

WEEKLY WORD



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September 15 and 16, 2007
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fall Programs Begin

Saturday and Sunday

Worship Services

In an effort to reach many different worship styles, we are excited to offer five worship services this weekend. For a detailed listing of each service, please see pages 6-7.

Sermon series

Self control is more than saying no to that third piece of pie; it is the ability not to act on impulse in every aspect of our lives. To stop, think and ask if the situation in front of us will help or hurt our relationship with God is something we all need to do. Oftentimes, self-control is saying "no" even when every part of us is crying "yes." As we continue our series of messages on "Leading an Effective Life," we will discover how God's Word tells us to exercise self control. Thankfully, God does not leave us alone in our self-control attempts for he has richly provided for us. We can overcome temptation and control our actions through the power of Christ. Leaning on his power and ability, will result in less regrets and heartaches.

Grace Place

We are offering 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.

Youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high energy educational time in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. 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

Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in room 129 from 9:20-10:20 a.m., or a study that parallels the new sermon series from 10:20-11:20 a.m. in room 127.

Wednesday, September 19

Children

Our midweek educational time, Faith Alive, Music Alive and mid-week meal will start on Wednesday, Sept. 19; midweek meal from 5-6 p.m., Music Alive from 5:30-6:10 p.m. and Faith Alive from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Youth

Confirmation for grades 6-8 will begin Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Senior High youth in grades 9-12 are invited to an energetic worship time from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Throughout the Week

We have many more opportunities in the next few weeks to help us grow in our relationship to the Lord. For more information and a complete list, pick up a "Fall Opportunities" brochure today.

Welcome

We are excited to launch our fall programs this weekend.

Please take some time to discover what opportunities work best for you and your family.

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Where is my room?

We have a list of all class locations for you today.

If you cannot find your class,
please ask an usher or an elder.

Sharing Grace



Our current vision of G.R.A.C.E. was born seven years ago when staff and members began discussing and praying about Gloria Dei's future. They believed that Gloria Dei should encompass the following five benchmarks:

Growing

We will be a place of spiritual growth through dynamic worship, excellent teaching and countless other opportunities.

Relationship

We will develop personal relationships, life-long friendships and a sense of belonging.

A Beacon

We will be a welcoming neighbor.

Courageous

We will be courageous in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Equipping

We will be a place where God's relevant Word is applied to daily life and leaders are trained.

During that time, they set some goals to correspond with the new vision. Today as we look back, we are extremely thankful for the goals that have been met.

We have increased our staff by adding an executive director, directors of worship, media, preschool, adult, congregational care, publicity and promotion, and numerous part-time staff. We have also added a Saturday night worship service, broadened our types of worship services and added two additional educational times for children and youth. We have expanded the parking lot, made new outside signage along with numerous other facility remodeling efforts. In addition, we raised money to purchase a organ and even trained ministry partners to create a beautiful stained-glass window for the Narthex.

In 2003, we developed our logo and branding campaign. A year later, we established a Christian preschool, which now enrolls almost 100 children. In 2005, we installed overhead projectors for the Sanctuary and continue to develop our multi-media capabilities. To help equip other churches, we brought two men from Uganda for worship training and held a multi-media worship conference. To be a welcoming neighbor, we offered a July Fourth concert in the park this year.

We are extremely thankful to the Lord for his blessings and the vision that was cast to help us get to where we are today. Making goals and plans helped us to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. But where do we go from here? We believe that we are at a crossroads and need to take some time to consider where we should be in the next five to ten years.

We are asking for your prayers as several ministry action teams continue to discuss and pray about how to continue the ministry that the Lord has entrusted to us.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the 5:30 p.m. service is for:



Andrew Lee Bird born August 25, 1995. Andrew's guardian is his grandfather, Ron Bird; he lives with his aunt, Michelle Ingersoll. Andrew's sponsors are Jeff and Wendy Sontag.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 16 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Josie Olivia Martindale born June 2, 2007 to Jon and Beth (nee: Magdefrau) Martindale. Josie's spiritual sponsors are David and Lisha Martindale, and Richard and Kelly Martindale.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are from the family of Dennis Hays.

Pastoral Conference

The Iowa District West Pastoral Conference will be held at Gloria Dei on Monday, Sept. 24 and Tuesday, Sept. 25. The conference is held to equip, encourage and support pastors from our district. Please keep them in your prayers.

Also, the conference is collecting infant and children's clothing for orphans in Nigeria. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to the box in the narthex labeled "Clothing for Nigeria."

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 and 9 a.m.

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Jamison Dierenfield

Signe Bamsey

Heather Burke

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

7:45 a.m.

Richard Counley

Wendell Dickey

Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst

Bill Kickbush

Jeff Liittschwager

Tim Radig

9 a.m.

(Sanctuary & FLC)

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

10:30 a.m.

Dave Miller

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 the safe return of Dan and Deb Timmons and Scott Raecker
- For ministry partners

Prayers

- For Cheryl Counley, daughter of Richard Counley, who is healing from surgery
- For Monica Pingel's sister, Patty, who is having surgery
- For Don Rasmussen's cousin, Leonard Kristiansen, who has a brain tumor
- For Arlyn Hesse's health concerns
- For Eloise Petersen, who is recovering from surgery
- For the grieving family of Dennis Hays
- For Ralph Aufdenkamp's mother
- For Judy Kleckner's health
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Gift Yourself Ministry Fair



Last week, we hosted a ministry fair where members and guests were able to meet and talk with all the different ministry leaders and partners at Gloria Dei. The fair's participants were also asked to pray and consider where they could "gift themselves" at Gloria Dei. If you were unable to return your sign-up sheets, please do so today at the table in the Narthex.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check “wish to join Gloria Dei.” All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101

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

Discovery 201

Sunday, October 21 from 3-7 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Sign-up

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Announcing Dei Break

How are you getting along with the Bible? Does it seem a little distant when you try to relate it to your life today? You're not alone! The Bible has challenged Christians for hundreds of years. How do we figure out how it fits in our lives now? We do know that it does fit, but how?

Gloria Dei is offering “Dei Break,” a walk-through-the-Bible journey that began mid-September. Beginning in Genesis and ending with Revelation, you will have the opportunity to receive a daily e-mail with a short message explaining and relating to the passage.

If you haven't read the Bible yet, or if you are ready to begin for the hundredth time, you will find that taking five or ten minutes a day to participate in “Dei Break” will be more than worth your time. It will be a great way to start your day, or a great way to finish your evening.

You can sign up today to have “Dei Break” arrive in your e-mail every week-day. Just send a request to xyzwriter@hotmail.com. Include the e-mail address where you would like to receive “Dei Break.” In addition, “Dei Break” will be available at gloriadeionline.com.

Remodeling Updates

We continue to work through a number of projects around our facility. All spaces are usable even those not quite finished yet. We appreciate your continued patience as we complete these projects. We look forward to finishing them up in the next few weeks. Look for a complete list of these updates and projects in next week's Weekly Word.



Bringing worshippers to Jesus Christ for the first time and for a lifetime.

Contact

Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries
278-5544, ext. 205 • steve@gloriadeionline.com

New Worship Schedule Starts Today

We are making changes to the worship schedule beginning today and want to share these exciting changes with you. There will be five different opportunities each weekend to worship at Gloria Dei and each will offer a slightly different worship style—allowing us to serve the needs of our members as well as reach out to the rest of the community. A brief summary of the five worship times and styles are outlined below. We encourage you to explore all the worship opportunities at Gloria Dei and share this with friends and neighbors that may be looking for a church home.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center

This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship and an educational time for the children. Communion offered the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

- Music type:** Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band, guitar driven.
- Music Offerings:** Solos, praise band, children’s choirs.
- Worship elements:** Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, and prayers.
- Communion:** Continuous flow distribution.
- Other Characteristics:** No robes, no acolyte.
- Education:** Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service (5:50 p.m.).

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Classical Lutheran worship that utilizes all three liturgies and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book. Communion offered the first and third Sunday of every month.

- Music type:** Hymns from Lutheran Service Book accompanied by organ.
- Music Offerings:** Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra.
- Worship elements:** Written liturgy from the hymnal, responsive Psalms sung by cantor on occasion, communion liturgy from hymnal.
- Communion:** Distributed at the communion rail.
- Other Characteristics:** Pastors robed, acolyte.
- Education:** Grace Place and adult Bible studies held at 9:20 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Classical Lutheran worship that utilizes written and free-flow liturgy.
Communion offered the first and third Sunday of every month.

Music type:	Hymns from Lutheran Service Book accompanied by organ.
Music Offerings:	Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra, praise choir, children's choir.
Worship elements:	Blend between hymnal and free-flow liturgy.
Communion:	Continuous flow distribution.
Other Characteristics:	Pastors robed, acolyte.
Education:	Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service (9:20 a.m.).

9:00 a.m. Sunday Family-Friendly Service in the Family Life Center

Casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with upbeat hymns and praise music.
Communion offered the second and fourth Sunday of every month.

Music type:	Softer contemporary songs and some hymns with worship band leading all music.
Music Offerings:	Children's choir, bell choir, brass, orchestra, praise choir.
Worship elements:	Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, prayers, and parts of service dedicated to family worship.
Communion:	Continuous flow distribution.
Other Characteristics:	Sermon simulcast from Sanctuary, no robes, no acolyte.
Education:	Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service (9:20 a.m.).

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Service in the Sanctuary

This casual service offers high-energy worship and an educational time for the children.
Communion offered the first and third Sunday of every month.

Music type:	Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band, guitar driven.
Music Offerings:	Solos, praise band, children's choirs.
Worship elements:	Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, and prayers.
Communion:	Continuous flow distribution.
Other Characteristics:	No robes, no acolyte.
Education:	Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service. (10:50 a.m.).

Sharing Grace

Alleluia Ringers

As we prepare for our fall programs, Angie Gage, Director of Alleluia Ringers, would like to welcome all the returning members and encourage interested congregational members to be a part of the Alleluia Ringers. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 19 in the Narthex. Childcare is provided.

If you are interested in joining this group, please notify Angie Gage at 276-0960, or amgage@hotmail.com.



Gloria Dei Chorale

Come sing with us! The Gloria Dei Chorale, our 40-50 voice adult choir, will be starting rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 19. We sing a mix of traditional and traditional-blend music.

Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6-6:45 p.m. in rooms 134-38. No previous experience needed and new voices are always welcome!

If you are interested in joining this group, please join us on Sept. 19. If you have any questions, please contact Elyse Flagg at 664-0283, or elyseflagg@gmail.com.



Orchestra

If you have an interest or a talent hidden away, please join us Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 7:30-8:15 p.m. in rooms 134-38. We are especially looking for all alto, tenor and bari saxophone, trombone and trumpet players. If you have another talent, please join us. The importance is not what you play, but that you get to play. If you have any questions, contact Julie Den-Herder at 251-4632.



Liturgical Dance

We are looking for children, men and women who would like to learn how to worship God through dance and creative movement. Rehearsals begin Saturday in room 138 from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, contact Kim Marsh at 689-7388.

Adult Classes

How to Use Your Digital Camera

Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in room 129.

Chris Onsrud, Director of Media Ministries, will teach a four-week class on the basics to intermediate aspects of digital cameras. If interested, please e-mail Chris at chris@gloriadeionline.com.

Baptism Class

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in room 127.

This four-week class explores the different aspects associated with the act of baptism. What happens during a baptism? How do you pick your sponsors? How do I schedule a baptism? If you are interested in getting your child baptized or have questions concerning baptisms, this class is for you. Childcare is provided. If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Oil Painting

Starts Friday, Sept. 21 from 6:30-9 p.m. in room 135-37.

Brian Lipovac will teach about oil painting using Bob Ross' painting techniques. If you are interested, register at the Information Center by Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$35; the supply list can also be picked up at the Information Center.



Congregational Care Corner

Bringing Jesus Christ to the hurting for the first time and for a lifetime.

Contact Information:

Pastor Tim Phillips, 278-5544, ext. 204
or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in September that will bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Please feel free to join us at any time for all of our adult support groups, new people are always welcome.

Current Support Groups:

Cancer Support Group
BCS Group: Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Divorce Support Group
DivorceCare: Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Grief Support Group
GriefShare: Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children Grief Support Group
Stepping Stones
Please call Lynn Meyer at 986-5653 for the next class.



Come join us
next Saturday & Sunday
when we officially open our
new children's library!

Videos Missing

A number of items are missing from the children's library. The following is a list of videos that can be identified by the library's bright pink labels.

- Thomas the Tank Engine - Trust Thomas and Other Stories
- Adventures in Odyssey - the Knight Travelers
- Barney All New Rhyme Time Rhythm
- More Barney Songs
- Barney Let's Play School
- Berenstain Bears Meet Big Paw

Please check at home to see if you have one of these videos.

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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 Sunday, Sept. 16 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.

Resource Information

Please pick up resource materials on different beliefs, such as evolutionists and hindus, by the youth bulletin board. These sheets are provided to help you reach people of different values and beliefs.

Concert

TobyMac with Barlowgirl and Thousand Foot Krutch will be performing at the Val Air Ballroom on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. Tickets (\$23) can be purchased by contacting Tim by Sunday, Sept. 23.

Youth Mission Trip

Mark your calendar!

A mission trip will be offered next summer for grades 8-12 from June 14-22. We will travel by van from Gloria Dei to undisclosed locations throughout the United States for mission work, and leadership development in an outdoor environment. The trip is based upon the Israelites wandering prior to their entrance to the promised land. The cost of the trip is \$600 per person and will cover lodging, van rentals, gas and food. Registration deadline is Sunday, October 14.

Rewards

If you participated in the 30-hour Famine last April and collected \$50 or more for World Vision, a prize is awaiting you. Please see Kim Phillips in room 131/133 on Wednesday, Sept. 19 or 26 to pick up your wristband and/or t-shirt. Rewards are available 15 minutes before and after class.

Junior High - Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center. This high-energy, multi-sensory active learning begins today.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Join us for Confirmation starting Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us today from 9-10 a.m in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

Join us this Wednesday as we hang out starting at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center; at 6:15 p.m. we will start the evening activities of worship, teaching and small group.

Topic: Community Living together in a world of individualization.

Senior High Youth Gathering

November 23-25 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines

You don't want to miss this youth happening. We will gather for "Connected," based on Romans 8:38-39 and learn about the power that is unbreakable due to God's love.

The registration fee of \$160, which includes lodging, transportation, entertainment, t-shirt, two breakfasts, one lunch and the Saturday evening banquet, is due Sept. 30.

Community Groups

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

We are organizing our fall small home groups, Teens in Community (TIC). Please contact one of the following leaders:

Girls sophomore-senior focus

Tuesday nights
Jenn Amendt 252-0120

Girls freshmen-junior focus

Monday nights
Toni Nicol 979-1073

Girls freshmen-senior focus

Sunday nights
Julia & Megan Kightlinger 278-2694

Guys junior-senior group

Tuesday nights
Dan Petrak 986-0069

Guys freshmen-junior focus

Monday nights
Jared Nicol 979-1073

Guys freshmen-senior focus

Monday nights
Tim Kightlinger 278-2694

Guys freshmen-sophomore focus

(To be announced)
Chad Cronk 253-0914

Educational Times

Please join us for our educational times.

Preschool and Elementary (ages 3-Grade 5)

Grace Place, our weekend educational times

Saturdays from 5:50-6:30 p.m.
Sundays from 9:20-10 and 10:50-11:30 a.m.

Faith Alive, our Wednesday educational time

Midweek meal from 5-6 p.m.
Music Alive from 5:30-6:10 p.m.
Faith Alive from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Sundays from 9:20-10 and 10:50-11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Sundays from 9-10 a.m.
Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Fall Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures will host a fall consignment sale on Friday, Oct. 5. This one-day sale will help Tiny Treasures purchase equipment and supplies. A flier is available at the Information Center. Think fall, and think consignment! Clean out your closets that contain winter coats, snow pants and other clothes, and we'll help with the rest. Questions? Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Grace Place Guidelines

Children ages 2 to grade 5 are invited to Grace Place this weekend. If you are attending worship with your child during a service with Grace Place, a slide will come up on the screen inviting them to go to Grace Place. All of our classes are located in the center and east wings. Friendly folks will help you locate your child's room at dismissal and again after worship. Parents are welcome to walk their child to their classroom.



Please note the special directions for children ages 3-4.

Parents of 3- and 4- year-olds are to come to their child's room prior to the worship service and sign in their child. At that time, the child's name badge will be placed on the child. In addition, an information sheet will be provided for parents to write information that is unique to the day or child. For example, you may write about your child's separation or health issues. You can also tell us what service you will be attending and how we could contact you (i.e., cell phones that are on vibrate mode). After the information is gathered, and the name badge is on the child, the family will then proceed to the worship service. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

Craft Fair

Saturday, Oct. 13

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar and join us! More than 75 crafters will participate this year, along with a bake sale and coffee bar. This year's mission projects are the Gloria Dei youth, Hope Ministries, the Christian church in China and Agape Ministry.

Help Needed

We need support to make this event a success, so please sign up at the Craft Fair table.

Craft Fair Set Up and Take Down

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 13 at 2:30 p.m. to move tables and chairs. If you are interested, please sign up at the Craft Fair table.

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LWML
Women on a Mission



LWML Features Diana's Angels

Fall Kick-off for Women on a Mission

Please join us Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. for the fall kick-off for the LWML - Women on a Mission group at Gloria Dei. Bring scissors, a tape measure, and a pair of baby booties (optional) and hear Ann Carrick of Faith, Adel, tell us about the Diana's Angels project of making infant sleepers for the hospitals.

We will have a short work session followed by ice cream sundaes with choices of toppings. All are welcome. Call 278-4259 if you have questions.

Habitat for Humanity

There is still time to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity to finish up building four homes in the central Des Moines area. So far we have made great progress and are working mainly on the interiors of the homes and the landscaping on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 8-12 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers at all skill levels including those with the skills to lead a team of 3-5 in completing a specific task. Non-construction help also needed to work as site hosts, lead devotions, provide lunch, and more! For additional information or to volunteer, contact Cindy O'Hara at 471-8686 or e-mail at cohara@gdmhabitat.org.

Photo Directory

If you have not scheduled your photo appointment, please contact Marsha Sly at 276-1700. There are a few slots left on Sept 25 and 26. If these times don't work for your family, please call Deb Timmons at 289-0360 to possibly arrange other options.

Women's Bible Connections

It's not too late to join Women's Bible Connections!

The preview night was a success! But if you missed opening night, it's not too late to attend! Come to the first full night of study on Monday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Choose from the following:



Beth Moore's A Heart Like His

Take an exciting and intimate journey to explore King David, a man after God's own heart. This study is an 11-week course with daily preparation and a free-will materials donation of \$17.

Focus on the Family's The Truth Project

Seek a biblical worldview and be grounded in the truth so as not to fall for the lies of this world. This is a 7-week video and discussion study with no weekly preparation or materials donation.

Nourishment for Your Body and Soul

Feed your body and soul as you reflect on God's Word while you make and take an entrée home to your freezer. This is a 4-week course with no weekly preparation and a free-will ingredients donation of \$24.

Spiritual Confetti

When encouragement is found through God's love, it is like Spiritual Confetti. Be careful - you're likely to find little pieces of it stuck on you forever! This is a 10-week book review study with one chapter per week preparation and a free-will materials donation of \$9.

The Five Love Languages of Children

Come and learn how to recognize children's primary love language. This is a 7-week book review and workbook study with weekly chapter readings and family activities. Free-will materials donation is \$24.

Women - Who? What? When? Why?

Explore women in the bible, woman in history, and ourselves as Christian women today from a little different angle. This is an 8-week discussion study with no weekly preparation and a free-will materials donation of \$5.

Women of Faith's Adventurous Prayer

Prayer is the path to building a better relationship with our Savior. This is a 12-week book review and discussion study with one chapter per week preparation and a free-will materials donation of \$7.

Bring a friend who seeks more Christ in her life and look forward to an evening designed just for women. For more information and full course descriptions visit: www.gloriadeionline.com. Women's Bible Connections offers childcare services and special accommodations as needed.

Thank You

Thank you so much to all the members of Gloria Dei who sent cards, letters, and e-mails upon my retirement from the office of the public ministry. Your love is evident and your friendship is precious. The Lord's continued blessings on you all! Pastor Parsch

Part-time Help Needed

We are currently looking for a part-time person to do custodial work and classroom setup work around the church.

This is a paid position and will probably involve approximately 4-8 hours per week with occasional opportunities for additional hours depending on the time of year. Most of the work will be on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. This might be the perfect opportunity for a high school youth. If you are interested in this position, please contact Steve Kammeyer or Brandon Simpson at the office at 276-1700 or e-mail them at skammeyer@gloriadeionline.com or brandon@gloriadeionline.com.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet Tuesday Sept. 18 from 7-9 p.m. in room 131/133. They will be tracing patterns and cutting material for the packets to make infant clothes for the surrounding hospitals. If you have questions or have completed outfits, please contact Lois Cole at 288-1250, Ann Carrick at 789-9504 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174.

Week of September 16-22

Sunday, September 16

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-friendly Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; 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
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 17

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 4:30 p.m. Communication MAT
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers

- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Craft Fair/Diana's Angels

Wednesday, September 19

- 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. Discovery 101 Class
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Digital Camera Class
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Ministry MAT

Thursday, September 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones

Friday, September 21

- 6:30 p.m. Oil Painting Class

Saturday, September 22

- 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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,862
YTD Offering	\$251,484
YTD Budget	\$338,274

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	105	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	147	Northwind	99
9 a.m.	289		
10:30 a.m.	353		
Total	894		

Week of September 23-29

Sunday, September 23

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 24

- Pastoral Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, September 25

- Pastoral Conference
- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Photo Directory
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, September 26

- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Photo Directory
- 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. Discovery 101 Class
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Digital Camera Class
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Thursday, September 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones

Friday, September 28

- 5:30 p.m. Gina Christianson/Todd Gear Rehearsal

Saturday, September 29

- 4:00 p.m. Gina Christianson/Todd Gear Wedding
- 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

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 room 129 from 9:20-10:20 a.m, or a study that parallels the new sermon series from 10:20-11:20 a.m. in room 127.

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.