

# WEEKLY WORD



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## Building character

by Karen Kennedy, staff

As we continue in our “Leading an Effective Life” series of messages, we will learn more about the qualities listed in II Peter 1:5-7:

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.*

This week Pastor Burcham will share the importance of perseverance in our Christian life. As we are aware, living this side of heaven can be challenging, if not, painful at times. We pray, we try to live a life that honors him but sometimes suffering, persecution, sickness and sorrow camps out at our doorsteps. We try to ignore or jump over these obstacles, but their persistent jabs cause even the strongest to grow weary.

Meanwhile on the sidelines of our turbulent roads is a God, who is cheering and strengthening us.

*In my alarm I said, “I am cut off from your sight!” Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. Psalm 31:22*

God sees our struggles and will help us. He encourages us to rely on him, so that we can persevere through the situation in front of us.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-3*

God encourages us to persevere, to go the distance in our journey with and for him. He doesn’t want us to commit spiritual asylum from him and defect into the snares of the world.

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Since God created mankind, he understands our tendencies and leanings when rocky times beat on our doors. Therefore, Paul writes on the benefits of running the race when suffering is at our heels.

*Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:3-5*

From my perspective, when I am annoyed by the bumpy road and am ready to jump off course, it is reassuring to know that the friction caused from the turbulent obstacles will actually produce godly attributes and character.

## Thank you

With our new programs, many ministry partners have been gracious by gifting themselves to our children, youth and adults. Thank you for your labor of love!

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## 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 an 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 Sunday Sept. 23 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



**A**ddison Marie Blythe born June 10, 2007 to Dustin and Cheryl (nee Pecinovsky) Blythe. Addison's sponsors are Joe Rosonke and Amy Blythe.

## Ministry Fair Sign-up Sheets



If you were unable to return your sign-up sheets or did not receive a sign-up sheet from the ministry fair, please stop by the "Gift Yourself" table in the narthex today. See you there!

## 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, 9, and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

**Preacher:**

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Scripture Reading:**

II Peter 1:5-8

Romans 15:1-4

Luke 8:4-15

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Jamison Dierenfield

Signe Bamsey

Heather Burke

**Elders:**

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

**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 our children and youth
- For ministry partners

## Prayers

- For Pastor Michael Botsford of St. Paul, Whittemore, who is recovering from his third surgery
- 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 Ralph Aufdenkamp's mother
- 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.



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

### Contact

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## New Worship Schedule

We have heard lots of talk about the new worship schedule, especially in regards to the new Family-friendly service where lively and rambunctious sightings have been reported. The question remains though; is it from the children or the adults?

### **5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Education:** Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service. (10:50 a.m.).

## Worship Opportunities

### 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. in the Sanctuary. Childcare is provided.

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



### Gloria Dei Chorale

Come sing with us! The Gloria Dei Chorale, our 40-50 voice adult choir, will 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 contact Elyse Flagg at 664-0283, or [elyseflagg@gmail.com](mailto:elyseflagg@gmail.com).



### Orchestra

If you have an interest or a talent hidden away, please join us Wednesdays 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

Wednesdays 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](mailto:chris@gloriadeionline.com).

### Baptism Class

No class on Sept. 26.

Class resumes Wednesday, Oct. 3 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.

## Thank you

Thank you for the expressions of sympathy at the time of my mother's death. She had a good 98 years.  
– Dean (Natalie) Kleckner

## Pastors help local churches

Part of Gloria Dei's vision is to be a place where we can equip other churches when a need arises. In recent months, two LCMS pastors accepted a Call leaving Living Faith Church in Clive and Mt. Olive Church in Des Moines without a pastor. When Pastor Burcham found out about the need, he encouraged Pastor Phillips and Pastor Meyer to assist both congregations.

"One of the biggest needs of a congregation when their pastor accepts a call is to have someone to lead worship on the weekends," said Pastor Burcham. "Gloria Dei has been blessed in many ways, not least of these are our wonderful staff and the fact that we have three ordained ministers who can lead worship and preach God's Word."

In June, Pastor Phillips started to preach at Living Faith and now preaches the second Sunday of each month.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity to preach in a setting that is very similar to the church I served in New Jersey," said Pastor Phillips. "The church worships around 120 at two services with Sunday school and Bible study in between. I am glad for the privilege of helping our brothers and sisters at Living Faith, especially during this time when they are without a pastor."

Since January Pastor Meyer has been preaching and leading worship monthly at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning service at Mt. Olive.

"It has been a great learning experience for someone like me who has recently graduated from seminary to be exposed to other worship venues. I enjoy helping them in anyway that I can," said Pastor Meyer. "I am thankful that part of our vision is to help others outside of our walls."

Please keep both the pastors and congregations in your prayers.

## Book Club

Do you like to read? Join the Gloria Dei book club starting Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 6:20-7:10 p.m. in the Gathering Place where we will meet once a month to discuss a Christian fiction book.

October's read will be "A Time to Dance" by Karen Kingsbury, which can be purchased at the Gloria Dei bookstore. The story is about a couple who after 23 years of marriage wants a divorce, but before they tell their children, their daughter joyfully announces that she's getting married. Postponing their news until after the wedding, they begin to wonder . . . can they find the love they've lost?

Please join us as we talk about what we enjoyed, what we learned and questions we may have. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.



## Dei Break

It is not too late to sign up for "Dei Break," a walk-through-the-Bible journey.

You can sign up today to have "Dei Break" arrive in your e-mail every weekday by going to Gloria Dei's Web site and click on the "Dei Break" link. After you sign up, you will not only receive the daily e-mails but will have the capability to post your thoughts on a blog page. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Wilson at xyzwriter@hotmail.com.

## Honduras Meeting

**Meeting:** Its time to start planning for the 2008 Honduras mission trip on June 21-28. If you are interested, please join us Sunday, Oct. 7 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in room 128. They would like 28 people for the medical group and 14 people to help with constructing houses or schools. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or Bill Clark at 491-8543 or wrcljc@mchsi.com.

**Optometrist Needed:** In addition to providing dental and medical services during our trip to Honduras, we would like to provide eye care services. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

**Construction Workers Needed:** The 2008 mission trip will also be working on building structures. If you have construction skills, please consider joining the team.

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

## China Update

Deb and Dan Timmons and Scott Raecker recently returned from China and Tibet where they gathered progress updates on a church that Gloria Dei is supporting. The new church will replace a wooden barn where the locals are currently worshipping.

During a mission trip, questions sometimes arise from experiencing a diverse and oftentimes, impoverished culture. The following from Deb Timmons are thoughts written after her trip:

*I am still trying to process and figure out “why” God sent me to Tibet as I continue to struggle with so many questions.*

*Why is there so much poverty? The people daily gather food and basic supplies just to exist. They have no running water and only an open fire for heat in their homes.*

*Why do they have to live in such harsh conditions with extremely cold temperatures, high altitude, and mountainous terrain that makes travel so difficult?*

*Why have I been blessed with so much—a beautiful home with running water and heat, more food and warm clothes than I need, a car that makes transportation easy.*

*Why are there so many health issues? People can die from a simple cut because there is no access to health care or medicines. AIDS is prevalent because of a cul-*

*ture of sexual promiscuity. Why have I been blessed with the assurance of the best health care and best medicines the world has to offer?*

*And most importantly, why does this entire nation of beautiful and gentle people worship such a false and empty god and have never heard about Jesus and the eternal life he offers? Why was I blessed to have been raised in a Christian home and have the assurance of eternal life?*

*The differences between our worlds were really brought home to me when I found out while in Tibet that my Uncle Vernon had died. Even though I was very sad, I had such comfort in knowing that Vernon had the assurance of eternal life. A couple of days later we came upon a huge landslide that had wiped out several homes and killed those in its path. These people died without the knowledge of Christ and eternal life and their families members didn't have the comfort and assurance that I do.*

*Only God knows the seeds that were planted in the hearts of the Tibetan people during our trip. I am not sure what God's plan is and how we can continue to plant seeds half way around the world. But, I am confident he has a plan and I feel so incredibly privileged to be a part of it.*



# Congregational Care Corner

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

## Contact Information:

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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 today  
as we officially reopen our  
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.



# 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.

hosted by:

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Women on a Mission

## 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.

## Remodeling Updates

Thank you for your patience as we have gone through our remodeling efforts. Here is a status report on the various projects:

**Narthex Restrooms** – The flooring has been replaced and the floors, ceilings and panels have been painted.

**Center Bathrooms** – The flooring and toilets have been replaced and the floors, ceilings and panels have been painted. Work on new sinks and countertops remains yet to do.

**New Board Room** – This room is nearly done. We have some cabinetry work and touch up painting yet to do.

**New Classrooms** – The new classrooms (127 and 129) are nearly done. Carpet is in both rooms.

**New Children's Library** – Although a little touch-up is needed, please join us for our grand reopening today.

All of the facilities are usable although we do have some touch up work to do. We encourage everyone to check out the newly remodeled facilities.

## Thrivent's Dinner

Please join us for the Southwest Polk County annual meeting Sunday, Oct. 7 in the Family Life Center. Social time begins at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is catered by Christiani's and Dr. Micah Parker, a Christian motivational speaker, will speak. If you are interested, please contact Bill Clark [wrc1jc@mchsi.com](mailto:wrc1jc@mchsi.com) or phone 491-8543; dinner is at no cost to the attendees.

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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. 23 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. 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 on Wednesdays 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.

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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](mailto: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.

## Fine Arts Concert

Nordic Voices headlines the Fine Art Series of St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1115 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines, on Saturday, September 29 at 7 p.m. Nordic Voices is a six-voice acappella ensemble; their repertoire ranges from medieval to modern music. Since its formation in 1996, Nordic Voices has toured exclusively in Norway and abroad, performing at major festivals.

The church's Fine Arts series also includes organist Mark Babcock, Central Iowa Double Reed Chamber Ensemble, Oboelisk, Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre, St. Mark's Choirs and Chamber Orchestra, and artists Jon Kamrath, Tim Florer, and Jann Freed. Free-will donation; find more information at [www.stmarkwdm.org](http://www.stmarkwdm.org) or call the church office at 223-1408.

## Fall Spaghetti Supper

The Concert Band of Mt. Olive Lutheran School, 5625 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines, will have its Fall Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the social room at Mt. Olive from 5-6:30 p.m. The band will provide dinner music during the event. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Music Scholarship Fund. Following the spaghetti supper, Mt. Olive Lutheran school grades K-8 plus the Little Lambs Preschool will have an open house beginning at 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact Christa Miller, band director or Principal Orville Spence at 277-0247.

## Faith Lutheran Church

Living Faith Lutheran Church is looking for a part-time administrative assistant who is a self-starter with good communication skills, organizational skills and ability to multi-task with attention to details.

General duties will include: receptionist responsibilities, answering telephones, data entry, bank deposits, preparing and printing bulletins and newsletters.

Send resume, along with references to Living Faith Lutheran Church 2180 NW 142nd Street, Clive, Iowa 50325 or email to [officeadmin@livingfaith-clive.com](mailto:officeadmin@livingfaith-clive.com).

## Mission Central

Register today for the trip to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa on Thursday, Oct. 4. We will meet in the church's parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to board the bus and return approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$15, which includes bus fare and lunch. We will visit the mission museum, tour the facility and listen to a presentation by Gary Thies. Register by calling Marsha Sly, administrative assistant, 276-1700 by Monday, Oct. 1.

## Trinity LWML

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave, Des Moines, is holding a annual rummage and bake sale Friday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you have any questions or would like to donate items, please call Bev Wadle at 279-3609.

## Luther Park

Luther Park Auxiliary 2007 fall soup and bake sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Luther Park Apartments Community Center, 1555 Hull Ave., Des Moines. A free-will offering will be received.

## 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 in Review



Last Wednesday marked our first midweek educational experience of the school year. Children, youth and adults gathered for the midweek meal, Music Alive, Faith Alive, Confirmation, Bible studies and adult classes.

# 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
- 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 (Cancelled)

## Tuesday, September 25

- Pastoral Conference
- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

## 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 (Not meeting)
- 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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$23,797
YTD Offering	\$285,779
YTD Budget	\$368,446

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	148	<b>Communion</b>	
7:45 a.m.	144	7:45 a.m.	114
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	408	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	268
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	77	10:30 a.m.	176
10:30 a.m.	297		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>558</b>

# Week of September 30-October 6

## Sunday, September 30

- 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
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Ministry Strategic Planning
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, October 1

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

## Tuesday, October 2

- 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
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House

## Wednesday, Oct. 3

- 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

## Thursday, Oct. 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Music Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones

## Friday, October 5

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club of WDM
- 5:00 p.m. Ashley Young and John Rohden Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923

## Saturday, October 6

- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Ashley Young and John Rohden Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	13	32	26	40	Music Alive
Elementary	18	81	37	100	67
Junior High	NA	35	10		Wed. Meal
High School	NA	11			107
<b>Total</b>	31	159	73	140	

# 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 Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m, or a study that parallels the new sermon series from 10:20-11:20 a.m. in rooms 135-37.

## 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.