

WEEKLY WORD



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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Seeking a Godly Consensus

Today's message will be the last in a series of messages about making godly decisions. We have learned in the last two weeks about the importance of seeking God's voice and direction. Today, we will learn important guidelines for seeking a godly consensus. Although every message can and should be applied to our personal lives, today's message is especially relevant to our life as a congregation, specifically in regards to the proposed Strategic Plan, which will be explained in detail at meetings starting February 2.

When we seek a godly consensus, we must believe that how we make the decision is just as important as the decision itself. If we go down a road of suspicion and rumors, our decision will be tainted with hurt feelings and damaged relationships. Instead we must work together, respecting each other and putting the needs of our ministry ahead of our personal desires, and effectively support any decision made collectively by God's people.

In making such an important decision, it is good to understand the work that our fellow members have performed during the last several years to help discover the future of our congregation. The first Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team consisted of 10 members who began exploring Gloria Dei's future in the spring of 2005. The Strategic Planning MAT grappled with important questions: What are our real needs? What are the trends? What do we do if we meet/exceed increased worship projections? How do we make the most of our current programs and facilities? If we continue to grow, do we need to add more

worship services, expand our building, plant a satellite church or relocate?

The team realized the enormity of these questions required expert knowledge. They read several books and listened to experts like Jim Galvin, an organizational church consultant with more than 25 years' experience. Two team members attended an LCMS conference to better understand the pros and cons of satellite church-planting, facility expansion, and relocation. The original team soon decided that more studies would need to be done, so they requested four specific teams to be formed. In the spring of 2006, the Ministry, Facilities, Stewardship/Finances and Communication teams were formed with different assignments to study the minute details of all the possibilities.

After the research was completed and findings were discussed in detail, the Governing Board suggested that the best solution to help usher Gloria Dei into the future would be to relocate the congregation.

The staff and Ministry Action Teams have compiled all of this information into one document – the Strategic Plan, which will be handed out at Cottage Meetings starting February 2.

Years of research and prayer have shaped this plan; we will present it to the congregation in complete detail at the upcoming meetings so that we all may pray and decide through a vote on March 1-2 whether we believe it to be God's plan for Gloria Dei.



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Cottage Meetings:

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

Open Forums:

Saturday, Feb. 16	9-10 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 17	7-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 19	7-8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21	7-8 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Childcare provided.

Lent

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6	7:15 p.m.	Introduction to Suffering Servant
Wednesday, Feb. 13	7:15 p.m.	Shocking Servant
Wednesday, Feb. 20	7:15 p.m.	Sorrowing Servant
Wednesday, Feb. 27	7:15 p.m.	Smitten Servant
Wednesday, March 5	7:15 p.m.	Silent Servant
Wednesday, March 12	7:15 p.m.	Satisfied Servant

Today's Offering

Today's handbell quartet offering consists of members from the de Klokkenluiders Handbell Choir from Pella. Tom De Young, Tina De Young, Rebecca De Young, and Angie Gage (Gloria Dei's Handbell Director) have been involved with this community group since 1994. This 14-member group performs concerts, non-profit fundraiser events and weddings. They toured Romania in 2004, and were honored to perform at the George Enescu International Music Festival.

Fundraiser Bake Sale

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

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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Micah Daniel Morton born Nov. 15, 2007 to Daniel and Christina Morton (nee Kuester).

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Nicholas Matthew Subbert born October 12, 2007 to Jason and Alyssa Subbert (nee Hagey). Nicholas' spiritual sponsors are Nathan Subbert and Kristi Hagey.



Ashley Marie Scott born October 23, 2007 to Craig and Elizabeth Scott (nee Clark). Ashley's spiritual sponsors are Jim and Tammy Scott.

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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

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Scripture Reading:

Acts 21:17-32

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Jacob Snyder

Emma Anderson

Eric Bass

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Dave Disney

Lou Grotheer

Mo Grotheer

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Tom Richards

Tim Mueller

Chad Oehlert

10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

David Sengpiel

Colleen Sengpiel

God's People in Prayer

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

Thanksgivings

- For our church family

Prayers

- For Betty Wollslager
- For Irene Klinefelter
- For Dave and Donna Maasen's grandson, Hunter
- For the complete recovery of Peggy Wolfe
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the grieving family of Roger Boyle, friends of Jack and Marsha Fries
- For Marilyn 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.

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

Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a breakfast event on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The event will focus on the Thrivent Builds projects in the Des Moines area for 2008. Lance Henning, Executive Director of the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and one of the Habitat families will speak. During the event, the 2008 financial and resource planning will be discussed and financial and time commitments will be turned in. Financial commitments can be gifts-in-kind (products used in homes or time donated by tradesmen) or monetary contributions. If you are interested in attending the event or want to help with the 2008 projects, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com. The goal is to raise \$30,000 in funds and gifts-in-kind and provide volunteers to build two new homes and remodel an existing home. For more information go to: www.gdmhabitat.org.

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministries of Gloria Dei are forming a team to explore the possibilities of having Stephen’s Ministries at our church. If you are experienced in Stephen’s Ministry or have an interest in helping form this ministry, please contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 275-5544, ext. 204.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

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 the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

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.

Two weeks from today!

Discovery 201:

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Sign-up

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



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.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

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.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to our church family at Gloria Dei for their cards, calls and comforting words at the time of Dad's passing.
– Dave and Donna Maasen

Beginner Band Instrument Initiative

A new initiative, supported by a grant from the Johnston Community School Foundation, makes the band program accessible to fifth grade students who are not able to afford an instrument. The cost of owning an instrument can keep some students from participating. Having instruments available for their use would allow more students to learn to play and be part of the band.

Donations are tax deductible and can be delivered to any of the five Johnston elementary buildings listed below. Instruments will be accepted until March 31, 2008.

Beaver Creek Elementary at 8701 Lyndhurst
Horizon Elementary at 5905 NW 62nd Avenue
Lawson Elementary at 5450 NW 62nd Avenue
Timber Ridge Elementary at 7370 NW 54th Avenue
Wallace Elementary at 6510 NW 62nd Avenue

For more information, contact Josh Morgan (band instructor at Timber Ridge Elementary and Horizon Elementary) at 331-4379 or jmorgan@johnston.k12.ia.us.

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.

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 in January.



This Wednesday!
January 30

Invite your friends & neighbors



Concert begins at 6 p.m.

Merging Culture's Concert:

Kaboose
hip-hop/rap

Doors Open
at 5:45 p.m.

Cost:
Free-will
donation

Anavox
contemporary rock

Location: Family Life Center
and Youth Center

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. 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:

Grades 2-4	Jan. 30	Move to room 131	6:15-7:15 p.m.
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:

Jan. 30

Meat loaf and cheesy potatoes

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.

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.



Cost: Free
Register today at
www.gloriadeionline.com



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 1 only: Sunday, Jan. 27 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Anavox and Kaboose Concert

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. Free-will donation will be collected.

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.

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:

January 30: Concert

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 January 27-Feb. 2

Sunday, January 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 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; Lighthouse
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Home Builders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 28

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

Tuesday, January 29

- 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
- 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, January 30

- 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. Discovery 101
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 31

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club of WDM
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923

Saturday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Cottage Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:45 p.m. Cottage Meeting

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,720
YTD Offering	\$907,206
YTD Budget	\$905,160

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	190	
7:45 a.m.	158	134
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	277	245
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	45	
10:30 a.m.	321	194
Total	991	573

Week of February 3-Fe. 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
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 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
- 7:30 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 Basketball
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministry Focus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 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. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, February 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Thrivent Set Up

Saturday, February 9

- 7:30 a.m. Thrivent Builds Breakfast
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 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	8	24	25	30	Music Alive
Elementary	12	39	40	93	51
Total	20	63	65	123	Wed. Meal
Junior High		25			125
Senior High		6			

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.