



Call to Care

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Associate Pastor and Director of Congregational Care

This is a new year full of new concerns and worries. We have needs and we live in a world where other people have needs. Jesus calls us to faith and we are then called to serve. We serve our neighbors as we care for those around us. What does a life of service look like for you in the year 2012?

Growing up in a family with eight kids was an experience. On one occasion I was talking with my mom about someone who lost a child and a thought occurred to me... "I wonder if mom ever lost a baby?" It seemed absurd—you know with eight kids—that one could be missing. The thought stayed with me, so I asked, "Mom, did you ever lose a baby?" "Yes," she said. I was shocked. Nobody had ever talked about it. My siblings didn't know. Then she told me the story. "I already had three small children at home and I wasn't very happy to find out I was pregnant. When I lost the child I thought it was my fault because of how I felt about being pregnant." "What did you do?" I asked. "I talked to my pastor and he helped me understand that it wasn't my fault. I was really thankful that I could talk to him," she said. Then she continued, "And before you knew it I was pregnant again and God gave me a new baby to love."

He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. Psalm 147:3

That story is about Christian care giving. A pastor helped my mom and the impact of that has stayed with her all these years. Now, in their 80's my parents are comforted by Christian friends and of course, their current pastor. In 1 John 4:19 we find the passage, "We love, because he first loved us." This verse points to the source of our expressions of care and love—Jesus. He loved us and gave himself up for us to pay for our sins on the cross. Because we have received his grace, his love is in us also. As his followers, we imitate his love in our relationships with others.

We have a great family at Gloria Dei—lots of men and women who love Jesus and are waiting to help you just as that pastor helped my mom. Look around you. Who knows, the person sitting next to you could have been praying today to be the hands and feet of Jesus for someone. You could be an answer to their prayer! We, as a church body, are here to help each other, so allow the caring people around you to help. You can also get in touch with me and I will do my best to find you the needed confidential support.

Ways to receive support

We all experience rough seasons in life. During those challenging times, it is imperative to be able to share your burden with people whom you trust. Our Congregational Care Ministry has several avenues to help individuals face those rough times—together and not alone.

Care Night - If you are hurting, grieving, or needing extra support, please consider Care Night. We'll eat together, and then meet in small groups to discuss, pray, learn and experience God's heart for our lives. For more information, call the church office at 276-1700.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministers are trained individuals who can walk beside you during difficult times. So, whether you are facing loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, unemployment, discouragement, childbirth, hospitalization, divorce, grief, terminal illness or family-related stress issues, please contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com or call 276-1700. With your permission, he will assign you a caring Stephen Minister. All conversations are completely confidential.



Family event

Sunday, January 29
at 3 p.m.

Come watch "Courageous" at the Family Life Center. It's free! So, bring your family, blankets, pillows or beanbag chairs (or sit on one of our chairs). Popcorn and soda will be served. Childcare will be available in the nursery.

About the movie: Four men, one calling—to serve and protect as law enforcement officers. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle—fatherhood. Go to our Web site to preview a movie clip.

Share the heat campaign

Provide warmth for the homeless by making a financial donation today at the display in



the Narthex or on our Web site. A donation of \$20 will supply heat for one week. A donation of \$80 will provide heat for a month.

Mid-year financial update

The following update conveys our financial standing for the first half of our fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. All data as of December 31, 2011 are listed below.

Giving offering compared to prior year:

Offering income shows an increase of \$31,229, or 3.76 percent compared to the first half of the prior year.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
831,090	862,319	31,229	3.76%

Budgeted giving offering:

Offering income shows a decrease of \$69,681, or 7.48 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
862,319	932,000	(69,681)	-7.48%

Total income compared to prior year:

Total income, which includes giving, preschool tuition, building usage fees and other small revenue items, shows an increase of \$34,969, or 3.79 percent compared to the first half of the prior year.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
922,903	957,872	34,969	3.79%

Budgeted total income:

Total income shows a decrease of \$65,313, or 6.38 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
957,872	1,023,185	(65,313)	-6.38%

Expenses compared to prior year:

Expenses show a decrease of \$3,585, or 0.42 percent compared to the first half of the prior year.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
853,269	849,684	(3,585)	-0.42%

Budgeted expenses:

Expenses show a decrease of \$87,131, or 9.30 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
849,684	936,816	(87,131)	-9.30%

Additional information:

The budgeted numbers above are estimations based on several factors including but not limited to: prior year historical data, pledge commitments, recurring electronic fund transfers (EFT's) and online transactions, as well as current and future economic data. When income is less than budgeted, expenses are decreased throughout all ministry departments due to cash flow constraints. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 278-5544, ext. 217.

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Gloria Dei's Book Club

Please plan to join us
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:15 p.m.
in the Cry Room to discuss
Karen Kingsbury's book, "Even
Now."

Summary: With hallmark
tenderness and power, Karen
Kingsbury weaves a tapestry of
lives, losses, love, and faith—
and the miracle of resurrec-
tion. Sometimes hope for the
future is found in the ashes of
yesterday.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



K Kendal Alexandra Jensen born on Aug. 9, 2011 to Ross and Missy (Nee Schmit) Jensen. Kendal's spiritual sponsors are Caren Linderman, Joni Tonnemacher and Kayla Owenson.



W Wesley Thomas Lietz born on Dec. 8, 2011 to Toby and Kelly (nee Wilson) Lietz. Wesley's spiritual sponsors are Chad and Micolle Stobbe, and Jeff and Chris Lietz.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan. 22 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



J Jenna Lynn Polich born on July 9, 2011 to Mike and Jodi (nee Gilbertson) Polich. Jenna's spiritual sponsors are Mark and Keri Warren.

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, please join us for an interactive event on a Sunday afternoon. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Register by going to the adult page on our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com). If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

Spring break VBS

March 19-21 It's time to think about spring and spring break VBS! Leader recruitment has begun. If you love kids and have a heart for Jesus, we'd love to have you as part of our team. Spring break VBS is a three-day adventure of fun, laughter and lots of kids. We need over 70 ministry partners to make VBS great. If you can help, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher
Rev. Tim Phillips

Organ
Lynn Hays

Acolytes
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jacob Newcomb

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jacob Newcomb

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Emma Vontalge

Scripture readings:
Acts 6:1-7 and
John 13:1-17 (NLT)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team Two

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

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:

- Dolores Buttenhoff
- Brenda Barron
- Addison Blythe
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Roesella Kretzschmer
- Emma Anderson
- Katie Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Shirley Disney
- Rudy Petersen
- Bob McCleary
- Stan Knapp

And for:

- For the grieving family of Eli Horn, a young boy who died of leukemia

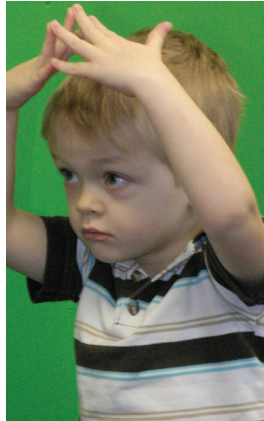
Prayer ministry

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

Playgroup

Join us for Tiny Treasures' Playgroup! Playgroup is for children ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 and will meet Friday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning Feb. 3. The small class size and Christian, nurturing environment provide a smooth transition into preschool. Cost is \$50 per month.

Register online or contact Jo Lynn Yeutsey at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Micah Morton learns hand motions during a music session.

Register today at
www.gloriadeionline.com

Small groups

Small groups are not a new concept. During the first two centuries of the Christian era, church buildings did not exist. Instead the believers met in house churches where close relationships flourished, helping them withstand the persecution.

Even though most of us do not face persecution in the middle of the heartland, we do face discouragement, bewilderment and other challenges. Wouldn't it be awesome if we had a group of individuals who could pray, give an encouraging word, or advice when we hit those rough spots in life? We need each other. And in a large congregation, we need the safety net of a small group that will help us to fully learn how to deal with life's complex issues.

We are beginning a new wave of small groups starting Feb. 4-5 through Easter, April 7-8. Each group will meet weekly for approximately 60-90 minutes to build friendships, discuss the message series, "The Life of Jesus According to Mark," and how to apply its truths in everyday life.

We hope you will consider joining a small group and experience what helped the early Christian church—each other.

To register for a small group, contact Pastor Robarge at probarga@gloriadeionline.com.

He will find a group that fits your schedule and location.

Hospice volunteers needed

WesleyLife Hospice Care is in need of volunteers to share conversation, hold a hand, bake a cake and give a hug. Volunteers visit patients, keep the patient's environment comfortable and inviting, assist in fundraising activities, help with administrative and clerical tasks and help organize special events. Training will be available Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Tuesday Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions must be attended and will be held at Edgewater, 9225 Cascade, West Des Moines. If you are interested, contact Kathleen Fleming, Volunteer Coordinator, WesleyLife Hospice for an application at 515-271-6765 or at kfleming@wesleylife.org.

Honduras mission trip

Saturday, June 30 - Saturday, July 7, 2012: Gloria Dei is forming a team to help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services.

General Information: Teams reside at Casa de Esperanza (new mission house) in a very comfortable setting. Bedrooms have bunk beds, showers and modern restroom facilities. Both American and Honduran meals are served throughout the week. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Spaghetti dinner

Spirit Midwest Ministries is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Sunday, Jan. 22 from 12-4 p.m. at the Market at Lotus, 2134 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines. All proceeds will benefit the Spirit Midwest Ministries' Tijuana short-term mission trip. For more information, contact Alan Barnes at 334-8000.

Ways to help

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating shampoo in January to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in January for the Honduras mission are children's vitamins and prenatal vitamins. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Jan. 22: Join us for discussion on "Call to Care."

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us Wednesdays in January as we discuss the theme "Relate." This theme will focus on how to relate to the opposite sex, the Bible and the less fortunate.

Training Ground - Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012

We start the evening with small groups (6-7:15 p.m.) and then enjoy games and hang-out time (7:15-8:30 p.m.).

30-Hour Famine

Join us June 8-9, 2012. Together we can save lives.

Junior high (6-8)

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

Jan. 22: Join us for discussion on "Call to Care."

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

Dinner theater

April 13-15 - Don't forget about rehearsals Sunday from 12-2 p.m.

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).

Jan. 25: Pizza Pockets

Knead to Loaf

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Come experience the joys of bread making. We'll make several loaves of bread to take home to bake and enjoy or give away. You'll also receive the recipes to make the bread again. Maximum of 12 families. Cost is \$40. Please register in the kitchen.

Mount Olive Lutheran School

Mt. Olive offers a top-notch quality education in a Christ-centered learning environment that is accredited by the state of Iowa and National Lutheran School Accreditation and is currently enrolling students for the 2012/13 academic year. If you would like to receive more information, contact the office at 277-8349 or e-mail the principal Cory Emily at cory.emily@molcs.org.

Does God Really Hear Me (2nd Grade)

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 from 1-2 p.m.

All 2nd Graders and a parent are invited to attend this lively event focused on prayer! We'll play games and have a blast learning how to pray and be reminded that God always hears us! Space limited to 12 families.

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 \$10 per person to bowl and rent shoes.

Spring break VBS

Monday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 21

Join us for three mornings of Vacation Bible School during spring break! We'll meet for non-stop fun and learning.

Monday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. No cost for this fun time. Appropriate for ages 3-11.

Week of January 21-28, 2012

Saturday, January 21

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 22

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse 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
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, January 23

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Meeting
- 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. Mount Olive Basketball Game

Tuesday, January 24 (continued)

- 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, January 25

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, January 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Ministry MAT
- 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. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 27

No scheduled activities

Saturday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Knead to Loaf Bread Making
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Jan. 14-15)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	212	
7:45 a.m.	105	94
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	325	240
9 a.m. (FLC)	36	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	260	181
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	53	
Total	991	515

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 15-21)	
General Fund Offerings	\$33,069
3rd QTD Offering	\$87,721
3rd QTD Budget	\$97,000

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 January 28-February 4, 2012

Saturday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Knead to Loaf Bread Making
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 29

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 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
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. The Movie: Courageous
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, January 30

- 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, January 31

- 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

Tuesday, January 31 (continued)

- 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 1

- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, February 2

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Children's Attendance		Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	12	19	21	30
Elementary	30	48	42	90
Total Children	42	67	63	120

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

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 - Acts 6:1-7 (NLT)

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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.