

WEEKLY WORD

January 9-10, 2010

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Constructive Conflict Message Series

As we begin our “Constructive Conflict” message series, we will explore some of the facets of conflict. It is important to realize that conflict is inevitable; it is as much a part of life as is laughter and tears. We cannot avoid it, but we can deal with it in a godly way. Oftentimes, we face conflict either by a stiff-upper-lip, or a resolve to plow into it (current winter pun intended), but thankfully the Bible has a better option for us.



Consider a small group

We believe the best way to deal with conflict is to talk about it in a safe and loving environment. In today’s bulletin, a worksheet is enclosed to be used within your small or family groups.

T.S. Elliot said, “There is no life that is not in community and no community not lived in praise of God.” It is in this small group environment that we believe the message material will flourish the most.

Author Max Lucado states, “What is concealed is hard to heal.” Our natural tendency is to deal with conflict alone without the help of others; and thus we isolate ourselves and continue to use our established behavior and attitudes. Sounds like a great solution, but those habits are often what perpetuate the conflict. Consequently, the conflict does not disappear; and in fact, gets worse because it was never exposed to God’s ways or the love from others.

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 conflict when it comes your way. If you are not in a small group and are looking for ways to connect with others, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224 or sign-up in the narthex where there will be someone to assist you in finding a small group that fits your schedule and time. The real importance is not to let this series fly by without examining how to deal with conflict in a God-pleasing way. Conflict is happening, but how do we respond to it as Christians?

In the next few weeks, we will also delve into more of the benefits of a small group to which a preview can be found on page 2. In the meantime, we pray this series helps you in personal and practical ways to improve your relationships with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Message Series: “Constructive Conflict”

- Jan. 9-10 “Wait Long Enough and It Still Won’t Go Away”
- 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”

UP & COMING EVENTS

Grace Place Faith Alive

All children’s programs resume
Jan. 9-10.

Playgroup

Tiny Treasures has a playgroup for young children starting in February. See page 8 for details.

Youth

Calling all youth and adults to “act up” for the next dinner theater. See page 9.

Care Night

Care Night is an evening designed for support. See page 4.

Women’s Connections

Women are invited to a time of fellowship, worship and Bible study. See page 4.

Small Groups

Ever wonder the importance of a small group? Check out page 2.

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Small Group Connections

The reasons

No one wants to be left alone. The purpose of the Connections ministry at Gloria Dei is to connect people with other people so we can follow Jesus together. Some of these groups are meant to come together to study the Bible and other relevant topics, and other groups meet for purely social reasons like sports, scrapbooking, quilting, etc. It is through the combination of these that Gloria Dei can be a place where no one stands alone; a place where people connect and grow together.



The definition

A small group is a group of people who come together on a regular basis for a common purpose and affinity, and are led by an identified leader who is assisting them in their progress toward Christ-likeness by intentionally providing an environment for connection, community, and spiritual transformation.

In God's family, everyone is important and each individual has something unique to contribute to the life and growth of the church. That's why, as the church continues to grow larger, we are also committed to growing smaller. This ensures that no matter how large the church body grows, every single person will have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships, grow spiritually, and use their unique spiritual gifts and talents to minister to others and build up the body of Christ. The church's business has everything to do with relationships, putting people in touch with each other and with God.

For a continued perspective into small groups, see next week's Weekly Word.

Stewardship Notes

Giving statements

A final record of giving will be mailed by Jan. 20 for income tax purposes. If you have specific questions, please call Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Simply Giving

It is not too late to sign up for the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is a program through Thrivent which allows you to have your offerings automatically deposited in the church's bank account on a schedule you choose. For those already using the program: if you have changed your pledge amount for 2010, please remember to turn in an updated Simply Giving form.

Debit and credit cards and pay-by-check options

Gloria Dei now has the capability of collecting giving offerings by using debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and online pay-by-check. The process is easy and secure. All you need to do is to go to our Web site and click on the online giving link.

Giving envelopes to be picked up

Giving envelopes for 2010 can be picked up near the north entrance of the narthex during our weekend worship services. Please note: your envelope number changes each year, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2010.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Jan. 10 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Drew Gabriel Nelson born on November 10, 2009 to Gabe and Jamie (nee Everts) Nelson. Drew's spiritual sponsors are Jill Everts and Crystal and Brett Legrand.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar Sunday, Jan. 10 are in celebration of the wedding of Joseph Eickman and Jennifer Amendt.

Registration opens for Gloria Dei

Last week, Tiny Treasures opened registration for current preschool families of which 54 students registered. Starting Saturday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. all families from Gloria Dei are invited to register their children. See pages 6-7 for more details.

Classes	Current Openings
All 3-year-olds classes	Lots of openings
4/5-year-olds M,W, F p.m. class	8
Prekindergarten a.m. class	3
Prekindergarten p.m. class	18

Servers

Jan. 9 and 10:

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Ryan Dueker

9 a.m.

Maddie Pals

10:30 a.m.

Allison Klein

Elders:

Terry Woolman

Jim Miles

Vic Kesse

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:

Genesis 16:1-5 and Galatians 2:11-16

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 the birth of Madison Marie Cook, granddaughter of Kendal and Diana Cook

Prayers

- For the nephew of Roxi Evans-Guilloz, Troy, who is battling cancer
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For the Bob Thenhaus and family as they grieve the sudden loss of Sharolyn Thenhaus
- 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

New Date: Thursday, Jan. 14 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)

Since last week's Care Night was cancelled due to snow, we will launch our Care Night Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. for a warm meal and support groups. So, please join us for a warm and comforting evening.

Questions or to register:

For more information, call Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 or register at: <http://ezregister.com/promoters/171/>.

Women's Bible Connections

Lots of great studies are being planned for the winter. So please join us as we "sample" our Women's Connections' offerings on Monday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. You can expect to study topics that are relevant to your life and meet women who are interested in learning how to become more like Jesus. Childcare will be provided at both sessions. Watch for specific class offerings in the next issue of the Weekly Word. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



LEAD Gloria Dei

LEAD Gloria Dei is a six-week course, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 17 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size.

The topics include: the Vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our Strategic Plan.

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at 278-5544, ext. 200 or e-mail her at laura@gloriadeionline.com.

Book Club

The details of the Club: Enjoy a thrilling book, "Blink of an Eye" by Ted Dekker; then join the discussion Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the cry room.

An overview of the book: Miriam is a Saudi princess promised to another, a pawn in a political struggle that could shift the balance of power in the Middle East. Seth is a certified genius with a head full of numbers, a life full of baggage and an attitude born on the waves of the Pacific.

Cultures collide when they find themselves thrown together as fugitives in a high-stakes chase across Southern California.

Contact Information: Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.

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.

LWML Circles

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joan Kickbush, 13942 Oak Brook Dr., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9:30 a.m. in rooms 131/133. We will work on a project for Diana's Angels. If you have never been to our circle, please feel free to come, we have lots of fun and even manage to do constructive activities, such as helping Diana's Angels. If you have any questions, call Meri Mohr, 327-1821.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sheila Manteaw, 6100 Trace Court, Johnston.

Sunday Mornings Bible Study

A six-week, DVD based, in-depth study on the parables of Jesus begins Sunday, Jan. 10 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 the 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.

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 news

January's collection

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 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.

Consider the 2010 Team

Saturday, June 26 to Saturday, July 3.

Have you ever thought about helping the poor in a foreign country? Well, why not explore the possibilities?



Informational Meeting:

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

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

More information can be accessed on our Web site or by calling Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Membership classes

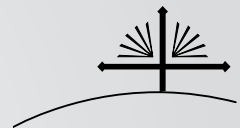
If you are visiting and would like to join the Gloria Dei family, please check out the following classes: Registration is a must, register now!

New to the Lutheran Faith? Due to last week's cancellation, our classes begin Jan. 14. from 6:30-8 p.m.

We will cover the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when registering. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Want to become a member? Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 from 3-6:30 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Let's get to know about the ministry of Tiny Treasures

If you are in the east wing of Gloria Dei during the week, you will notice lots of laughter while children and their parents enter through the east doorways in anticipation of another day at Tiny Treasures.

Smiles are abundant, and so is the art work hung in the hallways that showcase the preschoolers' learning through hands-on activities. The children also learn practical social skills, along with cognitive and physical skills all packaged within the framework of a loving Christian environment.

Jo Lynn Yeutsy, joined the staff as Director of the preschool in August.



Jo Lynn Yeutsy accepts the National Lutheran accreditation certificate.

Currently, the preschool staff consist of three lead teachers, three assistant teachers, two playgroup teachers and two administrative assistants. Since that time, Jo Lynn has been busy getting to know the teachers, children, parents and the heart behind Tiny Treasures. In addition, she has experienced Tiny Treasures becoming accredited by the National Lutheran Schools; a fall consignment sale that raised \$3,000 and an incredible cookie dough fundraiser to help the Duncalf family.

"Each child in our preschool is a unique and special child of God and each one is a blessing," said Jo Lynn. "With each decision I make, I have learned to ask myself, 'Is this what's best for our kids and their families?' If I keep this in mind, then I can feel good about the decisions that I made."

Jo Lynn is also appreciative of the wonderful staff and the outpouring of support through parents and ministry partners. For example: ministry partners help each day with the children's drop-off routine and other special events as needed, such as the consignment sale, the Christmas program, and the recent nature center outside of the preschool. She also is thankful for the ministry staff members who lead chapel each week.

"The preschool is a treasure because of the incredible support of so many people. It truly is amazing," said Jo Lynn.

Recently, she has been diligent in communicating the necessary steps to register for the 2010 fall classes; organizing the playgroup beginning in February and planning ways to raise money for preschool families in need.

When Jo Lynn is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Matthew, and their three daughters, Brenna, 11; Amber, 7; and Lydia, 4. She also enjoys reading, scrapbooking, walking and watching her children in all their activities.

So, if you ever want a lift during your week, stop and observe the incredible nurturing environment of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool.



Registration News

Fall 2010-11 Registration

Since Tiny Treasures is becoming a popular spot for preschoolers, a fair registration method has been created to accommodate children and their families:

Monday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.

Registration for our current preschool families began.

Saturday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Registration for Gloria Dei's families will start.

Monday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Open house for prospective families.

Tuesday, Jan. 12. at 9 a.m.

Registration for the public will open.

Registration Musts

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.

Looking at life through the eyes of a preschooler



Throughout the years, children have experienced a fun and nurturing environment where they are valued. But more importantly, they learn about the one who values them the most, Jesus.



Tiny Treasures Timeline

Sept. 2005

After a year of planning, converting two classrooms to preschool rooms and obtaining permits from the city, Tiny Treasures, under the direction of Terry Steinke, opened its doors to 44 children and three part-time staff members.

Sept. 2006

The enrollment for the preschool doubled to 80. The playground was installed and the first Fun Night was launched.



Sept. 2007

The program expanded by adding a playgroup and an afternoon class. Nearly 100 children attended.

Did you know?

A ministry action team was formed in 2004 to plan, and dream about the preschool. After several discussions, Tiny Treasures was the name that surfaced to the top. A few months later, the logo was created in-house reflecting the vision of the preschool and the brand of Gloria Dei.

Sept. 2008

Work began for the National Lutheran School Accreditation and for the Quality Rating System. Enrollment increased to 111.

Sept. 2009

Tiny Treasures received the National Lutheran School Accreditation certificate. Jo Lynn Yeutsy became new director of the preschool. Tiny Treasures now has seven classes, with eight part-time staff serving 108 children.

January's children's ministry opportunities

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

Winter Kindermusik: Starts the week of Jan. 10. 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: Starts Monday, Jan. 11 at 6:45 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to dance the cold away.

Winter Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement: Starts Monday, Jan. 11. at 6 p.m. 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. 9, 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: Another session of "Parenting from Me to We" will begin 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.

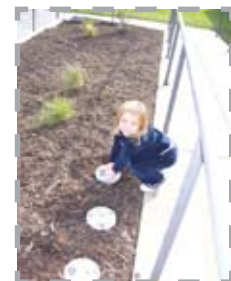
Midweek meal

**Wednesday, Jan. 13
from 5-5:45 p.m.**

Walking Tacos

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

Nature Center



It may be difficult to visualize, but underneath all the snow outside Tiny Treasures, is a nature center. With the help of ministry partners and the preschoolers, a center was created to show children the magnificent growth and beauty that occurs in God's creation.

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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 today at the youth bulletin board by Jan. 17.

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 Youth Center.

So push those latent acting careers up front and join us for the casting.

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

Classes will resume Jan. 10.

Please note: Castaway will not be held Jan. 9.

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Jan. 10: "The Vineyard Workers"

Upcoming Study:

"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"

Wednesday: Confirmation

Confirmation classes will resume Jan. 13 at 6 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 on Jan. 10.

The Point

The Point will resume on Jan. 13.

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

Jan. 13: "Illuminate" • **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 join us Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7:30-8 p.m. for an informational meeting in the Youth Center. **Parents and youth need to attend.** Please remember the payment deadline of \$200 is due Sunday, Jan. 17.

Week of Jan.9-16, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Amendt and Joseph Eickman 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

Sunday, Jan. 10

- 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. 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
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 11

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting
- 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. 12

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. K-2 Girl Scouts

Tuesday, Jan. 12 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Bible Connections MAT
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 13

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 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. Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Jan 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Jan. 15

No Scheduled Meetings

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

Worship (Jan. 2-3)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	147	
7:45 a.m.	104	100
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	241	197
9 a.m. (FLC)	49	
10:30 a.m.	231	162
Total	772	459

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 31)	
General Fund Offerings	\$10,823
Second QTD Offering	\$469,439
Second QTD Budget	\$574,141

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 2-3)	
General Fund Offerings	\$44,364
Third QTD Offering	\$44,364
Third QTD Budget	\$21,323

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
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave
- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

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 Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

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

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 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: Genesis 16:1-5

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

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