

WEEKLY WORD

September 13 and 14, 2008

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

message series

Laying the Foundation

In the next few weeks, we will lay a sturdy foundation that can be built upon individually and collectively. Today we will focus on the importance of depending on God for everything in life. God desires that we seek him with every fiber of our being. He wants to demonstrate to us that he is our complete sufficiency. He wants us to be focused on him. So, we must go about our Father's business with the acknowledgement that all we do is for God's vision, for God's glory and done by God's people.

New Message Series: Laying the Foundation

Sept. 13-14: "Dependence upon God"

Sept. 20-21: "Committed to God's Mission"

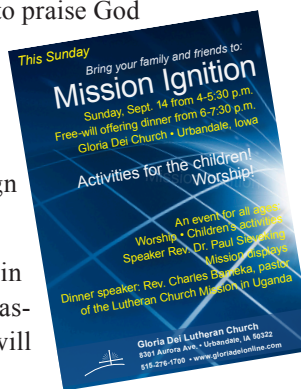
Sept. 27-28: "Sacrifice"

Oct. 4-5: "Unity"

Mission Ignition Today

Gloria Dei will host Iowa District West's Mission Ignition event, a celebration for mission partners of all ages, on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mission Ignition is an opportunity to praise God for his work of salvation and to bring awareness of mission work accomplished locally, nationally and globally. The children's mission event will include hands-on experiences of mission work and learning/performing a song in a foreign language.

A free-will dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Rev. Charles Bameka, pastor of the Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda will be speaking at the dinner.



Let's Meet Gloria and Dave

Our newest members, Gloria and Dave, will be premiering at the H3 service at 9 a.m in the Family Life Center today. These puppet siblings can be seen interacting with worship leaders during the beginning of the service.

"Puppets are a secret weapon known by people who work with young children. Little ones listen very closely to puppets and regard these talking creatures as real friends. The adventure of using puppets in the H3 service is loaded with creative possibilities," said Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Grace Place & Faith Alive

We begin our fall programs today.

See page 8.

Grace Place

- Saturday, Sept. 13
5:50-6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 14
9:20-10 a.m. and
10:50-11:30 a.m.

Faith Alive

- Wednesday, Sept. 17
6-7:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry

We have lots of things planned for the fall. See page 9.

Women's Connections

Date change: Starts Monday, Sept. 29. See page 5 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates



Ministry Focus Group

In order to fulfill the initiatives set out in the Ministry Destination, the congregation voted to relocate the congregation. Since there are approximately 50 initiatives of the Ministry Destination plan, the Ministry Focus Group's main responsibility is to develop criteria for prioritizing all the initiatives of the Ministry Destination plan.

Last Thursday, the group met to refine their work on developing criteria. After all the process is complete, the group will lay out a detailed plan on how to proceed with fulfilling all of the initiatives of the plan.

"This process is meticulous, methodical and reassuring," said Lesli Clark, member of the Ministry Focus Group. "When our final decisions are made, they will have been made by a large group and with objectivity."

Thursday Care Night

We are excited to have launched one of our ministry initiatives last Thursday. Our first Care Night, an evening designed for individuals facing some of life's challenging situations consisted of meals, devotions and support groups.

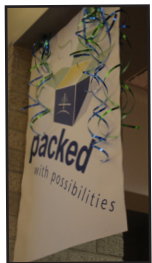
"I am excited about bringing God's comfort to the community through these various groups," said Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care.

"Many times I have observed people in pain and wanted to help—that desire was the inspiration of Care Night."



Care Night begins with a meal and conversations.

Communication Focus Group



Communication stations

The Communication Focus Group is excited to convey all the activities surrounding the Strategic Plan. Besides weekly articles and web updates, there are four communication stations located in the church that will have monthly Strategic Plan updates and other materials. Please feel free to pick up the materials at any-time. Postcards are also provided in the stations for individuals to express their thoughts and questions. Completed postcards can be dropped off in communication boxes located at the Information Center and at the west entrance to the Family Life Center.

In addition, two hollow crosses have been constructed in the narthex and Family Life Center. As each major step occurs toward the fulfillment of the Strategic Plan, a stained-glass panel will be added. After we fulfill all of the steps, the crosses will move to our new building.

The crosses are now on display in the narthex and the Family Life Center.

Members Matt Sheeley, David Jordan and Claus Bunz constructed the displays.



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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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



Tate Karl Eltjes born June 23, 2008 to Chad and Memory (nee Johannsen) Eltjes. Tate's spiritual sponsors are Curt Johannsen and Scott and Jodi Eltjes.

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



Levi Karl Morgan Kohtz born Aug. 26, 2008 to Steve and Lynette (nee Bartels) Kohtz. Levi's spiritual sponsors are Carol Bartels, Chad and Amy Cosgrove, Ashton Gerken and Abbie Gerken.



Grace Frances Anderson born July 3, 2008 to Curtis and Nicole (nee Sporrer) Anderson. Grace's spiritual sponsors are Courtney and Kristin Anderson and Mindy Bennett.

Grace Place 4th and 5th Grade Class

Your help is needed to make the 4th and 5th grade Grace Place class at 10:50 a.m. possible. Please prayerfully consider leading this important education time for our children. For more information, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Emma Griffiths

Drew Uding

Danielle Wright

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

7:45 a.m.

Wendell Dickey

Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst

Bill Kickbush

Jeff Littschwager

Tim Radig

9 a.m. Sanctuary

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

10:30 a.m.

Dave Miller

Mark Pierson

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 3:15-4:7 (NIV); Luke 18:18-27 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

- For the grieving family of Ken Anderson
- For Pastor Meyer, who lost his grandfather
- For Wade Peterson's mother, Mavis Peterson, who is recovering from heart surgery
- For the grieving family of Verna Moore, who lost her mother Frances Vigness
- For Sharon Sease recovering from hip surgery
- For the health of Rhonda Deer's mother
- For the upcoming surgery for Rhonda Deer
- For Kristy Steele's knee surgery
- For Kim Brienzo Walker's mom, Loraine Allerton
- Judy Waters' back surgery
- For the health of Bob and Mary Kuefner's daughter, Barb Thompson
- For John McKeighan's health

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Celebration Weekend!



photos by Vic Kesse and Karen Kennedy

Last weekend, we rolled out the tent and organized the front yard for a weekend event that celebrated God's many blessings upon this congregation. We then ate, bounced, ran, played, laughed and enjoyed each other's company.

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

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

Connections Ministry PATH:

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



Pastor Kendall Meyer

"I challenge you to get connected today!"

This Week!

New to the Lutheran faith:

Join us on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. for a seven-week class. We will journey along with Apostle Paul as we experience where God meets us in our lives. Childcare is provided.

Transferring from another Lutheran Church:

We will hold an interactive experience for everyone joining on Sunday, Nov. 9. Come meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei, and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and a meal are provided.

Please note:

Due to the funeral of Pastor Meyer's grandfather, the Wednesday morning Bible study has been canceled until Sept. 24.

Paths to Personal Connections:

Women's Connections

- Women's Connections (Monday, Sept. 29) at 6:30 p.m. Join us for Taster's Choice night where you will be able to sample the studies that will be offered this fall.
 - Chasing Daylight • That I May Know Him
 - Five Love Languages of Children
 - You Matter More than You Think • And many more

Community (Small) Groups

- Gather friends together to form a group.
- Check out our Web site to join a group.
- E-mail or call Pastor Meyer.

Bible Studies

- Sunday Lifelight Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. (Starts Sept. 14)
- Sunday Life and Ministry of the Messiah Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. (Starts Sept. 14)
- Sunday Life and Ministry of the Messiah Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. (Starts Sept. 14)
- Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Meyer at 10 a.m. (Starts Sept. 24)
- Wednesday MOST Bible Study for Moms from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday Men's Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Social Groups

- XYZ group meets Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.
- Men's Basketball plays Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.
- Gloria Dei Quilters: See page 7 for details.
- Co-ed Volleyball starts at the end of October.
- LWML circles: See page 6 for more details.

Questions: Go to www.gloriadeionline.com or call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Art and Craft Fair

Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar and join us for the upcoming Art and Craft Fair. More than 50 crafters will participate this year, along with the bake sale and cafe/coffee bar. This year's mission projects are the Gloria Dei youth, Camp Okoboji, orphanage in Lhasa, China (winter clothing and bedding) and Honduras mission trip (children's medicine and Bibles).

If you would like to help in this event, sign up at the Craft and Art Fair table in the narthex. If you would like to bring baked goods, more details will follow. We would appreciate your support.

Art and Craft Meeting

The Art and Craft committee will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Drive, West Des Moines.

2008 Fall Sign-Up

As the Worship Ministry prepares for this year's musical offerings, Julie DenHerder and Angie Gage invite all new or returning members to be a part of the Choir, Orchestra, or Alleluia Ringers (adult group) and the Resonators (junior and high school group). The season starts Wednesday, Sept. 17: the Resonators will meet from 5:30-6 p.m.; the Choir will meet from 6-7:20 p.m.; the Orchestra and Alleluia Ringers will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

If you or a friend are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries, at 276-1700 or at steve@gloriadeionline.com.

Come for the Fellowship

Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 5:15 p.m.

Grilled Hamburgers

Thursday, Sept. 18 at 5:30-6 p.m.

Barbecue chicken sandwich

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

Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Cry room

Looking for a good book to read? Try "Before I Wake" by Dee Henderson.

The Plot: Sheriff of Justice, Illinois is hunting a killer. The sheriff is not pleased to find Rae Gabriella, the new detective in town, working the case on behalf of one of the families. She's staying in the same hotel as one of the victims—and her looks suggest she could be the next victim.

After you read it, join the book club to talk about it. For more information contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Shuttle Help Needed

Be the envy of all your friends. Join the elite team of highly caffeinated shuttle cart drivers! Imagine yourself powering up to a group of eager passengers whose only chance to get to church on time rests on your NASCAResque skills. Opportunities are limited, so sign up by contacting Pastor Tim at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Honduras Bake Sale

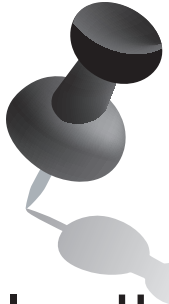
The 2009 Honduras mission team will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, Sept. 21. A free-will offering will be received.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Club Car Restaurant, 13435 University in West Des Moines/Clive.

Seamstresses Needed

We provide baby bags for the new parents at Gloria Dei. If you are interested in helping, pick up a kit with materials and directions for five bags. Please complete the bags as soon as possible and return them to Terry or the church office.



Community Involvement

Part of our vision at Gloria Dei is to be a beacon to our community; therefore we will take an active role in our community.

Iowa Health Hospice

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Iowa Health Hospice, the next set of orientation meetings will be on Thursday evenings in October from 5:30-8:30 p.m. All Iowa Health volunteers complete a 10-hour orientation to learn about their philosophy, end of life care issues, documentation and confidentiality. A volunteer who chooses to work with patients and their family will need to complete an additional 10-hour orientation. For questions or to register, call 557-3287.

Clothing Need Immediately

A number of refugees have arrived from Burma, Nepal, and Thailand. The instructors of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at First Christian Church are concerned about the lack of appropriate clothing for these people. They are in need of children's clothing, especially preschool sizes, as well as clothing for school age children and adults. Most of these people are quite short and are small framed, so small and petite sizes would probably work well. With winter just around the corner, gently used shoes, boots, sweaters, slacks, coats, hats, and mittens would be greatly appreciated! Items will be collected in the narthex through September 15.

Craft and Bake Sale

Agape Pregnancy Center will have a craft and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Ave, Des Moines. Proceeds will benefit the center. Anyone who can make crafts, woodworking or any craft would be much appreciated. Baked goods are also needed. For more information, call Jan Ebert at 255-0243.

Diana's Angels

Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines

Diana's Angels is made up of volunteers who sew and package garments in four sizes and styles, which fit tiny infants. Each set includes an outfit for the baby to wear, a cap, a blanket and booties. A card is also placed in each box with Psalms 121 printed on the inside. These items are donated to area hospitals and funeral homes where they are given to families facing the death of an infant. If you are interested in helping, please attend their first workshop or contact Lois Cole at 288-1250.

New Life Workshop

We have an extra opportunity for women to learn a new kind of quilt block on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This workshop is open to the first 30 registrants. The cost is \$8.50 per person, which includes the pattern. If you are interested, please register today on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Norma Rohn at 253-0523.



**Gloria
Quilters**

**Saturday, Sept. 20
8:30-4 p.m.**

Gloria Quilters will meet on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, sewing supplies and project of your choice. For more information, contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523 or at mrohn@aol.com.

Grace Place: Today!

Starts Saturday, Sept. 13 from 5:50-6:30 p.m.

Starts Sunday, Sept. 14 from 9:20-10 a.m. and 10:50-11:30 a.m.

Grace Place offers Christian educational opportunities for children ages 2 thru grade 5. Each class is grade-level appropriate. Families are welcome to worship together before children are excused for Grace Place, or families are welcome to take their children to the classrooms.

The month of September, we will focus on the words from Psalm 107:1: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*

Faith Alive: This Wednesday!

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. • Faith Alive Opening in Sanctuary promptly at 6 p.m.

Each Wednesday as we begin Faith Alive, we will spend time in worship together in the Sanctuary. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. Children ages 2 thru fifth grade will go to age-appropriate classes where they will experience music, play, story reading, crafts and Bible-based lessons.

Music Alive

We will not have preschool and elementary Music Alive at 5:30 p.m. as in previous years; instead, we will incorporate Music Alive into Faith Alive at 6 p.m. This is a great place for children to praise and worship our Savior through music.

3rd Grade Bible Highlighting

All third graders and a parent are invited to come to the Sanctuary on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. Third grade is an important year in your child's development, so to remind them of the assurance they have in Jesus Christ, we will walk through Scripture for six weeks. Bibles are provided.

Faith Alive Meal

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 5:15-5:55 p.m.

Join us for a meal for \$3.50 per person. Children under 2 eat free.

Kindergarten students invited to Faith Alive Wednesday

All kindergarten students will receive a new Bible on Wednesday, September 17. Even if your child does not regularly attend Faith Alive, we encourage them to attend this week!

Bibles Presented to Three-year-olds on Sept. 24

All three-year-olds and their parents are invited to Faith Alive worship and opening on Sept. 24 for a presentation of the Bibles. It's an important time for the children as their love of reading with parents begin to explode, and their desire to know more about Jesus is thriving. If you do not regularly attend Wednesday night activities, the children are welcome to stay for Faith Alive for that evening.

**If you have questions,
please contact DeAnn McCue at 276-1700 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.**

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Our Mission

Our youth ministry is on a mission, so we will follow the GYM acronym:

Grow in our relationship with God and others,

Yield to Jesus as Lord and Savior and

Minister to others through outreach and service.

Junior Café 923

Friday, Oct. 3 from 6-9 p.m.

This is a unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. The only thing you need to bring is yourself, money for snacks and lots of friends.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Join us Sundays for Castaway from 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Main Topic: "How to be a Player"

Sept. 14: "Dangers of the Crowd- Pilate"

Sept. 21: "Obedience Made Easier- Saul"

Sept. 28: "Putting Off your Prejudices - Haman"

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday, Sept. 14 from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38.

Wednesday: The Point

Our fall kick off will be Wednesday, Sept. 17.

"High Wire Act: How to Balance Life"

Sept 17: "Internal pressures"

Sept 24: "External pressures"

Senior Café 923

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

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

Junior and Senior High Grades 6-12

Paintball Outing

Come and join us on Sunday, Sept. 21 starting at the church at 11:45 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m.

Cost: \$20 or \$15 (if you have your own equipment) \$20 for 500 paintballs.

IDW Junior Youth Gathering

Nov. 1-2 • Downtown Des Moines Marriott. • **Cost: \$100 • Register and pay by Sept. 17.**

Please join us for an incredible weekend of learning, fun and fellowship. Rev. Shawn Deterding will be speaking on the weekend's theme of "If."

IDW Senior Youth Gathering

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

Our 2008 gathering will be a great journey. It will be a journey of prayer, praise and thanksgiving. It is a journey in which you will receive God himself through Christ. It will be a journey with hundreds of fellow disciples journeying together toward heaven. Registration forms can be picked up by the youth bulletin board.

Week of Sept. 13-19, 2008

Saturday, September 13

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 14

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Handbell Ensemble
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 4:00 p.m. Mission Ignition
- 6:00 p.m. Charles Bameka Presentation & Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Beacon of Blessing Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 15

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Drama Class
- 3:15 p.m. UHS Lessons
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, September 16

- 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Staffing Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 5:15 p.m. Meal - Faith Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Resonators Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. 6-8th Grade Confirmation Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:20 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Focus Group Meeting

Thursday, September 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. New to the Lutheran Faith Class (Discovery 101)

Friday, September 19

- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Steering Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Jennifer Gray/Bryan Easter Wedding Rehearsal

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$21,293
YTD Offering	\$252,973
YTD Budget	\$335,570

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	183	
7:45 a.m.	157	140
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	348	229
9 a.m. (FLC)	89	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	274	171
	1051	540

Week of Sept. 20-27, 2008

Saturday, September 20

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Gray and Bryan Easter Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 21

- 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. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Life & Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:00 a.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Life & Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 11:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Paintball
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 22

- 8:00 a.m. Pastor's Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Drama Class
- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Pastor's Conference
- 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Meal - Faith Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Resonators Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High
- 6:20 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101 – New to the Lutheran
Faith?

Friday, September 26

- 5:30 p.m. Haley Pugh/Steve Postma Rehearsal

Saturday, September 27

- 9:00 a.m. New Life Quilters Workshop
- 4:00 a.m. Haley Pugh and Steve Postma Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southeast corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 thru grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth: Junior

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

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming for the fall. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Weekly Bible Reading: Joshua 4:1-7

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon