



# WEEKLY WORD

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August 25-26, 2012 | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Enemy's Toolbox

We sometimes get confused on who the real enemy is. Our enemy is not other people, churches or even religions. The battle we fight is a spiritual battle. We need to recognize and know that the devil is real, but not have an unhealthy interest in him. So today, we'll reacquaint ourselves with the truth that spiritual battles need to be fought in the spiritual realm.



## Lots of great fall opportunities coming up

We are gearing up and praying for all the upcoming fall opportunities. We have some tried-but-true events as well as some new offerings for every age group. So take some time today, and decide where you want to plug in this fall. See you around!

### Fall worship begins Saturday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 9

- 5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

### Weekend educational times

Grace Place will be offered at each worship service, Castaway will be held during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services and senior high Bible study will be held at 9:30 a.m.

### Midweek educational times begin Wednesday, Sept. 12

#### Midweek Meal (5:00-6:15 p.m.)

#### Children and Adult (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

- 6:00-6:15 p.m. Children's Ministry opening in the Family Life Center
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. Children's Faith Alive classes and adult classes

#### Youth, Adult and Choir (6:45-8:00 p.m.)

- 6:45-7:15 p.m. Youth Ministry opening in the Family Life Center
- 7:15-8:00 p.m. Junior high small groups, The Point, and adult classes
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Choir (begins Sept. 5)

## You are part of the "The Story"

God has communicated an incredible story to us through his written Word. It's a story of men and women whose uniqueness and flaws do not stop God's unwavering love. It is a story of complete redemption and you are part of it. On Sept. 8 and 9, we will start to turn the pages as we jump into the greatest story ever told.

Learn more about "The Story" by checking out today's insert or by visiting our Web site.



## Remodel project

Aug. 25 and 26

Northwind service will be held in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. and H3 worship at 10:30 a.m. will be held in the Youth Center.

## Financial Peace University reunion

Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

All graduates of Financial Peace University are invited to FPU reunion at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

## Meals from the Heartland

Sign up today at the table display in the Narthex and Family Life Center to be on one of our teams.

## Teacher orientation

All leaders for Grace Place and Faith Alive are encouraged to attend one of the following meetings:

- Saturday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 26 at 8:45 a.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6:00 p.m.



## Project updates

### Lots of work happening around here

If you look around, you can see all the wonderful progress occurring each day. Here is a summary of the work being done:

**Center wing project:** The old vinyl on the moveable walls has been stripped off and surfaces have been sanded and prepped for the application of the new vinyl covering. Painters have started with the primer coat on the exterior block walls. Carpet has been ordered and will be laid after the painting has been completed.

**Masonry project:** Scaffolding has been built and the demolition of the EIFS has started on the east face of the FLC. Brick has been delivered this week. The mechanical supply and return duct work has been removed and will be replaced after the brick is laid.

**Shingle project:** Tearing off the old shingles on the south side began on Thursday. New singles will be applied before other tear-off begins. The contractor anticipated the project will be completed in 2-3 days.

**Other projects:** The south main entrance portico has been repaired and repainted. The steel lintels have been scraped, primed and painted on the north and south entrances. The center wing and office window have been scraped, primed and painted.

We have many other projects that will begin shortly, such as replacing the clouded panels on the stained glass windows on the south side of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Bill Jesse, who will be available in the Narthex on Sunday.

### Governing Board Decision

The Governing Board, based on the recommendation of the Facilities MAT consisting of Brandon Simpson, Facilities Manager, Bill Jesse, Executive Director, and Greg Cushing, congregation member, authorized at a special Board meeting on July 31, the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the completion of additional smaller projects to be completed this summer. Funds for the projects will be taken from the Long Term Maintenance Fund. The recommended projects are as follows:

- 1) Sand, prime, and paint all steel lintels especially the north and south main entrances.
- 2) Repair, refinish, and paint the north and south main entrances.
- 3) Replace the windows in the office complex.
- 4) Replace the clouded windows outside the Sanctuary south stained glass windows.
- 5) Replace the clouded window in the west peak of the Sanctuary.
- 6) Scrape and paint the exterior windows of the center wing.
- 7) Paint the patched wall in the FLC.

Some of these projects have been brought to us by members of the congregation, some have been on a maintenance "wish" list for some time, and some were discovered during the pre-bid meetings for our major projects outlined in the capital campaign information. All of these projects will be completed this summer and early fall.

### Marriage Enrichment

(Marriage Built to Last)

Thursdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11, 6:30-8 p.m.

This class will share biblical principles and practical ways to keep a marriage healthy and growing. Pastor Tim Phillips and his wife, Kim, will be the facilitators. Please register for this event by going to our Web site. Cost of \$10 covers a book for each participant. Contact: Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

### Gloria Dei Chorale

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

No experience is necessary. We will be working on songs for the Cantata, as well as our anthems for Sundays. The choir will sing during worship one Sunday a month and at additional festival services.

### Discovery Class-New Member

Thursdays, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11 and Sunday, Oct. 14

This class is for those who desire to join Gloria Dei, whether new to the Lutheran faith or transferring from another Lutheran church. We will revisit the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to grow in our faith in God and service to others. Please register for this class. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at [probarge@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:probarge@gloriadeionline.com).

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 26 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



**C** Claire Ann Albrecht born on June 23, 2012 to David and Holly (nee Miller) Albrecht. Claire's spiritual sponsors are Michael and Andrea Miller, and Joe Albrecht.

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Aug. 26 are placed by Scott and Janet Strachan celebrating their 30th anniversary and in celebration of the marriage of Andy Strachan and Hannah Ladage.

## Education Ministry Partners needed

**Children Ministry:** We are in need of ministry partners for Wednesday evenings, Saturday evenings, and Sunday mornings. All of our positions are teams, so no one has to do it alone! Each team will take turns leading or helping with a class or area. There are so many great opportunities, so contact Alice at [alice@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:alice@gloriadeionline.com) or DeAnn at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com) today.

**Youth Ministry:** Are you interested in equipping the next generation to love and serve God? We need you to join our small group ministry team. Please contact Tim Kightlinger at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com).

## LWML

**Mary Esther Circle** will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Dr., West Des Moines.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines.

## 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 Scott and Janet Strachan celebrating their 30th anniversary
- For Andy Strachan and Hannah Ladage married on Aug. 25

## For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Craig and Cindi Dawson's infant son, Max
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Emma Anderson
- Mary Kuefner
- Vicki Giesselmann

## And for:

- Our military
- Our children as they head back to school
- Our nation and world

## Prayer ministry

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

Servers		
<b>Officiant/Liturgist:</b> <b>5:30 p.m. (FLC):</b> Rev. Ron Burcham	<b>Organ</b> Lynn Hays	<b>Hospitality Teams</b> Northwind (FLC) Team Four
<b>7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b> Rev. Tim Phillips	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>7:45 a.m.</b> Kara Gerke	<b>7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b> Team Four
<b>9 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b> Rev. Tim Phillips	<b>9 a.m.</b> Elizabeth Thomas	<b>9 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b> Team Two
<b>10:30 a.m. (FLC):</b> Rev. Phil Robarge	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Sara Clausen	<b>10:30 a.m. (FLC)</b> TBD
<b>10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b> Rev. Ron Burcham		<b>10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b> Team Four
<b>Preacher</b> Rev. Ron Burcham	<b>Scripture verses:</b> Ephesians 6:10-18 and Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)	

## Adult Opportunities

We have an abundance of opportunities to choose from this fall. Take a few minutes, peruse the offerings, pray and then be ready to learn and grow!

### Financial Peace University

**Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-week life-changing program that teaches how to achieve your financial goals. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site and click on the FPU link. Cost is \$95. Contact Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

### Lifelight Bible Study

**Sundays, Sept. 9-May 5, 9:50-10:50 a.m.** An in-depth journey through the Bible using materials from the Lifelight series. Childcare is provided. This fall they will begin studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Facilitator: Chuck Corell. Contact Pastor Robarge at [probarge@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:probarge@gloriadeionline.com).

### 33 The Series: Volume 2: A Man and His Design

**Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ OverTime**

**Saturday, Sept. 8 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. @ Gloria Dei**

Join us for a six-week study. Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique story. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. Contact Bill Clark at [BillClark@mchsi.com](mailto:BillClark@mchsi.com) or register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

### Online book study

A 10-week online study on “The Shelter of God’s Promises” by Sheila Walsh will begin Sept. 2. Laura Rath will lead this online study by offering a suggested reading schedule for the week, posting thoughts on the reading and encouraging the participants to post their comments as well. For more information, visit Laura’s blog at <http://www.laurarath.blogspot.com> or e-mail Laura at [laurajrath@gmail.com](mailto:laurajrath@gmail.com).

### Support Groups/Care Night

**Thursdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 8, 2012, 6:30-8 p.m.** We provide support for adults and children who are experiencing grief or divorce. The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Childcare is provided. Please register by going to our Web site or contact Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

**DivorceCare Support Group:** DivorceCare is a 10-week program for those experiencing the pain of divorce.

**DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids):** DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents are divorcing.

**GriefShare:** GriefShare, a 10-week program, helps those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

**Stepping Stones (GriefShare for Children):** This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a friend or relative.

### Small groups and studies

**Message-series small groups** starting Sept. 8 and 9. We will have lots of opportunities to connect to a small group. More information will follow.

**Tuesday afternoon Bible study** from 2:30-4 p.m. We are gearing up to study the book “Radical” by David Platt starting Sept. 4.

**Pastor’s Bible study** on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Join this ongoing group as we study the Lectionary Series.

**Men’s Bible study** on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. We have lots of coffee, prayer, study and discussion. Join us at anytime.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, contact Pastor Robarge at [probarge@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:probarge@gloriadeionline.com).

### Women’s Bible Connections

**Monday Sept. 10 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.**

Connect with other faith-filled women on Monday mornings and evenings as we study “James: Mercy Triumphs” by Beth Moore. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action.

If you would like to join this study, please contact Lisa Scherer, 490-4108 to order a book for \$18. Starts Sept. 10, 2012.



# Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

## Castaway

Castaway will not meet in August; will resume Sunday, Sept. 9.

## Junior High Families

Join us on Wednesday, August 29 as we outline this year's junior high ministry opportunities.

Select the dates that are applicable to you:

- Wednesday, Aug. 29
- 6 p.m. 6th grade families
- 7 p.m. 6-8th make up

## Senior High Ministry

**Families** are invited on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Center. Join us as we share about direction and opportunities for this year's Senior High Ministry.

The Point will not meet on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

## Third Grade Bible Highlighting

**Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 10, 6:15-7:15 p.m.** Third grade students and parents are invited to take a 5-week journey through the Bible, highlighting important Scripture passages. Bibles are given to students to highlight and make their own as they listen to how God is leading them.

## Preteen Girls

**The Real You: Moms and Preteen Daughters: Sunday, Sept. 9, 6-7:15 p.m.**

This event is designed specifically for girls in grades 4 and 5, and their moms or an important female. We'll look at how we remain true to God while being real in school, at home, and with friends. Register for this event on our Web site. Cost is \$10 for mom and daughter.

**GirlZ of Faith: Sunday, Sept. 16, 6-7:15 p.m.** Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited for Bible study, crafts and lots of laughter. No registration needed.

## Preteen Boys

**Sleuth Truth: Dads and Preteen Sons: Sunday, Sept. 9, 6-7:15 p.m.** This event is designed specifically for boys in grades 4 and 5, and their dads or an important adult male. Become a detective for the evening and journey together to uncover the truth! Register for this event on our Web site. Cost is \$10 for dad and son.

**BoyZ of Faith: Sunday, Sept. 23, 6-7:15 p.m.** Boys in grades 4 and 5 are invited for Bible study, hands-on activities and yummy snacks. No registration needed.

## Register your child

If you have not registered your child on our KidCheck program, take a moment to go to Gloria Dei's website at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). Click on children, then follow the link to register. Children must have a name tag to attend Grace Place and Faith Alive.

Register today at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Fall Schedule

### Weekend schedule (starts Sept. 8-9)

**5:30 p.m. Saturday**  
Contemporary (FLC)  
Grace Place will be offered.

**8:00 a.m. Sunday**  
Traditional (Sanctuary)  
Grace Place will be offered.

**9:30 a.m. Sunday**  
Traditional Blend (Sanctuary)  
Grace Place, Castaway and senior high Bible study will be offered.

**10 a.m. Sunday**  
Contemporary (FLC)  
Grace Place will be offered.

**11 a.m. Sunday**  
Contemporary (Sanctuary)  
Grace Place and Castaway will be offered.

### Wednesday schedule (starts Sept. 12)

**5-6:15 p.m.**  
Midweek meal

**6-7 p.m.**  
Faith Alive

**6:45-8 p.m.**  
Jr. and Sr. Youth educational times

# Week of August 25-September 1, 2012

## Saturday, August 25

- 4:00 p.m. Andy Strachan and Hannah Ladage Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Teacher Orientation

## Sunday, August 26

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Teacher Orientation
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Teacher Orientation
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Youth Center with Communion
- 5:00 p.m. The Story Promotion Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Ministry Presentation

## Monday, August 27

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

## Tuesday, August 28

- 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. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, August 29

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Teacher Orientation
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 6th grade
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 6th-8th grades

## Thursday, August 30

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Parent Orientation

## Friday, August 31

- 6:30 p.m. Café 923

## Saturday, September 1

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

## Project 52 Mission Trip

Project 52 is proud to announce that we have partnered with Lighthouse Projects in the Dominican Republic and are committed to providing for the needs of families in the community of Los Alcarrazos and showing them the love of Jesus Christ.

Join us as we travel to Los Alcarrazos to help build a home, visit Compass Point School and other activities from Feb. 22-March 2. The cost is \$1,750 and includes airfare, lodging and meals. A \$200 deposit is due Sept. 1, 2012, For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or bill@p52.org.

## Items needed

**UCAN (Urbandale Community Action Network)** needs Kleenex and disinfecting wipes for the schools. Please place those items in the "UCAN" bin in the Narthex. Contact - Ruth Ebke at 371-8646.

**Urbandale Food Pantry** is requesting shampoo during the month of September. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

Worship (Aug. 18-19)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	153	
7:45 a.m.	95	83
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	271	199
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	210	144
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	52	
<b>Total</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>426</b>

Outpouring of Love (Aug. 18-25)	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,028
First QTD Offering	\$202,165
First QTD Budget	\$254,000

# Week of September 1-8, 2012

## Saturday, September 1

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

## Sunday, September 2

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion  
10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center

## Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)

8:00 a.m. Office closed

## Tuesday, September 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  
6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class  
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University  
7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Book Club  
7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale  
7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2 (off-site)

## Thursday, September 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches  
6:30 p.m. DivorceCare  
6:30 p.m. GriefShare  
6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last

## Friday, September 7

9:30 a.m. MOMs Club of West Des Moines  
5:00 p.m. Kevin Martens and Amy Gronauer Wedding Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Apostles' Creed Confirmation Retreat

## Saturday, September 8

7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2  
3:00 p.m. Kevin Martens and Amy Gronauer Wedding  
5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion  
5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Urbandale Whiz Kids Program

The Whiz Kids program will begin on Monday, Sept. 10. The program is being jointly sponsored by Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Freedom for Youth Ministries and the Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN).

**Location:** Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 3600 75th Street

**Days:** Monday afternoons when school is in session. **Time:** 3:45 until 6 p.m.

**Schedule:** 3:45-4:30 gym time/activity, 4:30-5 Bible study/lesson, 5-5:20 meal, 5:20-5:50 tutoring (grade level reading comprehension & math) and 5:50-6 clean-up/shut down

The program is available to youth in first through fifth grades who attend school in Urbandale.

Volunteer opportunities include supervising/interacting with the youth during gym/activity and meal time, and/or tutoring time. For those who may wish to be exclusively involved in tutoring, the expectation is that you will work with 1-2 students each week. It is important that you be there each week barring unusual or unforeseen circumstances. Materials will be provided. No prior teaching or tutoring experience is required. Training will be provided. A background check is required.

Volunteers are also being sought to provide a meal for up to 70 (50 children, 20 adults).

For more information contact LuAnne Postel at 278-0466.

## Gloria Dei book club

Join the book club as they discuss "The Note II: Taking a Chance on Love" by Angela Elwell Hunt on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room.

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

**Educational times.** Starting Sept. 8 and 9: We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children (ages 3 - grade 5) to educational times on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 8:20, 9:50 and 10:20 and 11:20 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary**

**Please note: Due to construction, we will meet in the Sanctuary.** Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

## **7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **10:30 a.m. Sunday H3 Young Family Worship**

**Please note: Due to construction, we will meet in the Youth Center.** Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

## **10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

## **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 when they are upset or crying.

## **Weekly Bible reading - Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

*Educational times resume  
Sept. 8 and 9.*

## **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.

Join us in Sept. 12.

**Youth** (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

## **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.