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Feb. 25-26, 2012 | First Sunday in Lent

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Faith put into action

As we continue with our study of Mark, we see an incredible pattern emerge from chapters 4-6. It begins with Jesus teaching several parables concerning the kingdom of God. One of

which compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed—the smallest of seeds, but "when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

In the next few accounts, the disciples receive first-hand experience concerning these teachings:

Jesus rebukes the storm and confronts the disciples' lack of faith.

Jesus heals the demon-possessed man.

Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Jesus heals a woman who had been sick for 12 years.

So, imagine you were one of his disciples. You would have heard his teachings concerning the kingdom of God, you would have personally been rebuked for your lack of faith, and then you would have seen three individuals miraculously healed right in front of your eyes. And that is not to mention the other abnormal sightings, such as the storm calming, and the pigs running. Your ears and eyes would have been full. But how about your heart? And how do you, as a disciple, apply these truths?

Jesus addresses these questions, by putting the proverbial ball in the disciples' court: "Calling the twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits." Mark 6:7.

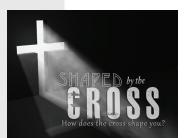
Sounds a bit radical, doesn't it? His teachings, his healings and then sending his disciples out to the community to do what he had taught them. According to Today's Light Bible, "Jesus lived out a radical lifestyle—radical meaning from the root or getting to the root. He goes beyond the showy foliage and down to the core of what it means to care for those who the Father so loves."

God certainly loves us. As we look at these chapters, we see God's desire to teach and demonstrate his incredible love. And then he invites simple, everyday people (i.e. the disciples and us) to join him on a heavenly pattern that will revolutionize lives and reveal God's amazing love. Ready to join him?

Shaped by the Cross...

Feb. 29, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 12:15 & 6 p.m.

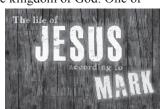
"Shaped by the Cross - How does the cross shape you?" Each year during Lent, we hear something about the aspects of Christ's death—the cross, palm branch, bag of money, crown of thorns, the casting of lots, sponge, bread and wine and nails. During our midweek Lenten worship, we'll dive into how these 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.

Also, for your personal devotion time, Lenten devotions are available in the Narthex and outside the east entrance of the Family Life Center.





Heavenly VBS arrives in March

March 19-21 9-11:30 a.m.

Children ages 3-11 are invited to spring break VBS. There will be lots of hands-on learning and fun.

To be able to provide this impactful time, we need lots of adults. And that's you. The commitment is light—1-3 hours per day. For more details,

contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Midweek Meals during Lent

We don't want you to be hungry! So, please join us from 5-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays for a meal together before worship.

Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free). Feb. 29: Sloppy Joes

Faith Chests

Take a moment to look at the faith chests that are displayed in the Narthex. Want to find out more? See page 4.



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 And the fun doesn't end there. After quickly clearing off the tables, board games will be the afternoon's activity. So bring your favorite board game and be prepared to laugh with (or at) each other.

The 9 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship

The 9 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship service that was launched in October in the Family Life Center has been canceled until further notice. Plans are underway to evaluate and to determine what type and time of worship service should be its replacement.

Urbandale Lioness Club

The Urbandale Lioness and Lions Clubs invite you to the Annual Scholarship Brunch on Sunday, March 4 at the Urbandale Senior Center, 7305 Aurora Ave., Urbandale. The menu includes egg omelets, pancakes, muffins and drink. Proceeds go to Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale. Adult tickets \$6; Children under 10 \$3.

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.

Help needed

In January, Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) launched a tutoring program on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-5 p.m. Since its inception, more teens have attended than what was anticipated, creating a need for additional tutors. Please consider helping our community through a one-on-one tutoring session with a child. Find out how to help by calling Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Fun and frivolous facts about lowa*

- Iowa is the only state whose east and west borders are 100% formed by water, Missouri and Mississippi rivers.
- · Iowa's longest and highest bridge crosses Lake Red Rock.
- Dubuque is the state's oldest city.
- Iowa State University is the oldest land grant college in the U.S.A. * Resource: www.50states.com

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Gloria Dei's Book Club

Please note: The 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. If you have any questions, e-mail gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com.

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.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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



Peyton Joseph Rogers born on January 25, 2012 to Adam and Amber (nee Klouse) Rogers. Peyton's spiritual sponsors are Patrick and Nicole Ries.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Darren Trevor Ssozi born on Aug. 4, 2011 to Dan and Hilton (nee Mbabazi) Ssozi. Darren's spiritual sponsors are Gabriel and Consolata Ndihokubwayo, John Okware and Robert Galabuzi.

Notes from the Governing Board

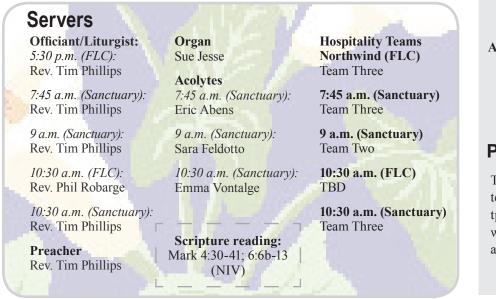
The Governing Board would like to sincerely thank all the members that completed the Congregational Survey related to the recent vote on the Comprehensive Plan. We had 351 members participate in the survey, providing us over 2800 free-form comments and answers to analyze, in addition to the demographic information. The individual members of the Board have spent countless hours studying the raw data, and the Board as a whole has spent an evening interpreting the results. The Board plans to continue to analyze the survey data, and will provide the congregation a synopsis of the results in the coming weeks.

LWML

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of LaVonne Clark, 7309 Palm Dr., Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 2839 86th St., Urbandale.



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:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Brenda Barron
- Dennis and Marilyn Dean's grandson, Zach
- Ed Mautz
- John Biondi
- Marilyn Cervantes
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Sue Anderson
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother

And for:

- The family of Marilyn Crow
- 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.

Faith chests - building family and faith-based memories

In recent months, a 16-year-old dream has become a reality in the children's ministry with the building of faith chests that will be given to children who are baptized.

DeAnn McCue originally heard about faith chests at a children's conference 16 years ago. "This chest is meant to grow with a child, by continuing to add items that have helped cement his or her faith," says DeAnn.

The idea caught on when Duane Haas, Jeff Olson, Bruce Boettcher, Mo Grotheer and Dennis Spark viewed a template and then started to map out ways to build a chest for each child

baptized at Gloria Dei. Currently more made a 16-year-old dream come to life.

than 50 children are baptized yearly, with an anticipation of an increase in the future.

"This is just fantastic," says Duane. "Each family will receive a lovingly created and hand-crafted chest. Just think! Throughout their young lives, each child will have a place to store items that represent his or her faith journey." Part of the team's master plan was to find ways to sustain and to involve others in the project. Without skipping a beat, Duane, says the plan is simple, "We have moved the wood

and our tools into room 119 and plan to invite ministry partners as well as families to help assemble or to build a chest that is, if you can pull us away from building each chest."

A faith chest can be seen in the Narthex. If you would like to cut pieces for the chests, please come to room 119, Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Then on Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, families are

invited to build a chest for about an hour.

If you are would like to help or purchase a chest for an older child or a friend, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Shining City Updates

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Gloria Dei continues to support the work in China by helping Shining City Foundation (SCF). Shining City was founded by two Gloria Dei members, Scott Raecker and Brad Peyton who were introduced to the need in China through a Christian couple working with an orphanage in Yunnan province. Among many SCF's projects that enhance the health and general welfare of the under-served, is the construction of churches in the remote areas. The following is a recent report concerning the spiritual outcome from building the second church:

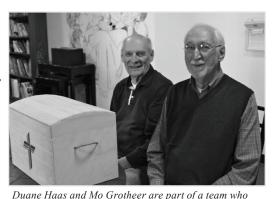
"We have had 43 people added to the church and baptized. Because more mountain people are becoming Christian, the practice of selling their daughters for work or marriage has decreased drastically.

"We just want to say how grateful we are first by your friendship and continued relationships, but also for your prayers and financial support over the years. Only the Lord knows how many lives you have affected for Christ and opened their hearts to his eternal opportunity. Bless you all for your prayers and open hearts to help Chinese and Tibetan people so far from your home. Because of your faithfulness and God's grace, we have been allowed many incredible opportunities to give the love of Christ away to those who have never heard his life-saving message." ~ God bless you all, Ray and Cindy, Tibet and China





The local Christians gather. • A shy small child takes a moment to look at the camera. • A group of Christians eat a meal in a local church.





Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m. Feb. 26: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Pattern."

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Eighth graders join the high school group for the Point beginning this Wednesday. We will have worship at 6 p.m.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Feb. 26: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Pattern."

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-7 meet in small groups to discuss various topics. We will have worship at 6 p.m. Contact: Tim Kightlinger tim@gloriadeionline.com

Life hurts...God heals (Grief support)

Meets on Sundays 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 or are dealing with life pains and need God's healing.

The Well

We have \$200.50 raised so far! "Sacrifice a little, so someone can have a lot." The youth ministry students have been challenged to raise \$5,600 to build a well in Niger, Africa. If you would like to help, contact TK.

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. 29: Sloppy Joes

Camp Okoboji 2012 programs

Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa was established in 1940 by a group of people who had a vision for outdoor ministry. The camp is owned by members of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to youth and family camps, there are opportunities for families to reserve facilities for family reunions and church organizations. For more information and a list of their many camps, please visit their Web site at www.campokoboji.org.



Contact DeAnn McCue today or deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Week of February 25-March 3, 2012

Saturday, February 25

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	
Sunday, Fe	əbruary 26	
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.	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	
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.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
12:00 p.m.	Dinner Theater Rehearsal	
2:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 659	

Monday, February 27

Mom's Bible Study
Women's Bible Connections
Urbandale Police Awards Banquet
Women's Bible Connections
Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, February 28

1:00 p.m.	Directors' Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Kindermusik Young Child
5:00 p.m.	Restorative Justice

Worship (Feb. 18-19)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	174	
7:45 a.m.	107	84
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	337	212
9 a.m. (FLC)	32	
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	263	156
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	77	
Total	990	452

Tuesday, February 28 (continued)

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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			
Wednesda	Wednesday, February 29			
10:00 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study			
12:15 p.m.	Lenten Midday Traditional Worship			
	in Sanctuary			
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Meal			
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Blended Worship Service			
	in Sanctuary			
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.	Bell Choir Rehearsal			

7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, March 1

7:15 p.m.

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
2:00 p.m.	Celebration Home School Choir
5:00 p.m.	Restorative Justice
6:00 p.m.	Care Night Meal
6:00 p.m.	Girlz of Faith
6:30 p.m.	Divorce Care
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Gloria Dei Chorale

Friday, March 2

9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines

Saturday, March 3

7:30 a.m.	Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Easter Audio Seminar (Off site)
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

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

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 18-25)	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,890
3rd QTD Offering	\$227,168
3rd QTD Budget	\$246,000

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Week of March 3-10, 2012

Saturday, March 3

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7:30 a.m.	Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Easter Audio Seminar (Off site)
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, Ma	arch 4
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
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 with Communion
10:50 a.m.	Castaway
10:50 a.m.	Grace Place
12:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m.	Dinner Theater Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Boyz of Faith

Monday, March 5

8:00 a.m.	Iowa Dept. of Education
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
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 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. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child

Tuesday, March 6 (continued)

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	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
	7:00 p.m.	Central Iowa Knitters
Wednesday, March 7		y, March 7
	10:00 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
	12:15 p.m.	Lenten Midday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Midweek Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Blended Worship Service
		in Sanctuary
	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.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	Gloria Dei Chorale
	7:30 p.m.	Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, March 8

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
2:00 p.m.	Celebration Home School Choir
6:00 p.m.	Care Night Meal
6:30 p.m.	Divorce Care
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Friday, March 9

8:30 a.m.	Scrapbook Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Café 923

Saturday, March 10

8:30 a.m.	Gloria Dei Quilters
8:30 a.m.	Scrapbook Fellowship
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.
Preschool	10	20	29
Elementary	23	53	41
Total Children	33	73	70

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.

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 6:6b-13 (NIV)

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them."

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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, 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.

