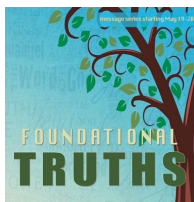




## Foundational Truths - Holy Trinity



Even before the world began, God existed and was relational in himself. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit neither had a beginning nor an end. The Trinity has been and always will be a mystery to believers, but it doesn't mean that we can't spend time exploring and learning about it. The doctrine of the Trinity is relevant to Christian life and practice—it is the reason for a believer to live a life of faith.

## 30 Hour Famine

**Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9** - Out of a deep desire to bring the reality of children living in other cultures to our youth, ministry partner Kim Phillips has headed up the 30 Hour Famine at Gloria Dei for eight years, raising awareness as well as more than \$72,500 to help fight world poverty.

"My heart is to go back to the basics, take away some of the comforts that the youth enjoy daily, so that they will begin to see the plight of those in other countries," says Kim. "It's an



eye-opener for them (and for me) to realize that children in third-world countries do not have what we have at our fingertips. It is exciting to see how the famine is oftentimes a catalyst for how they serve in the future."

The famine began Friday, at 12:30 p.m. when 30 youth, ages 12 and older, committed to abstain from food for 30 hours. At 6 p.m., they met at church (all personal technology devices are banned) to learn about five different countries through interactive

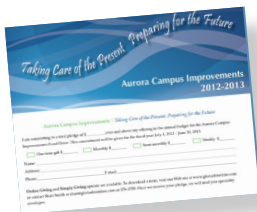
*Today after worship, the youth will be in the Narthex and the Family Life Center collecting money to help the children in Kenya, Sudan and Ethiopia. All funds received will be matched (four times) by a governmental grant. Thank you for your support!*

activities. A Bible study followed highlighting the hardships of children throughout the world. To end the evening, they burned off energy at Sports Flex. They partnered with Joppa Outreach on Saturday morning to clean up the homeless camps in Des Moines and spent the afternoon collecting can goods from the Urbandale neighborhoods for Freedom for Youth Ministries.

As you see the youth today, please pray and encourage them in their endeavors to serve our Lord by serving his people around the world.

## Aurora Campus Improvements Updates

**Commitment Cards** - If you were unable to return your pledge last weekend, it is not too late to do so. Please prayerfully consider what you will be able to contribute above and beyond your annual giving. Additional commitment cards can be picked up at the Welcome Centers and returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate.



**Pledges to-date:** \$521,980  
**Our goal:** \$1,000,000

## Annual Meeting

**Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m.**

Attend the Annual Meeting where the proposed budget will be voted on and Governing Board members will be elected

See page 2.

## Discovery 201

**Sunday, June 10 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center**

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event.

## School supplies

**Deadline is quickly approaching.**

All items need to be returned by June 17.

Please pick up a supply list at the display in the Narthex.

See page 2.

## Patriotic Concert

**Sunday, June 24 at 6 p.m.**

Enclosed in the Weekly Word is a postcard that can be used as an invitation for a friend or neighbor.

## Youth

The youth are heading to Adventureland June 20.

Want to join the fun? See page 5.

## Annual Meeting

**Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Join us at the Annual Meeting where the proposed budget will be voted on and Governing Board members will be elected. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting, but only members who are 18 and older will be able to vote. The agenda is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of minutes - June 2011 Annual Meeting
3. Gloria Dei Foundation report and election of Board members
4. Election of new Governing Board members
5. Resolution for short-term line of credit
6. Approval of 2012-2013 budget
7. Adjournment

## Help a child - school supplies

**Deadline June 17!** Freedom for Youth Ministries is working in conjunction with Polk County Health Dept. to continue the back-to-school health fair for inner-city children at East High School on July 18. Pick up a school supply list at the display in the Narthex. **Please purchase the items and return them to the Narthex by June 17.** If you would like to help with the health fair, please contact Lori Martin at 979-5907 or Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

## Governing Board candidates

The following candidates will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Lorrie Graaf

Lorrie and her husband, Dave have been married for 39 years, and have two adult children, Adam and Rachel. Lorrie is employed by the American Cancer Society. She enjoys gardening and reading. She is involved in a small group, Women's Bible Connections, LWML Circle and is a representative to Operation Barnabas. She has previously served on the Governing Board, taught children during midweek and Sunday's educational times.



**Why serve on the Governing Board?** "I believe God has blessed me with leadership skills and abilities that I can use to serve him and the members of Gloria Dei."

### Jason Hoffman

Jason and Tina Hoffman have been married for 14 years and have two children, Noah, 12 and Jonah, 8. Jason is employed by Performance Foodservice. His free time is filled with family and church activities which he thoroughly enjoys. Jason is running for his second three-year term on the Governing Board and has been a member of Gloria Dei for six years. In addition to the Governing Board, Jason has served on a hospitality team, participated in music ministry, Ministry Action Teams, men's Bible study and in a small group.



**Why serve on the Governing Board?** "It is a great opportunity to help shape the future of the ministry. We are at an exciting time in the church's history, and what we do now is going to greatly impact the Lord's work in our community and beyond long into the future."

### Mark Kramer

Mark and Cathy Kramer have been married for 15 years and have three children, Danny, 12, Andy, 11 and Abby, 8. Mark manages the Trading Operations staff in the Capital Markets area of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He enjoys biking, running, boating, hiking, coaching baseball, golfing and the Chicago Cubs. Mark is running for his second three-year term on the Governing Board and has been a member of Gloria Dei for 16 years serving as an offering counter, midweek helper, assisting with a small group MAT, is a member of a hospitality team, and the Honduras mission trip.



**Why serve on the Governing Board?** "I want to help ensure that Gloria Dei continues to be a place that people in all stages of their faith life can call home, by giving those strong in faith, weak in faith, new in faith, or challenged in faith, opportunities to worship and grow closer to Jesus Christ."

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 10 are provided by Jim and Barb Miles in honor of Barb's father.

## Thank you notes

The family of Ed Mautz would like to thank all of you, our congregation, for your prayers, calls and outpouring of love during Ed's illness. Some knew him better than others, but your prayers never stopped right on through eternity with God. Pastor Tim is a positive, caring person and his visits with Ed will always be remembered. Thank you to Pastor Burcham, Pastor Robarge and all of the staff for always asking about Ed and praying for him. With much appreciation ~ Connie, Andrea, Paula, Steve and our five grandchildren

I was deeply honored and humbled by the reception given by the Governing Board last weekend. I wish to thank all of you for your support and partnership in the ministry that God has given us here at Gloria Dei. I was deeply moved as I looked out over the congregation and I saw your faces and realized that you have invited me into your lives. Sometimes it was moments of joy, other times it was a time of deep distress, but each time it was an opportunity to look to our God in either praise or prayer.

20 years is a long time, but it has not seemed long because we have always been moving ahead with our ministry. From the first day that I came to Gloria Dei, there has always been a new challenge, a new ministry, and a new way to reach out with the love of Jesus. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this great place we call Gloria Dei.

Thank you also for the contributions to the Urbandale Food Pantry. I greatly appreciate the support that our congregation has given to this important need in our community and I equally appreciate the contributions that were made in my name.

I pray daily that God would lead me so that I may continue to lead this congregation in the direction that he would have us go. I am certain that he has many more plans for us as we seek to bring Jesus to people for the first time and for a lifetime. ~ In Christ, Pastor Burcham

### Servers

#### Officiant/Liturgist:

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

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

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

#### Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

#### Organ

Sue Jesse

#### Acolytes

9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Ezra Halter

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

**Scripture verses:**  
John 3:1-17, Acts 2:14a,  
22-36 & Isaiah 6:1-8  
(NIV)

#### Hospitality Teams

**Northwind (FLC)**  
Team One

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

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

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

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

## 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

- Tim and Julia Kightlinger who celebrated their anniversary May 31
- Addison Blythe who completed all her chemo treatments and is now cancer free
- For our youth
- For our new members

## For the health of:

- Stan Knapp
- Bev Haase
- Steve Crouthamel
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Tim Anderson
- Alice Wegner
- Emma Anderson
- Unborn infant Peyton Post
- Hayley and Braden Cooper
- Mary Keufner

### And for:

- Our country

## 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.



## Quilting updates

**Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m.**

Ready for a change of pace? Rather than bringing your projects on June 16, just bring yourself. We are going to visit a couple of quilt shops and have lunch without the whirl of sewing machines. Meet at the church at 10 a.m., so we can travel together. We'll start with a shop in Ankeny and then check out the one in Ames. For questions please contact Karen Hoff at 278-6655 or Karenhoff@hotmail.com.

## Scrapbook fellowship

**Friday, June 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, June 16 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, June 13 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## 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). Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. We are excited about our 20th annual show, and appreciate all the support from the members of Gloria Dei.

## Calling members - mentoring opportunity

The Senior Adult Ministry has formed a new member mentoring program. It is designed for both new (mentees) and existing members (mentors). Its purpose is to provide a welcoming, beneficial and thoughtful connection to individuals and families joining Gloria Dei; and to provide current Gloria Dei members a God-pleasing opportunity to help assimilate new individuals into the family of Gloria Dei.

All are welcome to join us! In fact, in order for this opportunity to be successful, we need individuals of all ages. So, if you are familiar with Gloria Dei and would feel comfortable connecting with new members, then contact Pastor Boesch at [dboesch@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:dboesch@gloriadeionline.com) or Barb Miles at 251-7939, or sign up in the Narthex.

## Summer Session 33 Series

**Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at OverTime. It is not too late to join!** The 33



Series is based on a DVD series that concentrates on the qualities of Jesus, who lived for 33 years. The DVD presentations as well as discussion will help to encourage men to live like Jesus to their families, work and community. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. If you have any questions, contact [BillClark@mchsi.com](mailto:BillClark@mchsi.com).

## Sign up to help Habitat for Humanity

**Friday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Gloria Dei has designated Friday, June 22 to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity by building a house for a family who emigrated from Baghdad, Iraq. We need 15 ministry partners to work on the house (no experience is necessary) as well as individuals to provide, prepare and serve lunch for all the workers. If interested, please register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). If you have any questions, call Bill Clark at 491-8543.

## Patriotic Concert 2012

We are going indoors this year! That's right and we are doing it in style and close to home. Mark your calendar to attend the Patriotic Concert on Sunday, June 24 at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Urbandale High School. The concert will consist of musical selections from our community-wide orchestra, choir and children's choir. An ice-cream social will be held after the concert. Invite your neighbors!

Setup and tear-down crews are needed; for more information, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).





## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

### Adventureland

Junior and senior high youth and friends are invited to join us Wednesday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for some good times. Cost is \$21, plus food, games and souvenir money. Sign up and pay by June 13.

### 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!

### 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 13 - 6-9 p.m.** Pool Party! Meet at Collin Jones' house located at 9609 Wickham Drive, Johnston. If you need help with directions call 249-8910. Please bring your own towel. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Please sign up so we know how many will be coming! Pick up by 9 p.m. Topic: What's right? Evolution or Creation

**June 20** - Topic: How is Jesus different from Mohammed or Buddha

## Reaching out to Honduras

The team from Gloria Dei is eagerly preparing for the trip to Honduras from June 30-July 7. The team consists of Gary Wasko, Christine Wasko, Tim Phillips, Ashlynn Boerhave (non-member from South Dakota), Taylor Bergman (non-member, Bill Clark's nephew) and Bill Clark.

They plan to help with evangelism, children's ministry and provide general medical, dental and pharmaceutical services to those in Honduras.

In the last year, many individuals from Gloria Dei have come alongside to support this trip: The sixth grade girls made blankets on May 20; Gloria Dei Quilters created many beautiful quilts (check out the Narthex); individuals gave eye glasses, vitamins and other medical items, and many financial donations were received to purchase Spanish Bibles.

Thank you for your support, and please pray for this team as they reach out to our brothers and sisters in Honduras.



(left) The sixth grade girls made blankets for the children in Honduras.  
(right) The beautiful quilts are displayed in the Narthex.

## Tiny Treasures kindergarten class

Last week, The Des Moines Register, Urbandale edition, published an article on Tiny Treasures' picnic and the half-day kindergarten class. Although we are thankful for their time and effort in publishing this article, the article implied that the kindergarten class was going to happen. When in



Micah Morton, draws with sidewalk chalk. Photo courtesy of the Des Moines Register

truth, certain benchmarks such as, a class size of 10, need to be met before it becomes a reality. Currently, we have six students who are interested and have been informed that the kindergarten program may not happen unless we reach certain checkpoints. Our intent is to provide our families with a kindergarten class that reflects excellence and good stewardship. We will make a final decision by July 1.

Meanwhile, if you know a family who would benefit from a half-day kindergarten class, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

# Week of June 9-16, 2012

## Saturday, June 9

- 12:00 a.m. 30 Hour Famine
- 3:00 p.m. Tyler Abels and Laura Hoffman Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, June 10

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. 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
- 1:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201

## Monday, June 11

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections

## Tuesday, June 12

- 10:00 a.m. Hy-Vee Hiring Fair
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon Bible study
- 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, June 13

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Ministry MAT meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Hy-Vee Hiring Fair
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. 33 The Series - Volume 1 (Off-site)

## Thursday, June 14

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

## Friday, June 15

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Christopher Warwick and Megan Eggerss Rehearsal

## Saturday, June 16

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters (off-site)
- 4:00 p.m. Christopher Warwick and Megan Eggerss Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## An evening at Blank Park Zoo for Thrivent Members

Sunday, June 24 from 5-8 p.m.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will hold a free event to celebrate the new Two Rivers Chapter of Thrivent Financial at Blank Park Zoo. Train rides, animals, and food will be in the mix. Reservations are required by June 10 by going to [www.thrivent.com/findanevent](http://www.thrivent.com/findanevent) or calling 255-1525.

Worship (June 2-3)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	169	
7:45 a.m.	131	114
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	251	169
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	222	157
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	74	
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>440</b>

Outpouring of Love (June 2-9)	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,210
4th QTD Offering	\$279,289
4th QTD Budget	\$298,000

# Week of June 16-23, 2012

## Saturday, June 16

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters (off-site)
- 4:00 p.m. Christopher Warwick and Megan Eggerss Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, June 17

- 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. 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, June 18

- 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, June 19

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting

## Tuesday, June 19 (Continued)

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon Bible study
- 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, June 20

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. 33 The Series - Volume 1 (Off-site)

## Thursday, June 21

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

## Friday, June 22

- 8:00 a.m. Thrivent Builds
- 8:00 a.m. Youth Summer Mission Trip
- 6:00 p.m. Mark Brouillette and Rachel Bottjen Rehearsal

## Saturday, June 23

- 12:00 a.m. Youth Summer Mission Trip
- 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

## Ways to help

**Urbandale Food Pantry** - Consider donating feminine hygiene products in June to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

## Star-Studded Salute

**Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** The Des Moines Symphony's "Viewing Party for Yankee Doodle Pops" will be held on Tuesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Iowa State Historical Building, Grand Terrace. The symphony has a fund raiser in conjunction with the Yankee Doodle Pops and fireworks to benefit the Des Moines Symphony and Academy. There is dinner, champagne and viewing of the concert on large screen set up for the dinner. The cost is \$65 per person and includes a parking pass, cocktail hour with a cash bar, dinner catered by Baratta's, Symphony Concert telecast, and fireworks and dessert reception. If interested, please contact Bill Van Vliete at [billvanvliete@mchsi.com](mailto:billvanvliete@mchsi.com).

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	2	8	24
Elementary	4	15	46
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>70</b>



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

**Educational time.** We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center**

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

## **7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **10:30 a.m. 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.

## **Weekly Bible reading - John 3:1- 8(NIV)**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

**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.