Weekly Word



Giving Tree

If you have not picked up a tag, please do so today. Return items on or before Sunday, Dec. 2.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori
Martin at 979-5907 or at blmjtmartin@gmail.com.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 No midweek activities

Nov. 24 and 25 No educational times

Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

Donations are still being accepted to help those who were affected by Hurricane Sandy by going online or picking up an envelope at the Welcome Center.

To date, we have given \$5,000. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those affected by the storm.









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



God's faithful love

The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!" Ruth 4:14

Unlikely Heroes: The Faith of a Foreign Woman

This week we will look at the delightful story of Ruth's redemption in spite of her situation and cultural heritage. The gems of this story are easy to find:

For example, Ruth's reply to Naomi, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16

Or Boaz's announcement to the field workers: "The Lord be with you!" Ruth 2:4

Or Ruth's response to Boaz: "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?" Ruth 2:10

Or Boaz's reply to Ruth: "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." Ruth 2:11-12

And the story gets even better when we realize that the faith of this foreign woman was used by God to bring about the Christ child through her and Boaz's children. It's an amazing story, written by an amazing God. And if God can weave all of these fragmented pieces together in this story, think about what he can do for our story.

"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.



Women Only: A Personal Invitation

Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

One of the special ways we observe Advent is an Advent by Candlelight program for the women of our congregation. The Family Life Center will be glammed up with pretty table settings, a special program, great conversations, and of course, fancy dessert. And since we do not want any woman in our church to miss it, we have a seat reserved for you! All you have to do is sign up in the Narthex or e-mail Karen Hoff at karenrhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655; then come and enjoy this peaceful and enjoyable evening with lots of women. See you around the table! (If you would prefer to be a hostess, please see page 4.)

Experience Advent in a new light

Wednesday, December 5, 12 & 19

Advent is a time to prepare our minds and hearts to receive the greatness of the birth of our Savior. And since our schedules and preferences vary, we have three distinct worship services at three different times.



12:15 p.m. | Traditional | Sanctuary

This service will offer a traditional worship experience with Advent hymns and songs. And to round off your lunch hour, sack lunches will be available as you leave worship. So invite your coworkers for a lunch-time experience that will encourage them throughout the week.

6 p.m. | Traditional Blend | Sanctuary

This service offers a familiar blend of traditional hymns and songs with multi-instrumental arrangements, drama and special music. Families are invited to start the evening worshipping together before children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited for a special Advent children's educational time. And to complete the evening, cookies and coffee will be served after worship.

7 p.m. | Contemporary Interactive | Family Life Center

Be the first to experience this new worship service. Our band will offer arrangements of seasonal songs, we will study God's Word before breaking into small group discussions. We will explore the use of technology from social media surveys and live conversations via twitter and text. So, if you have any techy friends, you will want to invite them to join you.

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.

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m.; meal at 4:30 p.m.

Wrap your children in warm clothes and travel with us to houses where we will spread our Christmas joy by singing. After we carol our way in the Urbandale vicinity, we will meet at church for chili and hot chocolate. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

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Church office hours:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Governing Board govboard@gloriadeionline.com

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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.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle is collecting twin beds (mattresses and frames) for a family in need. If you have one that you would like to donate by Dec. 1, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360. Arrangements can be made for pickup and delivery.

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 Wenndt in the nursery for an application.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 18 are provided by Jim and Janet Tysse celebrating their 42nd anniversary on November 21.

Special Guest Speakers

Wednesday, November 28 at 10 a.m.

Joan and Martin Weber, Lutheran Bible Translators, will share the story of what God is doing in Cameroon, located in west Central Africa. At this special Bible class gathering, the Webers will tell about their experiences working with the Kwanja people.

Thank You

As we reflect on all the construction work that has been accomplished at Gloria Dei in the last few months, we are thankful for the following individuals who spent an enormous amount of time planning, coordinating, painting and helping in various aspects of the project: Greg Cushing, Cathy Kramer, Brandon Simpson, Bill Jesse, Duane Haas and Terry Woolman. We are also thankful for all ministry partners who continuously kept our landscaping manicured throughout the project as well as all those who helped in other ways.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank the members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for all your kindnesses, thoughtfulness, and prayers following Dan's death. Your generosity of spirit and words of comfort, support, and love have helped sustain us through these sad days. We appreciate the efforts of Pastor Burcham and Elaine Klinefelter and the volunteers who served the luncheon. – Blessings to all of you, Monica Parsch, Mark and Anna Parsch, and Michael and Jennifer Parsch

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist: 5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Rev. Ron Burcham

8 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Tim Phillips

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

10 a.m. (FLC)Rev. Phil Robarge

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

8 a.m. (Sanctuary) Ezra Halter

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9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Jenna Krahn

11 a.m. (Sanctuary) Brady Green

Scripture verses:

Ruth 1:8-9a, 16-18 and Ruth 4:13-17 (NIV)- Hospitality Teams
5:30 p.m.(FLC)
Team Four

Team Four

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)Team Four

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

10 a.m. (FLC)

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

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 Jim and Janet Tysse celebrating their 42nd anniversary

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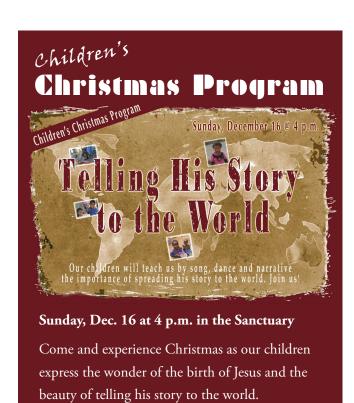
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- Kendrick Schiesl
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Christine Watson
- Stolley Schramm
- Don Zimmerman
- Norma Rohn

And for:

• People impacted by hurricane Sandy

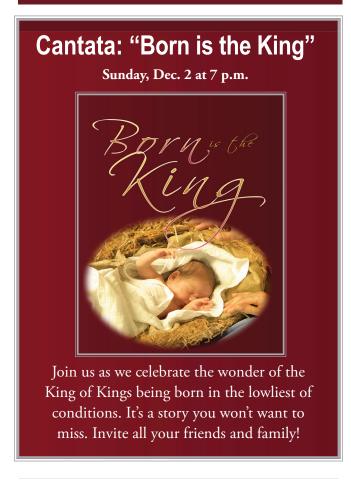
Prayer ministry

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



Invite your friends and neighbors! Cookies and

treats will be served after the program.

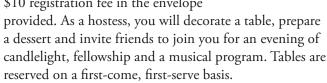


Advent by Candlelight

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



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.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sundays, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 & 9, and Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:45-1:30 p.m. Program rehearsals are for 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.

There will be no rehearsal on Nov. 25.

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

Tiny Treasures' Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 20

5:30 p.m. (2- and 3- year old classes)

6:30 p.m. (4- and PreK classes)

Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas miracle through the eyes of our preschool children in the "Miracle in the Manger."

Gloria Dei Book Club

For December, our group donated funds for the purchase of "The Story" books for our Giving Tree families, and will not meet in December. For an after-Christmas holiday celebration, our next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the home of Darlene Klagas. If you have any questions, send an e-mail to gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com.

Our January book will be "Too Far to Say Far Enough" by Nancy Rue. **Review:** Allison Chamberlain has done everything God required of her—but as He continues to nudge her in the third and final book of The Reluctant Prophet series, she is ready to say, "Enough!"

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. Castaway9:50 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 Oaks3:00 p.m. Ness Baby Shower

6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Monday, November 19

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study9:30 a.m. Women's Connections9:30 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

9:30 a.m. Moms Club of West Des Moines

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting2:30 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

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.

Worship (Nov. 10-11)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	131	89
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	139	
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	416	
10 a.m. (FLC)	125	100
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	208	
Total	1,019	189

Outpouring of Love (Nov. 10-17)					
Weekly General Fund Offerings	\$40,542				
Weekly General Fund Offering Budget	\$40,000				
2nd QTD Offering	\$233,164				
2nd QTD Budget	\$251,000				
YTD Offering Total	\$587,714				
YTD Offering Budget	\$625,000				

Week of November 24-Dec. 1, 2012

Saturday, November 24

7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 15:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in

Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the

Sanctuary

Monday, November 26

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Connections
9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 27

7:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting

2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

3:30 p.m. Archery Practice

6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight Music Rehearsal7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 28

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal

5:30 p.m. "HIS" Music Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Faith Alive

6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study 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 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10;00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir 3:30 p.m. Archery Pracrtice

Friday, November 30

No scheduled events

Saturday, December 1

7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1

10:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea

1:00 p.m. Worship Rehearsal for Advent

5:00 p.m. Naomi Bake Sale

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

5:50 p.m. Grace Place

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.

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	7	1	17	8	10	18
Elementary	21	0	48	24	31	95
Total Children	28	1	65	32	41	113

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 worshipers 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 worshipers 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 - Ruth 1:16-18 (NIV)

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried.

May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

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, nonalcoholic 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.