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WEEKLY WORD



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September 6 and 7, 2008

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrate! We are Packed with Possibilities

They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Psalm 145:7

We are anticipating a wonderful celebration this weekend. God certainly has blessed us with so many wonderful opportunities.

Praise him for his greatness!



Today's Events

After worship on Saturday and Sunday join us for pizza (\$3 for adults and \$2 for children 6 and under) and outdoor activities.

message series

Laying the Foundation

The future is packed with possibilities when we put our trust and faith in God. God's Word repeatedly shows the impossible to be possible. The same is true with our lives and the life of our church. The Strategic Plan for our congregation is packed with possibilities, but those possibilities will not become a reality unless they are built on a good foundation. The next few weeks, we will lay a foundation that we will carry with us today and throughout the years.

New Message Series

- Sept. 6-7:** "Packed with Possibilities Celebration"
- Sept. 13-14:** "Laying the Foundation - Dependence upon God"
- Sept. 20-21:** "Laying the Foundation - Committed to God's Mission"
- Sept. 27-28:** "Laying the Foundation - Sacrifice"
- Oct. 4-5:** "Laying the Foundation - Unity"

Next Week: Mission Ignition

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.

Grace Place & Faith Alive

We begin our fall programs Sept. 13, 14 and 17. See page 3.

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.

Adult Ministry

We have lots of things planned for the fall. See page 4-5.

Mission Ignition

Sunday, Sept. 14
from 4-5:30 p.m.
Dinner from 6-7 p.m.

Join us for
lively worship,
children's activities and
speakers.

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Strategic Plan Updates

We certainly are excited about our new initiatives from the Ministry Destination. Take time to get involved with some of the ministries.

Connections Ministry

Connections Ministry has lots of avenues to help people connect, one of which is a small group study called “Motivation for Mission” beginning Sept. 14. For more information, see page 5.

Thursday Care Night

Starting Thursday, Sept. 11, we will have a night designed for individuals facing some of life’s challenging situations. Meals, devotion and support groups are integral to the evening’s schedule. See page 4 for more details.

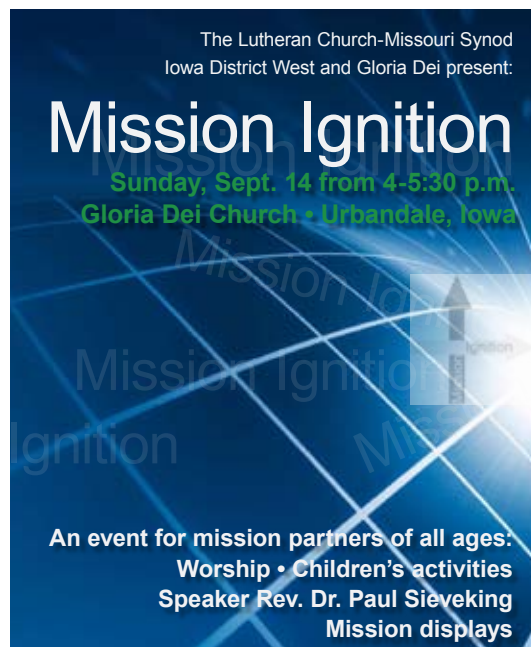
Faith Alive - Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

Children ages 2 thru fifth grade are invited to join us for fun on Wednesday evening as we incorporate family worship, Music Alive and Faith Alive in one powerful time slot starting at 6 p.m. All children will have a rotation model. Preschool and kindergarten classes will “rotate” to different stations in their classroom, included in their “rotations” will be music, play time, Bible story and hands-on learning. Grades 1-2 will rotate to six different stations in classrooms while grades 3-4 will rotate to six different stations in the Family Life Center. Each week these groups will experience the Bible story through activities, games, songs, and Bible challenge. We want kids to take what they’ve learned from their head to their heart. Grade 5 will focus on service and applying God’s Word to their daily lives.

A complete listing of all the fall opportunities

A Fall Opportunities brochure is available at the Information Center.

Invite your friends
and family!



The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Iowa District West and Gloria Dei present:

Mission Ignition

Sunday, Sept. 14 from 4-5:30 p.m.
Gloria Dei Church • Urbandale, Iowa

An event for mission partners of all ages:
Worship • Children’s activities
Speaker Rev. Dr. Paul Sieveking
Mission displays

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Join the Children's Ministry Team

If you love children, we have a great place for you. You would be a part of a great team of individuals who are passionate about teaching children about the Lord Jesus. We need ministry partners for Sunday mornings. All of our positions are teams, so one person doesn't have to do it alone. Each team will take turns leading or helping with a class or area. We have four core positions open: a preschool team on Sundays at 10:50 a.m., and a 4th and 5th grade team on Sundays at 10:50 a.m. If you are interested in lending your gifts to this ministry, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Zach Betten

Emma Griffiths

Jessi Wood

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

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 Reading:

Mark 9:14-27 (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 the many blessings God has given to this congregation
- For students returning to school
- For the fourth year of Tiny Treasures
- For our families

Prayers

- For the grieving family of Ken Anderson
- 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 Pastor Meyer's grandfather, who is gravely ill
- For Scott Raecker's father
- 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.

Congregational Care Notes

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care

In the last several months, we have been working on several new initiatives that we believe will help to provide individual care to our members. Please take some time to read what will be available in the fall. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these groups, please give me a call at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Register today at:
www.gloriadeionline.com.



Pastor Tim Phillips

Stephen Ministries

Beginning in September, Gloria Dei will begin the Stephen Series, a sequence of steps to implement the lay caring ministry system commonly referred to as Stephen Ministries. Earlier this year, Gloria Dei enrolled in Stephen Ministries joining 9,000 congregations worldwide. In September, we will begin training about a dozen Stephen minister candidates recruited from our congregation. The candidates will attend rigorous training in the fall and winter months and then be commissioned in the spring as Stephen ministers.

Who are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen ministers are lay people who receive 50 hours of Christian care-giving training in the congregation. Stephen ministers typically have one care receiver at a time and meet with that person once a week for about an hour. In addition, they gather with their Stephen leaders twice a month for supervision and continuing education.

Interested in Stephen Ministries, Pre-marriage class or Care Night?

Go to our Web site at
www.gloriadeionline.com
or call Pastor Tim Phillips
at 278-5544, ext. 204

Pre-marriage Class

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must take a six-week pre-marriage class starting Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 109.

Care Night: This Week!

On Thursday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m., we launch our Care Night where support groups will eat (\$3.50 for meals), worship and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to those in need for the first time and for a lifetime. All classes meet ten times unless otherwise indicated. We will begin the evening with a meal, then devotion time before heading for our support group meetings.

Cancer Support Group

Breast Cancer Survivor Group reaches out to women who are going through breast cancer.

Caregiver Care

Caregiver Care is for adults who are now in the role of being caregivers for their parents or spouses. We will be going through "Caring for Your Aging Parents," by Barbara Deane, which can be purchased the first week for \$12.

DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a program for people who are going through the pain of divorce.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a program to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a program designed especially for children up to 10 years old who have experienced the death of a close relative or friend.

Self-Defense Class

This six-week class is taught by a self-defense/martial arts instructor and will teach you how to protect yourself; cost is \$25.

Spanish for Caregivers/Teachers

Instruction in beginning Spanish will be provided for caregivers and teachers for four weeks.

True Value

This support group will equip women who are or have been in abusive relationships by learning about the healing power of Christ.

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 beginning Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. for a seven-week class. We will journey along with Apostle Paul as we will 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:

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)
- Women's Connections (Monday, Sept. 22) at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Meyer at 10 a.m. (Starts Sept. 17)
- 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

- Scrapbook Fellowship meets Friday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- 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 in 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.



Circles

We have lots of exciting meetings this fall and would love for you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact one of members.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Hazel Schroedel, 5212 Cody Drive, West Des Moines, 225-0453.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines, 225-2497.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, please call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697.

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.

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.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The kids are back in school and the air is cooler. It's a great time to work on your scrapbooks. Come anytime; leave when you need to. We meet in rooms 131-133 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and would love to have you! Join us for lunch and/or supper or bring your own. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

2008 Fall Sign-Up

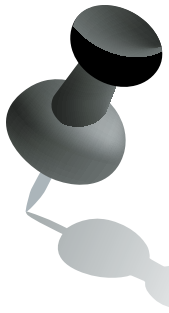
As the Worship Ministry prepares for this year's musical offerings, Julie DenHerder and Angie Gage invite all new or returning members to be a part of the Choir, Orchestra, or Alleluia Ringers (adult group) and the Resonators (junior and high school group). The season starts Wednesday, Sept. 17: the 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@gloriadefellowship.com.

Projects and Projects

We are looking for individuals to assemble scrapbook pages of some of the highlights from Gloria Dei's history. We are also looking for photos of our congregation.

If you would like to help by scrapbooking or providing photos, please call Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225.



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.

Book Sale

Iowa Right to Life's (IRLC) book sale will be held Sept. 9-13 at the 7-Flags Event Center, 2100 NW. 100th, Clive. Proceeds from the sale will be directed toward pregnancy centers and pro-life education. **Donate Items:** Please drop off gently-used books, curriculum materials, craft magazines, CDs, DVDS, games, puzzles, sheet music and cookbooks in the bin near the Information Center by Sunday, Sept. 7.

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! Item will be collected in the narthex through September 15.

Freedom for Youth

Our local missions team, Beacon of Blessings, has signed up our congregation to serve meals on the first Monday of every month beginning Oct. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman (west of MLK Parkway), Des Moines. They will serve at-risk kids and their mentors as part of the Whiz Kids program, which means they are now inviting groups from Gloria Dei to sign up to serve a meal to 6-12 year olds and their mentors. If you are interested, please follow the four steps below:

1. Recruit a team of around six members to serve a meal.
2. Plan your meal with children in mind. Think about what is on the children's menu in restaurants.
3. Bring the meal and drinks, paper plates, plastic cups and silverware to Freedom for Youth Ministry.
4. Select a date from the calendar by contacting Kory Schramm at KSchramm@ITAGROUP.com.

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: Meet the Grace Place Teaching Teams

Saturday, Sept. 6 immediately following worship

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Next Week! Grace Place

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.

Faith Alive

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

We are incorporating family worship, Music Alive and Faith Alive in one powerful time slot. Families can begin the evening worshipping together as a family in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. 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.

Faith Alive Meal

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 5:15-6 p.m.

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

Meet the Faith Alive Teaching Teams

Wednesday, Sept. 17 immediately following the 6 p.m. opening.

Please register today
at www.gloriadeionline.com
or at the Information
Center.

Tiny Treasures Opens Its Doors



Parents and children filled the hallways of Tiny Treasures with lots of smiles as they headed for the first week of preschool.

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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.

Confirmation Orientation

The following is a gentle reminder for parents and students to attend their scheduled Confirmation meetings:

8th Grade:
Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Just in case you missed a meeting:
All grades can join us on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

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. 7: No Castaway
- 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

- Sept. 3 and 10: No 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, Sept. 7 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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

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."

Week of Sept. 6-13, 2008

Saturday, September 6

Celebration Weekend!

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Festivities

Sunday, September 7

Celebration Weekend!

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Celebration Festivities
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
the Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service
in the Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
the Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 8

- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Community Facilitators Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, September 9

- 7:00 a.m. School Election
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 11

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. New to the Lutheran Faith Class
(Discovery 101)

Friday, September 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Worship Service	Attendance
Northwind	112
7:45 a.m.	107
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	264
9 a.m. (FLC)	65
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	214
	762

Outpouring of Love (Aug. 15-30)	
General Fund Offerings	\$53,914
YTD Offering	\$227,867
YTD Budget	\$302,013

Week of Sept. 13-20, 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
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 15

- 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

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. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 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

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

- 5:30 p.m. Jennifer Gray/Bryan Easter Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Caring Corps Breakfast
- 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

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. 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: Starting Sept. 14, 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: Mark 9: 20-27

..... So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

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: (starts Sept. 13-14): Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon