

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

September 8 and 9, 2007

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fall is Approaching

September 8 and 9

Sermon Series

In September, Pastor Burcham will share from the scriptures about "Leading an Effective Life." God has called us to live a life for his glory and honor. Thankfully, he has not left this up to our own interpretation, rather he has given us a blueprint to live by as evident in 2 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.

Join us in the next four weeks as we discover what it is to lead an effective life, a life that is grounded and built upon the faith that is in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Ministry Fair

Join us at the ministry fair today after worship in the center wing of our building. Come, enjoy a homemade treat, talk to the ministry staff and find a place where you can "gift yourself."

September 15 and 16

Worship Services

Beginning next weekend, we are excited to offer five worship services. For more information, please see pages 6-7.

Grace Place

We will be offering Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from

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

Youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we will have a high energy educational time in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38.

Adults

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

Wednesday, September 19

Children

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

Youth

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

Throughout the Week

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

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Join us today after worship!

Come, enjoy a homemade treat, talk to the ministry staff and find a place where you can "gift yourself." See you there!

Strategic Planning Information

The vision of G.R.A.C.E. is powerful and has the potential to make a difference in the lives of people in our community, nation, and across the seas. We spent time in discussion and prayer seven years ago and established our current vision of G.R.A.C.E. At that time, we set some goals that corresponded with our vision which seemed to be almost out of reach. However, many of those goals have become a reality, such as establishing a preschool, adding a Saturday evening service, purchasing a grand piano and an organ, and offering a Fourth of July concert in the park.

We are thankful for God's blessings, but we do not want to get complacent; therefore, we have been spending much time in prayer and planning for our future in the form of a strategic plan. In order to communicate our findings more fully, we will share them at:

Strategic Planning/G.R.A.C.E. Updates

Twice a month during the announcements before worship, Pastor Burcham will share the information gathered by all the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Teams. The first update will be on the weekend of September 15-16. In case you miss a weekend, the information will be shared on our Web site.

Weekly Word Articles

Topical articles will be published twice a month explaining the information learned by the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Teams.

Cottage Meetings

In January of 2008, a series of cottage meetings will be held where you will be invited to participate in a discussion of the strategic plan for our ministry.

Baptism Class

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

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

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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 9 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Addison Lynn Woollums born July 30, 2007 to Robert and Lynn (nee Hester) Woollums. Addison's spiritual sponsors are Marty Marker and Joni Hopkins.

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. Kendall Meyer

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Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Jamison Dierenfield

Signe Bamsey

Heather Burke

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

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 our schools

Prayers

- For Michelle Ingersoll's family, who is grieving the loss of her 9-year-old cousin
- For the grieving family of Vernon Hanselman, Deb Timmons' uncle
- For the health of Gary Zumach, father of Julie DenHerder
- For the grieving family 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 coming home from 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

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.



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!

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!

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 12, 19 and 26 at 6 p.m.

Discovery 101 is a 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.

When do fall programs start?

September 15, 16 and 19

Children ages 3 to fifth grade

Please register your children at www.gloriadeionline.com or pick up a registration form at the Information Center. Registration is required for all children.

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.

To register:

Go to Information Center
or www.gloriadeionline.com





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

Contact

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

New Worship Schedule

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Congregational Care Corner

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

Contact Information:

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

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

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.

The Benefits of Mission Work in China and Tibet

Gloria Dei members Dan and Deb Timmons, along with Scott Raecker, will be returning from their trip to China and Tibet later this weekend. We continue to hold their families in our prayers as they return home to report on the progress of the church we are funding and additional opportunities to “bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime.”

The following excerpts are from a letter that was received from a Chinese student that has been supported through a scholarship program established by Gloria Dei member Brad Peyton as part of the Shining City Foundation.

Greetings:

First, I would like to offer my thanks to the Lord. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who gave meaning to my life and helped me to find the value and goal of my life.

I grew up in a family which valued males much more than females. So, from childhood, I felt that my life was not important, as low as dust, and without meaning.

But thanks be to the Lord, the Lord himself found me before the light of my life burned up. The Lord showed me his endless love. After I understood he loved me, and he would use me to accomplish his will in my life, I was amazed by the miracles he has done. I am so thankful to my Lord and am willing to follow him.

God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. I am thankful God chose a weak person like me and gave me wisdom and understanding through those five years of study.

Thank you for your love and help. I would not have finished my study without your love and help.

Best regards, Your sister in Christ, Yanmei

P.S. My father became a believer and now encourages us to serve the Lord.

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

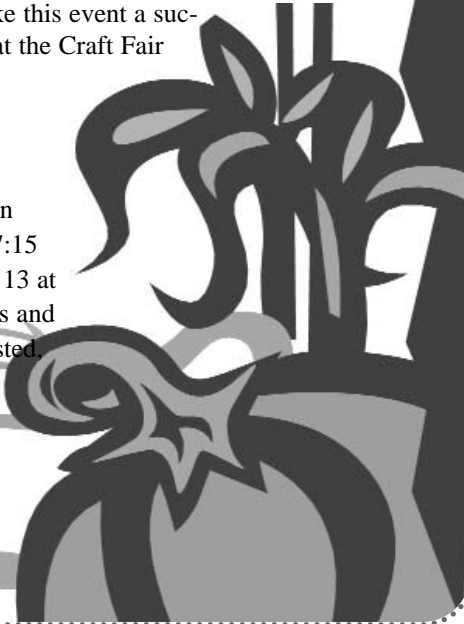
We need support to make this event a success, so please sign up at the Craft Fair table.

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:

LWML
Women on a Mission



Alleluia Ringers

As we prepare for our fall programs, Angie Gage, Director of Alleluia Ringers, would like to welcome all the returning members and encourage interested congregational members to be a part of the Alleluia



Ringers. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 19. Childcare is provided.

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

Orchestra

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



Community Groups Training

Community groups are being formed for the fall. If you are interested, please fill out a sign-up card today at the Information Center.

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 on Friday, Sept. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Childcare is provided.

Registration is required by calling Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 by Tuesday, Sept. 11.

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September Dates

September 16 and 19

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

Confirmation Orientation

Grades 6-8

Grab your parents for the Confirmation meeting on Wednesday, September 12 from 6-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. 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. We also need set builders and custom designers. 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 Community Groups

We are organizing our fall small home groups, Teens in Community (TIC). More information and sign-ups will be available. Any adult that would be interested in leading a community group, please contact Tim.

Senior High Survivor Tonight!

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.

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.

Senior High Youth Gathering

November 23-25 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines

If you are in grades 9-12, 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.

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 promise 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.

Confirmation Orientation Meeting

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.

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.

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.

Tiny Treasures Opens Its Doors



Nearly 100 children and staff enjoyed their first week as Tiny Treasures opened its doors for the third year.



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.

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.

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

Thank You

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

Part-time Help Needed

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

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

Diana's Angels

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

Week of September 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

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

Tuesday, September 11

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Photo Directory
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 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

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Community Group Facilitator Training

Saturday, September 15

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 9:30 a.m. Community Group Facilitator Training
- 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	\$22,347
YTD Offering	\$227,527
YTD Budget	\$307,522

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	99	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	121	7:45 a.m.	102
9 a.m.	275	9 a.m.	199
10:30 a.m.	246	10:30 a.m.	154
Total	741		

Week of September 16-22

Sunday, September 16

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-friendly Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Class
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsals
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - RM127-129
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Diana's Angels

Wednesday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Imagine That
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101 Class
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Ministry MAT

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

- 6:30 p.m. Oil Painting Class

Saturday, September 22

- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

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.

42 Ministry Partners Needed

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 helpers

Preschool (1 helper needed)

Wednesday Faith Alive leaders and helpers

1st Grade (2nd classroom) (1 leader needed)

1st Grade (2nd classroom) (1 leader needed)

5th Grade (2nd classroom) (1 helper needed)

Bible Story Leaders (1 leader 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

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 needed)

1st Grade B (2 leaders needed)

2nd Grade (1 leader 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 (2 leaders and 1 helper needed)

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)

Grace Place Preschool Housekeeping Items

We want every preschooler to wear a name badge with their first and last name.

This year at Grace Place, we would like parents of 3- and 4- year-olds to come to their child's room prior to the worship service and sign their child in. 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times for Sept. 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.