

WEEKLY WORD

January 16 and 17, 2010

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Trouble with Triangulation

Geometry works well in building a house, but not in a relationship. Oftentimes the conflict that we experience with one person is diverted to another person, who cannot solve the conflict and makes matters worse by fueling our already heated emotional flames. Practically speaking, it is a lot easier to involve a third party than it is to confront the actual person with whom the conflict originated. On the other hand, God encourages us to take the road of “most resistance” and communicate to our perceived offender. Not an easy road, is it?



Today’s message will address the benefits of the biblical straight-line approach to conflict. It is our hope that this message will help us learn how to deal with conflict more effectively.

Consider a small group

We believe one of the best ways to learn how to deal with conflict is in a safe and loving environment where you can further discuss the biblical and practical principles needed to deal with conflict. In today’s bulletin, a worksheet is enclosed to be used within your small or family groups. See page 6 for more details.

Message Series: “Constructive Conflict”

Jan. 16-17 “Trouble with Triangulation”

Jan. 23-24 “Sins of Our Fathers”

Jan. 30-31 “More than Words”

Feb. 6-7 “Differentiation not Indifference”

Haiti Relief Effort

As news of what is being called the largest earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years reached LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the Synod’s mercy arm began preparing to reach out to the Caribbean nation with much needed assistance and to work in cooperation with Lutheran partners.

“The unfolding drama in Haiti calls for unlimited mercy on the part of the people of the LCMS. The needs are urgent and overwhelming right now,” said Glenn F. Merritt, director of Disaster Response. “I appeal to God’s people to respond as generously as possible during this most difficult time.”

Any funds not needed for this relief effort will be used for other disaster purposes as determined by LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Please join this effort today, simply go to Gloria Dei’s Web site and click on the LCMS World Relief Human Care “donate now” link.



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UP & COMING EVENTS

Honduras Mission Trip

Have you ever considered serving Jesus in a foreign land? See page 5 for details.

Casting

Calling all youth and adults to “act up” for the next dinner theater. See page 7.

Women’s Bible Connections

Women are invited to a time of fellowship, worship and Bible study this Monday. See page 6.

Small Groups

Ever wonder the importance of a small group? Check out page 6.

Women of Faith Conference

We have discounted tickets for the Women of Faith Conference March 12-13. Check out page 7.

Mid-year financial report

By Bill Jesse, Executive Director

First half of fiscal year financial report July 1-Dec. 31, 2009

The following article is to report an accurate and clear picture of our finances for the first half of the fiscal year. The budget report is divided into three areas: 1.) Total income comprised of offerings and other income. 2.) Expenses. 3.) Cash position. If you have any questions, please call Bill Jesse at 278-5544, ext. 217.

Total income-actual offerings:

The actual offerings were \$805,242, which made up 92 percent of the total income. These offerings were down 1.74 percent or \$14,234 from last year.

Total income-actual other income:

The other income was \$70,473 making up 8 percent of the total income. This comes from tuition, building usage fees, leasing our parking spaces to D.A.R.T and interest income. Other income was much higher than last year by \$28,613 or 72.47 percent.

Total income summary:

In summary, the total income comprised of the actual offerings of \$805,242 plus the other income of \$70,473 equals \$875,715. Total income was slightly higher than last year by \$14,379 or 1.67 percent.

Budgeted total income-offerings and other income:

At the beginning of the budgeting process, we try to determine dollar amounts for both the offerings and the other income based on historical data. We project a figure for each quarter based on the offerings and other income received the previous fiscal year. When we compare the budgeted total income of \$900,512 with the actual total income of \$875,715, we are behind.

Expenses:

Expenses of \$824,433 were down compared to last year's expenses of \$860,177. Expenses were down significantly from this year's budget projection of \$909,254. Expenses were less than the total income received, which shows we are living within our budget. This was not due to any cuts in ministry area programming. Considerable time was spent in the preparation of the budgeted line items of each ministry area to reflect projected actual expenditures.

Cash position:

Our cash operating position is strong and we have not needed to transfer funds from our savings accounts to cover expenses. We are growing our savings accounts. We have financial backing for all of our allocated accounts and are systematically growing our strategic planning account.

Mid-year summary:	Actual	Budgeted
Total Income (offerings and other income):	\$875,715	\$900,512
Total Expenses:	\$824,433	\$909,254

In summation, offerings were down and lower than what was projected in the budget. Other income was up, but less than what was budgeted. Expenses were down and significantly less than what was budgeted. Cash in our operating account is sufficient to meet our financial obligations, and we are systematically increasing our savings accounts.

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Pastor Burcham elected delegate

Pastor Burcham was elected to be the pastoral delegate from the Des Moines West Circuit for the 64th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) being held July 10-17 in Houston, Texas. The convention meets every three years and affords the opportunity for leadership to worship, fellowship, vote on by-laws and recommendations from commissions and establish theological positions of the LCMS, to which Gloria Dei belongs. This is Pastor Burcham's third time as an elected delegate for the convention.

"It is neat to see the church at large seek God's will and wrestle with complex issues in the spirit of unity and mutual respect," said Pastor Burcham.

This year's convention will extend three days longer to allow time to consider and vote on the recommendations from a four-year study by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance. Pastor Burcham has been asked to attend one of the national meetings regarding the Task Force to be held in Minnesota this weekend. The meeting will discuss the Task Force's 21 recommendations to help further the mission of LCMS churches.

Please keep Pastor Burcham and the upcoming convention in your prayers. If you would like more information about the convention please go to <http://www.lcms.org>.

Servers

Jan. 16 and 17:

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

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. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Emma Vontalge

9 a.m.

Maddie Pals

10:30 a.m.

Harrison Kruse

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

Tim Mueller

Jim Riddle

Peg Riddle

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Rich Johnson

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Jeff Monson

David Morrison

Chad Oehlert

9 a.m. (H3)

Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons

Doug Bass

Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:
Matthew 18: 15-20 (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 blessings received
- For our families

Prayers

- For the recovery and healing of the people and the land in Haiti after the earthquake
- For the nephew of Roxi Evans-Guilloz, Troy, who is battling cancer
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For Randall Golay's recovery from surgery
- For missionary Steve Lutz in Papua, New Guinea traveling to Australia for treatment
- For our military men and women who are serving in foreign countries
- For those in need during the winter months
- For our country

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Hurting? Confused? In Need of Support?

Care Night

Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Schedule

Meal at 6 p.m.

Individual Groups from 6:30-8 p.m.

Weekly Support Groups

Cancer Support Group

DivorceCare Support Group

Children's DivorceCare Support Group (DC4K)

GriefShare Support Group for Adults

GriefShare Support for Children (Stepping Stones)

Enjoy a warm meal and support in a loving environment during Care Night, Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Questions or to register: Call Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 or register at our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Gloria Dei Quilters want to break the cold cycle by beginning their 2010 quilts for missions on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 130-134. Invite a friend. Let's all come together to begin our quilts for those who need to be wrapped in the love of Christ. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523.

National Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In honor of the National Day of Service, Urbandale Public Library is requesting the following donations: personal care items, such as shampoo, soap, etc.; winter scarves, hats and baby blankets; art supplies, acrylic and watercolor paint and brushes; and art and poetry books. The items will be donated to the Urbandale Food Pantry and Culture Incorporated.

Iowa District West Outreach Workshop

Just before his ascension, Jesus instructed his followers to make disciples of all nations. Apostle Peter instructs us to "always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that is within you. But how is that done? How do we carry out this task in our own context?"

The Iowa District West Personal Missions Subcommittee invites you to explore these questions on Saturday, February 13 from 8-11:30 a.m. at Gloria Dei.

Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. These workshops will include resources for both pastors and lay people concerning the task of telling other people about Jesus. Each workshop will also feature various discussion groups on more specific scenarios, such as introducing relatives to Jesus, visiting the unchurched, reaching out to people of other cultures, and more. Some of the topics will be "Families Light the Way," and "Light to all Nations." If you are interested, e-mail revjpeterson@stjohnsburt.org.

Parenting Bible Study

A new Parenting Bible Study will meet Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:15 p.m. in the narthex. Brian and Jen Peter will lead this study, which is designed to help parents with the art of raising children.

Honduras mission trip

The 2010 Honduras mission team is gearing up for this summer's trip from Saturday, June 26 to Saturday, July 3. So far, the team consists of 10 individuals from Gloria Dei, but there is room for 10 more. This is the sixth year that Gloria Dei has partnered with World Gospel Outreach (WGO) to send a medical/evangelism team to provide evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry, and pharmacy services to the impoverished in Honduras.

"The main quality that you need for this ministry is a passion to help others," said Bill Clark, Mission Team Leader. "No special skills are needed."



Casa de Esperanza.

Teams will reside at the newly constructed mission house, Casa de Esperanza. This comfortable setting has bedrooms, bunk beds, showers and modern restroom facilities. Both American and Honduran meals are served throughout the week. Days usually begin at 6:15 a.m. with daily team devotions.

World Gospel Outreach

World Gospel Outreach (WGO) is celebrating 25 years of serving Christ in Honduras. The founders, Allen and Dona Danforth, did not know all that God had planned through this ministry when they recognized his call. Now as they reflect on these 25 years, they are grateful for the opportunity to witness God faithfully carrying out his divine purpose through so many people. They write that God amazes us as we reflect on how:



Last year youth from Gloria Dei helped with children's ministry.

He has taken the medical/evangelism team experience from one small team in January 1989 and has grown it to almost 800 team members or about 10,000 over the past 19 years.

He touched a small number of Hondurans at the first medical/evangelism brigade, and increased that number to 500,000.

He blessed us with our Rancho Ebenezer property in 1997. The first three families moved there in 2000 and 68 people live there today.

He provided the funding to build Ebenezer Academy for grades PreK-12, so children could receive a well-rounded education.

He helped provide the resources for La Casa de Esperanza, the new facility to house mission teams.

He allows WGO to be his hands and feet to serve people where they need medical, optical and dental care. More than 2,500 Hondurans came to know Christ last year alone.

Honduras Mission Team Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will discuss finances, travel and living arrangements for the team's mission to help the poor by providing medical and evangelism outreaches.

For more information, call Bill Clark at 491-8543.

How to help:

Christmas cards

Please bring in your recycled religious Christmas card fronts to be used for evangelism for the Honduras Mission trip.

Vitamins

Please drop off children's and prenatal vitamins to the Honduras bin in the narthex. Thank you for your support, it helps to improve the health of the children and women in Honduras.

Donations

Make a monetary donation to the team.



Honduras facts:

Capital:

Tegucigalpa

Official Language:

Spanish

Ethnic Groups:

Mestizo 90%

Amerindian 7%

Black 2%

White 1 %

GDP (per capita)

\$1,826

(United States is \$47,440)

Reasons for Small Groups

by Pastor Robarge, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

Although you can accomplish a lot from listening to the sermon messages or through your own studies, it is within the safety net of a small group that you will be able to more fully learn how to deal with life's complex issues.

Small groups are not a new concept or even a new approach. During the first two centuries of the Christian era, church buildings did not exist. Instead they met in house churches where close relationships flourished, helping them withstand the persecution.

A communal spirit blooms where people are deeply in touch with one another and thriving because of their faithful interaction with one another. Outwardly, members of a congregation may have little in common; inwardly, they can be



touched by the possibility that they have something to learn from each other. Broad friendship, mutuality of purpose and an abiding care for one another are all by-products of a spiritually-grounded community. The way in which members of a congregation reproduce the love of God through genuine hospitality and a love for one another is a great way to display the words of Jesus:

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

These are some of the main reasons why I believe in small groups; they are for our benefit. If you are not in a small group and

would like to explore the possibilities, please contact me at 278-5544, ext. 224 or visit our small-group table in the narthex today.

Women's Bible Connections

Please join us as we "sample" our Women's Connections' offerings this Monday.

Monday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Galatians Study - We will look at Apostle Paul's letter to Galatia that addresses many issues that are facing the church, one of which is not to mess with the Gospel.

Breaking Free by Beth Moore - Best-selling author and popular Bible teacher Beth Moore takes you on a journey to discovering true spiritual freedom.

Fearless by Max Lucado - Max Lucado shows you how life can be lived with confidence and joy, when you replace your fear with faith. Let this inspiring and timely message encourage your heart today!

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Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl by Lysa Terkeurst - Drawing from her own remarkable story, she encourages you to enjoy special time with God and discover the life-changing words of Scripture.

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg - John Ortberg teaches us how to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so that we can follow the Lord into life's exciting waters.

Salt in the Melting Pot - Our own Sue Wilson wrote this study to help us understand what it means to be salt in our culture and community.

Childcare will be provided at both sessions. Questions: please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



30 Hour famine

Wars and natural disasters all over the world dominate the daily headlines but behind the scenes and far from the spotlight, hunger and preventable diseases claim the lives of 26,000 of the world's children each day.



Right now, more than 840 million people around the world don't have enough to eat. Annually, more than nine million children under the age of five die from disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger. But world hunger is 100 percent preventable and youth from Gloria Dei are once again ready to be a part of the solution.

On April 9-10, they will be joining the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who will set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. Instead, they will go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face everyday.



Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe. Additionally, a portion of funds raised support assist families in need in the United States.

According to 30 Hour Famine organization, Gloria Dei has placed first in the state of Iowa in funds raised in the last four years as shown below:

2006:	\$8,236
2007:	\$11,247
2008:	\$12,297
2009:	\$13,300

This year, the youth have set a goal to raise more than \$15,000. They will be collecting monetary donations in the narthex from March 27-28 and April 10-11. Meanwhile, please keep them in your prayers as they organize for this powerful spring event.



Sunday Mornings Bible Study

A DVD based, in-depth study on the parables of Jesus is held on Sundays at 9:10 a.m. and at 10:15 a.m. in rooms 135/137.

Each video session consists of three components: 1. Historical and cultural background (filmed in Israel). 2. An engaging close look at the biblical text and its meaning. 3. Accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible to everyday life.

The study is structured as individual sessions, so if you are out of town you can jump right back into the study when you return. The discussion will be led by Dan Snyder. Please note: No Bible study Sunday, Jan. 24.

Women of Faith Conference

Women of Faith "Over the Top" conference will be held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, March 12-13. This year's conference will help women recharge, re-energize, renew, roar with laughter, realize how much God loves them, retreat from the everyday and relax among friends.

Discounted tickets are still available for those interested. Contact the church at 276-1700 for more details.

Act Up

The youth ministry is casting for "Murder's in the Heir," Sunday, Jan. 17 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center. Adults and youth are invited to the casting regardless of their acting experience, all that is needed is a desire to help the youth raise funds for mission trips and youth gatherings.

The interactive dinner theater murder mystery will be held April 23, 24 and 25 in the Youth Center.

If you have any questions, contact Tim Kightlinger, at 278-5544, ext. 212.

January's children's ministry opportunities

To help brighten your days, we have some activities planned for you and your family.

Winter Kindermusik: With a bang, a jingle, and a smile, we will sing our way through the winter months. See our Web site for more details.

Winter Creative Dance: Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to dance the cold away.

Winter Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement: Want to take care of that extra energy? Come to a fast-moving class for children ages 3 to 5.

Winter Youth Basketball: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to a basketball camp Saturday, Jan. 16, 23 and 30 from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$10. Love children and basketball? We need ministry partners to help.

Family Event: Sunday, Jan. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. Sled near Lakeview pond, enjoy potluck snacks and hot cocoa at the church.

Parenting Bible Study: A new session of "Parenting from Me to We" begins Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:15 p.m.



For more information, to register or to pay for any of these events, go to our children's page on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Playgroup

Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall of 2010. This playgroup proves to be a great feeder program for preschool classes because it allows children the opportunity to be comfortable in a school setting.

The two classes will meet on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2010 and toilet trained. Tuition is \$40 each month; a registration fee of \$10 must accompany the form. Class size will be no more than eight children with two teachers.

Midweek meal

**Wednesday, Jan. 20
from 5-5:45 p.m.**

Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up

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

Tiny Treasures Registration News 2010-11

Registration Musts

There are still a few openings left for next year's preschool. Begin by going to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and clicking on the Tiny Treasures' link.

Then simply follow the next three steps.

1. Click on the registration form link and complete and submit the registration form.
2. Click on the on-line payment link and pay the \$45 registration fee.
3. Check your e-mail to be sure you've received both a registration and an on-line payment confirmation. Please note: registration is not complete until you receive both confirmations.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.



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All Youth and Families

Winter Jam 2010

Sunday, Jan. 24

Winter Jam 2010, featuring Newsboys, Third Day and other artists will be held at Vets Auditorium, Sunday, Jan. 24. Meet at the church at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. Come ready to jam.

Sign-up by Jan. 17 at the youth bulletin board.

Dinner Theater

"Murder's in the Heir," an interactive dinner theater murder mystery will be held April 23, 24 and 25.

Casting for adults and youth will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Rehearsals:

Sunday, Jan. 24, 12-2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 12-2 p.m.

Junior and Senior High

30 Hour Famine

This event held April 9-10, 2010 helps us to understand the plight of hunger in the world.

Registration is a must; register today. If you are interested, get in touch with Tim Kightlinger or Kim Phillips.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Castaway is a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning environment.

"Risky Business- Life is too Short to Play it Safe"

Jan. 16-17: "Peter and John"

Jan. 23-24: "The Giving Widow"

Jan. 30-31: "Joshua"

Wednesdays: Confirmation

Confirmation sessions meet Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m.

Mission opportunity

Saturday, Feb. 6 from 12-2:45 p.m. Join us at the Urbandale Food Pantry, 7611 Douglas Ave., Suite 31, as we help to stock the food pantry's shelves. If interested, please sign up at the youth bulletin board by Jan. 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.

The Point

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center is 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.

Jan. 20: "Connect" • **Jan. 27:** "Activate"

NAGU/Leadership

For those on the NAGU leadership team, there is a meeting Sunday, Jan. 17 from 5-7:30 p.m.

National Youth Gathering

If you have signed up for the Gathering, please remember the payment deadline of \$200 is due Sunday, Jan. 17.

Week of Jan. 16-23, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 16

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 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

Sunday, Jan. 17

- 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. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Casting
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 18

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, Jan. 19

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Worship (Jan. 2-3)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	179	119
7:45 a.m.	112	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	350	
9 a.m. (FLC)	98	50
10:30 a.m.	328	
Total	1067	169

Tuesday, Jan. 19 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 20

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 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. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Jan 21

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 22

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, Jan. 23

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 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

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 9-10)	
General Fund Offerings	\$34,894
Third QTD Offering	\$79,259
Third QTD Budget	\$67,648

Summary of Mid-year (July 1-Dec. 31, 2009)	
First QTD Offering	\$346,627
Second QTD Offering	\$469,439
Mid-year Offering Total	\$816,066
First QTD Budget	\$343,980
Second QTD Budget	\$574,141
Mid-year Budget Total	\$918,121

Week of Jan. 23-30, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 23

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 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, Jan. 24

- 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. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Family Event - Sledding
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 25

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, Jan. 26

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 26(continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 27

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 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. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 28

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 29

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, Jan. 30

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 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

Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	6	27	21	19
Elementary	30	65	31	115
Total Children	36	92	52	134
Junior High		18	12	80
Senior High		13		28
Total Youth		31	12	108

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! 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.

Weekend Worship Services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all three liturgies from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

H-3 Family Worship Service

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: This casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with lively hymns and praise music. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

Other Important Items

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.

Weekly Bible Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

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.

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