

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

February 28 and March 1, 2009

The First Sunday in Lent

This Weekend's Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A congregational meeting has been called by the Governing Board. The purpose of the meeting is to decide if the congregation would like to call a candidate from the Seminary, as we did with Pastor Meyer, or fill the position of Director of Adult Ministries with a pastor from the field.

Four years ago the congregation called a candidate who would graduate that spring from the Seminary. By calling a candidate to Gloria Dei, we believed we were fulfilling the part of our vision to be an equipping center for the church at large. We understood that a candidate usually remains in his first congregation three-five years, but felt that Gloria Dei would serve as a training ground for a young pastor and equip him to be more effective in ministry if he decided to accept a call to another congregation. This has certainly been the case with Pastor Meyer. He has served our congregation well, been mentored by Pastor Burcham, matured in ministry, and is now ready to lead his own congregation.

Since Pastor Meyer has accepted the call to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, we must again decide how to fill his position. We can either call a candidate from the Seminary or call a pastor who has experience in the field. The timing is tight, but possible for us to call from the Seminary if we choose to go this route. Requests for a candidate must be turned into the District president by the end of February. This means that review of candidates and interviews needed to be completed by the middle of February. With this short timeframe, some preliminary work needed to be completed prior to the congregational meeting on March 1. The work completed to date is as follows:

- A congregational profile, job description and a copy of our Strategic Plan were sent to the placement office of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to see if there were some candidates that could serve our needs.
- Pastor Burcham and Executive Director Bill Jesse reviewed profiles of the 10 candidates.
- Pastor Burcham traveled to St. Louis to interview four candidates on the campus of the Seminary and one candidate by phone.
- The Governing Board has formed a call committee according to the bylaws of our congregation. The committee consists of the following individuals: Wally Haase, Becky DeVries, Nancy Schwartz, Connie Cook, Darwin Bartels, Marv Deer, Tim Mueller, Marv Rohn and Laurie Peterson.
- The Governing Board has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 1 at 1 p.m.

If the congregation decides to call a candidate from the Seminary, we will need to take that action during the meeting on March 1 and send the necessary paperwork to the District president. If the congregation decides to call a pastor with experience, we will ask the District office for a list of names and the members of Gloria Dei will be asked to submit the names of pastors we should consider.

Pastor Meyer

Please join us in the narthex on Sunday to say our farewells to Pastor Meyer and his family. Donuts and coffee will be served.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Sunday Tacos

Join us this Sunday from

11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

See page 7 for more details.

Worship Summit

Gloria Dei is hosting a
Worship Summit Event
next Saturday.

See page 4 for more details.

Important Dates:

**Thursday
Lenten
Worship**
March 5 at
6:30 p.m.
in the
Sanctuary.

Join us for a
meal before
Lenten
Services
at
5:30 p.m.
FLC
(\$3.50).

See page 6 for
more Lenten and
Easter
worship times.

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Welcome New Staff

If you call the church or come in during office hours, you will be greeted by Diane Schmidt, who has recently joined the Gloria Dei staff as the Front Desk Administrative Assistant. Diane comes to Gloria Dei with a long list of experience and education. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in health from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and a Master of Science degree in family life from Concordia, Steward, Neb. She has taught school, been a Dcat coordinator and ran an in-home child development day care.



Diane Schmidt joined the staff at Gloria Dei.

“I love the ministry at Gloria Dei and am thrilled to be a part of it,” said Diane.

Diane and her husband, John, and their three children, Samantha, 14; Betsy, 12; and Michael, 11 moved to Urbandale last summer from Carroll, Iowa and attended last fall’s Discovery 201 class. She loves chauffeuring her children to sport and school events and watching Husker games at Memorial Stadium.

New Beginnings

This weekend launches the five-week New Beginnings series of messages about how to face change with confidence and hope because of the Lord’s continual presence. His abundant promises become a strong foothold when the storms of life surround us.

Feb. 28 and March 1: Vision for the Future

We have every reason to have an optimistic view of the future because God is in control. For example, the blind man in the Gospels could not see a future for himself, but God had something in mind since his birth.

March 7 and 8: Dealing with Loss

Dealing with any type of loss is not easy; albeit the loss of a loved one, a relationship break or a job loss. Allowing time to work through the five stages of grief will help us to heal.

March 14 and 15: Finding Your Identity

We often find our identity in the roles we have as a father, mother, son or daughter. We also label ourselves by the work that we do. This message will explore how God sees and defines us.

March 21 and 22: Healthy Lifestyle - Spiritually Fit

We need the living water that Jesus offers us. If we are not spiritually strong, we cannot survive the tough times in life. Studies are now showing the effects of prayer on a person’s outlook on life, mental health and positive attitude.

March 28 and 29: Healthy Lifestyle - Physically Fit

We are a new creation in Christ and even our bodies serve as his temple. We are to care for our bodies and treat them as God’s gift to us. There is a direct link between physical fitness and spiritual fitness—they go together. In troubling times, we need a physical fitness plan that reduces stress and helps us have a positive godly, optimism.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 1 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:



Carter Jeremy Holcomb born February 9, 2009, to Jeremy and Mandi (nee Luedtke) Holcomb. Carter's spiritual sponsors are Tara Thilges and Josh Bradley.

Lenten Devotionals

Please pick up a Lenten devotional, "Your Nail" by Arden W. Mead, at the Information Centers today. This Lenten devotional is intended to revive the Christian practice of taking time to reflect, ponder and consider the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.



Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your watches and clocks forward on Saturday, March 7, Daylight Savings Time starts at midnight Sunday, March 8.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jacob Jordan

Elders:
Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:
Northwind
Mike Cobb
Sandy Junge
Tom Junge

7:45 a.m.
Wendell Dickey
Bruce Grimm
Jamie Grimm
Alan Grunst

7:45 a.m. (continued)

Bill Kickbush
Jeff Littschwager
Tim Radig

9 a.m.
Randy Bamsey
Bruce Boettcher
Paul Cook
Randy Dickey
Duane Haas
Mark Jobst
Dave Morrison
Jay Plagge

10:30 a.m.
Jimmy Hanselman
Dave Miller

Scripture Reading:
John 9:1-11 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

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

Thanksgivings

- For our families
- For our country

Prayers

- For our church family
- For the details of the Strategic Plan
- For Pastor Meyer and his family as they transition to Mt. Olive
- For those who are unemployed
- For the continued health of Kim Marsh's father, Jack Pfrimmer
- For the quick recovery of Dale Readinger
- For the health concerns of Dean Grimm, brother of Bruce Grimm
- For Jodi Jensen's mom, who is battling cancer
- For the health concerns of Bev Bellile
- For our nation as we work through the current economic situations
- For those in the military

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.

Discovery 201:

Welcome to Gloria Dei

Sunday, March 8 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Welcome to Gloria Dei is a one-day interactive experience for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and a meal are provided. If you are interested, contact the church office at 276-1700.



Worship Summit

ATTEND THE LARGEST WORSHIP TRAINING EVENT
EVER!
LIVE VIA SATELLITE

WORSHIP SUMMIT
MARCH 7, 2009

PAUL BALOCHE LINCOLN BREWSTER ROSS PARLEY
BRIAN DOERSEN KATHRYN SCOTT

INCLUDING EXCLUSIVE TAPED INTERVIEWS WITH DARLENE ZSCHECH AND ISRAEL HOUGHTON

ATTENTION!
WORSHIP LEADERS, SINGERS AND BAND MEMBERS!

Be challenged to go deeper in your heart for worship.
Learn practical ideas to make worship services more effective.

March 7, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
8301 Aurora Ave.
Urbandale, Iowa

Cost: \$49 (groups +10) \$89 (Feb. 28-March 7)

Worship leaders, singers and band members are invited to the Worship Summit Event on March 7 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei. Check out our Web site for more information.

XYZ

Tuesday, March 3 at 9 a.m.

Join this Extra Years of Zest group as they converse and pray together on the first Tuesday of every month at the Machine Shed.

Care Night

Thursdays from 5:30-8 p.m.

Our Care Night support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Childcare is provided. Thursday meals are available to Care Night participants and anyone in the congregation who would like a warm dinner (\$3.50) and fellowship.

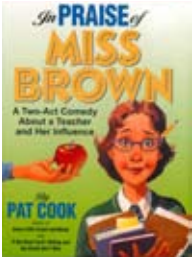
Thursday's meal at 5:30 p.m. - Hamburgers

National Lutheran Schools Week

National Lutheran Schools Week is celebrated throughout our nation the first week in March. The theme for this year is "Securing Each Child's Future - For Eternity." Join in celebrating the blessings of these Lutheran schools in central Iowa and thanking God for our quality schools and preschools. These schools are sponsored by many congregations in central Iowa, including Gloria Dei's Tiny Treasures. Please support these schools and continue to pray for the teachers and children who learn at the feet of Jesus in our Lutheran schools.

Dinner Theater

Reserve the date! March 26-29



The youth are rehearsing for a dinner theater, “In Praise of Miss Brown,” which is a heart-tugging depiction of the impact a teacher had on high school students. Tickets can be purchased starting March 7.

Thursday, March 26, Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

Doors open at noon with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 112.

New Beginnings

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Starting in March, Gloria Dei will be offering help to those who are unemployed or looking for a career change. We will offer the following opportunities:

1. Support Groups and Workshops

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. (No registration or fees)

March 5	Support Group
March 12	Support Group
March 19	Support Group Workshop: Medical Insurance (David Van Ahn)
March 26	Support Group
April 2	Support Group Workshop: Resume Writing (Tracy Barton)
April 16	Support Group
April 23	Support Group Workshop: Interviewing (Jackie Van Ahn)
April 30	Support Group
May 7	Support Group Workshop: Job Market (Sue Gibbons)
May 14	Support Group
May 21	Support Group Workshop: Financial Planning/Mortgage (Jim Miles and Paul Kramer)

2. Resource Room (No registration or fees)

Visit our resource room where we have computers, printers and individuals who can help you with your job search. Call Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700 for specific times.

3. Message Series

Join us as we hear a series of messages on “New Beginnings” starting Feb. 28-March 1.



Scrapbook Fun

March 27 and 28

Stamp-A-Stack will meet Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. You will make three different pre-designed cards, five of each card. The cost is \$25. Registration is required by March 10 by contacting Shani Fjelsted at 259-4099 or shanifjelsted@mchsi.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship will work on scrapbooks Friday and/or Saturday. Friday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as you like. We meet in rooms 131/133. Saturday will include childcare, but it must be reserved by contacting Laura Ammann at 778-9161. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.



Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 12 at 9 a.m. the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine St., West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellen Allen, 4208 69th St., Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. They will be finishing the blankets.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peggy Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Reading, 4210 132nd, Urbandale.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Lenten Worship:

Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion:

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and in the Family Life Center

Good Friday Worship:

Friday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center and 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship:

Saturday, April 11:

Contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Contemporary-blend worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 12:

Traditional worship with orchestra at 7:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Traditional worship with orchestra at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

H3 family worship simulcast at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center

Contemporary worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Staffed nursery for children under 3.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

No Grace Place:

March 14-15

March 21-22

No Faith Alive:

March 18

No Kindermusik classes:

March 16-20 (spring break)

No Dance Classes:

March 16 (Dance class will meet March 23 with a dance recital on March 23 in the Sanctuary.)

Trivia Tournament

First Annual All-LCMS Trivia Tournament: Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School, 5625 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines will host the First Annual All-LCMS Trivia Tournament on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Missouri Synod congregations are encouraged to send teams to this competition. The team fee is \$80 for a team of four; participants must be at least 18 years of age. The format will be 10 rounds of 15 questions, covering a variety of categories. Door prizes will be drawn between rounds. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Refreshments will be available.

For a registration form, call Orv Spence at 277-8349. The deadline for entering a team is March 15. Proceeds will go toward the "Helping Families Fund" of Mount Olive Lutheran School.

Thrivent Builds

Get ready to raise the roofs! "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roofs Celebration" on the 1200 block of 10th Street, Des Moines. The dates are Wednesday, April 29 through Saturday, May 2. Their goal is to frame and enclose two two-story houses, plus set the trusses. As the houses are side-by-side, it will be exciting to work with one another and the Habitat home buyers and see the houses take shape!

They need a group of 10 volunteers from Gloria Dei to work from 8:15 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1. If that date does not work for you, other days are available. No experience is necessary; just a willingness to express your faith through service to others. Lunch will be prepared and delivered by the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. Please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543, bill-clark@mchsi.com or Brendalyn Shird at Habitat for Humanity (471-8686 or bshird@gdmhabitat.org).

Valparaiso University Chorale

The 44-voice Valparaiso University Chorale, under the direction of Christopher M. Cock, will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the death of G. F. Handel by performing Coronation Anthem: The King Shall Rejoice. Traditional hymns and spirituals will round out the program. This concert at Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Avenue, in Des Moines, will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3.

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Iowa Health Hospice is recruiting hospice volunteers. Their next orientation sessions will be Friday, March 6 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The volunteers complete an orientation about their philosophy, end of life care issues, documentation, confidentiality and patient care. For more information or to register, please contact Sara Sullivan at sullivsl@ihs.org or telephone 557-3287.

Household Items Needed

Lutheran Family Services, 3116 University, Des Moines, needs 200 bed frames and mattresses (all sizes), as well as basic furniture, chairs, tables and kitchen supplies (pots, pans, mixing bowls, etc.) for refugee families. If you have something to donate, please contact Betsy Leimetter at 271-7412. If you are unable to drop off the item(s) at 3116 University, they provide pick-up service.

Men's Summer Softball

Attention all men 16 years and older! Are you ready for softball!? Sign up has begun and we need you! Join us for some great times and fellowship. No experience necessary! Games will begin April 20. If you are interested, please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com no later than March 20. The cost is \$30 per person (based on 14 players) for the 14-game season. So sign up today!



Book Club

Join the Gloria Dei Book Club for a discussion of "The Shack" by William P. Young. This exciting book, about a man who journeys to a cabin to find answers about his child's abduction and death, leads to some questions about God. Pastor Phillips will join us to answer questions about the book. Look for us on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the cry room. Questions? Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.

Urbandale Food Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry has developed a personal product rotation system to help meet the needs of our community. As a result, they have requested that Gloria Dei donate diapers, especially size large (4-6). Please drop them off in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks for helping those in our community.

Sunday Brunch

The Urbandale Lioness and Lions Clubs invite members of the congregation to the Annual Scholarship Brunch, Sunday, March 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ralph Whitten Shelter House at Lions Park in Urbandale. Adult tickets are \$5 and tickets for children under 10 years old are \$3. Proceeds will go to the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale.



Taco Lunch, Sunday, March 1

Sunday, March 1 from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Great fellowship, fun and food are available on Sunday from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Walking tacos, hard shell tacos, and taco salad will be offered to our hungry participants. A special "make your own" sundae on a Sunday will finish off the meal in style. Eating here will save you a trip home before the 1 p.m. congregational meeting. A free-will offering will be collected. Any profits will go into the Tiny Treasures concert fund to bring the AriSon musical group from Nashville here to Gloria Dei for their April 18 concert at 7 p.m.



Join us for Group's Crocodile Dock

March 16-19
9-11:30 a.m.



March 16-19
9-11:30 a.m.

Children
ages 3-11

VBS



Questions? Contact
DeAnn or Penny at
278-5544, ext. 207.

register online today!
www.gloriadeionline.com

VBS Online Registration Now Open!

Online registration has begun for VBS. Please register your child today at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Vacation Bible School Leader Meeting

Are you planning to help with VBS this year? If so, plan to attend the fun, fact-filled, awesome leader's training Sunday, March 8 from 1-2 p.m.

Summer Camps

Pick this year's summer camps brochure up at the Information Center today! You can register today by filling out the registration form in the brochure or online.



Dance Class

Dance 1 and 2 will meet March 2, 9 and 23 with a recital on March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures received a \$3,000 grant from Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Iowa, which will be used to purchase additional classroom equipment.

Eat Ice Cream

We need 125 more empty ice cream gallon containers with lids for VBS. Eat and enjoy your ice cream and bring your empty containers to the Information Center before March 11.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Mar. 4
Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up

\$3.50 per person
(children under 2 eat free)

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Mission Opportunities

Sunday: Castaway

Join us Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

The Other 3:16's:

March 1:

Reputation - I Peter 3:16

March 8:

The Good Book - II Timothy 3:16

March 15 and 22:

No Castaway

March 29:

The World's Greatest Lover - I John 3:16

Café 923

Friday, March 6 from 6-9 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun and fast time in the Family Life Center and Youth Center. Pizza will be available at \$1 per slice.

Confirmation (grades 6-8)

Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Confirmation students and their parents will depart Gloria Dei and travel to Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona. We will put together food pouches to be sent to various areas of the world. We will return to church by 12:30 p.m.

Confirmation (grade 8)

We need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte for the 7:45 a.m. service in March.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Parents of 8th grade confirmands will meet Wednesday, March 25 from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the narthex. This meeting is mandatory because Confirmation day proceedings will be discussed.

Robe Measurements

Confirmands will be measured for robes during Wednesday class on April 1.

What's Next

Parents of eighth grade confirmands are invited to a two-week study on helping your teenager grow spiritually. Join us in the narthex Wednesday, April 15 and 22 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-138.

Wednesday: The Point

March 4 and 11: Leadership 2009: A Teen's Perspective

Dinner Theater Rehearsals

The rehearsals will continue each Sunday at 12 p.m. through March 22. Wednesday rehearsals will also begin March 4 and 11 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Café 923

Sunday, March 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Dinner will be served.

Grades 6-12 Opportunities

WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

A meeting for all registered participants will be held Wednesday, March 25 from 7:30-8 p.m. in rooms 135-37. The registration deadline is March 28. If you need packets for teenagers (12 and older), please contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com or Tim Kightlinger at 278-5444, ext. 212.

Week of Feb. 28-March 6, 2009

Saturday, February 28

- 2:00 p.m. Kindermusik Chapter Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, March 1

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday's Tacos
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2

Tuesday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	169	122
7:45 a.m.	143	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	308	
9 a.m. (FLC)	87	46
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	385	
Total	1092	168
Ash Wednesday		
6:30 p.m.	398	283

Tuesday, March 3 (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, March 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Scripture Base on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10-11

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$24,081
YTD Offering	\$1,053,199
YTD Budget	\$1,140,938

Week of Mar. 7-14, 2009

Saturday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries Training
 8:30 a.m. Worship Summit 2009 Conference
 9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
 in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, March 8

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
 with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection 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. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Café 923
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 9

9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club

Tuesday, March 10

11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 (continued)

6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 Governing Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsals
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
 9:00 a.m. Police Color Guard Practice
 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
 5:30 p.m. Care Night
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Saturday, March 14

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in
 Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	7	27	27
Elementary	15	64	42
Total Children	22	91	69
Junior High			
Senior High			
Total Youth			

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, 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 southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth

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

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.



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.

Weekly Bible Reading: John 9:1-11

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

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

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

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon