



Jesus' call in our lives

We are all fanatics about something, if not lots of things. Each of us have interests, priorities and passions that energize and fuel us. We spend our money, our thoughts and our energies pursuing and talking about them. Our love for sports, hobbies, politics, nature, music, art, books and technical gadgets continues. Take your pick; our lives are full of great interests and passions. We then choose careers, which oftentimes match our interest and gifts. But could we leave them behind if Jesus asked us to?

And that is what catches me off guard when I read Mark 1. According to the story, Simon, Andrew, James and John woke up, planning to do what they did every day, fish. All of a sudden, this stranger walked up to them and said, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

That's rather strange, but it gets even more radical by their response—they immediately left their nets and followed Jesus.

So, let's think about this. These four men, more than likely fished all their lives, their parents probably were fishermen, their social life probably centered on this lifestyle. And yet, they left it all—to follow Jesus.

A bit drastic, don't you think? According to scripture, it is not drastic; it's a requirement. He wants us to be a fanatic follower of him. He wants to become the supreme passion of our lives, the object of our affection and devotion.

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8:35

So, what about all of your interests? Do they build your passion for following Jesus? Do they honor him? What are your nets? And are you willing to drop them to follow the one who has called you? What would be the most difficult thing to leave behind to follow Jesus?

Tough questions because they are getting to the core of the issue—what is reigning in our hearts.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

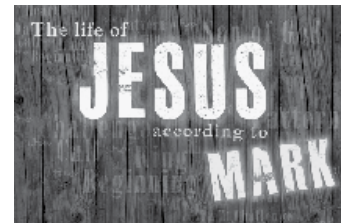
So, let's take an inventory this week of our treasures and our priorities to see if they take first or second seat to our Lord and Savior, who calls us to "follow" him.

Let's get ready for Lenten services

Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary - Feb. 22 at 12:15 and 6 p.m. (Faith Alive and junior and senior high ministry will not meet.)

Wednesday Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary - Feb. 29, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 12:15 & 6 p.m.

"Shaped by the Cross - How does the cross shape you?" Each year during Lent, we hear something about the aspects of Christ's death—the cross, palm branch, bag of money, crown of thorns, the casting of lots, sponge, bread and wine and nails. During our midweek Lenten worship, we'll dive into how these components show us the character of Jesus and how God uses them to tell us a story about how we should live. The services will embrace historical tradition of Lenten worship, while sharing the messages in contemporary ways. The 12:15 p.m. service will be organ-led and shorter, allowing people time to pick up a sack lunch before leaving. The 6 p.m. service will present blended music with a variety of instrumentation and a rich, family worship environment; children will be dismissed for Faith Alive halfway through the service. (Please note: educational times will not be offered on Ash Wednesday.)



Small Groups

Small groups are forming, centering around building friendships, and discussing how to apply God's Word into everyday life.

To find a group, visit the small group display in the Narthex and the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Discovery 201

Sunday, Feb. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. If you have questions, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Grief support for teens

Sunday, Feb. 12, from 6-8 p.m.

The youth ministry will offer a six-week grief support session. If you or someone you know would like to talk or to take the session, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Help needed

The UCAN Achieve tutoring program at the Urbandale Middle school needs tutors Tuesdays from 3:15-5 p.m.

Find out how to help by calling Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Behind the scenes with our accounting manager

If you have ever been responsible to oversee the financial needs of your family or a business, you soon realize the great amount of skill, knowledge, confidentiality and attention to detail that surrounds the task.

As Gloria Dei grew, it became prudent to hire an accounting manager who would oversee all of its finances. Three years ago, Shari Smith was hired to help manage the day-to-day financial transactions of the church. Gloria Dei not only wanted to find someone capable but to find a faith-filled person who exhibited trust, confidentiality and accuracy.



Shari Smith, accounting manager, works diligently in her office overseeing the finances of the church.

Shari's experience in the corporate world has been an incredible asset to the church. With a bachelor's degree in accounting, 10 years experience in banking and 7 years in accounting, she is more than qualified to handle the financial details of a growing congregation. Her responsibilities include paying bills; recording the offering and assisting the six offering teams; producing financial reports; analyzing past data and forecasting future data in preparation for the yearly budget; preparing payroll and assisting with some human resource tasks; and examining a variety of contracts.

With all her weekly tasks in mind, she has also been given the charge to produce and to ensure that an accurate portrayal of the church's tithes and offerings be reported to the congregation on a regular basis.

"I love being able to apply my spiritual life into my work life," says Shari.

Outside of the office, Shari enjoys spending time with her husband of 18 years, Doug, a Major in the U.S. Army; and their three children. Recently, they have had the blessing of her parents moving across the street. "It's a blessing to be able to have the additional regular guests at our dinner table," smiles Shari.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari at 278-5544, ext. 202, M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Honduras mission trip meeting

Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. If you are thinking about experiencing a mission trip, then please attend this informational meeting concerning the summer's mission trip to Honduras. You will learn about the mission, things needed for the trip, including financial, passport and other necessary requirements. So come, check it out, ask questions to see if this trip is for you.

Overview of trip - Saturday, June 30 - Saturday, July 7, 2012: The team will help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services.

Deadline to get tickets booked is March 15. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

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Gloria Dei's Book Club

Please note: March meeting has been rescheduled to April 4. Please plan to join us Wednesday, April 4 at 6:25 p.m. in the Cry Room to discuss "One Simple Act: Discovering the Power of Generosity," by Debbie Macomber.

Summary: Debbie Macomber knows the secret to making the world a better place. She has witnessed how one simple act of generosity can yield unforeseen miracles.

Altar flowers



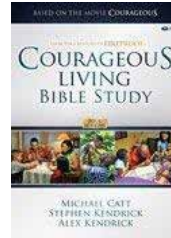
The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 12 are provided by Dan and Jill Schultz in honor of their son Andrew's 20th birthday on February 11.

Courageous Living Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 11, 18, 25 and March 3 at 7:30 a.m.

or Sunday, Feb 12, 19, 26 and March 4 at 9 a.m.

The "Courageous Living Bible Study" is a dynamic four-week study that helps lead men toward living more courageously in four key areas: responsibility, priorities, legacy and faith. We are looking for 25 men to join the study, will you have the courage to be counted?



LWML

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the home of Alice Wegner, 3916 79th St., Urbandale.

Seniors-save the date



Saturday, March 17 at noon

Think about it! Spring will almost be here, and the thought of going outside may even entice the most stay-at-home seniors. So, get your recipes out, plan to make something that will be the talk of the lunch.

A-J - Salads K-R - Casseroles/meal dish S-Z - Dessert

Servers

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

Preacher
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ
Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Spencer Nyberg

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Brandon Timmerman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Roni Cochran

Scripture reading:
Mark 1:16-20 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team One

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Five

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 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.

Prayers

For the health of:

- Brenda Barron
- Ed Mautz
- Lori Martin
- John Biondi
- Marilyn Cervantes
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Sue Anderson
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Valerie Cook
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother

And for:

- Our military
- Our youth and their families

Prayer ministry

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

A trip to honor and to build (A more in-depth article can be found on our Web site.)

What started as a random seat arrangement on a plane in 2006 ended up with a commitment to help those in poverty. Dustin Blythe, Bill Clark and Pastor John Dawson were complete strangers on a three-hour flight from Houston to Honduras for a mission trip. They quickly forged a friendship and bounced ideas on how to form a charity to serve others. What they did not know upon their arrival back in the states was the news that would change all of their lives forever—Dustin's 18-year-old son, Treye had been murdered. He was tragically stabbed to death while pulling a friend out of a fight.

Despite the devastating loss, Dustin, Bill and Pastor John continued to work on the prospects of starting a charity. The idea of "Project 52" came to Bill one night when looking at a photo of Treye wearing his football jersey touting the number "52."

The number 52 was a perfect number—52 weeks in the year to help people as well as the great reminder of God's unfailing love in Psalm 52.

But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love. Psalm 52:8

Last year the number took on another dimension during a conversation on a rooftop in the Dominican Republic with Bill; Wayne Blythe, Treye's grandfather; and Matt Banzhaf, Treye's high school friend. A missionary, Cristian Santiago, shared his dream about building a gym facility on the third floor of a vocational school that serves 100 young people each day. When Cristian said they needed \$52,000 to fund the project, without hesitation all three men replied, "Yes, count us in!"

During the following 52 weeks, Project 52 organized numerous fund-raisers to build the gym, and indeed raised more than the \$52,000. On Feb 19, Treye's 24th birthday, a team of 24 individuals, including Treye's grandparents and cousin along with eight of Treye's friends, as well as members from Gloria Dei and other churches will dedicate the newly-constructed "Project 52 Treye Blythe Gymnasium."

The gymnasium will be opened to the local school and to the public. A local man whose life was radically changed by Jesus Christ will staff the gym. He believes the gym will provide a positive alternative for young adults who are wasting their time and talents on the streets. Within this mentoring framework, he plans to share Jesus' love by example and word.

After the dedication, the team will be involved in working with several non-profit organizations as well as a surprise construction project for Juanito, a man who works at the school and raises two small children alone. Last year, the team built a one-bedroom and a one-bathroom home on a piece of land that Juanito proudly purchased. Since more funds were raised than needed for the gymnasium, Bill and the team plan to surprise Juanito with the resources and labor to complete the house by adding another bedroom, kitchen and living room.

Since Project 52 will continue to rally to "help the least of these," they plan to spend the next 52 weeks after their February trip to raise additional funds to furnish the gymnasium with cardiovascular machines.

"I think the gym will honor Treye's legacy in the same way he died. Treye laid down his life for someone he barely knew—yet in his death he has impacted so many," says Treye's father. "This gym will be an extension of that, as his name and his memory will be on a gym for kids he has never met. I hope it inspires the kids in that community to achieve great things—and when they are able, to give back to others."



- For several years, teams have served by helping with community projects.
- Construction on the gymnasium.
- Juanito works with the team building his house.
- Side view of Juanito's house

For more information or to find ways to help Project 52 Treye Blythe Gymnasium, go to www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "Project 52" link.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Feb 12: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Call."

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us Wednesdays in February as we discuss the theme "Relate." This theme will focus on how to relate to the Bible.

Life hurts...God heals (Grief support)

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. in Youth Center. Open to all teens in grades 8-12 and their friends who have lost someone close to them. We will meet for six weeks and begin the process of healing through God's Word.

A note of thanks: Thank you to all of our ministry partners who assisted with our teen grief support to the communities and Johnston.

Summer Mission Trip

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 12: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Call."

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

Café 923- Feb. 17 from 6-9 p.m. Join us for fun, fellowship and food.

The Wave

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 from 3-4:30 p.m.

We're going bowling! We'll meet at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall from 3-4:30 p.m. to bowl a couple of games, eat pizza and have a blast together. Cost is \$7 per person to bowl and rent shoes.

DivorceCare for Kids

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children whose parents are going through a divorce are invited to DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids) from Feb. 23-March 29. They are also invited to join the Care Night meal at 6 p.m. To register, call the church office at 276-1700.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Please pray for God's continued blessing on the mission and work of Lutheran Hour Ministries as it reaches out into a world that needs to know Jesus. Please also prayerfully consider providing financial support to this important ministry. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Centers.

Midweek meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

Feb. 15: Meatloaf

Register at www.gloriadeionline.com

Group

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD
MARK 10:27

Ages 3-11
Spring Break
No cost!

Vacation Bible School
March 19-21
9-11:30 a.m.

Week of February 11-18, 2012

Saturday, February 11

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, February 12

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 659
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806

Monday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, February 14

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Love and Respect Study
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, February 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, February 17

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Police Color Guard
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Café 923

Saturday, February 18

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group

Worship (Feb. 4-5)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	114	
7:45 a.m.	91	82
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	288	205
9 a.m. (FLC)	23	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	267	187
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	80	
Total	863	474

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 4-11)	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,727
3rd QTD Offering	\$161,419
3rd QTD Budget	\$184,000

Week of February 18-25, 2012

Saturday, February 18

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group

Sunday, February 19

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
- 3:00 p.m. The Wave

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, February 22

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Midday Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, February 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare 4 Kids
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, February 24

- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, February 25

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	6	15	23	29
Elementary	13	52	58	95
Total Children	19	67	81	124

Youth Attendance	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Junior High	75
Senior High	30
Total Youth	105

Ways to help

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating laundry detergent in February to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in February for the Honduras mission are hydrocortisone, antifungal, diaper-rash, vaginal and hemorrhoidal cream. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

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

Educational time. We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

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

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.

9 a.m. Sunday Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. 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 - Mark 1:16-20 (NIV)

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

If you have any questions, please ask one of our members or stop by the Welcome Centers.

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 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.