

# WEEKLY WORD

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June 23-24, 2012 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## Foundational Truths - Grace

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.* Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

In most garage sales there is always a table of assorted items. The items usually consist of old, unwanted, and outdated household wares along with old and sometimes tattered clothing. You sort through the myriad of items to find one that you cannot live without. Of course, your friends disagree about its inherent value by commenting that it is a piece of junk. But you see its worth and proudly take it home.

In many regards, we are similar to the unwanted items at a garage sale. We are tattered, stained, broken, irrelevant, out-of-date, and yet God, in his grace and mercy, reached out and rescued us from all the worldly elements to usher us into a new home.

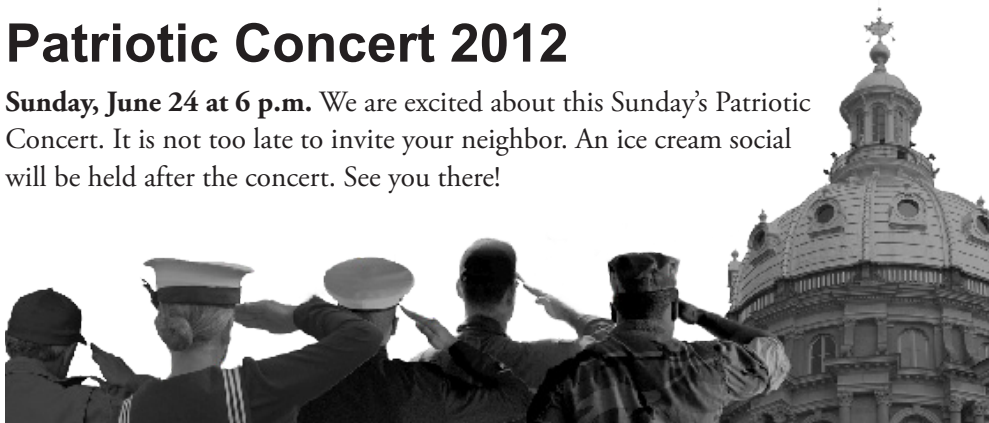
*It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.* Ephesians 2:1-6 (Message Bible)

It is by grace, through faith, that we have been saved. Our salvation cannot be earned. It is undeserved, yet graciously bestowed on us. God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross for tattered and worn-out people—you and me. We are all sinners, we are all broken and yet we have a Savior who is larger than our old man nature and our sin.

This week, we will look at another foundational truth in our Christian life—grace. Sweet, amazing grace, a grace that we don't deserve but can fully embrace and enjoy. If you want to read more, listen to some music videos on grace, please go to our blog, which can be found by clicking on the Word Press icon on the left hand column of our homepage at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Patriotic Concert 2012

**Sunday, June 24 at 6 p.m.** We are excited about this Sunday's Patriotic Concert. It is not too late to invite your neighbor. An ice cream social will be held after the concert. See you there!



## Public WiFi

You can connect to Gloria Dei's public WiFi. Just turn on your devices, and search for [gdlcpublictwo](http://gdlcpublictwo). When prompted put in the password: **GDLC2012**. Enjoy!

## 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. To date, we have 42, so we need more families to adopt this project.

Enclosed in the Weekly Word is a complete list. Thanks for your help as we extend our hand to those in need.

## Mission Trip

The youth are heading for New York to help on construction projects.

To read more about their trip, see page 4.

## Summer Grace Place

Summer Grace Place will not meet June 30 and July 1.

# 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. To date, we have received \$553,497 in pledges and have received the approval at the Annual Meeting for a line of credit based on the pledges received.



With all those details finalized, the Facilities MAT, Greg Cushing, member; Brandon Simpson, Facilities Manager, Bill Jesse, Executive

Director; and Tim Olson, Architect have been busy creating a process and a timeline to complete the Aurora Campus Improvements projects.

“We are very excited to begin the work,” said Bill Jesse. “We feel privileged to take care of this beautiful facility that God has given to us. God is at work here, and it’s all about glorifying him.”

In all their planning, the Facility MAT has 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. The following, further describes the scope of the projects.

## Building maintenance project overview

This portion of the plan is directed by the architect, Tim Olson, Big Creek Design Group, and includes the following projects:

- Sanctuary Pitched Roof**– Asphalt shingles on the pitched roof
- EIFS** – Replace the EIFS material with brick that matches our current facility
- Flat roof** – To replace the flat roof with new roofing material
- Tuck-pointing** – This includes masonry cleaning and tuck pointing

On June 15, the Facility MAT met with Tim Olson, to review the plans and to establish the tentative work schedule; the sending, receiving and granting of bids by July 17; a start date by August 1; and a projected completion date by Sept. 28.

- 6/26/12 Bid documents printed and distributed to contractors
- 7/17/12 Bids received
- 7/17/12 Qualify low bids, award projects
- 7/19/12 Site coordination of successful contractor bids
- 8/1/12 Projected construction start for asphalt shingles on the pitched Sanctuary roof
- 8/1/12 Projected construction start for EIFS removal and masonry replacement on the FLC and the L wing
- 8/24/12 Projected construction start for the flat Sanctuary roof
- 9/4/12 Projected construction start for the tuck pointing project

## Remodeling projects overview

Simultaneously, remodeling projects will begin as soon as projects are bid and approved with the targeted completion date of our fall launch on Sept. 8-9. All of these projects will be directed by the Facility MAT.

- Carpeting of the center wing and Gathering Place**
- Center wing walls** – Refurbishing the movable walls and painting the permanent walls
- FLC Upgrades** – Mounting speakers from the ceiling and adding two additional screens
- Office carpeting**
- Sidewalk repair**

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# Aurora Campus Improvements Updates (continued from page 2)

## Grounds Maintenance

Toward the end of all of the construction projects, the Facility MAT will oversee the ground maintenance work with the goal of finishing by mid fall.

- Sealcoat parking lot**
- Re-stripe parking lot**
- Curb repair**

As you can see, we have a lot of work to accomplish in a short amount of time. But we are excited, thankful as God continues to allow us to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Jesse at 276-1700.

## Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers, flowers, visits, phone calls and beautiful cards during my hospital stay. ~ Bev Haase

## Fire Department Survey

The Urbandale Fire Department is conducting research on the current level of preparedness of residents in the event of high winds/tornados. If you have not received a questionnaire, please pick one up at the Welcome Center. When you have completed the questionnaire, bring it to church and place it in the box located by the Welcome Center in the Narthex no later than Monday, July 9. The questionnaire can also be emailed to [jrech@urbandale.org](mailto:jrech@urbandale.org) or faxed to 515-278-3972. ~ Thank you! Jon Rech, Fire Marshal, Urbandale Fire Department

## 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
- Steve Crouthamel
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Tim Anderson
- Emma Anderson
- Mary Keufner
- Vicki Giesselmann
- For our youth serving on the mission trip

## And for:

- Our military
- Peyton Post born prematurely at 26 weeks and is doing well
- Iowa District West Convention

## 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

<p><b>Officiant/Liturgist:</b>  <b>5:30 p.m. (FLC):</b>                  Rev. Phil Robarge</p> <p><b>7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p> <p><b>9 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (FLC):</b>                  Rev. Tim Phillips</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b>                  Rev. Phil Robarge</p>	<p><b>Preacher</b>                  Rev. Phil Robarge</p> <p><b>Organ</b>                  Lynn Hays</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b>                  7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)                  Trenton Meyeraan</p>	<p><b>Hospitality Teams</b>                  Northwind (FLC)                  Team Three</p> <p><b>7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b>                  Team Three</p> <p><b>9 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b>                  Team Three</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (FLC)</b>                  TBD</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b>                  Team Three</p>
<p><b>Scripture verses:</b>                  Ephesians 2:8-10 and                  Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)</p>		



## Tiny Treasures' kindergarten class

We are in the preliminary stages of offering a half-day kindergarten class at Tiny Treasures. If we have a class size of 10, we will pursue it further. If you know a family who would benefit from a half-day kindergarten class, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## 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 and her fellow reporters cover 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.

## Arts and Craft Show

The 20th Annual Gloria Dei Arts and Craft Show sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360, or check out the link at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Youth Mission Trip



*by Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry*

We are excited to find out what God has planned for us to do as we serve him with our hands and feet. Our group of 23 will be traveling to Port Jervis, New York to join forces with 400 other teens and adults from the United States and possibly Canada. We will travel in three 15-passenger vans, driving 20 hours each way while taking sleeping gear and tools that will help us complete the projects that we will be assigned to do.

We will break into work crews of six people (none of which we have met before) to begin work on a house in the community. As a group, we will complete work on approximately 75 different houses in the week. Some of the projects our team will be working on include painting an entire house, constructing a wheelchair ramp, re-building a porch, winterizing homes, re-roofing a house or other projects that the residents will need to have done.

We will stay at a local school (hopefully air conditioned) while at the camp. Air mattresses, sleeping bags and/or cots will be our bedding for the week as we share room accommodations with another group or two that we have joined forces with. Each day we pack our lunches, make sure our tools are ready and prepare for the work that we will be doing.

Our group would like to thank you for your prayers, financial support and encouraging words. We are ready to go and "be Jesus with skin on" to those in the Port Jervis community. One of the cool things that happens after these trips is the change of perspective our group has. We don't leave the mission in Port Jervis, we bring it back with us so we can live it out here in our own community and church.

The youth and adults attending the mission trip to Port Jervis, New York, June 22 to July 2 were commissioned on Sunday, June 17. Youth attending are Noah Chalfant, Calvin Corell, Jamison Dierenfield, Jonas Dierenfield, Ryan Dueker, Grant Ganzer, Kara Ganzer, Rae Gathercole, Brian Gilg, Emma Griffiths, Sam Hainline, Carly Kinning, Natalie Larimer, Jackson Larson, Betsy Schmidt, Jacob Thomas, Danielle Wright. Adults attending are Tim Kightlinger, Beth Corell, Julie Dueker, Becky Thomas, Craig Van Thournout and Patty Wright.



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

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### Summer Castaway

Summer Castaway meets on Sundays at 9:20 a.m. Learn what it means to be a follower of Christ. This time is open to all students in grades 6-12!

**Topic:** Grace

### Mission Trip

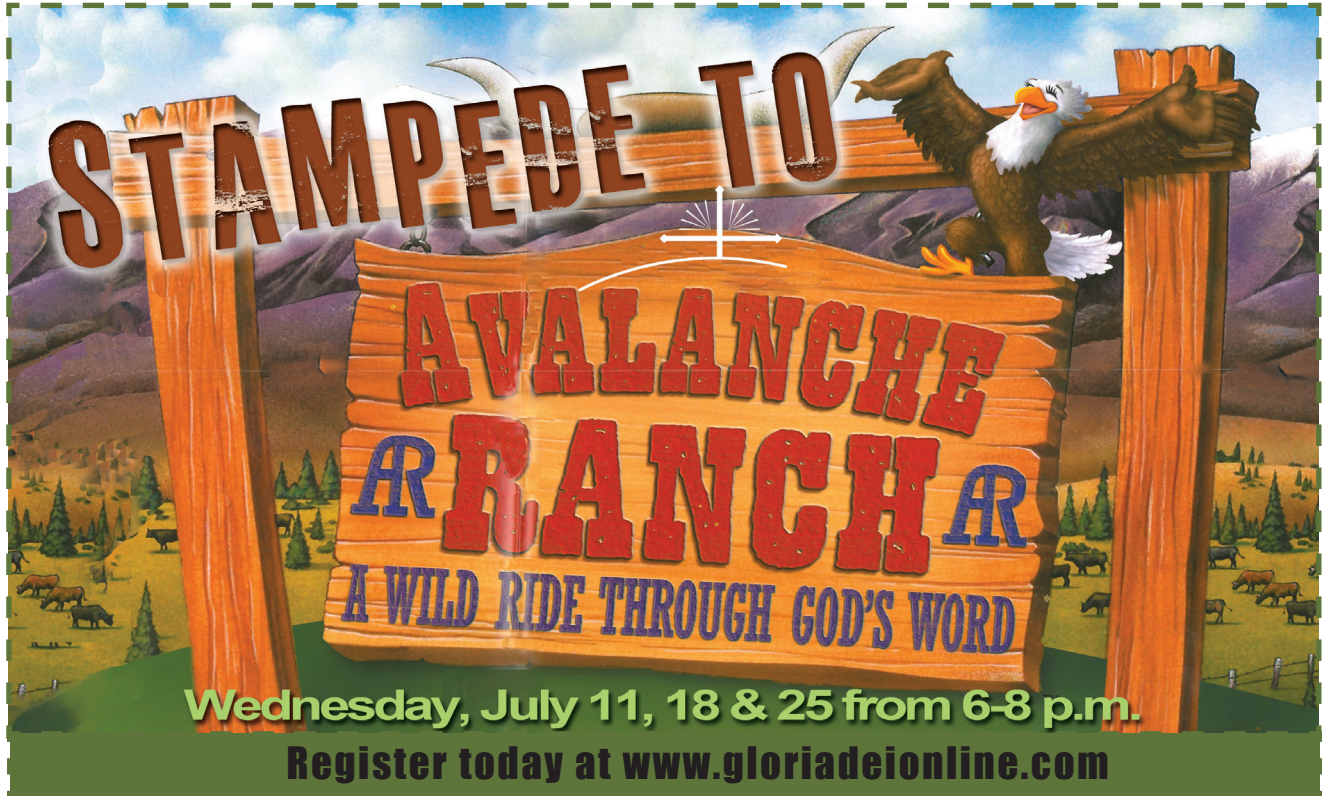
Our youth are on their mission trip to Port Jervis, New York this week and will return on July 2. Please keep them in your prayers.

### The Point

The senior high youth would like to invite the 8th graders to join us for The Point on Wednesdays. The Point will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in June for teaching and interactive discussions.

**June 27 - Topic:** How is Jesus different from Mohammed or Buddha?

## 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 June 23-30, 2012

## Saturday, June 23

- Youth Summer Mission Team Leaves
- 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Mark Brouillette and Rachel Bottjen Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, June 24

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert

## Monday, June 25

- 8:00 a.m. Honduras Trunk Packing
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 5:00 p.m. HyVee Orientation
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections

## Tuesday, June 26

- 8:00 a.m. HyVee Orientation
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. HyVee Orientation
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, June 27

- 5:00 p.m. VBS Musician Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 7:30 p.m. 33 The Series - Volume 1 (Off-site)

## Thursday, June 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, June 29

No Events Planned

## Saturday, June 30

- 8:00 a.m. HyVee Orientation
- 12:00 p.m. Godfrey Bridal Shower
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

Worship (June 16-17)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	141	
7:45 a.m.	98	92
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	290	242
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	152	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	57	
<b>Total</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>334</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*

Outpouring of Love (June 9-16)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,626
4th QTD Offering	\$315,915
4th QTD Budget	\$328,000

Outpouring of Love (June 16-23)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,524
4th QTD Offering	\$334,439
4th QTD Budget	\$348,000



# Week of June 30-July 7, 2012

## Saturday, June 30

- 8:00 a.m. HyVee Orientation
- 12:00 p.m. Godfrey Bridal Shower
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

## Sunday, July 1

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center

## Monday, July 2

- 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 Supervision

## Tuesday, July 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, July 4

Office Closed

## Thursday, July 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, July 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Ted Ford and Cara Atzeni Wedding Rehearsal

## 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

## Urbandale Food Pantry - July donations

Consider donating kleenex and paper towels in July to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	8	9	7
Elementary	16	12	18
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>

# 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 - Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

## Education 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.