

WEEKLY WORD



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September 30 and October 7, 2007

The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

It is all about love

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Recently, we have discovered that love tops the list of qualities set forth 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.

The subject of love seems to surface in every word, page, and chapter of the Bible. Even when we dive into the minute details of the Old Testament, love surfaces. Take, for example, Adam and Eve's life. As their stories unfold, we find a fallen man and woman hiding in the paradise that God had created for them. Instead of the wrath of God coming upon them, God sought and clothed them.

How about the Israelites as they were traveling to the Promised Land? They were not the picture-perfect people, and yet God's love covered them by providing direction, food and water during their unthankful moments.

How about Jonah's plight? He purposely disobeyed God's direction and took a u-turn to Tarshish. God's love sought this disobedient sailor and provided a fish to help "nudge" him in the right direction.

God's complete foundation of love is clearly seen in sending Jesus Christ to earth to redeem mankind, which includes you and me.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. I John 4:10.

If you haven't noticed we need help in the love arena. Sure, the world claims to be the love expert by promoting lifestyles, movies and songs that express true love. And yet their love equation falls short because it is not founded on the true love, which emanates from God.

God, who is love, wants us to become love imitators to those around us. In other words, he wants us to pass his unconditional love to our family, friends, neighbors, store clerks, waitresses and even to our enemies.

Sermon Messages

September 29-30

"Leading an Effective Life-Godliness and Love"

October 6-7

"Being an Effective Church - Worship"

October 13-14

"Being an Effective Church - Heart for the Lost"

October 20-21

"Being an Effective Church - Care for the Poor and Needy"

October 27-28

"Being an Effective Church - Boldness and Courage"

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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!

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. Questions? Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Classroom Teachers and Helpers Needed

We are in need of the following classroom teachers and helpers:

- Fourth and fifth grade teacher and helper on Saturday at 5:50 p.m.
- Second and third grade teacher and helper on Sunday at 10:50 a.m.
- Fourth and fifth grade teacher and helper on Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

If you can help, please contact DeAnn McCue at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Ministry Fair Sign-up Sheets



If you were unable to return your sign-up sheets from the ministry fair or did not receive one, please stop by the Information Center today.

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 in the church office at 276-1700 by Monday, Oct. 1.

Carpenters and Set Designers

The youth ministry is looking for carpenters and set designers, who can help with the dinner theatre set starting late October or early November. The dinner theatre will be Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-8. If you have carpentry skills or want to help, please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

A Friend Needs a Ride

Esther Sandhorst, a charter member of Gloria Dei would like assistance with rides to church once a month. Esther lives in Heather Manor at 600 E. 5th St. in Des Moines. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204 or at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

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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:



Isaac Anthony Noelck born August 3, 2007 to James and Nicole (nee Lopez) Noelck. Isaac's spiritual sponsors are Paul and Candy Noelck.



Cameron David Derra born June 26, 2007 to Skip Derra and Lisa Beggs. Cameron's spiritual sponsors are Tesia Derra and Jessica Beggs.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Vic and Deb Kesse's 28th wedding anniversary.

Servers - Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 6-7

September 30 Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 and 9, a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

II Peter 1:5-8

I John 4:7-12

John 15:9-17

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Jamison Dierenfield

Signe Bamsey

Heather Burke

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.

(Sanctuary & FLC)

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

10:30 a.m.

Dave Miller

October 7

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45, 9 a.m.

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

John 4:21-26

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Geena Graber

Zoe Collins

Gabby Engelken

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind

Dale Engelken

Dave Geisselmann

Mike Martens

Shawn Woolmane

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann

Dwight Carlson

Marilyn Carlson

Casey Fluegge

Brent Handel

Jorden Handel

Justin Handel

Morey Juhlin

Dean Mohr

9 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Tom Feldotto

Randy Fleming

Dean Kleckner

Mark Kramer

Doug Pals

Paul Rusch

Rob Stueber

10:30 a.m.

Philip Bax

Bill Clark

Leslie Clark

Jim Kellenberg

Clayton Lindquist

Chris Warwick

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 the 12th wedding anniversary of Mark and Laura Rath

Prayers

- For Elaine Klinefelter's mother
- For Cheryl Counley, daughter of Richard Counley, who is healing from surgery
- For Brad Seeber's health concerns
- For Ellie Knuth, who is recovering from surgery
- For Violette Elliott, who is recovering from surgery
- For Nancy Schwartz's father, Loren
- For Ralph Aufdenkamp's mother, Laura
- For Larry Shafer
- For Larry Schuler
- 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.

Women's Bible Connections

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

Okay, so you've read about Women's Bible Connections in the Weekly Word. You've seen posters promoting it as you've entered the church. And you recall being given a Gerbera daisy several weeks ago as you left worship inviting you to attend. But....what really is Women's Connections? Well, wonder no longer! Join us for "Bring A Friend Night" on Monday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place (use the Family Life Center west entrance). You'll get a flavor for what Women's Bible Connections is all about. It's a fun evening designed just for women, by women. It's a one-night commitment that could change your view on what is or what isn't a Bible study. Bring a friend, co-worker or family member with you. Come for the intrigue....stay for the fun!



For more information contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Women's Bible Connections offers child care services and special accommodations as needed.

New Gloria Dei Book Club

What: A chance to meet and discuss books that help to give an insight into how to live as a Christian. We will read the book before we meet. As a group we will then discuss what we liked, didn't like, and how we can apply it to our lives as Christians.

Who: Anyone interested in reading great Christian books.

When: The first Wednesday of the month—beginning October 3 from 6:20-7:10 p.m.

Where: Meet in the Gathering Place.

Why: To enjoy a passion for reading and great conversation about books.

Bring: Come having already read the book "A Time to Dance," by Karen Kingsbury (available in the Gloria Dei's Toolshoppe). Pick up a cup of coffee, soda or some water.

Contact: If you need more information, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.



Pecans for sale

The Valporaiso Guild is having their annual sale of large, meaty, fresh pecans in quality gift bags. Choose from plain pecans, 16 oz.; chocolate covered, 8 oz.; and chocolate and caramel covered pecans (turtles), 8 oz. These pecans cost \$7.50 per bag and are wonderful for baking, delicious for chocolate cravings and snacks or for gifts.



If you would like to purchase a bag, please sign up Sept. 30-Oct. 7 at the Information Center or call Elaine Anderson at 225-8820.

Honduras Meeting

Meeting: It's 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. We 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.

Optometrist Needed: In addition to providing dental and medical services during our trip to Honduras, we would like to provide eye care services.

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.

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 is 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 is 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. “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.

Tiny Hands

Our Tiny Treasures preschoolers (almost 100 of them) would like to thank you for your encouragement and support, so they traced their hands on paper and placed the cutouts on a bulletin board that will be displayed on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7. Please stop by to view their masterpieces.



In addition, we would like to have prayer buddies for each of our preschoolers. So, we have created magnets with a child’s name on it, which will also be on the bulletin board. Grab a magnet and pray for the child throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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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. 30 and Oct. 7 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 evolutionism and hinduism, by the youth bulletin board. These sheets are provided to help you reach people of different values and beliefs.

Youth Mission Trip

Meeting:

Sunday, Oct. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the Youth Center

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.

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.

Oct. 3 Topic: Culture War - Sexuality in the Media.

Oct. 10 Topic: Modesty - Keeping it Simple

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.

Midweek Meal

Menu:

- October 3 - Meatloaf
- October 10 - Spaghetti
- October 17 - Tacos
- Cost: \$2.50 per person
- Children under 3 eat free

Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

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. 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). Thank you for your diligence in this matter.



The annual LWML (Women on a Mission) will host:

Craft Fair

Saturday, Oct. 13

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

Invitation:

Please join us as for our annual Craft Fair. This year's mission projects are the Gloria Dei's youth, Hope Ministries, Agape Ministries and the Christian church in China.

Baked Goods:

We would appreciate your help with providing baked goods. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Please list all ingredients; if any of the baked good contain peanuts or nuts, please indicate boldly. Remember witches, ghosts or jack-o-lanterns on items will not be accepted. Bring your bakery delights to the board room by 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 or Saturday morning after 7 a.m.

Help Needed:

Packaging baked goods:

Friday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
If interested, call Kim Brienzo at 278-8310.

Working at baked goods table:

Saturday, Oct. 13 starting at 8:30 a.m..
If interested, call Kim Brienzo at 278-8310.

Setting up and tearing down:

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

hosted by:

LWML
Women on a Mission

Sign up today to help at the fair



Circle Meetings

Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joanie Kickbush, 13942 Oakbrook Drive, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 11 at 9-9:30 a.m. at the church to help set up for the Craft Fair. If you have any questions, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Cheryl Gilg, 8421 Plum Drive, Urbandale.

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 wrcljc@mchsi.com or phone 491-8543; dinner is at no cost to the attendees.

On another note, those who have not used all of your Care in Congregations monies, please do so before December 20. There is also money available for Care in Community projects that qualify.

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 Retreat
- 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
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Machine Shed)
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 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. 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
- 6:20 p.m. Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Core Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 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

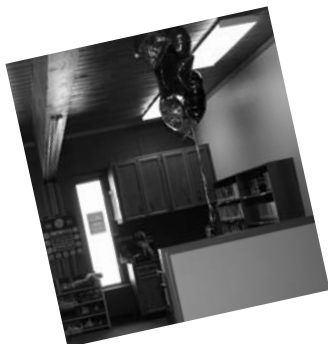
Friday, October 5

- 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

Children's Library



If you haven't checked out our new children's library located in the center of the building, please do so today. We have lots of space and books for children to enjoy!



Week of October 7-13

Sunday, October 7

- 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 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 with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Honduras Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsals
- 5:00 p.m. Thrivent Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 8

- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, October 9

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,139
YTD Offering	\$312,739
YTD Budget	\$399,150

- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
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- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, October 12

- No School for Tiny Treasures
- 8:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption

Saturday, October 13

- Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering
- 8:30 a.m. Craft Fair
- 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

Last Week's Attendance for Sept. 22-23, 2007			
Northwind	145	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	163	Northwind	89
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	370	9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	28
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	67		
10:30 a.m.	298		
Total	1043	Total	117

Week of October 14-20

Sunday, October 14

- 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, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Mom's Club Event
- 7:30 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 17

- 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. 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 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 19

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Michelle Ward/Brad Billings Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Oil Painting

Saturday, October 20

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Michelle Ward/Brad Billings 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

Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	10	35	20	38	Music Alive
Elementary	16	82	34	139	67
Total	26	117	54	177	Wed. Meal
Junior High		35		83	132
High School		14		25	

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 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.