

WEEKLY WORD

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Tiny Treasures Receives Accreditation!



Clockwise from top left: Rev. Riggert presents the accreditation certificate • Rev. Riggert shows the workbook that the staff and ministry partners spent hours compiling for the NLSA application. • Tiny Treasures' staff proudly receives the certificate.



A formal presentation of The National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) of Tiny Treasures was held in the Sanctuary last Thursday. This high honor signifies Tiny Treasures fulfilled the strict NLSA standards and links the preschool to nearly 700 Lutheran schools. Rev. Robert Riggert from Iowa District West presented the certificate. "We are so excited and we celebrate how Tiny Treasures is an excellent place for children and families to grow and learn about Jesus," said Rev. Riggert.



Spiritual Life Survey

Are you ready for next week's survey? We are anticipating valuable information to stem from the Spiritual Life Survey, which will be available from Oct. 3-17. We ask all adults (18 years and older), who regularly attend Gloria Dei, to take this online, anonymous and confidential survey. The findings from this survey will help us understand what we need to offer in helping individuals grow in their faith. If you have questions, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



UP & COMING EVENTS

Apple Time

Grab the family and head toward Center Grove Orchard Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, see page 8.

E-mail Newsletters

Have you received an e-mail from the church? If not, simply e-mail your address to ministrynews@gloriadeionline.com and we will add you to the list.

Sermon Series "True For You"

Sept. 26-27
"As Long as You're Sincere"

Oct. 3-4:
"As Long as it Doesn't Hurt Anyone"

Reclaiming Your Identity

Starting Oct. 10-11, "Reclaiming Your Identity" will begin. For more information, see page 2.

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Sermon Series

“Reclaiming Your Identity” message series begins Oct. 10-11. This series will focus on the truths in I Peter that explain our true identity in Christ and how we are a chosen people who live in a fallen world, but can rest in hope because our Lord is coming back.

- Oct. 10-11: “Reclaiming Your Identity: It’s All About Hope”
 Oct. 17-18: “Reclaiming Your Identity: Show so You Can Tell”
 Oct. 24-25: “Reclaiming Your Identity: This Might Hurt”
 Oct. 31-Nov. 1: “Reclaiming Your Identity: Amazing Grace”

Bible Study: To supplement these teachings, we will have a Bible study booklet available at the Information Center next week. These studies can be used in the framework of a small group, your family, friends or individually. If you have any questions about the Bible study, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext 224.

Let’s Meet Our Interim Worship Leader

We are pleased to announce the hiring of an interim worship leader. Steve Kowbel will assist the music ministry by leading the praise teams during Saturday’s 5:30 p.m. worship service and Sunday’s 10:30 a.m. worship service. He will also provide leadership, training and education to all of our praise teams.

Steve comes to Gloria Dei with a long history of experience in music and worship. He became a fan of Christian contemporary music in 1994 when he listened to Delirious “Out of the Can.” A few years later, he started to play guitar.

“I love to listen to new artist’s work and explore different venues where God is at work to reveal himself through worship,” said Steve.



Steve Kowbel, Interim Worship Leader

Steve has been married to Stephanie for 20 years and they have two children, Micaela, 16 and Micah, 14. As a family, they love sport activities, such as volleyball and basketball, and family gatherings.

Steve has led worship in several churches in the past years and has also served as a consultant to churches to help, equip and expand their worship ministries. His hobbies match his passions, guitar, sound and music. Another hobby has

developed in recent years—his interest in motorcycles. He also loves to fish, hunt and play sports, which all developed from his childhood on a 120-acre farm in Michigan. His favorite scripture verse is Phil 1:6: *Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

“When I walked on the campus at Gloria Dei there is a sense of authenticity of faith and a genuine care for people, those two characteristics excite me about the opportunities to serve, ” said Steve.

When you see Steve, please introduce yourself and warmly welcome him to the family at Gloria Dei.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 27 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



A Addison Mae Otto born on July 29, 2009 to David and Jennifer (nee Fisher) Otto. Addison's spiritual sponsors are David and Julie McAdon.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 27 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is for:



K Kenna Grace Lippincott born on July 27, 2009 to Cody and Erika (nee Down) Lippincott. Kenna's spiritual sponsors are Ryan and Megan Down and Kevin Down.

Altar Flowers



The arrangement on the altar on Sunday, Sept. 27 is provided by: Vic and Deb Kesse in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary on Sept. 29.

Worship Service Location Change

Saturday's worship service at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 will be moved to the Sanctuary; the following week the service will resume back in the Family Life Center.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Philip Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m.:
Joe Bryson

Acolytes (continued):

9 a.m.:
Ross Miller

10:30 a.m.:
Noah Betten

Elders:
Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

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:
Acts 8:4-13 and John 14:1-7 (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 Valerie Lewis and Timothy Rosser married on Saturday
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For our Ministry Partners
- For Vic and Deb Kesse celebrating their 30th anniversary

Prayers

- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Jake Duncalf and family, who are grieving the loss of Jake's grandmother
- For the health concerns of Marv Vinsand
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For the health of John McKeighan
- For the healing of Steve Lutz, who is recovering from brain cancer surgery
- For those serving in the military
- For our young children and youth
- For our country

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.

Share a Warm Meal

Gloria Dei is stepping up to the plate again this year to serve meals the first Monday of each month (October-May) at Freedom for Youth Ministries. The meals are for students and adult volunteers attending the WhizKidz program, an after-school service, partnering Christian mentors with young children. The purpose of the program is to provide a reading partner and adult mentor to roughly 15-20 children who may have little structure at home. It is just one of the many Christ-centered programs offered at FYM. Meals are served at FYM starting at 5:30 p.m., and volunteer groups of three to six individuals provide the meal and serve until 6 p.m. If your group or family is interested in signing up to serve a meal, contact Kory Schramm at kschramm@itagroup.com or 986-5806. To learn more about Freedom for Youth Ministries and see what other volunteer opportunities are available, visit www.freedomforyouth.org.

Flu Clinic

Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a flu clinic Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Visiting Nurse Services will be on site to provide flu immunization to individuals ages 6 months and older. Children 6 months to 17 years of age need to be accompanied by a guardian. Cost is \$20 per shot. Medicare will cover the cost in full. All other participants need to bring cash or a check payable to Visiting Nurse Services.

Training for When Disasters Hit

Would you like to be a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) member for Gloria Dei? LERT is a hands-on, helping ministry organized by Iowa District West. It's nothing more than ordinary people helping others when bad things happen (tornadoes, floods, fires, storms, etc.). Volunteers are people who are trained to help in a compassionate and correct way.

A list of talents/abilities that could make you a valuable "LERT" volunteer:

- Lifting, general cleaning, carrying
- Handling a shovel, axe, hammer, saw, initial fixing and repair of roof, walls, windows
- Meal planning, cooking for the group
- Compassion - the gift of patient listening to victims' stories, allowing them to grieve, cry and get a bearing again in their life.

Beacon of Blessings

Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessings have met to find ways to help the poor and needy in the Des Moines area. After researching various possibilities, they have decided to partner with Joppa Outreach, a local non-profit organization created to foster a community of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless.

Last winter, Joppa's Founder and Executive Director, Joe Stevens, provided propane gas for 50 dwellings, but the cost became more than what he anticipated. This year's



projection is \$8,000 for the propane and heaters. So, the Beacon of Blessings formulated a plan to help Joppa.

The Share the Heat Campaign will begin the weekend of Oct. 3-4 in the narthex where Beacon of

Blessings members will show how a \$20 donation will provide one week's heat or how a \$80 donation will provide one month's heat for a homeless individual. All donations will receive a tax deductible receipt from Joppa.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any of the Beacon of Blessings members: Kory Schramm, Jacquelyn Brienzo, Kim Walker, Alice Wegner, Paula Spark, Allison Brienzo, Kim Phillips and Pastor Phillips.

If you have a heart for helping the poor and the needy in the Des Moines area, please call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Free training will be held at Gloria Dei on:

**Saturday, Oct. 31
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Deadline for registration:
Monday, Sept. 28.**

For more information, contact Marv Rohn at 253-0523 or Lorrie Graaf at 270-1045.

To register, contact Rev. Erland Asmus at 712-464-3130 or at idw-cares@mchsi.com.

Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures will host a fall consignment sale on Friday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (half-price items are for sale from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.). This sale will help Tiny Treasures purchase equipment and supplies. A seller flier is available at the Information Center.



Clean out your closets. The consignment sale accepts children's, teen's and maternity clothing, accessories and bedding, décor, toys, books, videos, equipment and furniture. Items must be clean and in excellent condition. If you have any of these items to sell, please go to Tiny Treasures' page on our Web site and click on the fall consignment sale brochure link. For further questions, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Flu Concerns

In an effort to address the concerns of the approaching flu season, we have formed a group to investigate ways we can reduce the spread of germs within our church environment. Meanwhile, the United States Department of Labor has issued some simple guidelines:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or with a hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve. Dispose of tissues in no-touch trash receptacles.
- Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.
- Keep frequently-touched common surfaces clean (for example, phones, computer equipment, etc.).
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, exercise and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.

For more information, go to www.osha.gov.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Join us Saturday, Oct. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and any item on which you would like to work. Stay all day or only for a short time—whatever your schedule allows. For more information, contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523.

Thank You

The Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary wishes to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,739 from the Patriotic Concert. Due to your continued donations, we will be able to serve the families of Iowa's National Guard. Sincerely, Dorothy DeHas, INGOAux Secretary

Parental Bible Studies

New Baby Parent Bible Study Sundays from 9:20-10 a.m. (Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and 11)

Parents with a new baby are encouraged to come to this unique Bible study. Parents will be renewed through the study of God's Word and through new friendships. Babies are welcome!

Parenting Families Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Nov. 4)

Parents with children of any age should attend this fun video-based Bible study offered during Faith Alive. Gain powerful insights on how to turn "me" into "we." Child-care is provided.

Blood Drive

Save the date: We will hold another blood drive in support of Zach Duncalf on Oct. 31 from 8-11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. To register, contact Robin Stewart at 515-250-1076 or at iowahawkfans@msn.com.

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.

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

Books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe. If you have any questions, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or at hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Arts & Craft Fair Corner

Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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 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.

Baked goods and more!

Pull out your favorite recipes and select what you'd like to contribute to the annual Arts and Craft Fair this year. Cookies, pies, brownies, breads—all go fast! When you choose your mouth-watering baked goods recipe, there are labels at the table in back of the narthex along with a sign-up sheet. If nuts are included in the ingredients, please note on the package. We'll start wrapping on Friday night, but will gladly accept your donations up until noon on Saturday. Baking not really your specialty? Fresh fall produce and preserves are also desired and add an attractive element to the tables. The apples just flew out of here last year!

Arts and Craft Fair Proceeds!

Each year the proceeds of the fair have been allocated to organizations or causes. This year, the LWML has decided on: Freedom for Youth, Hope Family Center, Shining City Foundation and Gloria Dei Youth; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds.

Featured Artists



Artist - Beth Vanderah

Business Name - Bears and Baubles

Craft/Art - Real fur Teddy bears, heirloom christening gowns

Description - Using old, unwanted and damaged fur coats, she lovingly hand stitches each bear. She has several finished bears looking for new homes and will accept orders using fur provided by customers. Her christening gowns are mostly hand

stitched with beaded, embroidered, and customized embellishments.

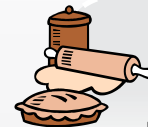
Artist Name - Kris Ralston and Angela Steiner

Business Name - Bountiful Blessings

Craft/Art - Handmade baskets and other hand crafted items

Description - Bountiful Blessings specializes in handmade baskets and gifts. Their baskets are fashioned with superior quality natural and dyed reed, accented with a light golden oak stain to enhance the natural beauty of each basket. They also make other items including a variety of embellished place mats

and towels, bath salts and other bath products, along with several pet products. All such items would make exceptional Christmas gifts this season.



Apples Needed

Miriam Circle needs apples for pies. If you would like to donate apples, call Marolyn Carstens at 262-3249.

We need people!

Stop by the Arts and Craft Fair table in the narthex to sign up for a time to volunteer.

Worship Job Openings

Part-time Orchestra Director

We are seeking a part-time music director for the Gloria Dei Orchestra.

The candidate will lead worshippers into God's presence through instrumental music in both traditional and contemporary styles. A degree in instrumental music and experience in leading and conducting large ensembles are required. In addition to worship, the candidate will help to expand performance, musicality and music education at Gloria Dei. This position will require less than 20 hours per week with required weekend hours.

Part-time Choral Director

We are seeking a part-time music director for the Gloria Dei Chorale.

The candidate will lead worshippers into God's presence through vocal music in both traditional and contemporary styles. A degree in vocal music and experience in leading and conducting large ensembles are required. In addition to worship, the candidate will help to expand performance, musicality and music education at Gloria Dei. This position will require less than 20 hours per week with required weekend hours.

For more information on both of these positions, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

New to the Lutheran Faith?

Starts Thursday, Nov. 5: Join us for Discovery 101 starting Thursday Nov. 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 135/37. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith.

To register, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "register today" link. If childcare is needed, please indicate so on the online registration form.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 276-1700.



Want to become a member of Gloria Dei?

Sunday, Oct. 25: 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, please go to our Web site and click on the "register today" link or call the church office at 276-1700.

Don't forget to register online today!

Pecans

Sign up today! Pecans from the Valparaiso University Guild are available to order until Oct. 4. Sign up at the Information Center. Orders will be picked up Oct. 5; delivery will be made by Oct. 31. The price is \$8 for plain pecan halves (16 oz.) or chocolate (milk, dark chocolate or caramel) covered pecans (12 oz.). Please call Kathy Wagemann, 225-2569, Elaine Anderson, 225-8820 or Ellie Knuth, 276-6118 with questions.

Financial Seminar

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presents "Finding money to Save, Budget and Net Worth" Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive. Come and enjoy refreshments while learning how to make your money go further in challenging economic times. Please RSVP to Brendalyn Shird at 964-3832.

LWML Circles

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd Street, Urbandale.

LWML Rally

All women are invited to LWML's Fall Zone Rally Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at Gloria Dei; registration begins at 1:30. Deborah

Timmons, Executive Director of Shining City Foundation, will speak on the three orphanages they support. Cost is \$4.50, tickets can be purchased the day of the event.



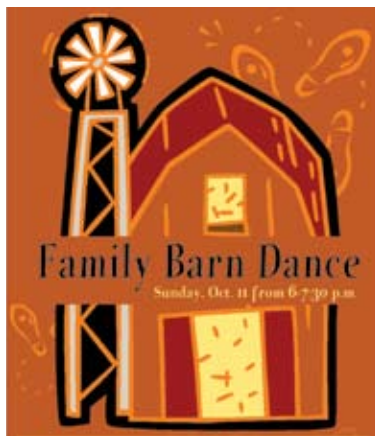


Family Apple Orchard Event
Sunday, Sept. 27
from 2-4 p.m.

We'll meet at Center Grove Orchard at 2 p.m. for some apple-picking, corn-mazing, hay-bale mazing, corn-pool, farm fun! The cost is \$7.95 per person. Join the fun!

Directions: They are located just north of Ankeny and south of Ames, 5 miles east of I-35 on Highway 210 (Exit 102, Cambridge). Then, north 1/8 mile on 610th Ave.

For more information, go to www.centergroveorchard.com/index.php.



Family Barn Dance

Get your dancing shoes on! Families and friends are invited to a fun-stomping barn dance Sunday, October 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Simpson Barn, Johnston. A live band and a square dance caller will lead the evening. No admission charge to this event; we ask that each family bring a snack to share. Hot and cold apple cider will be served.

Midweek Meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Sept. 30

Sloppy Joes

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

Bibles for Kindergartners

All kindergartners will receive a new Bible in Faith Alive or Grace Place this week. Parents, please spend time reading to your child from God's Word.

Third Grade Bible Highlighting

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. until Oct. 21.

Third grade students and parents are invited to take a journey through the Bible, highlighting important scripture passages on Wednesdays.

The Wave Rolls In

The Wave Games Day - Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m.

All 4-5 graders (and their friends) are invited to come to The Wave. We're making sack lunches for the homeless in Des Moines. Each student should bring a box or bag of prepackaged snacks or granola bars, or cereal bars or crackers. We'll have some fun and make some new friends! Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue 278-5544, ext. 207.



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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theaters (grades 7-12)

Rehearsal Sunday, Sept. 27 from 5-7 p.m.
Rehearse for "Christmas at Uncle Phil's"
showing on Nov. 20-22.

Paintball (grades 7-12)

Sunday, Sept. 27 from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Come for some "splatting" fun at Action
Jack's Paintball. Cost is \$30. Adults: Chap-
erones needed; contact Tim.

Summer 2010 (grades 8-12)

Registration for next summer's trips has
started. Information packets can be picked
up by the youth bulletin board.

National Youth Gathering, July 17-21 New Orleans, La

Teens in grades 8-12 can meet up with
approximately 35,000 teens and adults to
grow in their faith. The cost is \$900; a \$100
nonrefundable deposit and registration are
due Oct. 14.

Summer Mission Trip, June 12-19 Rushville, Ind

Teens in grades 8-12 will join other teens
and adults to form work groups to perform
home repairs/improvements on homes of
the poor and elderly. The cost is \$610; a
\$50 nonrefundable deposit and registration
are due Oct. 4.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway,
on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and
10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center. Castaway is a high-
energy, multi-sensory active learning environment.
Families are encouraged to worship together before
youth are invited to Castaway.

Topic: "Dead Man Walking"

Sept. 26-27 He stood alone
Oct. 3-4 He followed through

Eighth Grade Urban Plunge

Join the Urban Plunge from Oct. 9-11 in Des Moines.
Turn in registration form by Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m.

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: Wednesdays in Youth Center at 6 p.m.

Topic: "A Fresh Look at the New Testament"

Sept. 30 The casket of no fear
Oct. 7 Come together... right now...

Senior Youth Gathering

"The Impact" is the theme for the Senior Youth Gathering
from Nov. 27-29 at Embassy Suites, Des Moines. Cost is
\$145 and is due with registration by Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Week of Sept. 26-Oct. 3, 2009

Saturday, Sept. 26

- 4:00 p.m. Valerie Lewis and Timothy Rosser 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. 27

- 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
- 9:10 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. New Baby Parent Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 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
- 11:45 a.m. Junior and Senior High Paintball
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Sept. 28

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. IDW Teachers' Conference Planning Mtg.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

Tuesday, Sept. 29

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 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. 30

- 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. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Oct. 2

- Tiny Treasures closed
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Annie Schwartz and Trevor Redlin Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, Oct. 3

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Annie Schwartz and Trevor Redlin Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	199	
7:45 a.m.	134	123
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	351	235
9 a.m. (FLC)	127	
10:30 a.m.	309	194
Total	1,120	552

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,690
First QTD Offering	\$346,627
First QTD Budget	\$343,980

Week of Oct. 4-10, 2009

Sunday, Oct. 4

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
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:10 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. New Baby Parent Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Oct. 5

8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept. of Education
 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
 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

Tuesday, Oct. 6

7:00 a.m. Urbandale City Primary Election
 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 6 (continued)

3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 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
 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 7

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. Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
 6:00 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:30 p.m. Military Support Session
 8:00 p.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair set-up

Friday, Oct. 9

8:30 a.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair set-up
 2:00 p.m. Junior High Omaha Urban Plunge

Saturday, Oct. 10

Junior High Omaha Urban Plunge
 8:00 a.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	11	26	21	32
Elementary	42	85	34	128
Total Children	53	111	55	160
Junior High	3	22	10	85
Senior High		17		27
Total Youth	3	39	10	112

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

Families are encouraged to worship together before children and youth 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 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 invited 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 starts Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth are invited to a Bible study that will touch on relevant issues on Sunday at 9 a.m. in room 114.

Adults

We have a plethora of opportunities for adults, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Center.

Want some more information?

Feel free to visit our Information Centers, located in the narthex and outside the Family Life Center.

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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: John 14:1-7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

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: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon