

## Educational Schedule

Nov. 24 and 25

No educational times

## Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 1  
10-11:30 a.m.

It's going to be a deliciously delightful tea!

See page 4.

## Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 2  
4-6 p.m.

Senior adults have one more day to sign up for the Christmas party.

See page 2.

## Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 2  
7 p.m.

You won't want to miss this beautiful evening.

See page 4 for more details.

## Advent by Candlelight

Monday, Dec. 3  
6:30 p.m.

Please join us!

See page 4 for more details.

## Midweek Advent Worship

Starts Wednesday, Dec. 5

We have great plans for our midweek worship.

See page 2.



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



### God's Justice

*"Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights." 1 Samuel 8:9*

## Unlikely Heroes: Standing Tall, Falling Hard

**Recap of this week's reading:** We saw the fate of the kings that ruled over the Israelites. As God delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, he had declared himself as their king. The people soon grew tired of this arrangement and rejected God. Because of Samuel's age and the corruption of his sons, the Israelites demanded that a new king be appointed to lead them like all the other nations. They refused to heed the warnings of Samuel and rejected God once again by insisting on a new king.

**This week's message:** We will take a further look into how God worked in this time period as well as the qualities of the men and women who honored or disgraced the God who delivered them.

## Christmas in a Nutshell

We pray that your Thanksgiving was a great one and that you are eagerly looking forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with the family of Gloria Dei. Since we have lots of events in the month of December, we thought an event list would be helpful. The details of each event can be found in the Weekly Word.

**Dec. 2**

Giving Tree Gifts Returned

**Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 10 a.m.**

Gingerbread Tea

**Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 4 p.m.**

Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party

**Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 7 p.m.**

Cantata: "Born is the King"

**Monday, Dec. 3 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Advent by Candlelight

**Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19**

Traditional Advent @ 12:15 p.m.

Traditional Blend Advent @ 6 p.m.

Contemporary Interactive Advent @ 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 8 @ 2 p.m.**

Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 4 p.m.**

Children's Christmas Program

**Thursday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m.**

Tiny Treasures' Program for 2- and 3-year-olds

**Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

Tiny Treasures' Program for 4-year-olds and PreKs

**Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve**

Traditional @ 3 p.m. in Sanctuary

Family Contemporary @ 4 p.m. in the FLC

Traditional @ 4:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship @ 5:30 p.m. in the FLC

Traditional @ 6 p.m. in Sanctuary

Traditional @ 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

**Tuesday, Dec. 25**

Traditional @ 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary



## Giving Tree

**This is your last weekend to pick up a tag!**

All items need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 2. If you have questions, contact Lori Martin at 979-5907 or at blmjtmartin@gmail.com.

**Gifts are to be returned by next Sunday! Thanks for your generosity!**

## Experience Advent in a new light

**Wednesday, Dec. 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. If you are around before worship, join us for a soup and sandwich lunch offered at 11:30 a.m. or pick up a sack lunch after worship. A free-will offering will be received for both lunches. 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. If you have any techy friends, you will want to invite them to join you.

## Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party

**Sunday, Dec. 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](mailto: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 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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**Stephen Ministries**  
We have trained individuals to help you in every season of life. Contact Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto: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.

## LWMLCircles

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. for a Christmas potluck at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

**Rebekah Circle** will meet Thursday, Dec. 13 at the home of Lois Applehons, 4519 96th St., Urbandale.

## Special Guest Speakers

Wednesday, Nov. 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

## Men Who Are Grieving

Saturdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13 from 9-11 a.m.

Mercy Hospice in Johnston offers a unique, gender-specific support group for men who have lost a loved one, whether that is a spouse, parent, child or sibling. The group is led by men and the discussion focuses on the issues men most want to talk about. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend with you. The meeting includes breakfast. Please make a reservation by contacting the Bereavement Coordinator at 643-6147 or mcasey@mercydesmoines.org.

### 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**

Lynn Hays

**Acolytes:**

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Danny Kramer

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Nathan Brush

**Scripture verses:**

1 Samuel 8:4-9, 19-22a  
(NIV)

**Hospitality Teams**

**5:30 p.m.(FLC)**

Team One

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team One

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Five

**10 a.m. (FLC)**

TBD

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team One

## 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 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
- Jim and Betty Wollslager

## And for:

- Kayla Kightlinger, who will have surgery on Tuesday, Nov. 27
- Brian and Lori Martin and family as they grieve the loss of Brian's father, Albert
- The conflict in the Middle East
- Our military

## Prayer ministry

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



## Children's Christmas Program



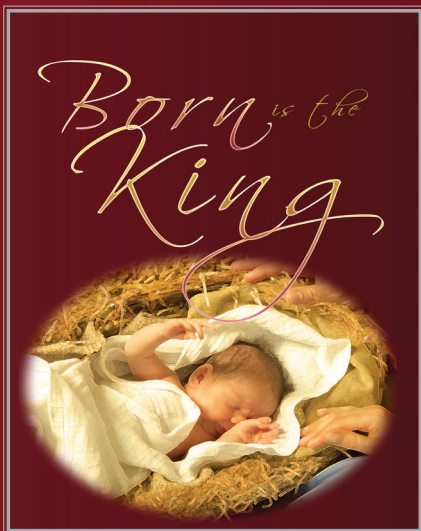
**Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Come and experience Christmas as our children express the wonder of the birth of Jesus and the beauty of telling his story to the world.

Invite your friends and neighbors! Cookies and treats will be served after the program.

## 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!

## Women Only: A Personal Invitation

**Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

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 karenhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655; then come and enjoy this peaceful and enjoyable evening with lots of women. See you around the table!



## 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](http://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

**Due Nov. 30.** The 7th grade boys' small group is collecting items for "We Care Kits" for Hope Ministries' homeless residents with a focus on children's needs.

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, 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, Dec. 2 and 9**

**from 12-12:45 p.m.** Join us for lunch and then stay for the rehearsal. Cost: \$2.50 per person: Dec. 2 - Sloppy Joes; Dec. 9 - Walking Tacos

## 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](mailto: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!"

## 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."

# Week of November 24-December 1, 2012

## 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

## 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
- 7:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance

## Tuesday, November 27

- 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 Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## 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 Practice

## 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

## 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. 17-18)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	165	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	139	119
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	378	269
10 a.m. (FLC)	116	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	243	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>529</b>

Please note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the offering for Nov. 17-24 will be reported next week.

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*  
—2 Corinthians 9:7

# Week of December 1-8, 2012

## 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

## Sunday, December 2

- 7:30 a.m. Naomi Circle Bake Sale
- 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
- 12:45 a.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Advent Worship Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata

## Monday, December 3

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

## Tuesday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 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. Elder's Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, December 5

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Advent Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Traditional Advent Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Blend Advent Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Interactive Advent Worship

## Thursday, December 6

- 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 Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Fundraiser MAT
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

## Friday, December 7

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 3:00 p.m. Senior High Winter Retreat

## Saturday, December 8

- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pick-Up
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

<b>Children's Attendance</b>	<b>Saturday 5:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 11:20 a.m.</b>
Preschool	7	4	13	9	15
Elementary	26	1	50	33	30
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>



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

**Please note: All of our educational times will not be held this weekend.** 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.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - 1 Samuel 8:19-22a (NIV)**

But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD. The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

## **Educational times**

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

### **Next Week! 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.