

# WEEKLY WORD

September 5 and 6, 2009

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Not Just a Job

In our culture we like to compartmentalize the different areas of our life. We have a drawer for our occupation, a drawer for family and even a drawer for church life. When someone asks what we are going to do when we grow up, we open the drawer that says occupation and attempt to see what the future holds. When we think about church service and how to best serve God, we open the folder of church life. The church folder says the only way to serve God is quit our current job and either be a pastor or travel across the globe to be a missionary.

This is not how God views our life. While we see compartments, God sees our life as a whole with no separation. In today's message, we are going to investigate exactly what God sees when he looks at us and how we can be transformed by his point of view.

To further supplement today's message, the following books may help you to further live out God's perspective in your lives.

"God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life"  
by Gene Edward Veith, Jr.

"Luther on Vocation" by Gustaf Wingren

"Our Calling" by Einar Billing

"Faith Active in Love" by George Wolfgang Forell

"The Christians Calling" by Donald R. Heiges

"Teaching God's Children His Teaching" by Robert A. Kolb

"Faith and Faithfulness" by Gilbert Meilaender

## Upcoming Message Series

Next week, we will examine how the Bible is relevant to our day-to-day life in a message series entitled, "True for You." We will look at some of society's truisms and compare them with scripture. We think you will enjoy the challenge of the comparisons.

Sept. 12-13 : True for You: What is Truth?

Sept. 19-20: True for You: As Long As You're Happy

Sept. 26-27: True for You: As Long as You're Sincere

Oct. 3-4: True for You: As Long As it Doesn't Hurt Anyone

## Help Us: Register Online Today

We want to be ready for you in the fall; therefore, we are streamlining all of our registrations to an easy-to-follow online registration format. If you plan on attending Grace Place, Faith Alive, Music Alive, Pre-marriage Class, Discovery 101, Discovery 201, Dance Class, Kindermusik, or Care Night, please register today by going to our Web site ([www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)) and click on the "Register today" link.

If you do not own a computer or have any difficulties registering, please contact Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225. Thank you!

## UP & COMING EVENTS

### ELCA Ruling

Please go to our Web site to read about President Kieschnick's response to the ELCA ruling.

### Grace Place

Next weekend, we roll out Grace Place. See page 8 for more details.



### Fall Opportunities

Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today.

### Adult Studies Gearing Up

We have lots of opportunities for adults, see pages 4 and 5 for more details.

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## Fall is Packed with Possibilities

This fall, we continue toward the fulfillment of our Strategic Plan by planning for our normal ministry programs, such as Faith Alive, Grace Place, Castaway, Care Night and Discovery 101 and 201; and by starting a few new initiatives. Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today to read about all of the upcoming possibilities at Gloria Dei.



### Spiritual Life Survey

We begin the first step in fulfilling one of our ministry initiatives from the Strategic Plan—to formulate personal spiritual development plans. In October, all adults (18 years and older), who regularly attend Gloria Dei, will be asked to take the online, anonymous and confidential survey.

Meanwhile, we will address some questions you may have about the survey.

#### What is all this talk about the Spiritual Life Survey?

In Max Lucado's book, "Just Like Jesus," he says, "God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way." In every aspect of life, God wants us to become more like his Son, Jesus.

Since part of our G.R.A.C.E. Vision is to grow spiritually, we want to gain a glimpse into how individuals grow in their relationship with Christ. As we looked into what was available, we discovered The Spiritual Life Survey. This survey takes a serious look at some of the central issues in a person's heart. From these findings, we will be able to plan for more effective strategies to help facilitate spiritual growth.

#### Is the survey anonymous?

Yes, it is completely anonymous, so much so, IP and e-mail addresses and other personal information are not recorded. We desire for individuals to be completely honest and free to respond to the questions with total candor and anonymity. We believe that protecting the confidentiality of each participant is vital to the success of the survey because it will give an honest assessment of the pulse of the congregation.

**Where to find out more?** Check out our Web site and click the Spiritual Life Survey link.

## Music Ministry Action Team

A music ministry action team has been formed to assist and provide input in the hiring of an Orchestra Director and a Choir Director for the coming year. Joe Gilg, Dave Graaf, Floyd Sturgeon, Laura Valle, Amy Jo Wiese, Gale Webb, Sarah Petrak, Bill Jesse and Pastor Burcham have been invited to serve on this MAT.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the MAT met to discuss the different aspects of the positions. Some members of the MAT were unable to attend this meeting, so it was decided to schedule another meeting as soon as possible during the week of Sept. 7 to ensure all members of the MAT could be involved in the discussions and be involved from the beginning of the process.

The MAT members present suggested the hiring of the positions move quickly but deliberately. This means the start of rehearsals and performances may be delayed until the process has a chance to work and the positions are filled.

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## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Whether you are a new Christian, new to the Lutheran faith or new to the church, we are thankful that you are here today. Starting in the fall, we have lots of great classes and sessions that will help you grow in the faith. Here is a snippet of what will be available. For further information, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

**New to the Lutheran Faith?** Join us Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. Discovery 101 is an introduction to the central teachings of Scripture. In addition to learning the basics of our beliefs, you will be encouraged to develop your faith in God. This informal class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when you register.

**Want to become a member of Gloria Dei?** If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3-6:30 p.m. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided.

### To Register:

To register, please go to our Web site and click on the "register today" link or call the church office at 276-1700.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

### Preacher:

Rev. Philip Robarge

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Amanda Morrison

### Elders:

Tom Westby  
Marvin Deer  
Rod Serbus

### Ushers:

**Northwind**  
Mike Cobb  
Sandy Junge  
Tom Junge

### 7:45 a.m.

Wendell Dickey  
Bruce Grimm  
Alan Grunst  
Bill Kickbush  
Jeff Littschwager  
Tim Radig

### 9 a.m.

Randy Bamsey  
Bruce Boettcher  
Paul Cook  
Randy Dickey  
Duane Haas  
Mark Jobst  
Dave Morrison  
Jay Plagge  
Bruce Brock  
Dan DeVries  
Don Franzen  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman

### 10:30 a.m.

Dave Miller  
Jimmy Hanselman

### Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:22-24 and Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

## 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 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For Jody Schroeder and William Horstman married on Saturday
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For our Ministry Partners
- For Wendell and Carol Dickey celebrating their 42nd anniversary on Sept. 3

## Prayers

- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For Les Worley battling cancer
- For the health of Brenda Reckrodt, niece of Babette Marten
- For Casey and Mary Cason and family in the loss of her mother, Joyce Gesiriech
- For the health of Jim Johnson
- For our preschool students and teachers as they begin classes

## 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.

## Congregational Care Notes

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care

*We are anticipating great things this fall as we begin our support groups and classes. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these groups, please give me a call at 278-5544, ext. 204 or register online today at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).*



Pastor Tim Phillips

### Pre-marriage Class

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week pre-marriage class starting Tuesday, Sept. 8 to Oct. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. Register online today.

### Support Groups/Care Night: Starts this Thursday

**Thursdays starting Sept. 10 from 6-8 p.m. This week's meal: grilled hamburgers**

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. On Thursday, Sept. 10, we launch our Care Night where support groups will eat and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal that will be offered at no cost. (If you wish to make a donation, you may.) The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.

### Weekly Support Groups

#### Cancer Support Group

Our 10-week Cancer Support Group reaches out to individuals who are battling cancer. Families are invited to come also.

#### DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a 10-week program for people who are experiencing the pain of divorce.

#### DC4K

DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents are divorcing.

#### GriefShare

GriefShare, a 10-week program, designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

#### Stepping Stones

Children need to understand the grieving process. This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a loved one.

### Life and Support Group Sessions

#### CPR/First Aid

**Thursday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12:** Come and learn the basic CPR and First Aid skills.

#### Military Support

**Thursday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12:** This group will offer encouragement to help families adjust to the challenges of having a loved one deployed overseas.

#### Planning for Retirement

**Thursday, Sept. 17:** Learn some practical tips that will help plan for the later years in life.

#### Dealing with Teens

**Thursday, Sept. 17:** Parents need guidance and tips when raising teens. This session will stimulate ideas and encourage communication.

**Register today at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)**

### Tiny Treasures



Tiny Treasures currently has openings for students in the afternoon 4-year-old (meets Mon., Wed. and Friday) and pre-kindergarten (meets Mon. - Fri.) classes; hours are 12:30-3 p.m. If you are looking for a Christ-centered, quality preschool or know someone who is, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305. Please keep Tiny Treasures in your prayers as they open their doors to lots of excited preschoolers this week.



Come and sample our class selections on Monday, Sept. 14

## Women's Bible Connections

Make it your time ~ a.m. or p.m.

Women can gather, pray, study and connect with each other in the mornings and the evenings. Childcare will be provided at both sessions.

### Women's Bible Connections a.m.

Meets on Mondays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Each session will begin with an opening devotion before splitting into the following groups:

**Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado:** Since our lives are filled with daily struggles, we will study David of the Old Testament, who teaches us how to face our fearful giants in a God-equipping way.

**The Gospel of John:** The Gospel of John offers a wide variety of depth and meaning, which points to Jesus Christ as indicated by John's own words: "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore:** The story of Esther portrays a woman of courage and contains many modern parallels for today's women as we see how God was in Esther's corner.

### Women's Bible Connections p.m.

The evening sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore:** The story of Esther portrays a woman of courage and contains many modern parallels for today's women as we see how God was in Esther's corner.

**Every Woman's Marriage:** This study offers insights for nurturing a dynamic, intimate relationship between you and your husband.

**A New Song: Psalms of the Messiah:** This series will help you to weave God's Word into the unique melody of your life.

**Change Your Habits, Change Your Life by Danna Demetre:** This study invites you to embark on a 40-day journey toward being "transformed by the renewing" of your mind.

**Women of the Bible by Sue Wilson:** Each week a woman in the Bible will be highlighted so that we can glean principles from their lives to help us live in today's world.

### Who is invited?

All women members and non-members, whether you are young, middle-aged or one blessed by many years, are invited to join us in the mornings or evenings. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## Bible Studies

We all may need more of God's Word during the week to sustain our daily lives. Here are some studies that may help you:

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**  
Starts Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 2:30-4 p.m. (Bible study from 3-4 p.m.)  
You are invited to gather for coffee before heading to a Bible study on the book of Job led by Pastor Robarge.

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.  
Led by Pastor Robarge, they will focus on Galatians. Feel free to join them this week.

**Men's Bible Study**  
Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in room 128  
Don't let the early morning hour scare you away. There is lots of coffee and great discussion and study centering on the Gospel of John that will keep you awake throughout the morning.

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the overwhelming donations of crayons for the Honduras mission trip. We appreciate your support. ~ Muchas gracias!  
The Honduras Mission Team

## Golf Tournament

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Woodland Hills Golf Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun start and four-person scramble starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$75. If you are interested, contact Cory Emily, at 865-8403 or cory.emily@molcs.org.

## A Special Thanks

On August 29, the youth sponsored a golf outing, which raised \$1,000 for Jappa Ministries and the Serve Our Youth Network. A special thanks to our 36 golfers, our youth and all of our sponsors.

### Hole Sponsors:

DeAnn Lee, REMAX  
 Ken Lee, Quality Installation  
 Jared and Mary Walter  
 Bill Clark, Project 52  
 Dr. Randy Dierenfield,  
 Family Chiropractic Clinic  
 Dan and Deb Timmons  
 Terry and Mina Woolman  
 Gloria Dei Tech Team  
 Steve, Ronda, Nick and Grant Smith  
 Patrick Klinefelter, Ramsey Subaru  
 Corn States Metal Fabricators, Inc.  
 The Kightlinger Family

Tim Kightlinger,  
 The Sports Scene Iowa

Andrew Bartek, Johnston Physical  
 Therapy and Sports Medicine

Petersen and Petersen Agency  
 Insurance and Financial Services

### Prize Donations:

Longview Golf Centre  
 Anytime Fitness, Johnston  
 Midas, Des Moines & Clive  
 Village Inn, Johnston  
 Coldstone Creamery, Johnston  
 Texas Roadhouse  
 Pancheros Mexican Grill, Urbandale  
 B-Bops, Urbandale

Golf Galaxy

Brenda Plagge, Leeza Salon

Legends, Johnston

McDonald's, Urbandale

Famous Dave's, Merle Hay

El Mariachi, Johnston

America's Incredible Pizza Company,  
 Urbandale

OverTime, Urbandale

Old Chicago, Merle Hay

Merle Hay Lanes

Dr. Small, Dental Associates

Sports Clips, Johnston

## Arts & Craft Fair Corner

The subcommittees of the LWML (Women on a Mission) are diligently working on all the aspects of the upcoming Arts and Craft Fair. The fair will consist of at least 65 vendors, a coffee bar and a café. This year they have added new artists to the lineup of the already popular vendors. These new artists create items dazzling with a fine arts flair. In the upcoming weeks, we will feature these new vendors and their work. So, come to the fair expecting to see your favorite popular vendors along with meeting some new ones.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

17th annual

Arts & Craft  
 Fair

Saturday, Oct. 10

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Free admission  
 65+ Vendors  
 Hand-crafted items  
 Coffee bar  
 Café

Corner of 86th & Aurora

Additional funds provided by Women on a Mission for Lutherans

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## Featured Artists



**Artists** - Becky Jordan and Sharon McMartin

**Business Name** - Bloomin' Adorable

**Craft/Art** - Girls' Accessories

**Description** - They make tutus, hair bows, flower barrettes, ponytail holders, purses, and more. They also sell crochet hats and headbands which you can attach our bows and clips to. All of their clips have no-slip grip inside.



**Artist** - Glenna Trospen

**Business Name** - Glenna's Garden Art

**Craft/Art** - Personalized Garden Signs and Butterflies

**Description** - Items are crafted from steel and can be painted to enhance garden design or can be left to weather naturally. Two butterfly designs are available in three different sizes.

## LWML Circles

**Mary-Esther Circle** will meet Thursday, Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Shirley Johnson, 9709 Aurora Ave., Urbandale.

**Please note date change: Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Drive, West Des Moines.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Thursday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the church in rooms 131-33.

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th St., Des Moines.

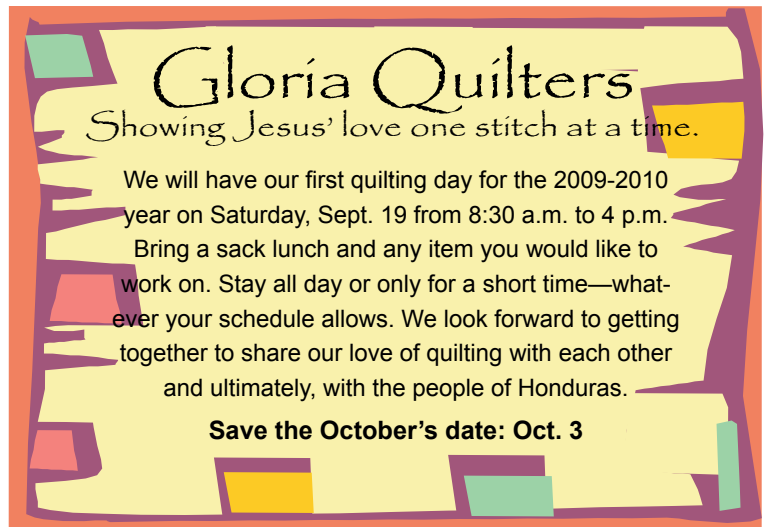
## Book Club

Get your books ready to read! Join others who enjoy reading and discussing some great (and not so great) Christian fiction books. They meet in the cry room the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 9:** "In the Company of Secrets," by Judith Miller

**Oct. 7:** "Cry in the Night," by Colleen Coble.

Books can be purchased at the Toolshope. If you have any questions, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or at [hlschmitz@mchsi.com](mailto:hlschmitz@mchsi.com).



## Scrapbook Fellowship

It's that time again! Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, Sept. 11 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 131/33. Come and go as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

**Childcare:** If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## Pecans

Pecans from the Valparaiso University Guild are available to order starting today by signing up at the Information Center. They have 1 lb. plain and 12 oz. dark or light chocolate coated or 12 oz. chocolate-caramel (turtles) for \$7.50 per bag. Orders will be picked up Sept. 27; delivery will be made by Oct. 31.

## To Support Joy in Serving Lutheran School Students

The following is an update on The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO), which was adopted by the thirty-seventh convention of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

ILSTO has been established to assist families who want a Lutheran education for their children. Your generous donation can help bring the benefits of a Lutheran education to many children. In the first year, 176 Lutheran elementary school families in the state of Iowa were helped with 290 children receiving over \$142,000 in aid. That amount just scratched the surface. In the second year, the Iowa Lutheran STO grants raised \$307,000, which was disbursed to more than 500 students. This year's goal is to raise \$500,000. The program is almost too good to be true. For every \$1,000 that an Iowa tax payer donates to ILSTO, an Iowa tax credit of \$650 is given. In addition, the \$1,000 may be used as a charitable gift deduction on their Federal Tax form. It is possible that the \$1,000 donation cost the Iowa taxpayer as little as \$100-\$200. This year C-corporations are also eligible for the 65% Iowa tax credit.

If you have any questions about this Iowa Lutheran School student funding opportunity, please call Dewey Torkelson, Iowa District West Program Manager for ILSTO, at 712-260-2991 or check out their Web site at [www.iowalutheransto.org](http://www.iowalutheransto.org).



## Fall Opportunities Begin Next Weekend



### Grace Place Starts Next Weekend

**Saturdays from 5:50-6:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 12)**

**Sundays from 9:20-10 a.m. and 10:50-11:30 a.m. (Starts Sept. 13)**

Grace Place offers age-appropriate educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5. Families are welcome to worship together before children are excused for Grace Place, or families can take their children to the individual classrooms.

### Faith Alive

**Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)**

Families can begin the evening worshipping together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will then head to their specific classes where they will experience music, play, story reading, crafts and Bible-based lessons.

### Midweek Meals

**Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)**

Enjoy a meal for \$4 per adult and \$2 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

### Music Alive

**Wednesdays from 5:30-6 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)**

Children in grades K-5 will learn handbells, vocals and rhythm instruments in an environment which fosters worship and appreciation for music.

### Want to Help?

We'd like to visit with you about helping with Grace Place or Faith Alive this fall! We've got lots of openings and need lots of ministry partners! Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny at 278-5544, 215.

### Kindermusik

New Kindermusik classes are forming now! Check out Gloria Dei's Web site for more information.

### The Wave

The Wave, a ministry to students in 4th and 5th grades, is rolling in Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. If you would like to help with this new ministry, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny at 278-5544, 215.

## Register online today!

Register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)  
Registration for all children's activities is required.

## Save these dates

**Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2-4 p.m.**

We're traveling to the Center Grove Orchard, Cambridge, for some apple-picking and farm-playing fun. The cost is a few dollars a person.

**Sunday, Oct. 11 from 6-7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a Barn Dance! We'll gather at the Simpson Barn in Johnston (Merle Hay Road north to Northglenn Drive.) There will be a band and a square dance caller. Refreshments will be served.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 6-7 p.m.**

We will carve pumpkins, eat a snack and hear about letting God's light shine through. Faith Alive will not be held.

### Midweek Meals

**Wednesdays  
5-5:45 p.m.**

### Starts Wednesday, Sept. 16

We hope our mid-week meals will provide a respite from your busy fall schedule.

**Sept. 16:**  
Grilled Hamburger

**Sept. 23**  
Tacos/Enchiladas

**Sept. 30**  
Sloppy Joes

\$4 per adult and \$2 per child or youth (2 and under eat free).



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## Our Mission

Our youth ministry is on a mission, so we will follow the GYM (Grow, Yield, Minister) acronym: Grow in our relationship with God and others, Yield to Jesus as Lord and Savior and Minister to others through outreach and service.

## Junior and Senior High

### Paintball (grades 7-12)

Sunday, Sept. 27 from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Come for some "splating" fun at Action Jack's Paintball. Sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 23 on the youth bulletin board. Cost is \$30.

### Summer 2010 (grades 8-12)

Registration for next summer trips has started. Information packets can be picked up by the youth bulletin board. National Youth Gathering is in New Orleans, La. and the workcamp mission trip is in Rushville, Ind.

### Dinner Theatres (grades 7-12)

**Casting:** Sunday, Sept. 13 from 12-2 p.m. Come and join the cast for "Christmas at Uncle Phil's" showing on Nov. 20-22.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

#### Sept. 6:

No Castaway, but please be prepared for a rocking time on Sept. 13 as we unfold our fall opportunities.

### Confirmation Orientation

Parents and youth are required to attend one of our sessions in the Family Life Center:

#### Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

Sixth Grade Confirmation Orientation

#### Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

All Grades Confirmation Orientation (Attend only if you were unable to make the other meetings.)

### Confirmation Start-up Date

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 6-7:15 p.m.

### Junior High Youth Gathering

"The King's Keys" will be the theme for the Junior High Youth Gathering from Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Marriot Downtown Des Moines. Registration is due by Wednesday, Sept. 16.

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday Mornings

**Sundays from 9-10 a.m. (Starts Sunday, Sept. 13)**

Join us as we discuss and study relevant issues for high school youth. Meets in room 114.

### The Point

Wednesday evenings will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study, discuss, and experience some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.

**Bible study:** Join us beginning Sept. 16 in Youth Center at 6 p.m.

### Meal from the Heartland

Sunday, Sept. 6 from 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Senior High Café 923

Sunday, Sept. 13 from 3-5 p.m.

# Week of Sept. 5-12, 2009

## Saturday, Sept. 5

- 4:00 p.m. Jody Schroeder and William Horstman Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

## Sunday, Sept. 6

- 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. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, Sept. 7

**Office Closed**

## Tuesday, Sept. 8

- 7:00 a.m. Urbandale School Elections
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten - Second Grade Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board

## Wednesday, Sept. 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for Sixth Grade Students
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for Sixth to Eighth Grade Students
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Meeting

## Thursday, Sept. 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. CPR/First Aid Class
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Military Support

## Friday, Sept. 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

## Saturday, Sept. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Rehearsal
- 2:30 p.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Scripture Based on Giving:

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10*

Worship	Attendance
Northwind	171
7:45 a.m.	120
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	325
9 a.m. (FLC)	78
10:30 a.m.	295
<b>Total</b>	<b>989</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$42,369
First QTD Offering	\$268,978
First QTD Budget	\$255,278

# Week of Sept. 12-19, 2009

## Saturday, Sept. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Rehearsal
- 2:30 p.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

## Sunday, Sept. 13

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, Sept. 14

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

## Tuesday, Sept. 15

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, Sept. 16

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M & M Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

## Thursday, Sept. 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 10:00 a.m. IDW Stewardship Training
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Dealing with Teens
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Planning for Retirement

## Friday, Sept. 18

- 5:00 p.m. Kari Doyle and Joseph Lang Rehearsal

## Saturday, Sept. 19

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Kari Doyle and Joseph Lang Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

# Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

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.

## **Nursery**

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access 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 southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

## **Families worship together**

**Starting Sept. 12 and 13:** At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.



## **Children**

**Grace Place:** We will resume on Sept. 12-13 as we offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children directly to the classrooms.

## **Youth**

**Castaway:** Our junior high youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a high-energy educational time starting Saturday, Sept. 12 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

**Senior high students:** Lots of activities are planned for our senior high youth this fall, see page 9 for all the details.

## **Adults**

We have a plethora of opportunities for adults. Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.

## **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 and Sundays 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. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

## **Weekly Bible Reading: Colossians 3:22-24**

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

### **Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times**

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

**Grace Place (starts Sept. 12-13):** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon