

WEEKLY WORD



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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

message series

Laying the Foundation

God's desire is for all people to be saved through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. The task of spreading the news of his salvation has been given to us, so we should commit to this mission. We need to know our God and his work, have a passion for reaching people and the willingness to be his hands and feet.

New Message Series: Laying the Foundation

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

Sept. 27-28: "Sacrifice"

Oct. 4-5: "Unity"

What's the Meaning of the Stones?

God commanded Joshua in the Old Testament to pick up 12 stones and build an altar after crossing the Jordan river. These stones served as a visual reminder of God's delivering power. Similarly, in the next few weeks we will collect 12 stones to remind us of God's grace and the important foundational components that we must adhere to as we proceed into the future. These stones will be viewed at all major events and will be built into our future building, so all generations may see the faithfulness and blessings of our living God.

Ugandan Pastor Visits Gloria Dei

Rev. Charles Bameka, the pastor from the Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU) traveled to Gloria Dei last week. He shared at the dinner at the Mission Ignition festival last Sunday, met with ministry staff to share ideas about ministry and observed our church and community culture.

"It's been a great learning experience for me," said Rev. Bameka. "To have experienced all the different ministries here, will help me to build a stronger outreach church at home."

Rev. Bameka, who is a volunteer, oversees 59 LCMU congregations in Uganda. He currently is the only Lutheran pastor but is passionate about training leadership to help rise up the church. Currently, he is organizing leadership training that will equip lay men and women to use their gifts, and plans to train pastors for public ministry. In addition, because they do not have permanent structures to conduct training sessions, he plans to construct buildings that will help with the rapid growth.

More information about the development of our mutual relationships with our brothers and sisters in Uganda will be forthcoming in the Weekly Word and on our Web site.



Rev. Charles Bameka

what's
NEW!
this week!

Ummm Good!

The 2009 Honduras mission team has delicious home-made goodies in the narthex on Sunday. A free-will offering will be received; proceeds will go toward the 2009 mission trip.

Room Changes

We made a few room adjustments to Grace Place at 9:20 a.m. due to the influx of last week's attendance.

2-year-olds meet in rooms 123/125.

3-year-olds meet in rooms 119/121.

4 & 5 year olds meet in rooms 122/124.

For a complete listing, please pick up a classroom sheet at the Information Center today.

Hurricane Relief

As estimated 80 LCMS churches and hundreds of houses were affected by Hurricane Ike.

To find ways to help, visit our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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Strategic Plan Updates

With our fall programs back in full swing, it's easy to see how much space we need to accomplish not only our current ministry goals, but those we've planned for the future as well. In order to fully plan for those needs, the Facilities Focus Group has begun to work with SVPA Architects, Inc. to identify a list of site selection criteria that will guide our location decisions down the road.

"Our goal is to create an objective process for site evaluation that will help us to narrow the field of choices to a few finalists," said Merlin Siefken, leader of the Facilities Focus Group. "When Gloria Dei's members are in agreement on what characteristics we are looking for in a site, our ultimate selection will rise to the top."

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

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. - FLC

Sunday, Oct. 26 at 10:15 a.m. - FLC

Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. - Youth Center

Sunday, Nov. 2 at 10:15 a.m. - FLC



Some early criteria that have been suggested fall into five categories. Each category includes several characteristics that the Facilities Focus Group will be reviewing. A more complete set of recommendations will be available at the town hall meetings. This list could change based on your input.

Criteria	Characteristics
Location & Surrounding Development	Address, Existing Neighborhood Use, Distance to Undesirable Uses, Closest Church With Distance, Location Relative To Attendees, Distance to Major Roads
Legal	Zoning District, Comprehensive Plan Designation, Historical or Cultural Features, Area, Rezone or PUD Amend, Park Ground Dedication, Easements, Governmental Jurisdiction
Ecological and Environmental	Slope Aspect and Suitability, Watershed Analysis, Flood Frequency, Water Impoundment Suitability, Soil Suitability (Depth, Fertility, pH, Perc Rates, Tree Groupings, Sensitive Zones)
Infrastructure	Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Electric, Natural Gas, CTV, Fiber Optic, Telephone, Fire/Rescue Response (Minutes), Police Response (Minutes), Paved Access Points
Image	Quality of Views, Distance of Vistas, Site Prominence, Site Aesthetics, Beacon Site, LEED ¹ Points

If you have any suggestions or questions please direct them to Merlin Siefken at sms_llc@mchsi.com.

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

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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 café/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.

Attention Sports Fans!

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

Shift 1 - The Bulldogs from 7:30-10 a.m.

Shift 2 - The Hawkeyes from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

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

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:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Emma Griffiths
Drew Uding
Danielle Wright

Elders:

Terry Woolman
David Graaf
Vic Kesse

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 6:1-7 (NIV); John 6:35-40 (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
- For the successful surgery and test results of Barb Thompson, Mary Kuefner's daughter
- For the good results of Rhonda Deer and mother

Prayers

- For all those affected by Hurricane Ike
- For Trent Lumley's mother, who was diagnosed with cancer
- For Wade Peterson's mother, Mavis Peterson, who is recovering from heart surgery
- For Sharon Sease recovering from hip surgery
- 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.

Mission Ignition



Photos by Doug Pals

Last Sunday, Gloria Dei hosted the first of eight Mission Ignition festivals that will be held throughout Iowa District West. More than 100 adults attended the festival. A children's program was also offered where children learned about the great commission and how to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish, which they sang in front of the adults at the end of the service. Dinner followed with Rev. Charles Bameka, the pastor from the Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda, who spoke about the work in Uganda.

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Telling of God's love

Helping each other



"I challenge you to get connected today!"

Pastor Kendall Meyer

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.

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.
- Sunday Life and Ministry of the Messiah Bible Study at 9:20 a.m.
- Sunday Life and Ministry of the Messiah Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Meyer at 10 a.m.
- 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 New Life Workshop: See page 7 for details.
- Co-ed Volleyball starts at the end of October.
- LWML circles

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

Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures Children's Consignment sale will run Friday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m.-noon. This year's focus will be exclusively connected with children—clothes, shoes, toys, furniture, maternity clothes and baby things. Tiny Treasures will receive 30 percent of the proceeds. If you are interested in becoming a seller, please fill out the form in the consignment sale brochure located on the plastic racks around the building and return it to the preschool office. You will be assigned a seller number and get a booklet of information and tags to use for the sale. Also, we are looking for a few round racks that we could use for the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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. 24 at 5:15 p.m.

Tacos and Enchiladas

Thursday, Sept. 25 at 5:30-6 p.m.

Walking Chili

\$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.

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.



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.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the home of Alice Wegner, 3916 79th St., Urbandale, 276-1456.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Drive, Urbandale, 276-8903.



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.

Whiz Kidz Volunteers

Freedom for Youth Ministries is launching a new opportunity for elementary inner city youth called "Whiz Kidz." This program begins Monday evening, Sept. 29. Children in grades first thru fifth will come to the Freedom Center and be matched one-on-one with an adult for Christ-centered reading and tutoring assistance. The center is located at 2301 Hickman in Des Moines. If you have questions or feel a call to serve, contact Melanie at 282-4822.

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.

Pork Roast Dinner

Mount Olive Lutheran Church will host a pork roast dinner Saturday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This delicious family-style meal is \$7 per adult, \$3.50 per child (grades K-8) and free for preschool children. Call Mount Olive at 277-0247 by Monday, Sept. 22 to designate your preferred reservation time: 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m. The dinner proceeds will go toward the Mount Olive's garden club.

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.



Care Night Continues

Care Night began Thursday, Sept. 11 for individuals who are facing some of life's difficult challenges. The evening began with a meal, then devotions before the group split into individual support groups. More than 40 individuals participated from Gloria Dei and the surrounding community.

"I am really excited to offer this evening as a catharsis for those who are hurting," said Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care. "It is my prayer that more people will hear and take advantage of this evening."

It is not too late to join the evening, if you are interested call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, for further information.

Attendance Skyrockets



Once again, God blessed this congregation with lots of growth as our attendance escalated for Grace Place and Faith Alive last week.

3rd Grade Bible Highlighting

All third graders and a parent are invited to come to the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Bibles are provided.

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.

Howell's Farms Outing

All families are invited to join us for an evening of fun at Howell's Farms, south of Des Moines, for a walk in the corn, wagon rides to the pumpkin patch and lots more! We will meet at Howell's at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28. We will have the farm open just for us! The cost is based on per person participation. Food will also be available for purchase. Check out Howell's Web site for price information: www.howellfloral.com.

Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue at 276-1700 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

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Junior and Senior High Grades 6-12

Paintball Outing

Come and join us this 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.

Junior High Updates

Kids Against Hunger

Saturday, Sept. 27

We'll depart Gloria Dei at 9:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Sept. 24.

Urban Plunge

Oct. 11-12

Sign up and pay \$75 by Sept. 28.

Pastors' Conference Set-up

Sunday, Sept 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
We need your help to set up for the Pastors' Conference.

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 at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m.

Main Topic: "How to be a Player"

Sept. 21: "Obedience Made Easier- Saul"

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

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

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

Wednesday: The Point

Join us from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for a multi-sensory active learning time. Each evening will consist of praise worship, large group Bible study, small group discussion and free food.

"High Wire Act: How to Balance Life"

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.

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. 20-26, 2008

Saturday, September 20

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei 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 and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:00 a.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 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
- 6:30 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 with Pastor Meyer
- 5:15 p.m. Meal - Faith Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Resonators (Jr. High) Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 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. Gloria Dei Musical 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?
- 7:30 p.m. Ministry Focus Group

Friday, September 26

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

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	182	104
7:45 a.m.	145	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	399	
9 a.m. (FLC)	98	44
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	413	
	1237	148

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,726
YTD Offering	\$286,233
YTD Budget	\$369,127

Week of Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2008

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

Sunday, September 28

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

Monday, September 29

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Drama Class
- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, September 30

- 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village

Tuesday, September 30 (Continued)

- 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

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- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Resonators Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 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. Gloria Dei Music Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

- 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. Preschool Open House
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101 – New to the Lutheran Faith?
- 7:00 p.m. Ministry Focus Group

Friday, October 3

- 8:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 6:00 p.m. Sarah Kesse/Kyle Smith Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. Jr. High Café 923

Saturday, October 4

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

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wed. 6 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	10	44	22	41	
Elementary	38	108	58	134	
Total	48	152	80	175	Wed. Meal
Junior High		30	15	99	160
Senior High		17		31	

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 6:1-7

Now Jericho was tightly closed up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."

So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." And he ordered the people, "Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD."

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

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

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

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon