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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Confirmation Guaranteed

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

Confirmation numbers are important in this day and age. In fact, whether you are ordering an airline ticket, reserving a hotel room, or making changes to your online bank account, a confirmation number is provided. The number then becomes the proof of the transaction of what was purchased or changed. Travel and business experts state that daily activities and vacations can be made less stressful if your confirmation number is accessible at all times to verify the declared transaction.

The importance of verification can also be seen more than two thousand years ago in a culture without cell phones, online accounts and hotels. In Matthew 16, Jesus told his disciples that he *“must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priest, and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed...”* In essence, Jesus was asking his disciples to follow him through his suffering and death. Those words were probably difficult for his disciples to hear, after all, they loved Jesus. They had spent countless hours following him and now he tells them about his impending death. Certainly, a verification of Jesus’ claim of being the Son of God would have been needed to encourage the disciples in their pursuit of following him.

So, on a mountaintop with Peter, James, and John as witnesses, Jesus gives his confirmation number when he was transfigured into his glorified state. Further verification was given when the disciples heard God the Father declare, *“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”* Confirmation given! Jesus is the only begotten Son of God!

Jesus asks us to follow and trust him because of who he is and what he accomplished. With so many voices coming from many different directions telling us what to believe, we may find ourselves asking God for a confirmation number: *“Jesus, verify who you are for me.”* And, like the disciples, we can look to the mountaintop and hear the words, *“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”* Confirmation given!

Lenten Devotional

Pick up your Lenten Devotional, “The Journey with Jesus,” on Wednesday. This devotional, written by Pastor Kendall during his time in seminary, gives insight into the weeks prior to our Lord being killed.

Cottage Meetings

The proposed Strategic Plan will be presented in detail at Cottage Meetings throughout the week in the Family Life Center. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend; childcare provided.

Saturday, Feb. 2
9-11 a.m.

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6:45-8:45 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 3
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 4
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lenten Services

Our first Lenten service will be this Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:15 p.m. The traditional service will be held in the sanctuary with a contemplative moment of silence at the end of the service. The contemporary service will be held in the Family Life Center with a sermon simulcast from the sanctuary.

Feb. 6
“Suffering Servant Introduction”

Feb. 13
“Shocking Servant”

Feb. 20
“Sorrowing Servant”

Feb. 27
“Smitten Servant”

March 5
“Silent Servant”

March 12
“Satisfied Servant”

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Mark your calendar for this year's Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship services:

Holy Week Services:

Thursday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Thursday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary in FLC
Friday, March 21	4:30 p.m.	Family-focused Worship in FLC
Friday, March 21	6:00 p.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Friday, March 21	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary in FLC
Friday, March 21	7:30 p.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary

Easter Services:

Saturday, March 22	5:30 p.m.	Contemporary in FLC
Sunday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Family-focused in FLC
Sunday, March 23	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary in Sanctuary

Parking Lot Lights

The two parking lot lights north of the office area are not functioning properly. We are working with a contractor to identify and resolve the problem, but we may not be able to correct it until the weather warms a little. We have installed brighter lighting in other parking lot lights which should help alleviate this issue and provide better lighting for the whole lot. Please be careful and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Cantata and Christmas DVDs

The pre-ordered Cantata or children's Christmas program DVDs are available at the Toolshope today for \$10 each. If you did not order a DVD, the Toolshope is stocked with extra copies, which can be purchased for \$10.

New Ministry Action Team Formed

A new ministry action team has formed: Beacon of Blessings. Their mission is to be a beacon to the community by providing ongoing opportunities to be Christ-like in reaching out with compassion to fellow human beings who are struggling with some of life's basic needs.

To start up this ministry, the team needs to know what other groups at Gloria Dei are currently ministering to the poor. If your group supports an ongoing mission to the poor, please contact Paula Spark at 371-7972. This will help them to catalog what is being done and where to go from here. Thanks for your help. More information about this new team will be available in the future.

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Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 a.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and the program runs from 8–9 a.m. Those who wish to stay after the event to ask additional questions or visit with the project leaders may do so.

The Des Moines Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity will share their story, including their plans to work with three families and help them build the homes they will purchase this year. All guests will be asked to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to this effort. They'll also ask for in-kind needs such as landscaping materials, windows and mechanical work, and other volunteer opportunities during the blitz week of April 28 to May 3, 2008.

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com.

Please note: If you are unavailable to attend, but wish to support the efforts, please contact Brendalyn Shird at bshird@gdmhabitat.org or 471-8686, ext. 112. Checks should be made payable to Thrivent Builds, or Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity to receive the proper tax reporting information.

Fundraiser Bake Sale Today

The Honduras mission team will host a bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 8-11:30 a.m. in the narthex.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Scripture Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Brian Gilg

Nicholas Petersen

Cara Setsodi

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen

Carol Andresen

Alan Grunst

Bob Knief

Dean Mohr

Ken Peterson, Sr.

Ken Peterson, Jr.

Dale Readinger

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Bruce Brock

Dan Devries

Paul Drake

Don Franzen

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bob Kuefner

Kurt Kromminga

Ron Oolman

Paul Rusch

10:30 a.m.

Gabe Nelson

Todd Schwarz

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Christian Daniel, the new arrival to the Glann household

Prayers

- For Lee Echtenkamp's mother, Lucille Echtenkamp
- For Irene Klinefelter
- For Dave and Donna Maassen's grandson, Hunter
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Marolyn Carsten's nephew, Brian Carstens, who has cancer
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For Jay McCowen
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Gloria Dei Book Club

This month we are reading “A Day With a Perfect Stranger” by David Gregory (copies available in Gloria Dei’s Toolshope). When her agnostic husband tells a far-fetched story about dinner with Jesus, Mattie is clearly skeptical. Their marriage is already shaky. When she shares her worries with a sympathetic stranger seated next to her on the plane, he seems to know a lot about God—and Mattie’s past. Who is this man?

This 112-page book is a quick read. Read it, then join others who have read the book on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 6:15-7:10 p.m. in the cry room. Questions? Contact Heather Schmitz 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

30-Hour Famine

Be Seen. Be Heard. Be Hungry

Friday, Feb. 29- Saturday, March, 1

Once again, our teens will be participating in the “World’s Vision’s 30-Hour Famine,” an international youth movement to fight hunger.

During this year’s event, the youth will stay busy with various servant events in the community, watch videos on the impact of hunger and play games that promote awareness of life outside of America.



The teens will be accepting donations in the narthex on Feb. 24 and March 2. All donations will be multiplied four times by a U.S. governmental grant.

Last year’s event was attended by 60 youth and raised almost \$12,000. The following are comments from the youth who participated and were impacted by last year’s event:

Olivia Pace, sophomore, “Life is too short to live it for yourself.”

Shelby Aufdenkamp and Katie Gilg, freshmen, said, “You don’t know what it is like to feel hunger until you go through it yourself. The 30-Hour Famine makes you aware of what is going on in the world.”

Sam Mahler, junior, said, “Participating in the 30-Hour Famine is such a rewarding experience, anyone who has done it before comes out with a better knowledge of what our world is going through.”

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Phillips at tnk4jc1@msn.com or at 254-1036.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 201: Join us next week!

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or if you have completed Discovery 101, you are invited to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Discovery 101:

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

First-time Visitor

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check “wish to join Gloria Dei.” All who wish to join must attend Discovery classes.

Sign-up

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

All are Welcome

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei’s activities.



Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of Millie Obrecht, 621 33rd Street, West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet at Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Kusy, 9774 Sunset Terrace, Clive, 225-7486.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the church in rooms 131-33. Please bring your material.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4525 71st Street, Urbandale.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Kim Walker, 1800 Jacob Street, Grimes.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, Feb. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131/133. It is a great time to get organized, work on pages, share ideas, and make valentines. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Honduras Mission Trip

The following items are being collected in the trunk located in the narthex for the Honduras mission trip in June.

- Vitamins • Adult and children's Tylenol • Hair gel
- Hair pretties • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste
- Dental floss

Recycled Christmas Cards

The Honduras Mission team needs recycled fronts of religious Christmas cards for their mission trip to Honduras. Please save your cards and put them in the "donation-card" box located in the narthex.

Iowa Deaf Ministry

The Iowa Deaf Ministry is in need of old laptop (working) computers for new ministry opportunities among the deaf and hearing in churches throughout the district. The computers do not need high memory capabilities or fancy programs; they only need the capability to run Word and Windows. If you are interested in donating a computer, contact Pat at pat.monroe@idwlcms.org.

GodZ GuyZ

GodZ GuyZ newly released CD "The Potter" is available in the narthex for purchase for \$15. Included on the CD are several songs written by Dalend Mackey and also the "Lord's Prayer." Pick up your copy today! Part of the proceeds from the CD sales will help to benefit Hospice organizations in Iowa.

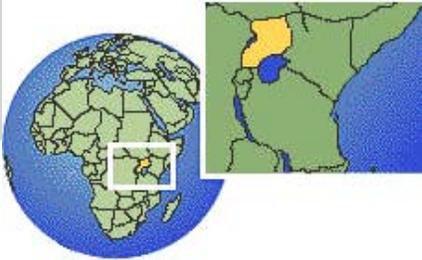
Softball

Gloria Dei softball league begins Thursday, April 17. They will play on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights at 6:15, 7:15 or 8:15 p.m. in a 14-game schedule. Season ends during the Saturday tournament on June 28. Cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested, please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com.

Blood Donation Coordinator

The Blood Center of Iowa is seeking a coordinator to help with blood drives at Gloria Dei. If you are interested, contact Michelle Schatzberg at 710-3017.

Mission Corner



Uganda

Join us on a year-long mission effort to collect gently-used items. Starting in March, we will collect gently-used items each month to send to churches and orphanages in Uganda. It is our goal to fill 600 boxes. We will be reaching out to the community, as well as our family here at Gloria Dei, to support this ministry. The Orphan Grain Train out of Norfolk, Neb. will be our transport for this project.

The Uganda Ministry Action Team suggests the following items to be collected each month:

- March:** Kitchen supplies (towels, utensils, cleaning items).
- April:** Outside games, toys (bikes, trikes, etc.) and sports equipment.
- May:** Garden tools and supplies.
- June:** Bathroom supplies (towels, cleaners, supplies).
- July:** Electronic office equipment and musical instruments.
- Aug.:** Shoes (especially men's work shoes; children's school shoes and tennis shoes for women).
- Sep.:** Children's summer clothes and school supplies.
- Oct.:** Men's work clothes.
- Nov.:** Women's clothes.
- Dec.:** Infant's clothing and bedding supplies.
- Jan.:** Children's toys and musical instruments.
- Feb.** Cloth for sewing and power tools.

A large container will be in the narthex and the Family Life Center for items to be placed. We ask for a gift of \$5 be left with each donation to cover the shipping expense. There are also matching funds available to assist with this expense for every dollar we collect.

In addition, the first Sunday of every month will be called "Un-Dei Sunday," where we will collect new (still in packaging) underwear, socks, undershirts for all ages, sizes and gender.

Contact Information:

For more information on this opportunity, please contact Steve Kohtz at 276-1700, ext. 205 or Steve@gloriadeionline.com.

Editors note:

On a weekly basis, we will highlight the many mission efforts supported by Gloria Dei. Expect to learn about the people living in a another culture, the church effort that has touched them and ways in which we can support them.



Third Grade Bibles

Third grade is an important year in a child's development. To help remind them of the assurance that they have in Jesus Christ, parents and 3rd-grade students will walk through the scriptures for six weeks during the Lenten season on February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12. During that time, parents and students will highlight verses in scripture together. All 3rd graders (even if you don't regularly attend Wednesday's Faith Alive or if you are not a member) should attend this special family time.

If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Faith Alive Room Changes

Please note the following room changes starting next week for grades 2-4:

Grade 2	Feb. 6-March 12	Move to room 130	6:15-6:55 p.m.
Grade 3	Feb. 6-March 12	Move to sanctuary	6:15-6:55 p.m.
		<i>(Parents and children-Bible Highlighting)</i>	
Grade 4	Feb. 6-March 12	Move to room 130	6:15-6:55 p.m.

Midweek Meal Menu:

- Feb. 6**
Chicken noodle soup and hot rolls
- Feb. 13**
Spaghetti and garlic bread
- Feb. 20**
Nachos grande
- Feb. 27**
Sloppy Joes

Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Children under 3 eat free.
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

Open to the community!

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Wednesday
March 17-19
9-11:30 a.m.



Cost: Free
Register today at
www.gloriadeionline.com

Power up as we experience God's amazing power through his Word. Each day we'll discover some amazing science facts and have some wacky fun while learning that Jesus gives us the power to be helpful, be thankful, be brave and to live forever! Registration information will follow.

If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.





tiny treasures
lutheran preschool

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool is preparing for its fourth year. God has truly blessed our school with wonderful staff, students and families as we share the message of a loving Savior to more than 100 little ones.

If you know of someone (neighbor, friend or relative) looking for a preschool, please pick up our 2008/09 brochure at the Information Center today.

Changes in the program this year are a slight registration and tuition increase and an optional third day class for the 3-year-olds.



Pick up the 2008/09 brochure today at the Information Center. Registration fee is \$45. Please register soon as class sizes are limited.

2008/09 Classes:

3-year olds: Must be 3 by 9/15/08.

- 3-year-olds morning • \$90/mo. Mon. and Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.
- 3-year-olds morning • \$120/mo. Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9-11:30 a.m.
- 3-year-olds morning • \$90/mo. Tues. and Thurs. 9-11:30 a.m.
- 3-year-olds morning • \$120/mo. Tues., Thurs. and Friday 9-11:30 a.m.

4-year olds: Must be 4 by 9/15/08.

- 4-year-olds morning • \$120/mo. Mon., Wed., Fri. 9-11:30 a.m.
- 4-year-olds afternoon • \$120/mo. Mon., Wed., Fri. 12:30--3 p.m.

PreK's: Must be 4 by 9/15/08 and going to school in the fall of 2009.

- Prekindergarten morning • \$175/mo Mon.- Fri. 9-11:30 a.m.
- Prekindergarten afternoon • \$175/mo Mon.- Fri. 12:30-3 p.m.

Preschool Open House

Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool is preparing for an open house to share their wonderful program with the community. Goodie bags and cookies will be given out. If you know someone looking for a great preschool, please invite them to the open house.

Preschool VBS

March 17-19 from 9-11:30 am.

Squeaky Beaker has some adventures to share with preschoolers at VBS this year. Lots of workers are needed to make our three-day VBS a terrific experience for our little ones. If you are interested in helping with a preschool class, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305. The commitment is short, the rewards are many—the fun is endless!



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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Dinner 2:

The Badger Homecoming

Rehearsals for Scene 2 only: Sunday, Feb. 3 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

30-hour Famine

A mandatory meeting for parents and youth, who would like to participate in the 30-hour Famine will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at 8:45-9 a.m. or 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Mark your calendar for the 30-hour Famine on Friday, Feb. 29 and Saturday, March 1.

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb
Now open to grades 7-12! Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip senior high youth to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. Cost is \$25 for the first 20 sign-ups (\$35 thereafter), which includes registration, transportation, food and housing. If you would like more information, contact Tim.

Anavox and Kaboose Concert



Last Wednesday's emerging culture's concert was met with more than 200 high-energy listeners.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Confirmation will be held Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us at 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

Join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

Topics:

February Topic: Relationships with Others

Coffee with Tim

Grab your friends and meet Tim at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

Hang out, play, watch the game and bring food to share.

Buy it today

Youth sweatshirts are sold at Toolshoppe for \$24.



Week of February 3-February 9

Sunday, February 3

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Honduras Bake Sale
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:15 a.m. Cottage Meeting
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian
- 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 Theatre Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Senior High Super Bowl Party
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 4

- 9:30 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Sewing Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting

Wednesday, February 6

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, February 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministry Focus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, February 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, February 9

- 7:30 a.m. Thrivent Builds Breakfast
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,629
YTD Offering	\$926,908
YTD Budget	\$935,332

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	129	83
7:45 a.m.	195	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	382	
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	65	37
10:30 a.m.	359	
Total	1130	120

Week of February 10-February 16

Sunday, February 10

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. 30-Hour Famine Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
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- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Mission Trip Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 11

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Sewing Class
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 12

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Youth's Concert
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, February 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Saturday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. Open Forum
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Sat., 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 p.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	9	33	21	31	Music Alive
Elementary	15	52	31	96	69
Total	24	85	52	127	Wed. Meal
Junior High		27			134
Senior High		11			

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

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.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.