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No Throwaways in God's Kingdom

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He lurked on the outskirts of all activities, oblivious to those his age who were embracing the visitors to their neighborhood. His so-called peers enjoyed the attention that these foreigners brought to their neighborhood. He, on the other hand, couldn't have cared less.

When I inquired about this small boy during a mission trip to Mexico, I was told that he spent his days inhaling fumes from paint cans that he found in the garbage. "He is not all there," one of the pastors commented. As far as the pastor knew, no one actually claimed him; where he slept at night, no one knew.

As I looked closer, it was obvious that the fumes not only affected his behavior, but also took a toll on his physical body. With shorts that barely hung onto his hips and ribs that poked through his tattered t-shirt, this boy was as unpromising as the garbage he collected, a real societal throwaway.

A year later, I returned to this boy's neighborhood to help tutor children with writing. I noticed a boy wearing eyeglasses in the corner seat who was hunched over trying desperately to duplicate the letter "A." His penmanship was primitive, but his effort was remarkable. Upon further examination, the red string that kept his smudgy eyeglasses from falling off his nose made an imaginary line that forced my eyes to look straight into his.

"It's that strung-out boy," I gasped.

And even though I do not know this boy's entire story—how he traveled from the outskirts of inhaling garbage to the inner sanctum of this school; nor the silent heroes who helped him get glasses and encouraged him to attend school—I do know the God who was passionately behind the scenes to redeem this boy's life from desperation to wholeness.

And it is that God that we serve.

He redeems the lost, the needy, the poor, and the broken and radically transforms them by his love. Our God is in the business of complete restoration.

The poorest of the poor will find pasture, and the needy will lie down in safety. Isaiah 14:30

In many ways this boy's story of redemption does not differ from our own lives. Weren't we strung-out in sin, pride or ignorance? Weren't we in despair's dark pit without a hope of escape? Thankfully, God is not appalled at our desperation; instead he extends a hand to us.

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:12-13

As we continue today in the series of messages on "Being an Effective Church," we will learn more of God's heart and the church's responsibility toward the poor and needy.

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Reminder: Discovery 201: Today

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for those interested in joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and child-care are provided. If you have not registered, don't let that stop you, you are more than welcome to attend. See page 4 for more details.

Life Cycle of the Church

Have you ever looked around and wondered why some churches are struggling to keep members and others are growing by leaps and bounds? Why some church members can't seem to stop talking about the great things happening at their church and others don't talk about theirs at all?

Rev. George Bullard has spent 27 years seeking to understand churches and how they survive—or not. His research has shown that churches have a life cycle much like yours and mine (but usually much longer!) There are five phases to the life cycle that take a church from birth to death. The good news is that in the case of a church, the cycle can be interrupted and restarted.

But let's back up and talk about the phases:

Phase 1 - Early Growth

This consists of birth and infancy. During this phase, vision is the predominant attribute. The church is starting for a reason. Programs are minimal and management is done informally. During the end of this phase, relationships start to be more important. Members are working hard to include each other into the "family."

Phase 2 - Late Growth

This includes childhood and adolescence. During this phase, vision and programs are dominant. There's a great urgency to grow programs to reach members and retain them. Toward the end of this phase (like adolescence in teens) the church is awkward as they make the move from the informal management to more formal practices.

Phase 3 - Prime/Plateau

This includes adulthood and maturity. The church is functioning very well during this time. There's a strong vision, great programs, strong relationships and an organized management structure. However, as the church slides into maturity (don't we all?), the vision starts to lose its relevance, programs are doing great but not growing.

Phase 4 - Early Aging

This includes empty nest and retirement. Much like our lives, things slow down, we start relaxing. It's not intentional, but happens nonetheless. Vision is more casual. Many members define the church by its programs, rather than its vision.

Phase 5 - Late Aging and Death

This includes old age and death. Although this is not any church's goal, we've all seen it happen. There's no passion or it's centered around conflicts. If funding is available, this phase can last for years or centuries.

Practical Applications of the Study

Through many discussions with various groups, we agree that Gloria Dei is in the prime/plateau phase. So the obvious question is: How do we proceed from here? According to Rev. Bullard, a church can "rebirth" itself to avoid the later phases. In other words, a church can revisit its vision that will help direct its future, thus returning to the early and late growth phases. We are actively working on that process. In 2000, we formalized the G.R.A.C.E vision and are now seeking ways to make the vision a reality. Please keep this process in your prayers.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in honor of the recent marriage of Brad and Michelle Billings on October 20 and the 42nd wedding anniversary of Dennis and Marna Billings.

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.

PhotoShop Class

PhotoShop Elements, a class to teach the basics of digital photography editing, will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7 and 14 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in room 130. If you are interested, contact Chris Onsrud at chris@gloriadeionline.com.

Calling All Orchestra Musicians

If you have been thinking about playing for the orchestra, now is the time to dust off your favorite musical instruments. We are looking for musicians of all instruments to play in our seasonal offerings. For more information, contact Julie DenHerder at 251-4632.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45, 9 a.m.

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

Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Pastor Update:

Rev. Kendall Meyer
at Mt. Olive

Scripture Reading:

Acts 4:32-35
Matthew 25:31-46

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Geena Graber
Zoe Collins
Gabby Engelken

Elders:

Terry Woolman
David Graaf
Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Dale Engelken
Dave Giesselmann
Mike Martens
Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann
Dwight Carlson
Marilyn Carlson
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 Steueber

10:30 a.m.

Philip Bax
Bill Clark
Leslie Clark
Jim Kellenberg
Clayton Linqvist
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 successful craft fair

Prayers

- For Barney Dennis' health concerns
- For the healing, jobs, homes and freedom from sin for Vera Scroggins' family
- For the family of Marilyn Ziele, who passed away last Sunday
- For the Kleckner family as they grieve the loss of their daughter-in-law Judy
- For Cheryl Counley, daughter of Richard Counley, who is healing from surgery
- For Ralph Aufdenkamp's mother, Laura
- For the continued health of John McKeighan
- For favorable weather to harvest the crops

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: Today

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, visit or call the following circles.

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

LWML Mite Boxes

When you fill the mite boxes, please return them to the back table in the narthex and pick up an empty one and repeat the process. You may also transfer your contents to a zip-lock bag and place it in the large mite box on the table. Thank you for your contributions—it all adds up a significant amount. – Women on a Mission

Craft Fair Updates

Thank you

The Ladies of the Gloria Dei LWML (Lutheran Women on a Mission) express a sincere thanks to all who helped make the 2007 craft fair a success. Whether you donated baked goods or items for the bake sale and coffee bar, helped set up and tear down, worked a shift or two, transported our visitors by driving a golf cart, or attended and supported the vendors, we say a big thank you!

Proceeds

We are tallying our proceeds that will be allocated to our mission projects. We will report that amount after our final craft fair meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in room 129. Thanks again for all the support!

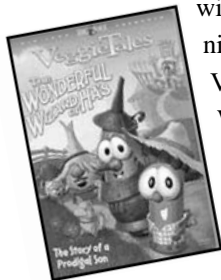
Circle Meetings

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Shirley Johnson, 9709 Aurora Ave., Urbandale

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on 86th St., Urbandale. If you have any questions, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

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.



Tiny Treasures Fundraiser

Order today; receive by Nov. 15. Tiny Treasures is selling cookie dough, coffees, brownie mixes and candles as part of its 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.

Children's Library

The following family DVDs are missing from the library: Rigoletto, Eight Below and 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.

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.

Midweek Meal

Menu:

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

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.

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.

Basketball Reminder

Men's basketball continues to bounce on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. For more information, contact Dan Morton at 978-4504. Nursery is provided.

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.

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 women serving long-term sentences, 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

Walking in the Light

Celebrate the Reformation next Sunday on "Walking in the Light" at 10 a.m. Turn to PRAISE 940 AM for the broadcast.

Fall Celebrations

Rev. Andy Bales, former director of the Door of Faith Mission in Des Moines, will be the keynote speaker on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Ave., Des Moines.

Rev. Bales will share his experiences directing the largest homeless shelter in Los Angeles and remind us of the importance of reaching kids for Christ in the Des Moines' inner city.

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 Sundays 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.

Youth Planning Meeting

A planning meeting for the game section of the fun night at Friendship Baptist Center will be on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Youth Center.

Confirmation Service Hours

Sign up today to earn service hours by helping with Gloria Dei's fall clean up on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the youth bulletin board; families are welcome to join you.

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 is a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning experience.

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. The evening activities consist of worship, teaching and small group.

Oct 24: Topic: Circuit City – I've got sensory overload!

Oct 31: Topic: The Cult – What is it and what's the trap?

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip teenagers to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. This training weekend will use II Peter 3:9-14 as a survival guide to provide teens the hope and victory that comes only through Jesus Christ. Cost is \$25, which includes transportation, food and housing. If you are interested, contact Tim today or go to www.dare-toshare.org.

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 be 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.



We are excited to host a concert by the internationally-acclaimed African Children's Choir Nov. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There is no admission fee to the concert; a free-will offering will be collected to support the choir's efforts back in Africa.

African Children's Choir Comes to Gloria Dei in November

The Faces of the Choir

Twenty-six children. Twenty-six different stories.

The African Children's Choir, 26 Ugandan and Kenyan children ranging in ages from six to ten, will perform at Gloria Dei Sunday, Nov. 11. Each year a new choir is selected from children who are not only musical, but also who come from some of Africa's most desperate villages where most of them have lost at least one parent to poverty or disease.

Choir members receive physical care, education and the experience of international travel. When the choir travels, the members stay with host families, such as is the case at Gloria Dei. Families from Gloria Dei have agreed to open their homes to these young performers. During their stay, the children are tutored and host families are instructed on ways to help the children. For example, families are encouraged not to allow the children to watch TV because of the negative impact that it could have on them.



After their year tour is completed, the children return home and attend school. In the past, many of the children from previous tours attended universities to become doctors, engineers or other professional leaders in Africa. Others received vocational and technical training, developing the skills needed to live productive lives. In addition, many of the children are working with the African Children's Choir and other relief organizations throughout Africa to help the impoverished in Africa.

Please note: We need a few more host families, if you are interested, contact the church office at 276-1700.

Past Performances

The African Children's Choir has had a rich heritage of performances around the world.

Choir 29

- Performed with Josh Groban on American Idol special "Idol Gives Back".
- Appeared on "The Tonight Show"

Choir 28

- Recorded a song for soundtrack to Warner Bros. movie "Blood Diamond"

Choir 27

- Recorded with artists; Jars of Clay, Stephen Curtis Chapman and Gaither Vocal Band

Choir 21

- Performed at Ground Zero for relief workers.

Choir 18

- Performed at the White House

African Children's Choir

Sunday, Nov. 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Free-will offering will be collected.

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
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Craft Fair Meeting

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. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,442
YTD Offering	\$393,914
YTD Budget	\$490,717

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	194	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	126	Northwind	115
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	315	9 a.m. (FLC)	35
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	69		
10:30 a.m.	405		
Total	1109	Total	150

Week of October 28-Nov. 3

Sunday, October 28

- 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 29

- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Halloween Party
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, October 30

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Restorative Group
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Our Time
- 5:00 p.m. No Midweek Meal (Family Movie Night)
- 5:30 p.m. No Music Alive (Family Movie Night)
- 5:30 p.m. No Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Family Movie Night (No Faith Alive)
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria De
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells

Thursday, Nov. 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Restorative 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, Nov. 2

- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Event
- 5:00 p.m. Art Show Opening

Saturday, Nov. 3

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program
- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Fall Clean Up
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	12	25	33	35	Music Alive
Elementary	28	58	38	88	61
Total	40	83	71	123	Wed. Meal
Junior High		31		84	140
High School		13		27	

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.