



Giving Tree

Enclosed in today's Weekly Word is an insert explaining how to be involved in this year's Giving Tree.

Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, Nov. 20
at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 22
at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for a time to thank God for all his blessings.

Children's Christmas Program

Rehearsals begin this Sunday at 12:45 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 15
from 6-8 p.m.

See page 2 for more details.

Smart Discipline Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 14,
from 6:15-7 p.m.

See page 2 for more details.



Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!



God's Command

They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the Lord's commands. Judges 2:17b

Unlikely Heroes: A Few Good Men...and Women

Each week we have several individuals who post their perspectives or reflections on our blog. Although their perspectives often differ from each other, it is a great launching pad for thinking about the week's reading. Here is one example of a reflection written by Sue Wilson.

I admit it. Gideon is my favorite judge because he had no idea why God would come to him with major instructions. Here was young Gideon, minding his own business, threshing the wheat as quickly as possible—before the oppressing Midianites could get it. Gideon was just popping along when “The angel of the Lord” appeared and gave Gideon the news – “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” Gideon must have thought, with his heart beating hard, “What warrior?”

Gideon was a faithful believer. He loved God, but he was also curious. “Pardon me, my lord, but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us?” The young man was certainly not sure that this call was not some vision brought on by fermented wheat! He was part of the weakest clan and he was the least in his family.

God, knowing that it was his wisdom and strength, not Gideon's, that would win the day showed great patience with this loyal but doubtful youngster. Gideon did not doubt God, you see, he doubted himself.



Take time this week to read some of the insightful posts on our blog. The blog can be accessed by clicking on the icon on the left column at www.gloriadeionline.com.

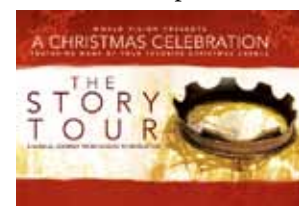
Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

Donations are still being accepted to help those who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. All of the donations received will go to support the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in their organized efforts.

Envelopes can be picked up at the Welcome Centers. Please write a check made payable to Gloria Dei, with “Hurricane Sandy Relief” in the memo line. You can also give online by going to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. Meanwhile, please keep these individuals in your prayers as they rebuild after the storm.

“The Story” Live

Inspired by “The Story,” this musical is a story about God's love that will take you from creation to eternity while incorporating many traditional and favorite Christmas Carols. This tour will make a stop at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minnesota on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and will feature an all-star cast of some of today's top Christian recording artists including multi-platinum selling Casting Crowns lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall, along with Jeremy Camp, Natalie Grant, Matthew West, Nichole Nordeman, Selah and Rawsrvnt. For more information, go to our Web site or contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.



Smart Discipline Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 6:15-7 p.m.

Children's Ministry will present this workshop to help equip parents with the tools to overcome their child's behavioral problems as well as to instill respectful and positive attitudes. No cost or registration is required; Childcare provided.

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m.

This session will help those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one or who are going through a divorce navigate through the holidays. There will be separate breakout support groups for those grieving or going through a divorce.

A meal will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Please register at gloriadeionline.com.

Time to Think about Advent Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19

Traditional Advent Worship from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Traditional Blend Advent Worship from 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Interactive Advent Worship in Family Life Center from 7-8 p.m.

We are offering three distinct Advent worship services this year. We pray that you will schedule a time to join us as we prepare our hearts for the King being born.

For those working who have lunch time free, we're opening up the Sanctuary doors from 12:15-12:45 p.m. for Advent worship. Of course, we don't want you to go away hungry, so you can pick up a sack lunch after the service.

Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party

Sunday, December 2 from 4-6 p.m.

Seniors mark your calendars for the Senior Adult Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 4-6 p.m. The gathering will be held at the church and include a light meal, carol singing and other Christmas activities. Please bring a dozen cookies or bars for dessert. A free-will offering will be received for the meal. Please respond by contacting Diane in the church office at diane@gloriadeionline.com or calling her at 276-1700, ext. 220 and leaving a voice mail. Please reply by Monday, Nov. 26. All attending will be encouraged to remain for the Gloria Dei Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Senior Adult Ministry New England Trip

Please note: Since this tour fills up fast, please reserve your spot today.

Deposit is not due until next year. The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a New England fall foliage tour from Oct. 3-15, 2013. The highlights include: a motor coach round trip tour, 12 nights lodging, 20 meals, tours of lots of sites in New England. A \$200 deposit is required at the beginning of the year with balance due 60 days prior to the tour date. The cost is \$1,899 for double occupancy, \$1,821 for triple occupancy, etc. For reservations, contact Margaret at 223-1468. For more details, call Eloise Rinderknecht at 225-2225.

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Need help?
Stephen Ministries
We have trained individuals to help you in every season of life. Contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

LWMLCircles

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepp, 808 48th Street, West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4725 71st St., Urbandale.

Nursery Help

We are looking for part-time help. Must be 16 years old, able to work nights, weekends and holidays during worship services. Must be motivated and dependable. Children may attend with you. Contact Carol Wennndt in the nursery for an application.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



B Benjamin Gene Goodman born on October 9, 2012 to Tyler and Jennifer (nee Traxel) Goodman. Benjamin's spiritual sponsors are Michael and Megan Traxel.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 11 are in memory of Pastor Dan Parsch.

Tiny Treasures Fundraising

Tiny Treasures is selling first-aid kits. The kits start at \$10. There are order forms and examples of each kit in the preschool entry way. This fundraiser will end Nov. 16; items will be delivered by the end of November. This fundraiser will be used to start a scholarship program to assist students who are unable to pay for tuition. If you have any questions, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 276-1700, ext. 305.

Thank You from IDW

On behalf of the Iowa Lutheran Teachers' Conference committee as well as the Lutheran schools and educators who participated in the "Sing to the Lord a New Song" conference, I want to thank you for your wonderful hospitality. We enjoyed working with an exceptional staff with big servant hearts. You saw to our needs every step of the way. Positive comments on the evaluation forms reflected the thankfulness of the conference participants. "Great setting, excellent facility, this is the perfect facility for our conference, very nice set-up, lunch was good and lines moved fast, love it here!"

Please share our thanks also with the many volunteers. The serving of the noon meal was impressive! Everything was well done and handled in a professional manner. - Sally Kraayenbrink, Executive Assistant - Schools, Iowa District West

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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 all of God's blessings on this church

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Tanya Richards
- Kendrick Schiesl
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Christine Watson
- Stolley Schramm
- Don Zimmerman

And for:

- People impacted by hurricane Sandy
- Our veterans
- For the grieving family and friends of Pastor Parsch

Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Rev. Phil Robarge

8 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Phil Robarge

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Phil Robarge

10 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Phil Robarge

Preacher

Rev. Phil Robarge

Organ

Sue Jesse

Acolytes:

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Alaina Lampe

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Katy Sawyer

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Hunter Vontalge

Scripture verses:

Judges 2:10-19 and

1 John 1:5-8 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Team Three

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

10 a.m. (FLC)

TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

Faith Alive Meal

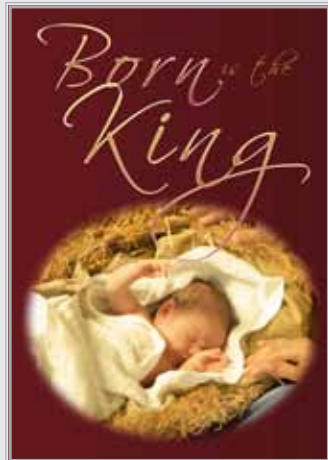
Wednesday, Nov. 14
5-6:15 p.m.

Pulled Pork - Enjoy a meal. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

Adopt-a-Family Program

Urbandale Food Pantry is looking for sponsors who can provide a holiday meal and presents to residents in Urbandale and Windsor Heights. Last year, 147 families were adopted during Christmas. If you would like to adopt a family this Christmas, call the Urbandale Food Pantry at 251-6688.

Cantata: "Born is the King"



Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the wonder of the King of Kings being born in the lowliest of conditions. It's a story you won't want to miss. Invite all your friends and family!

Advent by Candlelight

Then the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. (Luke 2:10)

Join us for Advent by Candlelight, "Good News of Great Joy for All People," on Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



This evening offers a great opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.

Hostess information: Please stop by the display in the Narthex to sign up for a table, pick up an informational packet and place the \$10 registration fee in the envelope provided. As a hostess, you will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and a musical program. Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you would like to experience this special evening and haven't been invited by one of the hostesses, or if you have any questions, contact Jill Hosch at 270-2402 or jbhosch@centurylink.net; Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 or Plagge86@msn.com; Karen Hoff at karenrhoff@hotmail.com.

12 Doughs of Christmas



Last weekend, families gathered in the kitchen to make a large array of holiday goodies. And since their photos are now published, you may want to ask them for a sample of their labor.

Left photo: The Carstensen family, Jen, Verity and Kenniasty

Right photo: Rachel and Ben Onsrud

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry Outreaches

We Care Kits

The 7th grade boy's small group is collecting items for "We Care Kits" for Hope Ministries' homeless residents. We will be focusing on the needs of children.

Hope Ministries' requests: small personal-size containers of the following: toothbrush cover, bar of soap or body wash (travel size), pocket-pack of Puffs/tissue, 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner (travel size), and new washcloths.

If you would like to partner with us, please bring your donations to the bin in the Narthex or the Family Life Center.

The Well Project

Approximately \$1,600 has been collected for the Wells Bring Hope Project. Our goal is to collect \$4,600 by the end of December.

Each well we build will generate enough water for a community to have clean water for 20 years. During November, a competition by grade will be held to see which team donates the most money. Team collection buckets will be available during opening on Wednesday evenings. The team with the most money donated will get a prize.

If you'd like to partner with our youth ministry and help us build a well in Niger, Africa, please go to the youth ministry page on our Web site and click on the "Wells Bring Hope" project link.

Senior High Winter Retreat

Dec. 7-8, 2012 at Riverside Camp, Story City

"Me and the I AM: A Look at Our Identity" - Join us as we celebrate our uniqueness and at the same time our connected faith in God. We will dig deep into Scripture, find out our unique personality types, celebrate with food and games, be challenged mentally and physically (weather permitting). Friends are welcomed!. We will have music, lessons, outdoor adventures, Bible studies and a lot of fun! Cost is \$30. Registration and payment deadline is Sunday, December 2.

Preparing Our Children for Christmas

It may seem a bit early to talk about Christmas, but we have been planning for months to find ways to celebrate our Lord's birth in creative and fun ways. So take a few minutes to figure out what events you and your family can attend. If you have any questions, please contact me at deann@gloriadeionline.com. See you soon! - DeAnn McCue, Director of Children's Ministry.

Gingerbread Tea | Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Gingerbread Tea is a special celebration for families with children to decorate a gingerbread house and to have tea together. The cost to attend is \$35 per family, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Christmas Program | Sunday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

Join us as we are led by the children in a celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through drama and song.

Christmas Program Rehearsal | Sundays, Nov. 11-Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Program rehearsals are for all ages, 2 to 5th grade. You won't want to miss the fun! We need over 100 children! And we need parents to help with the sections, painting sets, fitting costumes, etc. Will not rehearse Nov. 25.

Christmas Program Lunch | Sundays, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 12-12:45 p.m. Join us for lunch and then stay for the Christmas program practice.

Week of November 10-17, 2012

Saturday, November 10

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Go Green Electronic Recycling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 11

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie 541
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith

Monday, November 12

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

Monday, November 12 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 13

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight Music Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Smart Discipline Parenting Workshop
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Vol. I (off-site)

Thursday, November 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays

Friday, November 16

No church-wide activities planned

Saturday, November 17

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Nov. 3-4)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	180	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	151	122
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	295	248
10 a.m. (FLC)	112	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	173	130
Total	911	500

Outpouring of Love (Nov. 3-10)	
Weekly General Fund Offerings	\$31,170
Weekly General Fund Offering Budget	\$35,000
2nd QTD Offering	\$192,621
2nd QTD Budget	\$211,000
YTD Offering Total	\$547,172
YTD Offering Budget	\$585,000

Week of November 17-24 , 2012

Saturday, November 17

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 18

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Honduras Mission Planning Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Glen Oaks
- 3:00 p.m. Ness Baby Shower
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Monday, November 19

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 20

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, November 21

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Vol. I (off-site)

Thursday, November 22

- Church office is closed
- 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion

Friday, November 23

- Church office is closed

Saturday, November 24

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

Items Needed

Honduras mission team needs Claritin, Tums, Maalox, Zantac and Pepcid. Please place the donations in the Honduras bin in the Narthex. Thank you!

Urbandale Food Pantry requests donations of deodorant during the month of November. Please place in the Urbandale Food Pantry bin in the Narthex.

LERT Training

Iowa District West has immediate need for LERT-certified volunteers to respond after natural disasters. If you are interested, register online at www.idwlcms.org or contact Jill Davis at 515-576-7666. The training will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m to noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 520 N. Garfield St., Algona.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.	Wednes. 6 p.m.
Preschool	6	4	15	9	9	25
Elementary	21	3	54	28	25	94
Total Children	27	7	69	37	34	119

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

We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

Other important items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the Narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children.

Weekly Bible reading - 1 John 1:5-8 (NIV)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.