

## Be Strong and Courageous

Ever feel faint at heart? Ever think you do not have what it takes to get the job done? Well you are not alone. Joshua faced a great challenge—to help lead the Israelites through the grief of their beloved leader, Moses, into the promised land. The task would be too much if it were not for the incredible promises that God spoke to Joshua after Moses' death. Let's listen to a few of them:

*“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.”*

*“No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

*“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous.*

*Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.*

*Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

Joshua 1:2, 1:5, 1:6-9

Incredible promises, don't you think? So incredible, that it is easy to forget the situation that Joshua was facing—moving a group of people to another place, who have had a history of going in circles (not to mention all the other baggage they carried). It appears Joshua also forgot the humongous task in front of him when he started to listen, believe and act on God's promises. Maybe we should follow Joshua's lead.

In the next seven weeks, we will learn a lot from this man Joshua. We will look at internal obstacles, overcoming past decisions, getting past Jordan, tearing down walls, returning to the source of our strength, living with choices and choosing our God. So, relax and journey with us this summer as we look at God working with Joshua.

## Discussion Guides

Beginning the weekend of July 7-8 the discussion guides for the weekly message will be available at the back of the worship area on the tables. You can pick one up on your way into church. They will not be inserted in the Weekly Word.

## School Supplies

Freedom for Youth Ministry has extended the date for the back-to-school supplies until July 8.

Gloria Dei has committed to provide 300 complete school supply packages.

## Summer VBS

Grab your children and your neighbors to attend this Wednesday's VBS.

See page 5 for more details.

## Welcome New Members

We are thankful for our newest members, so take some time to get to know them.

See page 4.

# Aurora Campus Improvements Updates

We are gearing up for a summer full of change as we proceed with the Aurora Campus Improvements Plan. We are thankful for the generosity of our congregation as they continue to contribute to this plan. As major benchmarks are met, we will keep you informed. Please continue to keep the entire process in your prayers.



We have purposely set out to ensure that there is minimum interruption to

the church during the summer months. At times, certain entrances or hallways may not always be accessible, but worship in both locations as well as other ministry offerings should be available.

If you have questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700.

## Gloria Dei received an Energy Star certificate

Gloria Dei has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA. This makes us the first church in Iowa and just the 25th in the U.S. to achieve such a designation.

Some of our efforts include efficient lighting in the center wing, programmable thermostats in the center wing, Narthex and Sanctuary, auto-flushing toilets, and new shades in the center wings.

"We are pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR certification in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts, which were mainly coordinated by Brandon Simpson," said Bill Jesse, Executive Director. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide.

"From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA's ENERGY STAR," said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Certification.

## Scrapbook Fellowship

**Friday, July 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, July 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Come and go as you can; we love new faces. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, July 11 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

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Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Book Club

**Wednesday, July 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room**

July's read: "The Note" by Angela Elwell Hunt. When the unthinkable happens . . . Enroute from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Tampa International, Flight 848 bursts into flames and crashes into Tampa Bay. All 261 passengers and crew are killed. For one week, newspaper columnist Peyton MacGruder covers one of the nation's worst air disasters in years with overwhelming and numbed emotions. Then Peyton is given a bag with a note in it, which changes everything.

## Singer and songwriter meeting

**Sunday, July 29 from 5-6 p.m.** In order to experience the power of community and support, we will provide musicians with an opportunity to share and improve their playing, singing and writing abilities in a positive, creative and supportive environment. All levels of musicians, singers, songwriters, poets, story-tellers and artists are invited to share in the experience. Here is all you need: bring something you would like to work on. For example, bring your instrument with the idea of singing a favorite song, singing one you have written, reading your song lyrics or poem, or just playing a few cords. If you have questions, please contact Stan Greenwood at 255-0219.

## Bell Choir

Gloria Dei is in need of a qualified individual to direct the Bell Choir. If you are interested, please email Steve Kowbel at [skowbel@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:skowbel@gloriadeionline.com).

## Mark your calendar - pool party

**Sunday, July 22 from 5-7 p.m.** The children and youth ministries have rented the indoor and outdoor pools at the Urbandale Swimming Pool for an evening of fun. And its free! Invite your family, invite your neighbors!

## Quilting update

We're waiting until August to take quilts to Camp Dodge, so you have time to finish up a couple quilts—any size or pattern. These are for children, so the fabrics can be especially fun. Join us Saturday, July 14 in rooms 134/36/38 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or whatever part of the day you can. Contact Karen Hoff at 278-6655 or [karenhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:karenhoff@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## 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

- Stan Knapp
- Shirley Kramer
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Emma Anderson
- Mary Kuefner
- Vicki Giesselmann

## And for:

- The grieving family of Jim Scarr, brother of Janet Tysee
- Our military
- Peyton Post, born prematurely at 26 weeks and is doing well
- Honduras mission team

## Prayer ministry

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

### Servers

#### Officiant/Liturgist:

**5:30 p.m. (FLC):**  
Ron Burcham

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

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

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

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

**Preacher**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

#### Organ

Jennette Morrison

#### Acolyte

**9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Elizabeth Pals

**10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Grant Reinert

Scripture verses:  
Joshua 1:1-11 and  
Hebrews 11:1-3 NIV

#### Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)  
Team One

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

**9 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Five

**10:30 a.m. (FLC)**  
TBD

**10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team One

## Welcome New Members!

*Welcome! We are glad that you are with us! We pray your experience at Gloria Dei will be a growth catalyst for your life.*



Jacob and Holli Barthel  
(Maximus not pictured)



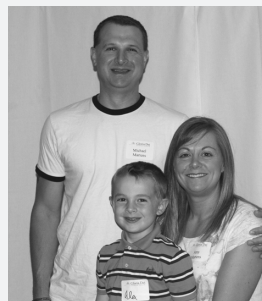
Chris Bedford



Cory and Megan Berner  
(Owen not pictured)



Curtis Collicott and  
Amanda Jennings



Michael and Amy  
and Alex Martens



Cheryl McCauley  
(Braden not pictured)

## LWML recycling project

Do something good for the environment and help the LWML raise funds for its 2015 National Convention, which will be held in Des Moines. All members are invited to bring the following recyclable items during the months of July and October and place them in the tub located in the Narthex:

- Game consoles (include accessories and attached cords)
- Inkjet, toner and laser cartridges (virgin)
- Cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players, iPods, pagers
- Laptops, scientific and graphic calculators
- GPS systems, digital cameras, phone batteries, movie DVDs

We will not accept the following: toner bottles, fax film, any print cartridge without a metal print head (i.e., Epson and Canon), refilled or remanufactured cartridges, cordless land-line phones and bag cell phones.

The LWML will collect and redeem the items for cash to pay for convention expenses. If you have questions, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.



## Senior Adult Ministry

You're invited to a "Music and Wellness" program on Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m.

Sing along, relax and enjoy fun and fellowship. The event will be held in the Family Life Center, with organ music provided by Critchett's. Light refreshments are planned. All are welcome. Bring your friends.



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

### Summer Castaway

Summer Castaway meets on Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

**July 8:** Lessons from the Book of Joshua

### Mission Trip

We experienced what it means that God makes all things new by serving the community of Port Jervis along with 384 others, completing projects on 68 homes. "It was a fabulous experience," says Becky Thomas. More information next week.

### The Point

The senior high youth would like to invite the 8th graders to join us for The Point on Wednesdays.

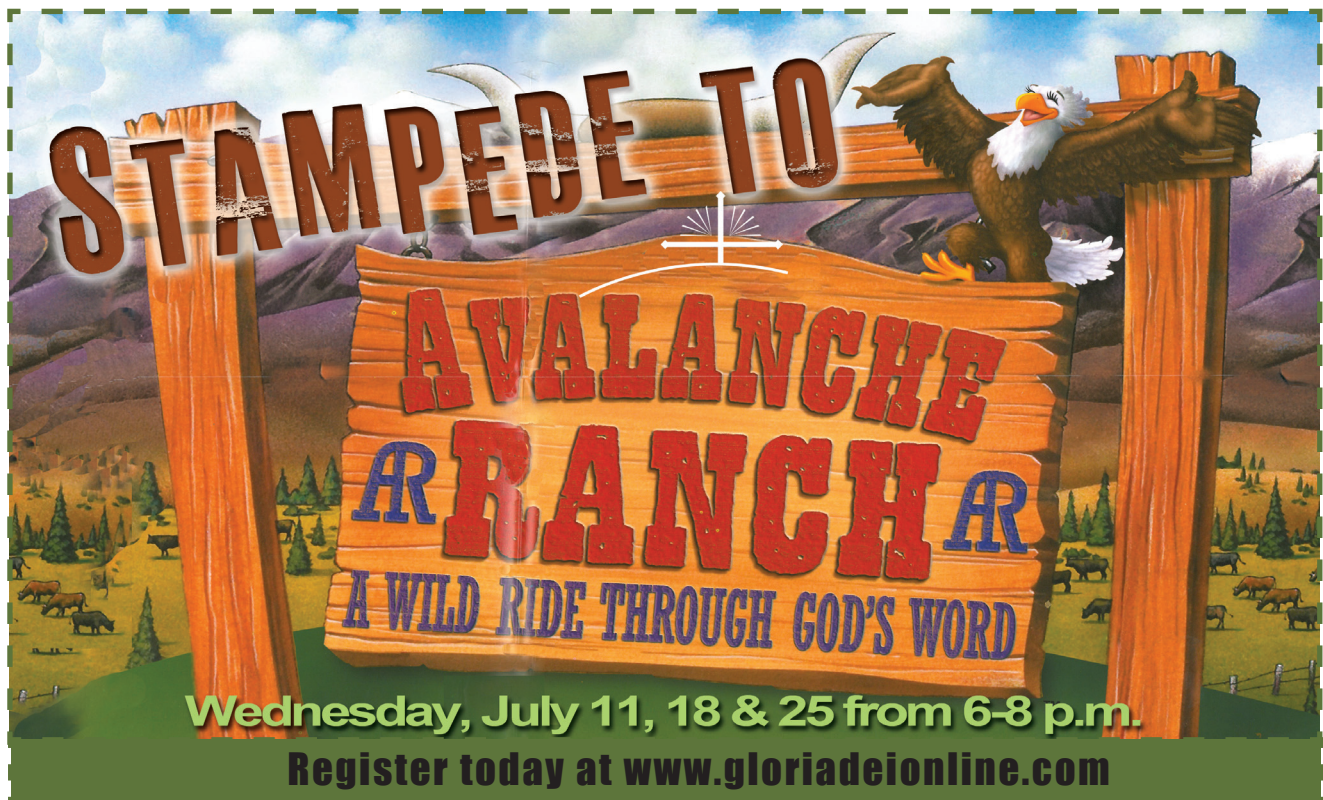
**July 11:** Help with VBS, and then go bowling at Merle Hay Lanes. It's \$1 for shoes and \$1 per game. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.

### Swimming Party

**Sunday, July 22 from 5-7 p.m.**

Invite your friends to this free pool party at Urbandale Swimming Pool.

## Come join the fun



**Wednesdays, July 11, 18 and 25 from 6-8 p.m.** Journey with Jesus this summer. Together we'll sing, pray, and play as we learn how Jesus walks with us and leads on the journey of life. VBS is for children age 3 to completed 4th Grade. VBS is free and open to everyone!

# Week of July 7-14, 2012

## Saturday, July 7

- 3:00 p.m. Ted Ford and Cara Atzeni Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, July 8

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. VBS Orientation Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:00 a.m. VBS Orientation Meeting
- 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. Summer Grace Place

## Monday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Ministry MAT
- 6:00 p.m. Faith on Target Archery Camp for Preteens
- 6:00 p.m. Getting in the Game Sports Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 7:00 p.m. National Youth Gathering Planning

## Tuesday, July 10

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Pre-bid Meeting

## Tuesday, July 10 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Faith on Target Archery Camp for Preteens
- 6:00 p.m. Getting in the Game Sports Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, July 11

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 6:00 p.m. The Point-Senior High Summer Schedule
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:30 p.m. 33 The Series - Volume 1 (off-site)

## Thursday, July 12

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camp Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers

## Friday, July 13

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Steven Shannon and Marcia Redd Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday, July 14

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Steven Shannon and Marcia Redd Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Worship (June 30-July 1)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	160	
7:45 a.m.	96	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	231	186
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	184	122
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	44	
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>308</b>

*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 July 14-21, 2012

## Saturday, July 14

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Steven Shannon and Marcia Redd Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, July 15

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 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. Summer Grace Place
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus

## Monday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. God's Princesses Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Camp
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:00 p.m. Faith on Target Archery Camp for Preteens
- 6:00 p.m. Getting in the Game Sports Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

## Tuesday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. God's Princesses Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Faith on Target Archery Camp for Preteens
- 6:00 p.m. Getting in the Game Sports Camp
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. God's Princesses Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. The Point-Senior High Summer Schedule
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School
- 7:30 p.m. 33 The Series - Volume 1 (off-site)

## Thursday, July 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. God's Princesses Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers

## Friday, July 20

No scheduled events

## Saturday, July 21

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

Outpouring of Love (June 24-30)	
General Fund Offerings	\$24,288
4th QTD Offering	\$358,727
4th QTD Budget	\$368,000

Outpouring of Love - Fiscal Year 2011-2012	
General Fund Offerings	\$ 1,593,482
Annual Budget	\$1,700,000

Outpouring of Love (July 1-7)	
General Fund Offerings	\$ 27,202
1st QTD Offering	\$27,202
1st QTD Budget	\$30,000

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

**Educational times.** 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. Sunday H3 Young Family 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.

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## Weekly Bible reading - Joshua 1:1-7 (NIV)

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."

## Educational times

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

**Summer Grace Place**  
Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.  
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

**Faith Alive**  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
Join us in the fall.

**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.