
of leaves to the Urbandale
drop-off site on Hickman.

Questions:

Contact Brandon Simpson at
710-5483.

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Junior & Senior High

Dinner Theatre

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 and 8

Please join us as we rehearse for our dinner theatre on Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

The play, Ugly Duckling, is a medieval play about a king and queen trying to marry off their daughter.

We need you! Please let us know if you would like to help with designing the set.

Resource Information

Please pick up resource materials on different beliefs, such as evolutionism and hinduism, by the youth bulletin board. These sheets are provided to help you reach people of different values and beliefs.

DMARC

Saturday, Oct. 20

We will be partnering with DMARC at Fareway in Urbandale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are looking for two more adults that will help from 9-11 a.m. If you are interested, contact Tim today.

Junior High - Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center. This high-energy, multi-sensory active learning begins today.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Join us for Confirmation on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us today from 9-10 a.m in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

New! Check us out on our website. Go to the youth page and click on the current teaching time.

Join us this Wednesday as we hang out starting at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center; at 6:15 p.m. we will start the evening activities of worship, teaching and small group.

Oct. 17 Topic: My online personality

Senior High Youth Gathering

November 23-25 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines

You don't want to miss this youth happening. We will gather for Connected, based on Romans 8:38-39 and learn about the power that is unbreakable due to God's love.

Revolve Tour

Please remember to turn in registration and payment by the deadline of Sunday, Oct. 14.

Reggie's Sleepout and Fundraiser

Departs from Gloria Dei Friday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. and returns early Saturday morning.

Reggie's Sleepout, an event that promotes awareness of homeless youth of central Iowa, will be held at the Drake Stadium. More information will mailed and can also be found on the youth bulletin board. If you are interested, register online at www.reggiessleepout.org by Oct. 28. If you are attending, please contact Tim. Proceeds go toward Iowa homeless youth centers.

Women's Bible Connections

Connecting women to Christ and each other in every season of life.

Okay, so you've read about Women's Bible Connections in the Weekly Word. You've seen posters promoting it as you've entered the church. And you recall being given a Gerbera daisy several weeks ago as you left worship inviting you to attend.

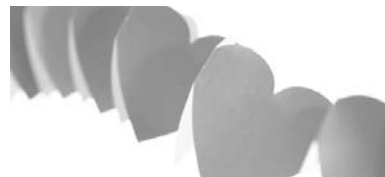
But.....what really is Women's Connections? Well, wonder no longer! Join us for "Bring A Friend Night" on Monday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place (use the Family Life Center west entrance). You'll get a flavor for what Women's Bible Connections is all about. It's a fun evening designed just for women, by women. It's a one-night commitment that could change your view on what is or what isn't a Bible study. Bring a friend, co-worker or family member with you. Come for the intrigue....stay for the fun!

For more information contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Women's Bible Connections offers child care services and special accommodations as needed.



Notes of Thanks



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our friends at Gloria Dei. The love and support you have shown our family over the past years and now at the time of Dennis' death are such a blessing. We have been so touched by the outpouring of love, support, cards, meals and everything else you have provided for us. Special thanks to Pastor Phillips for all the phone calls, prayers and visits made to our family. The care given to all of us was so comforting. Special thanks to those that helped make the funeral service so beautiful. The music touched our hearts and the message by Pastor Burcham celebrated the life of Dennis in such a special way. Thanks also to Alice, the Sarah Circle and for those who helped provide the wonderful lunch. Again, thanks to all. God has blessed us with so many wonderful people like you to help us get through this difficult time. Thank you and God bless you – The family of Dennis Hays.

Thanks to all who brought children's clothes to the Pastors Conference. Thanks – Pastor Mark Hansen

Thank you to all who provide help with funerals by working, baking, serving and supporting people in their time of need. Your help is very much appreciated. – the Funeral Committee

Honduras Bake Sale

The Honduras mission team will be sponsoring a bake sale on Sunday, Nov. 4. All baked goods will be available for a free-will donation.

In addition, the team is beginning to collect vitamins (children's and adult's), Tylenol (children's and adult's), lice shampoo, hair pretties and gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes to be distributed during their June mission trip.

Scrapbook Fellowship

The October gathering of scrapbookers will take place on Friday, Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131-33. Come and go as you want. We'd love to see some new faces; experience is not required. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Oil Painting

It is not too late to register for Friday's oil painting class at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Week of October 14-20

Sunday, October 14

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-friendly Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsals
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 15

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Event
- 7:30 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 17

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Imagine That
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101 Class
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Digital Camera Class
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, Oct. 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones

Friday, October 19

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:25 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference
- 5:00 p.m. Michelle Ward/Brad Billings Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Oil Painting

Saturday, October 20

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Michelle Ward/Brad Billings Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love for Oct. 6-7	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,242
YTD Offering	\$355,168
YTD Budget	\$460,545

Last Week's Attendance for Oct. 6-7			
Northwind	138	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	181	7:45 a.m.	155
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	359	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	248
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	71	10:30 a.m.	213
10:30 a.m.	325		
Total	1074	Total	616

Week of October 21-27

Sunday, October 21

- 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. Family-friendly Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lighthouse
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsals
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 22

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose-Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, October 23

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

Wednesday, October 24

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Imagine That
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Digital Camera Class
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Thursday, October 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Freedom from Smoking
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, October 26

- 5:00 p.m. Shelly Nissen/Ryan Modracek Rehearsal

Saturday, October 27

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Program Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Shelly Nissen/Ryan Modracek Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Educational Attendance for Oct. 6, 7 and 10					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	9	39	26	32	Music Alive
Elementary	14	57	32	103	65
Total	23	96	58	135	Wed. Meal
Junior High		30		76	122
High School		9		22	

Welcome to Gloria Dei

Welcome

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.



Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

Weekends at Gloria Dei 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 for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the Sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families Worship Together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first twenty minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.



Grace Place - Preschool and Elementary Children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - Youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.



Senior High and Adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38.

Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m., or a study that parallels the new sermon series from 10:20-11:20 a.m. in rooms 135-37.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional 9:00 Traditional 9:00 Family-friendly 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.