



Living a dependent life

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Recently I attended a funeral for my friend's grandmother, Toni. Though I only met Toni a few times, she seemed to light up a room with her zeal for life and care for those around her. One of my fondest memories of her was when she was stranded in Des Moines while waiting for a plane. She seemed so excited and thankful to have the opportunity to visit her sister despite the dreadful weather approaching.

It's rather odd to have encounters with strangers who leave a lasting impression, isn't it? The only thing I knew about this woman came from a few more brief encounters. I did not know her faith nor what she did for a living—all I knew is there was something different about her, and it left an impression. To be honest, I never gave it much thought until I heard the young pastor speak about this woman at her funeral. She was a charter member of the church where he was now the senior pastor. He shared how this grandmother would write him notes of encouragement throughout the years telling him to continue with the things that God had placed on his heart, how she volunteered to cook meals for a start-up college ministry that has now grown to 100 students and how she baked desserts for every elder's meeting.

It dawned on me why this woman left an impression on my life—she was a faith-filled woman whose life was completely dependent on the Lord. Her life was defined by her Lord and not consumed with the things and the worries of this life. She was connected to something larger than her life; thus, she was fully free to give to those around her.

And then a light flickered in my mind—she was a Hebrews 12:1 woman:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Of course, the cloud of witnesses does not end with Toni. There are lots of men and women living today whose lives reflect an incredible reliance on God, let alone the hundreds of men and women in the Bible who relied on God in almost every conceivable situation. Take for example, the poor woman who was about to prepare her last meal of flour and oil when the prophet Elijah asked for a meal. Despite her dire situation, she believed the prophet and gave him food. According to I Kings, her leap of faith resulted in a miraculous flow of flour and olive oil which sustained her and her son until the famine ceased.

We certainly are surrounded by great examples of faith.

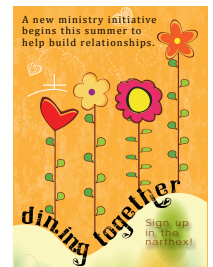
For me, my prayer, my direction this year began with this one witness whom I hardly knew, whose life has inspired me to become a Hebrews 12:1 woman. I will cast off the worries of this life, encourage and help those around me. Most importantly, I will fix my eyes on the one who is worthy of all praise and honor, Jesus Christ. Interested in joining me this year?

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2

Dining Together

Sunday, Jan. 22

Want to get to know others in the Gloria Dei family? Check out the dining together displays in the Narthex



Educational times

All educational times resume:
Jan. 7-8 and
Jan. 11, 2012

Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class will not meet today at 9:10 and 10:15 a.m., will resume next week.

Tutoring program

Urbandale Community Action Network is launching a tutoring program on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-5 p.m. at the Urban Heights Covenant Church beginning mid-January. Volunteers are needed to tutor and provide snacks. If interested, contact Mary Polson at 278-3936.

Care Night

Care Night begins this Thursday. Check out page 4 for more details.

Share the heat campaign

Starts Sunday, Jan. 15 in the narthex. Gloria Dei is partnering with Joppa Ministries to help provide warmth to the homeless this winter by raising funds to purchase propane gas. Joe Stevens, founder of Joppa Ministries will be in the Narthex Sunday, Jan. 15 answering questions concerning the needs of the unsheltered in the metro area.

Joppa Ministries*- What began as a private family volunteer endeavor for the Steven's family quickly became a non-profit organization with hundreds of volunteers, dozens of partners, a large impact locally, and a national vision to help ease and end homelessness. By acknowledging people, treating them with respect and dignity, and investing time in building relationships, Joppa continues to reach out to the homeless—regardless of their condition, behavior or past mistakes. Joppa's goal is to end homelessness, which happens one family, couple or person at a time. To date, Joppa has helped more than 120 homeless people get off the streets of Des Moines.

During winter, Joppa supplies heat weekly to tents and shacks throughout Des Moines and its suburbs, and a pair of waterproof insulated boots. They also provide food, winter gear, tents, sleeping bags and other survival necessities, along with a 24-hour cellular hotline, counseling and response to special needs and emergencies.

They also work closely with Primary HealthCare, LegalAid, the Veterans Administration, local shelters and other agencies to help people solve specific health, employment, housing and legal issues.*

Stop by the Share the Heat display in the Narthex beginning Sunday, Jan. 15 to see how a \$20 donation will provide one week's heat or how a \$80 donation will provide one month's heat for a homeless individual. If you have a heart for helping the poor and the needy in the Des Moines area, please call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

(* Information was provided by Joppaoutreach.org)

Help provide warmth for the homeless.

A donation of \$20 will supply heat for one week.
A donation of \$80 will provide heat for a month.

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. Days usually begin at 6:15 a.m. with daily team devotions. Casa de Esperanza has 24 hour security. Cost is \$1604, which includes round-trip flight from Des Moines, meals, lodging in Honduras, exit taxes and travel insurance. Cost is payable in three installments: March 15, 2012 (\$200), May 1, 2012 (\$644) and June 15 (\$760). If interested, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.



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Senior Adult Ministry

At the present time Pastors Boesch and Foreman are seeking leaders for four Mission Action Teams: Fellowship, Service, Growth and Learning and Travel.

If you are interested in serving on one of the MATs, please contact:

Pastor Boesch -
dboesch@gloriadeionline.com
Pastor Foreman -
cforeman@gloriadeionline.com.

We hope to have the MATs in place during the month of January.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



R Reed Bryant Smith born on September 15, 2011 to Chad and Erinn (nee Hedrick) Smith. Reed's spiritual sponsor is Cathy Allen and Rosalind Gordon.



L Lawrence Allen Wenzell born on November 22, 2011 to Adam and Lawrell (nee Birk) Wenzell. Lawrence's spiritual sponsors are Brandon and Amy Birk.

Congregational vote

Last month's congregational vote's results from the Multi-site Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Site are as follows:

Votes Cast	552	
In-person votes	491	
Absentee returned	61	
(Absentee requested & distributed = 64)		
Yes votes	338	61.23%
No votes	214	38.77%
Eligible Voting Members	1796	30.7% of eligible voters did vote (in-person or by absentee)

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 on the above date from 3-6:30 p.m. 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.

Servers

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

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. Ron Burcham

Preacher
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ
Lynn Hays

Acolytes
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Tim Dorn

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sophia Nelson

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jade Miller

Scripture Readings:
1 Timothy 2:1-6 and
Luke 18:24-30 (NLT)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team Four

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Five

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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

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
- Addison Blythe
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Roesella Kretzschmer
- Emma Anderson
- Katie Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Eli Horn
- Lynn Wampler
- Shirley Disney
- Rudy Petersen
- Bob McCleary

And for:

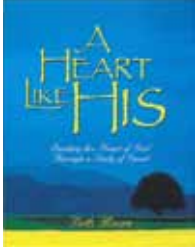
- All of our college students who will be going back to school shortly
- The grieving Newkirk family
- Marolyn Carstens and family, who are grieving the loss of Marolyn's mother

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.

Women's Bible Connections

Begins Monday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection will begin the year studying Beth Moore's "A Heart Like His." This in-depth study takes the reader through every twist and turn of David's life as a shepherd, a refugee and a king.



If you are interested in a journey that will build an earnest desire to seek God as David did in the Psalms, please e-mail Lisa Scherer at scherer_family@q.com. The cost of the book is \$21 and can be purchased the first night of the study.

Marriage Bible Study: "Love and Respect"

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 6:15 p.m. Learn what motivates men and women in this 14-week study from the book "Love and Respect" by Dr. Eggeriches. Bill and Lesli Clark are facilitators of this group.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 134/36/38
We'll focus our energies on Saturdays this year. Camp Dodge still needs quilts for kids and the Honduras team will take as many quilts as we can provide, so come join us.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Jan. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
& Saturday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Discovery 101

Thursday, Jan 12-Feb. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m.
You will learn the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop your faith in God. 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.

Congregational Care

We are offering times to help individuals heal and grow this year.

Care Night

If you are hurting, grieving or needing extra support, please join us for Care Night beginning Thursday, Jan 12. at 6 p.m. After dinner, the individual support groups will meet from 6:30-8 p.m.

Marriage Built to Last

A marriage enrichment class entitled "Marriage Built to Last" will begin Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-marriage Class

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must attend a six-week marriage class. The next class will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University

We will host another Financial Peace University starting Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
For more details - check out the Congregational Care page on our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com).

LWML

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th St., Des Moines.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joan Kickbush, 13942 Oak Brook Dr., Urbandale.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Freedom For Youth Ministries to clean the kitchen.

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.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Jan. 8: Join us for discussion on "Dependence on God."

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us on Jan. 11, 2012 as we discuss the theme "Relate." Our next four weeks will focus on how to relate to our parents, family, friends and the less fortunate.

Training Ground - Sunday, Jan. 8, 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.).

We begin a series called "Life hurts...God heals" during Training Ground starting Feb. 12. We've all had hurts in life, and this series will help us get through these times as we see how God heals us.

Dinner theater rehearsals

Dinner theater casting and rehearsals will begin January 8, 2012 from noon to 2 p.m. Open to all 6-12 graders and adults. We are looking for actors, directors, set designers, etc. Contact TK today. Performance dates are April 13, 14 and 15.

Junior high (6-8)

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

Jan. 8: Join us for discussion on "Dependence on God."

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics. Starts Jan. 11, 2012.

Junior High Café 923

Friday, Jan. 13 from 6-9 p.m.

Come hang out, have a good time, eat, play games and bring your friends! Pizza \$1 per slice; soda 50 cents a can.

30-Hour Famine

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012

Join us this Wednesday during the opening for the 30-hour famine kick off.

BoyZ of Faith

Sunday, Jan. 8 from 6-7:15 p.m.

BoyZ of Faith is a group just for boys in grades 4 and 5. Boys will meet the first Sunday of the month from 6-7:15 p.m. for Bible study, snacks, a hands-on project and a whole lot of fun!

The Wave

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 from 3-5 p.m.

Urbandale Swimming Pool. We're going swimming! Grab your friends and jump in! Cost is \$3 per person to swim. We'll meet at the pool.

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 child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

Jan. 11: Taco/Enchilada

Remembering My Baptism (1st Grade)

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 from 4-5 p.m.

All first graders and a parent are invited to build a faith chest to take home. We'll talk about our baptism and be reminded of what it means to be "squeaky clean through Jesus Christ!" Cost is \$40 per family. Registration required by going to the children's page on our Web site.

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.

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.

Week of January 7-14, 2012

Saturday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 407
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 4:00 p.m. Remembering My Baptism First Grade Event
- 6:00 p.m. BoyZ of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, January 9

- 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. Mount Olive Basketball Game
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Worship (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	156	109
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	199	185
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	178	108
Total	533	402

Tuesday, January 10

- 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. Premarriage Class
- 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, January 11

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Associate of Adoption Agencies
- 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 12

- 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. Mount Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

- 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
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 25-31)	
General Fund Offerings	\$116,379
2nd QTD Offering	\$516,215
2nd QTD Budget	\$555,000

Week of January 14-21, 2012

Saturday, January 14

- 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
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 15

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, January 16

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 3:00 p.m. Mount Olive Basketball Game
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, January 17

- 10:00 a.m. Lutheran Teachers' Conference Committee 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. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child

Tuesday, January 17 (Continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 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 18

- 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 19

- 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. Mount Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 20

- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat-The Lord's Prayer

Saturday, January 21

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

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 Vitamins and Prenatal Vitamins. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

Give Care - Warmth - Art - Monday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Urbandale Food Pantry will be collecting items at the Urbandale Public Library. Please bring food, monetary gifts and new items, such as personal care items, new winter scarves, hats, gloves and baby blankets.

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

All educational times resume Jan. 7-8, 2012. 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 - 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

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

Education times

All educational times resume Jan. 7-8, 2012.

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.