



The sweet aroma is to be found at  
Tiny Treasures's Open House today! See page 11 for details.

# WEEKLY WORD



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## No Lone Rangers Here

by Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

*So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* Romans 12:5

Circle the word “belongs” in this Bible verse, that’s right, go ahead circle it. The Apostle Paul is telling us that we belong to each other. Throughout Scripture we see that if you’re a Christian we are all inter-related, connected. We belong to each other. Christianity is a life and so it is to be shared. The point that this verse is making is that every Christian not only needs the Bible, not only needs prayer, but every Christian needs other Christians. There’s no such thing as “lone ranger” Christianity. We need each other.

That’s what we’ve been focusing on these last few weeks in our sermon series, “Life in Community.” We’ve learned that God has created us for community and through community we receive the support we need as we go through our daily lives. Today we will explore how community helps us grow in our relationships with God and with each other.

Have you ever thought about how people grow? Babies start life with only a few abilities, such as crying and eating. Within a year-and-a-half they are walking and talking.

How is that possible? It is a miracle that most of us pay little attention to. Their amazing growth is largely due to the people who surround and teach them many things. Their physical and mental growth continues for many years until finally they are adults. When they become adults, we say that they are mature.

Jesus calls us to become spiritually mature. In order for us to do that effectively, we must develop spiritually. Worshipping with other Christians and attending church regularly will help us grow. But there is more to it. We need to share with others our problems and joys, to hear their struggles and blessings, to learn how to apply the Scriptures to our lives by being able to interact, ask questions, apply and share insights with each other. That’s what we need in order to grow in our faith. That’s what community groups are all about.

Again, the basic principle of community is that we need each other. We need to spend time with others who know and love the Lord as we do. Some people remain baby Christians after many years. This is not God’s plan. God want us to become mature. He wants us to grow spiritually tall, “reaching to the very height of Christ’s full stature” (Ephesians 4:13). And so we shall!

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## Fall Worship Schedule

### Starting Saturday, Sept. 15:

5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

### Starting Sunday, Sept. 16:

7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. in the Family Life Center (simulcast sermon from the Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Grace Place will be Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For more information, see page 6 and 7.

## Community Groups

Many community groups are being formed for the fall. If you are interested, please fill out a sign-up card today or register online.

### Fall Facilitator's Meeting

For those who are interested in facilitating a small community group or for those who are already doing so, we will hold a fun, interactive training session. Childcare is provided.

#### Friday, Sept. 7

- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Current and new facilitator training
- 7:15-7:30 p.m. Refreshments
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. New facilitators training (current facilitators are welcome to attend)

Or

#### Saturday, Sept. 8

- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Current and new facilitators training
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Refreshments
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. New facilitator training (current facilitators are welcome to attend)

Registration is required by calling Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 by Tuesday, Sept. 4.

## Ministry Fair

Please join us after next week's worship services on Sept. 8 and 9 in rooms 131-37. Tables will be set up where you can get to know each of the ministries of Gloria Dei. As you get to know us more, we pray that you will find a place to put your God-given gifts to use. Visit [gloriadeionline.com](http://gloriadeionline.com) and click the "Gift Yourself" link to view all the opportunities to partner with us!



## 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.

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## 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 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.

## 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 will begin 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 weekday. 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.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

### Organist:

Shirley Roberts

### Acolytes:

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### Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

### 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.**

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 Wendell and Carol Dickey's 40th wedding anniversary

## Prayers

- For Chris and Rachel Onsrud, who lost Rachel's mother
- For the grieving family of Vernon Hanselman, Deb Timmons uncle
- For the health of Gary Zumach, father of Julie DenHerder
- For the health of Dennis Hays
- For the recovery from surgery for Rustin Aufdenkamp
- For Judy Kleckner's health
- For Dan and Deb Timmons and Scott Raecker, who are on a mission trip in Tibet
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan
- For the support groups that are starting
- For the holiday travelers

## 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.

# 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 call the office at 276-1700.



## Mission Statement

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as an effective and innovative mission center, brings Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.



## Vision Statement

It is our vision that Gloria Dei will be a place of abundant grace.

Gloria Dei will be a growing, relationship-centered church, serving as a beacon to our community, courageous in sharing the love of God with all people and equipping them to deal with the challenges of life and becoming leaders in the kingdom of God.



## Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us for Discovery 101, a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church; and Discovery 201, a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.



## Stop by the Information Center

If you are visiting today, please stop by the Information Center, which is located outside the Sanctuary or in the back of the Family Life Center. We would love to get to know you and give you brochures on all of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

## A Snippet of Gloria Dei for the Entire Family

### Nursery

Located below the narthex, the nursery is professionally staffed during all worship services and midweek classes for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

### Preschool Children

During the summer, we encourage children to worship with their parents. In the fall, we offer educational times and a preschool.

### Elementary Children

Children are welcome to worship with their families during the summer months. We will start full blast in Sept. 15-16 as we begin our educational times for children on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

### Youth

We have lots of activities for our youth in junior and senior high. Check out Page 10 for more details.

### Adults

Lots of small groups, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities and support groups are available throughout the week for adults.

### Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information. See you there!

## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

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

### New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

### Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

### Discovery 101

**Wednesday, September 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6 p.m.**

Discovery 101 is a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

### 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

## When do fall programs start?

### Children ages 3 to high school

Grace Place, our educational time, will start again on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 5:50 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Our midweek educational time, Faith Alive, Music Alive and midweek meal will start on Wednesday, Sept. 19; midweek meal from 5-6 p.m., Music Alive 5:30-6:10 p.m. and Faith Alive at 6:15-7:15 p.m. Please register your children at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or pick up a registration form at the Information Center. Registration is required for all children.

### To register:

Go to Information Center  
or [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)





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

**Contact**

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## New Worship Schedule

We are making some changes to the worship schedule beginning this fall 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. This new schedule will be implemented the weekend of September 15-16.

### 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.

<b>Music type:</b>	Hymns from Lutheran Service Book accompanied by organ.
<b>Music Offerings:</b>	Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra, praise choir, children's choir.
<b>Worship elements:</b>	Blend between hymnal and free-flow liturgy.
<b>Communion:</b>	Continuous flow distribution.
<b>Other Characteristics:</b>	Pastors robed, acolyte.
<b>Education:</b>	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.

<b>Music type:</b>	Softer contemporary songs and some hymns with worship band leading all music.
<b>Music Offerings:</b>	Children's choir, bell choir, brass, orchestra, praise choir.
<b>Worship elements:</b>	Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, prayers, and parts of service dedicated to family worship.
<b>Communion:</b>	Continuous flow distribution.
<b>Other Characteristics:</b>	Sermon simulcast from Sanctuary, no robes, no acolyte.
<b>Education:</b>	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.

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



# Congregational Care Corner

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

Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in August and 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.

## Cancer Support Group

**BCS Group: Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.**  
BCS group, a 9-week breast cancer support group, is offered to encourage survivors of breast cancer. Each session will include three components: an in-depth study of God's word and questions relating to the illness, a sharing time and a prayer time. Participants will find comfort and encouragement through God's word and the support of sisters facing similar challenges.

## Divorce Support Group

**DivorceCare: Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.**  
DivorceCare, a 13-week divorce support group, will help people recover from the pain and separation of divorce. Sessions will involve video presentations from renowned counselors and speakers, and a chance to connect to others in a similar situation.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from any of these support sessions, please contact Pastor Tim at 278-5544, ext. 204 or Marsha Sly, Administrative Assistant, at 276-1700. Childcare is provided.

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### Contact Information:

**Pastor Tim Phillips, 278-5544, ext. 204  
or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com)**

## Grief Support Groups

**Adults: GriefShare: Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.**  
GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group for people dealing with the reality and pain of losing a loved one. Each session consists of a video presentation, sharing and prayer time.

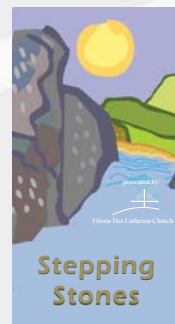
**Children: Stepping Stones.  
Starts Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

For children who have experienced the loss of a loved one, Gloria Dei will host a 6-week GriefShare class called Stepping Stones for children ages 3-10 starting Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Lynn Meyer and Jane Meythaler are behind the scenes organizing the class. Both women have extensive experience with hospice and preschool children in a classroom environment.

The session will be divided into two age groups: 3- to 5-year-olds and 6- to 10-year-olds. Each session will use different mediums, such as play, sensory activities, puppetry and movement music to reach children at their preferred way of expressing themselves.

If you know of a child who could benefit from this nurturing environment, please call Lynn today at 986-5653. Please note: enrollment ceases for this session after Sept. 6, but another session will be offered at the beginning of next year.



*Pick up a brochure today at the Information Center.*



## Overseas Mission

For the last several years, members of Gloria Dei have been called to bring Jesus Christ to the remote parts of China. Working with partners such as the Shining City Foundation, our efforts in the remote mountains of China have included development of:

- medical / dental clinics in areas where there was previously no health care,
- schools where children can go to learn for the first time,
- generators that brought electricity and light to people for the first time, and,
- basic essentials such as quilts made by the Stitchin' Mission and hundreds of hats knit by Cheryl Gilg, and her friends, that have gone to children that had no blankets or hats.

God has richly blessed us with an unprecedented opportunity. In an area of remote China that is now growing with new brothers and sisters in Christ, we at Gloria Dei were able to fund their first Christian church. Through Gloria Dei's mission support, we are

providing financial resources for the materials, and our brothers and sisters are providing the labor.

God's new church will take the place of a wooden barn with a dirt floor where people would walk several days to come and worship.

People are still making the trip and they will now be arriving in a beautiful

structure that glorifies God and provides the opportunity

to touch the lives of many more who have never heard his name.

Gloria Dei members Dan and Deb Timmons, along with Scott Raecker, are currently in China and Tibet to receive a progress update on the church and further explore the opportunities that God has in store for this work.

Dan, Deb and Scott asked that we keep their families in our prayers and that we all keep Matthew 5:16 in mind as they journey: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."



*Scott Raecker, Deb and Dan Timmons prepare for their trip by packing the hats that Cheryl Gilg and her friends have knitted for the children in China and Tibet.*

## 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



by attending a workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 6-7 p.m. We will start our season on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

If you are interested in joining this group, please notify Angie Gage at 276-0960, or [amgage@hotmail.com](mailto:amgage@hotmail.com).

## 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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## September Dates

### September 16 and 19

Our youth programs resume on Sunday, Sept. 16. More information will follow.

### Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, September 12 from 6-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Youth in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited. Please note: This meeting is mandatory; if you cannot attend, please contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212.

## Dinner Theatre

### Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 and 8

Please join us as we cast for a dinner theatre on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center. All adults and youth are invited to attend. Rehearsals will be on Sundays from Sept. 16-Nov. 18.

The play, "Ugly Duckling," is a medieval play about a king and queen trying to marry off their daughter.

## Senior High Small Groups

We are organizing our fall small home groups, Teens in Community (TIC). More information and sign-ups will be available.

## Senior High Survivor

### Sunday, Sept. 9 from 5:30-9 p.m.

5:30-6 p.m. Dinner

6-9 p.m. Survivor events

There will be 4-5 games. Some will be physically challenging and some mentally.

This will also be the night to sign up for TIC, Teens in Community.

## Junior Youth Gathering: Grades 6-8

### "Clothed by Christ"

### Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 14

### Marriot, Downtown, Des Moines

If you are interested, registration has to be in today. Cost is \$105.

We need one male chaperone. If you are interested, please contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212. Fees are waived for chaperones.

## Revolve Tour

### November 9-11

### Teen girls, grades 8-12 (starting in the fall)

Watch your mail for more information on registration.

## Ministry Fair

Gift Yourself and let others see your gifts. Youth are encouraged to attend the ministry fair on Sept. 8 and 9 after the worship services to sign up for areas where you can best serve.

## 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 Trips

### Mark your calendar!

We plan on offering two trips next summer. A mission trip for grades 7-12 to Pickford, Mich. from July 5-12 and a hiking trip to Utah and Colorado for grades 8-12 from June 14-22. More details will follow.

## Confirmation Teacher Training

All Wednesday night Confirmation teachers are invited for a training on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

## Teacher Orientation

All Grace Place and Faith Alive teachers are invited to an orientation on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207. Childcare is provided.

## 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](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

## M.O.S.T.

M.O.S.T. (mothers of small tykes) study will meet on Wednesdays in September from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Cry room for a study on Jonah, Esther and Ruth. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, contact Shani Fjelsted at [shanifjelsted@mchsi.com](mailto:shanifjelsted@mchsi.com).

## Learning How to Bowl

Any child interested in learning how to bowl? Tim Kightlinger will lead a 3-week learn-to-bowl program for children and teens. This opportunity is free and offered at Merle Hay lanes for three consecutive Saturdays starting Sept. 8. from 9:30-11 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Tim or go to [www.merlehaylanes.com](http://www.merlehaylanes.com) (click on league play and then junior leagues to register). If you want to join a league with some of friends, Tim will also be coaching; the league begins on Sept. 29.

## Football Draft

Are you ready for some football? It's that time again to draft your fantasy team. We have a league just for you. No matter if you're a fantasy pro or just a rookie, you are invited to join us Wednesday, Sept. 5 (please note date change) from 8-9:30 p.m. in the "war room" (Youth Center) as we draft players to compete in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church fantasy football league. The cost is \$5 per person, which covers the cost of the hosting of the league. If you would like to have a team but can't make it on Wednesday, please contact Tim Kightlinger at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com) or Pastor Meyer at [kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com).

If you have any questions please let them know, otherwise they will see you at the draft.

## Tiny Treasures Open House Today

Do you smell it? Fresh baked cinnamon rolls are being served in the preschool rooms this morning.

Celebrate this vital and growing ministry started by you. Almost 100 children will be served in our six classes. Some of our Tiny Treasures staff will be available in the classrooms to answer questions and show you around. More than \$13,000 in grant money has allowed us to add a sink, furniture and equipment. Come, see and celebrate these little treasures of God's blessings.





## LWML Meeting

### 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.

## Circle Meetings

### Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Walter, 13583 Village Court, Clive, 226-9555.

### Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on 86th St., Urbandale. If you have any questions, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

### Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697.

### Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Mary Snyder, 701 Maplewood Court, Altoona. Please note the meeting has been changed to Tuesday and at an earlier time. Please feel free to bring a friend!

## 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. 15 and 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](mailto: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 11, 25 and 26. If these times don't work for your family, please call Deb Timmons at 289-0360 to possibly arrange other options.

In addition, if you did not purchase photos at your photo directory appointment in June or July, please pick up your complimentary 8X10 portraits in the box north of the Information Center.

## Scrapbook Fellowship

Now that the kids are back in school, join us for a day of scrapbooking! Our next scrap day is Friday Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. We are working in rooms 131/133 by the kitchen. Come and go as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

## Women's Bible Connections

Join us for a night designed for women by women!

Imagine what you experience after one hour of worship each weekend...then enhance that feeling with Women's Bible Connections.

Tour each of the seven courses offered at Women's Bible Connections to find the right fit for your time, interests, and growth goals.

Courses offered range in commitment level from no weekly preparation to advanced studies.



**Beth Moore's A Heart Like His** - Take a journey through the trials and celebrations of King David and learn how to become a woman after God's own heart.

**Focus on the Family's The Truth Project** - Learn to gaze on the face of God and view life from a spectacular view - a biblical worldview.

**Nourishment for Your Body and Soul** - Meditate on God's Word as you create a main dish to take home to share with your family.

**Spiritual Confetti** - Discover the spiritual confetti of God's love and the awesome encouragement He provides us through His Word and His presence.

**The Five Love Languages of Children** - Learn to recognize and speak your child's primary love language and open a whole new world of communications within your family.

**Women - Who? What? When? Why?** - Study the women of yesterday, today and tomorrow with fascinating biblical discussions...with a twist.

**Women of Faith's Adventurous Prayer** - Take the struggle out of prayer and start the adventure of building a personal relationship with God.

Mark your calendars for a night of enlightenment, growth and fun as Women's Bible Connections previews its fall courses on Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place.

Connecting women to Christ and each other in every season of life.

For more information visit: [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). Women's Bible Connections offers childcare services and special accommodations as needed.

## Thank You

Thanks to our pastors and our Gloria Dei friends for prayers, visits, cards and calls I received at the time of my surgery. – Arlyn Hesse

## Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift to enable the Deaf Ministry to continue in the district. We are so grateful! Through you, God is indeed doing amazing things. Thanks for being on the mission team for the Iowa District West helping spread the Gospel both near and far.

– Rev. Konkell and Pat Monroe

## 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](mailto:skammeyer@gloriadeionline.com) or [brandon@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:brandon@gloriadeionline.com).

## Week of September 2-8

### Sunday, September 2

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, September 3

Labor Day - Offices Closed

### Tuesday, September 4

- First Day of Tiny Treasures
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

### Wednesday, September 5

- 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Teacher Training for Grace Place and Faith Alive
- 6:30 p.m. Leader Training for Confirmation
- 8:00 p.m. Football Draft

### Thursday, September 6

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

### Friday, September 7

- 6:30 p.m. Community Group Facilitator Meeting

### Saturday, September 8

- 9:30 a.m. Community Group Facilitator Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Ministry Fair

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,016
YTD Offering	\$204,685
YTD Budget	\$276,770

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	135	<b>Communion</b>	
7:45 a.m.	148	Northwind	102
9 a.m.	355		
10:30 a.m.	292		
<b>Total</b>	930		

## Week of September 9-15

### Sunday, September 9

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Ministry Fair
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Casting
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Survivor
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, September 10

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

### Tuesday, September 11

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Photo Directory
- 6:00 p.m. Governing 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

### Wednesday, September 12

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Imagine That!
- 11:00 a.m. Circuit Meeting & Lunch
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101 Class
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee

### Thursday, September 13

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice
- 6:30 p.m. B.C.S. Group
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones

### Friday, September 14

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

### Saturday, September 15

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 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

## 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.

# Children's Ministry Seeks Helpers and Leaders

This fall we will need lots of volunteers to make children's ministry happen on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays! It will take many ministry partners. Can you spare one hour each week? Some positions don't require any preparation, just a love of working with kids and a love for the Lord! Please visit with DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry or Terry Steinke, Director of Early Childhood Ministry, in the Information Center today for more details. If you have further questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

## **Wednesday Music Alive leaders and helpers**

Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade (1 needed)  
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade (1 needed)

## **Wednesday Faith Alive leaders and helpers**

1st Grade (2nd classroom) (1 leader needed)  
5th Grade (2nd classroom) (1 helper needed)  
Bible Story Leaders (2 leaders needed)  
Science Challenge Leaders (1 leader needed)  
Game Leader (1 helper needed)  
Craft Leader (1 leader needed)  
Crew Leaders (8 needed - no weekly preparation!)

## **Saturday Grace Place leaders and helpers**

(at least 3 per level)

Preschool (2 more teachers and 2 more helpers needed that could rotate taking turns every third week)  
Kindergarten and 1st (1 helper needed)  
2nd and 3rd Grade (1 helper needed)  
4th and 5th Grade (2 leaders needed)

## **Sunday 9:20 a.m. Grace Place leaders and helpers**

2's and Parent's Class (Mom and/or dad of a 2-year-old would be great.)

Preschool 3's A (1 leader and 1 helper needed)  
1st Grade A (1 helper)  
1st Grade B (2 leaders needed)  
2nd Grade (1 leader needed)  
3rd Grade A (2 leaders needed)  
3rd Grade B (2 leaders needed)  
4th Grade (1 leader needed)  
5th Grade (2 leaders needed)

## **Sunday 10:50 a.m. Grace Place leaders and helpers**

2's and Parent's Class (mom and/or dad of a two year old would be great)  
Preschool 3's (need 1 leader)  
Preschool 4-5's (2 helpers and 1 leader needed)  
Kindergarten and 1st Grade (1 helper needed)  
2nd and 3rd Grades (2 leaders needed)  
4th and 5th Grades (2 leaders needed)

## Educational Ministry Partners Meetings

All children's education ministry partners for Grace Place and Faith Alive will meet on  
**Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. for training.**

### **Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times for Sept. 1-2 and 8-9.**

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-blend • 10:30 Contemporary-blend  
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m (September-April) • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Contemporary  
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. (September-April) • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.