

WEEKLY WORD



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Reformation Sunday

Living the Badge of Courageous Faith

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care and Associate Pastor

Courage is a quality admired by many in our world. Speaking out when others are silent, doing the right thing even when you know the consequences will be painful and being willing to sacrifice your comfort and safety for some greater good are all examples of courage.

In the Bible we read about the apostles, how they were filled with the Holy Spirit and risked their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Take the account of Paul in Acts 14. The story begins with a lame man being miraculously healed. As the crowd watched, they became amazed by Paul and Barnabas in their witness, so amazed that they wanted to treat them as gods and make sacrifices to them. Paul and his traveling companion, Barnabas, confronted the crowd's thoughts. Unfortunately, Paul soon became the subject of the angry crowd as they threw stones at him and dragged his bloodied body outside of the city.

The story would have been senseless if not for the courage that surfaced in Paul's life after the disciples prayed for him. Paul stood up and forced his aching, bruised and broken body to walk back into the city! Now I don't know about you, but I would have to consider deeply going back into the angry crowd.

Why did Paul do it? Quite simply, he cared more about the salvation of strangers than his own personal safety. Paul was not the first courageous per-

son to stand up for his faith. There has been an unbroken chain of bold believers from the Old Testament times until this day. The Holy Spirit has continued to raise up people for God to proclaim the great news of Jesus.

Let's fast forward from Paul to the time of Martin Luther. The Church of Rome was a very powerful political force controlling and threatening Christians who would oppose their rule. They even taught that forgiveness can be bought by money.

When Martin Luther studied the Bible, God showed him the truth—forgiveness was God's free gift to him.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Luther courageously challenged the church on these teachings and he was condemned as a heretic—one who teaches

lies about God. Luther was condemned to death. His friends helped him by hiding him in a safe place where he worked to translate the Bible into the language of his people. Luther was willing to sacrifice his own life so that we all could learn the truth about God's love and forgiveness. It is hard to say how many millions of lives have been blessed because of the courage of Luther. Today, you and I stand as his spiritual descendants. We are the next link in the unbroken chain of courageous witnesses. Who will be blessed by our courage?

"Paul was not the first courageous person to stand up for his faith. There has been an unbroken chain of bold believers from the Old Testament times until this day."

Current News:

California needs our prayers and support as they recover from the fire that plagued their neighborhoods.

Please go to our web site: gloriadeinline.com for current updates and donation information.

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Reggies Sleepout

The youth at Gloria Dei are participating in Reggie's Sleepout, an event held on Friday, Nov. 2 at Drake stadium. The event promotes awareness of homeless youth of Central Iowa.

Want to help? Please bring cash donations to the table in the narthex and Family Life Center today. All money received will be brought to the event for the support of Iowa youth centers.

Facilities Usage

Gloria Dei has been blessed with consistent growth in the last several years. Since 1998, we have enjoyed a 53 percent increase in worship attendance, which equals an average yearly growth rate of 5.6 percent. With that growth comes challenges in trying to accommodate additional people, classes and programs.

If you have visited the church during the week, you will notice a stream of activities and people within our walls. Beyond the activities that we are all aware of on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, there is a multitude of other activities here on a weekly basis. These activities include Tiny Treasures Preschool, Women's Connections, Bible studies, Kindermusik classes, support groups including DivorceCare, Grief Share, Breast Cancer and AA. We also host sewing groups, dinner theatres, ministry partner meetings, dance rehearsals, piano recitals, weddings, and funerals. At the same time, part of our vision of G.R.A.C.E. is to open our facilities to those in the community as well. We host home schooling groups, community support groups and classes, outside board and committee meetings, elections and a multitude of other activities.

With that in mind, we continue to be attentive to creative ways on how to best fulfill our vision of G.R.A.C.E using our current facilities. We have added worship services, educational times and parking spaces. To further help with classroom spaces, we moved the board room and created two additional classrooms on either side of the children's library. We are currently using the Family Life Center to hold three grades of classes on Wednesday evenings.

One of the first items of importance for Steve Kammeyer when he joined the staff as Executive Director in June was to evaluate and coordinate all the activities that occur at the church.

"We need to live out our G.R.A.C.E vision in every avenue possible," said Steve. "That involves making sure we have the space needed for the many church activities and programs as well as all the private and community requests that we receive. We spent over three weeks this fall creating a calendar of facility usage to accommodate the continued growth of programs. We have grown to the point of having to tell groups we do not have space to accommodate their requests."

As we continue to live out our vision of G.R.A.C.E. within a growing congregation, we need to continue to realistically look at the current and future demands of our facility and how to accommodate our continued growth.

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.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday Oct. 28 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Geneva Grace Mere born October 4, 2007 to Ronnie Mere and Carrie Carlson. Geneva's spiritual sponsors are Ray and Charmayne Brown, and Britni Harms.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are from Ruthie Luecht and Rhoda Houge in memory of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Luecht.

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.

Helping other Churches

Pastor Phillips will be preaching in a sister congregation in Norwalk this weekend due to a death in the family of their pastor. Please pray for him and the congregation in this difficult situation.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

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9 and 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

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Scripture Reading:

Acts 4:1-4, 23-31
Matthew 15:42-47

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Geena Graber
Zoe Collins
Gabby Engelken

Elders:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind
Dale Engelken
Dave Giesselmann
Mike Martens
Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann
Dwight Carlson
Marilyn Carlson
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 Steuber
10:30 a.m.

Philip Bax
Bill Clark
Leslie Clark
Jim Kellenberg
Clayton Linquist
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

Prayers

- For the safety and help of those in California who are affected by the fires
- For Barney Dennis' health concerns
- For the Aufdenkamp family, who is grieving to loss of Ralph's dad
- For Karen Collins' sister, Kathy Meisgeier, who had surgery on Friday
- For the continued healing for Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- 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.

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), 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 a 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 marymuller@mchsi.com.



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

See you Friday!

Walking in the Light

"All Saints' Day" is celebrated on "Walking in the Light" next Sunday at 10 a.m. on PRAISE 940 AM.

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.

This Saturday! 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.

Envelopes for Food Drive

During last week's message, Pastor Burcham shared about the church's responsibility to help the poor and needy. Here is one way to respond to those in need within our community.

Gloria Dei will sponsor a food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. In previous years, specific food items have been collected, but this fall we will collect only cash donations as we did in our last food drive in the spring, where we raised \$1,657.

DMARC will then purchase items from a warehouse at a reduced rate, thus obtaining more items. For example, if an individual from Gloria Dei bought five cans of spaghetti, DMARC could possibly purchase seven. In addition to DMARC's buying power, Gloria Dei will not be faced with the workload of collecting, storing and transporting the items to the food bank. We believe that more will be accomplished by cash donations than by specifically collecting food items.

How to get involved:

Naomi Circle has provided envelopes in today's Weekly Word. 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 or on the orange-paper insert included in the envelope. The envelopes and checks can be placed in the mail, or in the offering plate today, November 4 and 11. If you have any questions, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360.



Craft Fair Updates

This year's craft fair profit is \$5,200. In addition, Thrivent will provide \$1,600 in matching funds. The total of \$6,800 will go toward the Gloria Dei youth, Hope Ministries, Agape Ministry and the church in China.

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.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th Street, Clive.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kara Cobb, 3401 Patricia Drive, Urbandale.

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:45 p.m. at the church in room 139.

Influenza Vaccination

A health professional will be at Gloria Dei Sunday, Nov. 11 from 8:30-noon in rooms 130-32 to give influenza vaccinations to people 9 years and older. Vaccinations will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Supplies are limited, so come early. The cost of the vaccine is \$25; all profits will go toward the Honduras mission trip in June.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Advent by Candlelight

Plans are underway for Advent by Candlelight, which will be held Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Ladies are invited to host a table for this annual event. Each hostess will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join them for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and preparation for the Christmas season. Each hostess is asked to pay \$20 for their table to help defray expenses. A musical program will be offered with songs and scripture that reflect the Advent season.

Please stop by the display in the narthex to sign up for a table, pick up an information packet and to place the hostess fee in the envelope provided. Tables are reserved on a first-come and first-serve basis.

Questions may be directed to Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



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 African'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

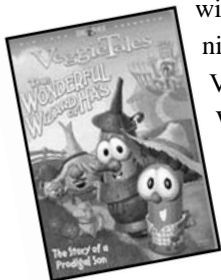
- Performed at the White House

African Children's Choir

Sunday, Nov. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Free-will offering will be collected.

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 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.



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 Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

Rehearsals Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 8-9 a.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8-9 a.m.

Music Alive (3-5) Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

Rehearsals Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 9-9:45 a.m.

Grades K-2 Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Rehearsals: Saturday, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1 from 9-10 a.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9-10 a.m.

Preschool Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15 from 10-11 a.m.

If you have any questions, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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.

Midweek Meal

Menu:

October 31 - no meal
(Family Movie Night)

November 7 - Deli Night

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

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

Put the Soup On!

As cold weather comes, and the soup heats up—think of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool. Here is all you need to do: cut the small little colored stamp and UPC symbol on the lower back of the Campbell's soup cans. (Please note: This differs from last year when the front panel was required.) After you enjoy lots of warm soup, put the cut-out stamps and UPC symbols in an envelope, which can be picked up by the Campbell soup display, and return it to the narthex during the winter months.

After the frost thaws, we will announce the exact date that we will send the labels into Campbell's to redeem items for Tiny Treasures. Thanks for your support.

No Room at the Inn

Valley United Methodist church, 4201 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines will sponsor a festival of the nativity, on Friday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; free-will donation will be collected for Habitat for Humanity.



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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.

Cafe 923

Join us Friday, Nov. 9 from 6-9 p.m. for a fun time of hanging out with friends.

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.

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.

Movie and Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 28:

Join us today for a fun-bonding time at 2 p.m. at the church. We will go to a movie, and then to dinner.

Wednesday: The Point

New! Check us out on our website. Go to the youth page and click on the "New Online Bible studies" link.

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 31: Topic: The Occult – 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 2 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.daretoshare.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.

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: Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

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

Discovery 201: Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

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.

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
- 2:00 p.m. Senior High Movie and Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 29

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 4:00 p.m. Friendship Baptist Fun Night
- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 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

Outpouring of Love

General Fund Offerings	\$25,953
YTD Offering	\$422,128
YTD Budget	\$520,889

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 Dei
- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Art Show Opening
- 6:00 p.m. Reggie's Sleepout

Saturday, Nov. 3

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (3-5)
- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Fall Clean Up
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (K-2)
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Music Alive Rehearsal (3-5)
- 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 Attendance

Northwind		Communion	
	153		
7:45 a.m.	229	7:45 a.m.	159
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	369	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	223
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	126	10:30 a.m.	191
10:30 a.m.	349		
Total	1226	Total	573

Week of November 4-10

Sunday, November 4

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Honduras Bake Sale
- 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; Lifelight
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 5

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 6

- 7:00 a.m. Polk County and City Elections
- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 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. Co-Ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Helping the Poor Meeting

Wednesday, November 7

- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. PhotoShop Elements
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting

Thursday, November 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Boys Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, November 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girls Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923

Saturday, November 10

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (3-5)
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (K-2)
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Music Alive Rehearsal (3-5))
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Ministries
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 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	10	44	11	34	Music Alive
Elementary	26	82	35	101	54
Total	36	126	46	135	Wed. Meal
Junior High	35			86	168
High School	9			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 Lighthouse 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.