

# WEEKLY WORD



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## God's Plan for Relationships

By Karen Kennedy, Staff

It is a simple story of the Bible: God made man, man rejects God, and God relentlessly pursues man. Since the beginning of creation, we see a God who desperately wants an intimate relationship with mankind despite their sin, mistakes, rejections and pride. Take for example, God's reaction after Adam transgressed in Genesis:

*Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"* Genesis 3:8-9

In this first hide-n-seek game, we see Adam hiding and God seeking. I don't know about you, but I find God's pursuit of man an incredible, almost unbelievable idea. God, who created the universe, actually desires fellowship with mankind. Is he crazy? Taking a personal spiritual inventory, I realize that I do not bring anything great to the table, and yet God wants a rapport with me. And he desires one with you, too.

*This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.* I Timothy 2:3-5

We have a God who deeply cares for us. He then teaches us how to connect to each other. In other words, God wants his perfect love carried out in a field of imperfect people like ourselves. He wants

our relationships with each other to reflect and honor him.

*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:35

Children express relationships in simple, honest terms. When we asked some of our youngest members about the importance of relationships, we received the following comments:

"Relationships are like connections, like having friends and liking each other. I have a bunch of friends. We play and care for each other if one of us gets hurt." — Jade Miller, age 7



"Relationship is like the friend I met during Sunday school. I even see Zach at Tae Kwon Do sometimes and we always sat next to each other all last year. He is nice. Or like how we get to sit by grandma and grandpa

every Sunday and how Aunt Becky sneaks us candy from her purse." — Noah Hoffman, age 6

"My friends at church are Grandma and Grandpa. They play with me, give me candy, fruit snacks, and hugs and kisses." — Samantha Woolman, age 4

"Friendship means happiness. They get me crayons when I need them." Cameron Mitchell, age 6

"Friends have your back when you are feeling bad. You can always trust them." — Danielle Wright, age 9

Today's sermon will dive into God's view on relationships and how we are to thrive in them.

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### Grace Place

With our additional educational time comes lots of adjustments and changes, please be patient with us and others as we adjust to these changes. For more information, see page 7.

### Get in the Picture

Smile! During the Grace sermon series, we have a booth set up in the narthex to get a candid shot of you and your loved ones. You will be able to pick up your handsome photos next week. Pictures taken last week can be picked up this week. Get in the picture and smile!

## Sunday Bible Studies Continue

**Stepfamily Survival:** Sundays 9:20-10 a.m. in room 135/137. One in three Americans is a member of a stepfamily. If that includes you, you know the struggles that come with combining previously separate households under one roof, helping children connect with stepparents and new siblings, keeping your marriage intact, and managing your relationship with your ex-spouse. Join us as we focus on recognizing that God is our Redeemer and on his ability to redeem our families to make us a powerful witness for him. For more information, please contact Lesli Clark at 276-2517 or at [lclark1@metlife.com](mailto:lclark1@metlife.com).

**The Bright Red Sports Car:** Sundays 9:20-10 a.m. in room 134/136/138. Join Pastor Meyer as we look at the different facets of grace in the Bible and true-to-life stories in the following six-week topics: means of grace, happiness, grace/thanksgiving, loneliness, aging and death/life.

**Relevant Bible Study:** Sundays 9:20-10 a.m. in 130/132. Please join Dr. Joe Gilg as he discusses "Redefining Life."

**A Journey with Dr. Luke:** Sundays 10:20-11 a.m. in room 134/136/138. Join Wayne Hoffman as he goes through the gospel of Luke verse by verse.

## Women's Connections Began

Women's Connections began last Monday. If you were unable to attend last Monday's meeting, please feel free to join the fun this week from 6:30-8 p.m. We will gather for worship before splitting into the following sessions:

**Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit:** This study by Beth Moore will equip women to know the freedom of a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit.

**Women's Heart, God's Dwelling Place:** This study by Beth Moore will explore the tabernacle and its relevance to a women's heart.

**A Spa Experience For Your Heart:** Each week women will study the Word of God with DeAnn McCue, meet new friends and be pampered at the same time.

**Bad Women of the Bible:** This study by Liz Curtis Higg combines humor with spiritual insight as the bad women of the Bible are examined. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext 224.



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### Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship  
7:45, 9, 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Staffed Nursery  
8 a.m.-noon

Educational Times  
9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

### Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship  
5:30 p.m.

Grace Place  
6:15 p.m.

Staffed Nursery  
5:15 p.m.

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## Test Your Grace Knowledge



Picture this. Picture that. How do you picture Gloria Dei in the upcoming years? Take some time today to review our GRACE vision in its abbreviated form:

**Growing:** We will be a place of spiritual growth through dynamic worship, excellent teaching and countless other opportunities.

**Relationship-Centered:** We will develop personal relationships, life-long friendships and a sense of belonging.

**A Beacon to our Community:** We will be a welcoming neighbor.

**Courageous:** We will be courageous in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Equipping:** We will be a place where God's relevant Word is applied to daily life and leaders trained.

## Worship Service Ministry Partners

We are thankful for our helpers today who assist in providing a great place to worship.

**Elders:**

Devin Wren  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

**Ushers:**

**Northwind**  
Mike Cobb  
Sandy Junge  
Tom Junge  
Mike Martens

**7:45 a.m.**

Richard Counley  
Wendell Dickey  
Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm  
Bill Kickbush  
Jeff Littschwager  
Tim Radig

**9:00 a.m.**

Paul Cook  
Randy Dickey  
Duane Haas  
Mark Jobst  
Dave Morrison

**10:00 a.m.**

Jim Riddle  
Peg Riddle

**10:30 a.m.**

David Miller

**Organist:**

Lynn Hays

**Acolytes:**

Ally Drake  
Payton Kueny  
Anthony Nelson

## 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 nation and the freedom we enjoy
- For the safe arrival of Mckinleigh Morgan Ebke to Scott and Jennifer Ebke

## Prayers

- For the grief support group
- For the educational teachers and helpers
- For our fall ministry programs
- For our retired adults
- For our military
- For our government

## 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.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Put your thinking caps on as we will discuss what we want to study with Pastor Meyer. Bible study on Wednesday mornings will start Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. This is a wonderful time for fellowship as we study God's Word and how it is relevant to our daily lives.

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join Heather Schmitz in the study of the book, *Lord, I Want to Know You*, by Kay Arthur starting Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in room 114. The book deals with the confusion and pain that results from not knowing God and how he works in our lives. This Bible study will help to clarify how God is a creator, healer, protector and provider.

## Photoshop Elements Class

A four-week PhotoShop Elements class will begin Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in room 139; the cost is \$20. The class will cover the basics of enhancing photos, such as adding borders, restoring old photos, removing elements and adding elements, and making scrapbook pages. A workbook will be provided each week covering the lessons shown on the screen.

## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Event

Are you going to the ISU vs UNI football game on Saturday, September 30? Then you'll want to stop by the hospitality tent sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Located toward the north end of the row of red and yellow striped tents on the north side of the stadium, the hospitality tent will feature free food, the Iowa State University cheerleaders, and lots of fun. Game kick-off is 7:05 p.m. and food will be served at 4 p.m. Call your Thrivent Financial representative or the Thrivent Regional office at 800-369-1527 for tickets and information.

## Quilt for Missions

Join us for a five-week class starting Monday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Family Life Center to learn the basics of quilt-making. The class is free, but materials (approximately \$15) will need to be purchased. For an information sheet, go to the Information Center. If class participants decide to donate their quilts, the class will donate the quilts to the work in China.



## Uganda Trip

An informative meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. for the Uganda trip planned for Dec. 29, 2006-Jan. 10, 2007. Pastor Burcham and Steve Kohtz will lead the trip with the purpose of assisting with a worship seminar for 32 Lutheran Mission churches in Uganda. Half the trip will be spent on the seminar, teaching and training the leaders and musicians; the other half will be spent visiting these churches and orphanages along with a few sights along the way. If you are interested in traveling with us or would like to assist us financially, please come to the meeting.

## Oil Painting

An oil-painting class will be held Friday, Sept. 22 in rooms 109 and 110 from 6-9 p.m.; the cost is \$35. Brian Lipovac will teach how to paint with oils using Bob Ross' painting techniques.

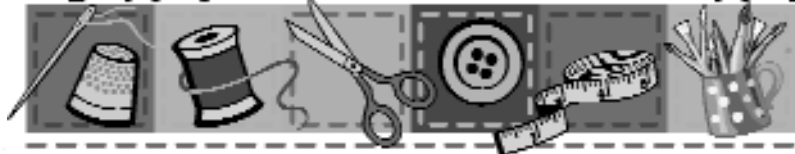


If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center, where you can also pick up a supply list.

## Master's Degree

Terry Steinke, Director of Early Childhood Ministry and Tiny Treasures Preschool has received a master of education degree from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. Please congratulate her when you see her in the hallway.

# CRAFT FAIR



## Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, Oct. 14 Craft Fair

The annual Lutheran Women's Missionary League Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 40 crafters will participate this year, along with a bake sale and café with many food choices. This year's mission projects are Gloria Dei youth, the emergency famine relief for Kenya, the missionary work of Pastor Stephen Oliver in Taiwan and the Katrina Relief mission trip.

### Volunteers 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 Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7:15 p.m. to move tables and chairs. We will also need volunteers on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. to put tables and chairs back for Sunday school. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex.

## District Office News

### Junior Youth Gathering

Registrations for the junior youth gathering on October 21-22 should be mailed to Cindy Storm, 4410 Central St., Sioux City, IA 51108-1319. If there are delays in the paperwork, please let Cindy know of the number of youth and counselors that will be attending, so that hotel rooms can be reserved for your group.

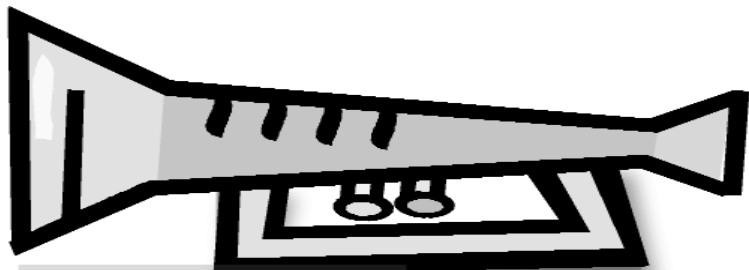
### Education

The District's Family Life Task Force will be introducing "Family ADVENTure," Sunday, Oct. 8 from 2:30-5 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. This Advent resource for the home and church will include family devotions, youth devotions, activities for family gathered in the home and the sanctuary, three sermons and a worship outline. If you have any questions, please contact the district office at 515-576-7666.

## LWML News

### Fall Rally

The LWML will be hosting the Des Moines West Zone at a Fall Rally on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. This will be a special day celebrating the 60th anniversary of the LWML in Iowa District West. The theme of the rally is "60 Years of Serving Him" based on Psalm 100:2, which says "serve the Lord with gladness." Kim Phillips of Gloria Dei will speak about the Honduras and Vietnam mission trips. All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome to attend; the cost is \$4 and includes refreshments and an anniversary cake.



## Wanted: Instrumentalists of All Ages

**Junior high to adults.** Gloria Dei Orchestra is looking for instrumentalists who love music and the Lord to offer various performances throughout the year. All are welcomed! Practice is Wednesdays starting September 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in rooms 135/137. If you are interested, come to our first rehearsal or contact Julie DenHerder at 251-4632.

In addition, we are looking for solo instrumentalists. Please consider this opportunity as we offer praises to our God. For more information, contact Julie DenHerder at 251-4632.

## Music Ministries

We need you! If you are a high school student or an adult, musically inclined and would love to be part of the music ministry at Gloria Dei, please join us this week:

- The Gloria Dei Chorale rehearses Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in rooms 124, 126, 128.
- The Alleluia Ringers rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in rooms 124, 126, and 128.
- The Gloria Dei Orchestra rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in rooms 135 and 137.
- The 10 a.m. contemporary worship team “Infusion” rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- The 10:30 a.m. contemporary blend worship team, “Thirsty,” rehearses Thursday nights from 6-7 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- The Northwind contemporary worship team rehearses Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

How do I register? To sign up for any of these opportunities, simply come to a rehearsal.

## Piano Players Needed

We urgently need piano players. If you have an interest, please contact Steve Kohtz at 278-5544, ext. 205 or [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com).

## Drama Troupe

Keep your eyes on the *Weekly Word* for more information on the drama troupe being formed by Kar Johnson.

## Chorale Needs You

Do you enjoy fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? Are you looking for a way to serve in the church, but can't give a ton of time?

Then the Gloria Dei Chorale is just the ministry for you! We are now looking for additional singers (ages high school and up) for the upcoming year. The Chorale sings only twice a month and at special services throughout the year.

Feel free to bring a friend and be ready for an hour of fun Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there.

## Puppeteers

We need adventurous people who want to minister to children by using puppets a few minutes a week during the beginning of the preschool educational times on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305 for more details.

## Elementary Grace Place Notes

Before each service, please pick up your child's name tag from the hallway west of the Family Life Center. If they do not have a name tag, please fill out a temporary tag near the pews or the chairs during worship.

- **Saturday Northwind at 5:30 p.m.**

DeAnn will bring children from the Family Life Center to the following locations for their openings and classrooms:

- elementary children, K-5      Rooms 130/132

- **Sunday 9 a.m. service**

DeAnn will bring children from the sanctuary to the following locations for their respective openings:

- elementary children, K-5      Family Life Center

The children will then go to the following rooms:

- kindergarten in room 122      • first grade in room 113      • second grade in room 111
- third grade in room 109      • fourth grade in room 110      • fifth grade in room 112

- **Sunday 10 a.m. service:**

DeAnn will bring children from the Family Life Center to the following locations for their respective openings:

- elementary children, K-5      Rooms 134/136/138

The children will then go to the following rooms:

- kindergarten-second grade in room 135/137      • third-fifth grade in room 134/136/138

- **Sunday, before the 10:30 a.m. Service**

Those parents attending the 10:30 a.m. worship service should bring their children to rooms 134/136/138 at 10:20 a.m. We will have a special sticker for them, so that teachers will know to bring them to you during the last half of the worship service.

## Preschooler Grace Place Notes

Before each service, please pick up your child's name tag from the hallway west of the Family Life Center. If they do not have a name tag, please fill out a temporary tag near the pews or the chairs during worship.

- **Saturday, Grace Place**

Terry will bring the children from Family Life Center to the east end of the building near the Tiny Treasurers office for a short gathering before going to room 119/121.

- **Sunday, 9 a.m. service**

Terry will bring the children from the sanctuary to the east end of the building near the Tiny Treasurers office for a short gathering.

The children will then go to the following rooms:

- three-year-olds to room 123/125      • preschool four-and-five-year-olds to room 119/121
- two-year-olds to room 124 with one parent

- **Sunday, 10 a.m. service**

Terry will bring the children from Family Life Center to the east end of the building near the Tiny Treasurers office for a short gathering.

The children will then go to the following rooms:

- three-year-olds to room 123/125      • preschool four-and-five-year-olds to room 119/121
- two-year-olds to room 124 with one parent

- **Sunday, before the 10:30 a.m. Service**

Those parents attending the 10:30 a.m. worship service should bring their children to the east end near the Tiny Treasures office at 10:20 a.m. We will have a special sticker for them, so that teachers will know to bring them to you during the last half of the worship service.

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### Senior and Junior High

#### “Yes I Am” Conference for Grades 7-12 (Saying Yes to Purity)

Mark your calendar for September 22 from 5:30-11 p.m. If you register by Sept. 17, the cost is \$25; \$30 after Sept. 17. Registration forms can be picked up outside the Youth Center. The price includes dinner and a program featuring Illusionist Dave Horsager, Dr. Micah Parker and Tim Kightlinger.

### Meeting

We will meet Sunday, Sept. 24 from 11:45-1 p.m. in the Youth Center to discuss the National Youth Gathering and the upcoming mission trip. All current 8-12 grades and parents are invited.

### Senior High

Iowa District West youth gathering information will be coming soon. Watch your mail.

### Wednesdays

Confirmation class will meet Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

High school youth are invited to the Youth Center for fellowship and devotions.

### Junior High

#### Castaway

Join us this Sunday at 9:20 or 10:20 a.m. for a high-energy time of study and fellowship.

Topic: God’s unconditional sacrifice



### Senior High

#### The Island

#### Praise topic:

Relationships: What’s God’s plan?

Join us this Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. as we gather at *the Island*.

Small Group topics:

Shine - Girls only

Heart like Jesus - Boys only

Examine other Religions

Basic Christianity



### Sunday Evening Band

Do you play guitar, bass, drums or keyboard? We have a place for you. We are organizing a team band to lead praise time every Sunday during *the Island*. Rehearsals are Sundays at 4 p.m. Contact Tim for more details.



## Tiny Treasures Updates

### Staff Changes

One of Tiny Treasures returning teachers, Amy Den Hartog, has recently decided to move out of town due to her husband's job. Amy teaches the 3-year-olds class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and the 4-and-5-year-olds class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. She is a hard worker and excellent teacher and will be missed. If you see her in the hall, please tell her how much we have appreciated her.

Since the best leads for teachers have come through the congregation, please keep your eyes and ears open for possible applicants. Amy will be leaving early October, so we need to quickly make a smooth transition for our children. We are looking for an early childhood teacher with training and experience. If you know someone, call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305. Applications are available at the Information Center; the position can be kept as one or split into two positions.



### Save Money, Help Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool will be selling entertainment books this fall. By purchasing your book from Tiny Treasures, you can save money on the books themselves, and then save on your activities in the metro area. The books are \$20 (\$5 cheaper than retail locations!) and contain coupons to local restaurants and other area businesses. The books are good for a year! If you'd like to purchase a book, please stop by the table in the narthex or contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## Wednesday's Meal

### Faith Alive Meal

This Wednesday at 5 p.m.

- Chicken Nuggets
- Mashed Potatoes
- Fruit

The cost per meal is \$2.50; children three and under eat free. See you there!

## 5 p.m.

## Kindermusik

It is not too late to join Kindermusik; forms are at the Information Center.

**Family Time** offers families an opportunity to play, sing and move with their children. This multi-age child setting offers something for everyone! This fun 10-week class begins Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept 13 from 10-10:45 a.m. The class fee is \$90, which includes materials for use at home.

**Imagine That** is a music and movement class for children ages 3, 4 and 5. Each session delights the whole child as we sing, move, play instruments, and discover more about the world in which we live! This fun 14-week class begins Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. The class fee is \$110, which includes materials for use at home.

# Week of September 17-23

**Sunday, September 17**

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Relevant Topics
- 9:20 a.m. Stepfamily Survival
- 9:20 a.m. The Bright Red Sportsbar
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. The Island- Psalm 18:2
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Monday, September 18**

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Self-defense Course
- 7:00 p.m. Spirit Nurturers

**Tuesday, September 19**

- 8:00 a.m. Secretarial Conference
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. ChristCare Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grace Place Preschool Teachers Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik, Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik, Family Time

**Wednesday, September 20**

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik, Family Time

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Time
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chapel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. PhotoShop Elements Class
- 6:15 p.m. Strategic Planning Mtg.
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Team

**Thursday, September 21**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Thirsty Worship Team
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

**Friday, September 22**

- 5:30 p.m. Yes, I Am Conference
- 6:00 p.m. Hedrick/Smith Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting

**Saturday, September 23**

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:00 p.m. Erinn Hedrick and Chad Smith Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love for the Lord	
General Fund Offerings	\$21,549
YTD Offering	\$233,580
YTD Budget	\$294,910

Attendance			
Northwind	145		
7:45 a.m.	184		
9 a.m.	451		
10 a.m.	168		
10:30 a.m.	185		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1133</b>		

# Week of September 24-30

## Sunday, September 24

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. Relevant Topics
- 9:20 a.m. Stepfamily Survival
- 9:20 a.m. The Bright Red Sportscar
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway, Grades 6-8
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway, Grades 6-8
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Pastorial Conference Setup
- 6:00 p.m. The Island, Grades 9-12
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

## Monday, September 25

- 8:00 a.m. Pastorial Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Self-defense Course

## Tuesday, September 26

- 8:00 a.m. Pastorial Conference
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. ChristCare Group
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik, Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik, Family Time
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

## Wednesday, September 27

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik, Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Time
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chapel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. PhotoShop Elements Class
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Team
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Minsitry Action Team

## Thursday, September 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Thirsty Worship Team
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

## Friday, September 29

- 6:00 p.m. Bonta Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday, September 30

- 4:00 p.m. Erika Bonta Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

### Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday Educational Attendance

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:20	Wednes., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	24	36	33	24	<b>Music Alive</b>
Elementary	12	93	42	108	63
Youth	6	81	20	91	<b>Wednes. Meal</b>
					97
<b>Total</b>	42	210	95	223	

# A Week in Review

## SERVICE TIMES

Sanctuary      Family Life Center  
7:45, 9:00, 10:30      10:00



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Gloria Dei is bursting with activities for all ages. Last week began our new worship schedule and educational times. Pastor Burcham began the “Place for GRACE” sermon series by stating, “Vision isn’t just words on a page. It isn’t just a clever acronym. It describes what we want to become—the ultimate goal. This is where we see God leading us so more lives can be changed and more people can be built up in their faith. That’s what the acronym of GRACE is all about. It’s about God’s love. It’s about his undeserved love to us. In other words, it’s about God’s grace.”