

Honduras Mission Trip Meeting

**Sunday, Oct. 28
12 to 1 p.m.**

An initial kick-off meeting will be held Sunday Oct. 28 at noon to determine the individuals who might be interested in attending the mission trip to Honduras from June 15-22, 2013.

All Saints Celebration

**Wednesday, Oct. 31 from
6-7 p.m.**

Join us for a family game night. We'll have snacks and games. Faith Alive will not meet, but Faith Alive meals will be served from 5-6:15 p.m. It is deli night; the cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

12 Doughs of Christmas

**Saturday, Nov. 3
9 a.m. to noon.**

This scheduled time is for families with children age 12 and under.

**Sunday, Nov. 4
1-4 p.m.**

This scheduled time is for families with children over 12 years old.

Prepare nine cookie doughs, one candy, one bar recipe and one spiced-nut recipe to take home and enjoy. Cost is \$50. Registration is required. See Elaine in the kitchen to register and to pay.

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!



God's plans

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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." Joshua 1:8

Chapter Seven: The Battle Begins

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Recently in my small group, someone prayed that God would show his power and might in a such a magnified way that, we, as believers, could not help but to talk about it. Great prayer and it led me to reflect on this section.

We certainly see God's incredible power as the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, and the other battles that followed, don't you think? Or how about the sun standing still and the moon stopping? Incredible acts by an incredible God. In some regards, God made it easy for them to respond to him because he showed his power. But how about us? Do we seek God in prayer, expecting to witness his power? This weekend we will raise our expectations as we look at Joshua's response to the battles that he faced with God by his side.

"The Story" Resources

And while we are on the topic of seeing God work in a powerful way, here are a few suggestions that may expand your boundaries and enrich your life this week.

Video of Message: Want to hear the message again? Check our Web site to watch the weekend message, which will be posted by Sunday evening.

Books: To date, we have sold more than 1,200 books, and we recently ordered more. Books can be purchased in the Narthex and Family Life Center for \$6, or during office hours M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weekly E-mail Inspiration: Need a pick-me-up during the week? These short devotions are aimed at encouraging you. If you do not receive this short devotion and would like to, please contact Karen Kennedy at karen@gloriadeionline.com.

Perspectives, Blog and Online Study: We have a gamut of resources written by several of our members and staff that will give you more insight to the weekly readings. So, check us out by clicking on the "Week Seven" link to discover more resources.

Trunk and Treat Family Event

Sunday, Oct. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m.

We are looking forward to Sunday's family event. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Awards will be given for the most creative decorations. Wear your costume (nothing scary) and come with a parent.



Awards will also be given for the most creative trunks! Each vehicle should anticipate a minimum of 150 visitors.

Free hotdogs will be available in the west parking lot. Invite your friends and neighbors!

First quarter financial update

The following financial information is for July 1 to Sept. 30, 2012.

Giving offering compared to prior year

Offering income shows an increase of \$22,638 or 6.54 percent compared to the prior year.

Jul '11 - Sept '11	Jul '12 - Sept '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
\$346,104	\$368,742	\$22,638	6.54%

Budgeted giving offering

Offering income shows a decrease of \$25,258, or 6.41 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '12 - Sept '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
\$368,742	\$394,000	(\$25,258)	-6.41%

Total income compared to prior year

Total income, which includes giving, preschool tuition, building usage fees and other small revenue items, shows an increase of \$22,192, or 5.95 percent compared to the prior year.

Jul '11 - Sept '11	Jul '12 - Sept '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
\$372,825	\$395,017	\$22,192	5.95%

Budgeted total income

Total income shows a decrease of \$23,504, or 5.62 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '12 - Sept '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
\$395,017	\$418,521	(\$23,504)	-5.62%

Expenses compared to prior year

Expenses show a decrease of \$12,911, or 3.13 percent compared to the prior year.

Jul '11 - Sept '11	Jul '12 - Sept '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
\$413,058	\$400,147	(\$12,911)	-3.13%

Budgeted expenses

Expenses show a decrease of \$48,566, or 10.82 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '12 - Sept '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
\$400,147	\$448,713	(\$48,566)	-10.82%

Additional Information

The general fund giving includes all stock offerings. Out of the \$20,000 total stock received in the first quarter, about \$15,000 is normally contributed in the second quarter of the year. Also, there were 14 Sundays in the first quarter this year compared to only 13 Sundays in the prior year. These both account for the increase in general fund giving this year. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 515-276-1700 ext. 217.

Aurora Campus Improvement pledge drive

As of Sept. 30, we had received \$603,185 in total pledges and \$364,276 in total cash for the building remodel and maintenance projects. It is still not too late to pledge or give to this important project.

United Way Contributions

Did you know that you can direct your United Way contributions to Gloria Dei? Some employers do a company match. Gloria Dei meets the guidelines for directed donations as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information, contact Shari Smith, GDLC Accounting Manager, shari@gloriadeionline.com.

You can also contact Aubrey Martinez, United Way Pledge Services Manager at amartinez@unitedwaydm.org or 515-246-6572.

Choice Dollars

Each year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans distributes a portion of outreach funds through Choice Dollars. More than \$62 million in Choice Dollars grant funds have been distributed to congregations/nonprofit organizations in 2011. The following amounts have been distributed to Gloria Dei:

2011 - \$6,286

2012 - \$6,001

Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6:15 p.m.

Mark your calendar to discuss "The Vow" by Kim and Krickett Carpenter, with Dana Wilkerson.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



L Liam Christian Grundmeier born on Sept. 17, 2012 to Craig and Lauren (nee Terlecki) Grundmeier. Liam's spiritual sponsors are Mark and Krissy Byerly, and Joel and Lindsay Ewest.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 28 are placed by Matt Corley and Kirsten Franzen in celebration of their marriage on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Artwork to be Displayed

Check out the artwork that is on display this weekend in the center wing. The masterpieces are from students of Mount Olive Lutheran School and were exhibited for the Iowa District East and West Lutheran Educator's Conference held at Gloria Dei on Oct. 25 and 26.

This work was created by Mount Olive student Hannah McCue for the Art Explorations class.



Thank You

On behalf of all of the ESL students who benefited from the wonderful gifts of clothing, bedding, and gift certificates, I would like to say a big "thank-you!" It was so kind of all of you to reach out to these students. Many were and will continue to be blessed by your kindness. Your team's generosity helps each of them to know that regardless of our sports team, we are all children of God!

Servers

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

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

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Rev. Phil Robarge

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

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher
 Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ
 Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Jade Miller

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Maddie Gregurek

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Caroline Riedinger

Scripture verses:
 Joshua 1:8-9 and
 Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams
5:30 p.m.(FLC)
 Team One

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Team One

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Team One

10 a.m. (FLC)
 TBD

11 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

- For the fall harvest
- For Matt Corley and Kirsten Franzen married on Saturday

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Kendrick Schiesl
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Christine Watson
- Stolley Schramm
- Shirley Kramer
- Don Zimmerman

And for:

- Our world
- Our nation and the upcoming elections

Prayer ministry

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

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m.

This session will help those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one or who are going through a divorce navigate through the holidays. There will be separate breakout support groups for those grieving or going through a divorce.

A meal will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Please register at gloriadeionline.com.

Freedom for Youth

We need your help! We are looking for a small group or family to provide a meal on Monday, Dec. 3 from 5-6 p.m. for approximately 60 students and tutors. The meal will be served at the Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman Rd. Des Moines. For more details, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com or sign up in the Narthex today.

LWMLCircles

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. at Gloria Dei in room 129.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4725 71st St., Urbandale.

Faith Alive Meal

**Wednesday, Oct. 31
5-6:15 p.m.**

Deli Night - Enjoy a meal. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

Go Green - Electronic Recycling

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon

We'll accept your electronic equipment for a minimal price of \$5 a car. (CRTs are an additional price.) Simply drop off your electronic equipment at Gloria Dei's parking lot.



We will lift your electronic equipment into the truck. Proceeds will go to support families of the Giving Tree.

Prices for CRT or 'tube' computer monitors and tvs are:

18" and smaller is \$10.

19-25" is \$15

26-32" is \$20

33-40" is \$25

41" and larger is \$30

Women's Bible Connections

Mondays, Nov. 12-Jan. 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. (Will not meet Dec. 3, 24, or 31.) Connect with other faith-filled women on Monday mornings and evenings. We will read "The Fitting Room: Putting On the Character of Christ" by Kelly Minter. Colossians 3:12 tells us to "clothe" ourselves in Christian virtues like forgiveness, joy, patience, compassion. If you would like to join this study and/or order a book, contact Lisa Scherer at 490-4108.

Adopt-a-Family Program

Urbandale Food Pantry is looking for sponsors who can provide a holiday meal and presents to residents in Urbandale and Windsor Heights. Last year, 147 families were adopted during Christmas. If you or your family would like to adopt a family this Christmas, please call the Urbandale Food Pantry at 251-6688.

LERT Training

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m to noon Iowa District West has immediate need for LERT-certified volunteers to respond after natural disasters. If you are interested, register online at www.idwlcms.org or contact Jill Davis at 515-576-7666. The training will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 520 N. Garfield St., Algona.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This group will concentrate on making quilts to be given to mission projects. For questions, contact: Karen Hoff at 278--6655 or karenrhoff@hotmail.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Nov. 9 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Come as your schedule allows for a fun-filled scrapbooking time. Childcare is provided by calling or texting Carol Wenndt with names and ages of children by Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Junior High (grades 6-8)

Castaway - Sundays from 9:50-10:30 a.m. and 11:20-noon in the Youth Center. Please join us in the Youth Center.

Small groups - Wednesdays from 6:45-8 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups discussing various topics.

Grades 8-12

Have you wanted to make a difference in someone's life, but didn't know what to do? Then join us for our mission trip to Racine, Wisconsin from June 15-22. See the youth bulletin board. Sign up today!

Trunk or Treat Join us on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. as we decorate trunks and give out candy to children of our congregation and our community.

Senior High Ministry (grades 9-12)

Senior High Bible study

Join us Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. as we discuss the weekend sermon topic.

The Point

Join us Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8 p.m. for praise, teaching and small group.

Winter Retreat

Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8

The title of this winter retreat is "Me and the I Am," a look at our identity. The retreat will be a time to connect and reflect on who God is in our life. It will include music, lessons, outdoor adventures, Bible studies and a lot of fun! Cost is \$30. Registration and payment deadline is Sunday, Dec. 2.

Preparing for Christmas for Our Children

It may seem a bit early to talk about Christmas, but we have been planning for months to find ways to celebrate our Lord's birth in creative and fun ways. So take a few minutes to figure out what events you and your family can attend. If you have any questions, please contact me at deann@gloriadeionline.com. See you soon! ~ DeAnn McCue, Director of Children's Ministry.

Bethlehem ADVENTure | Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2-5 p.m.

Bethlehem ADVENTure is a family experience that will help celebrate Jesus as the reason for the CHRISTmas season. Travel with shepherds as they hear from the angels, step into the stable where the animals were kept (a baby in there?), snack in the village and praise the King of Kings! Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Gingerbread Tea | Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Gingerbread Tea is a special celebration for families with children to decorate a gingerbread house and to have tea together. The cost to attend is \$35 per family, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Christmas Program | Sunday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

Join us as we are led by the children in a celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through drama and song.

Christmas Program Rehearsal | Sundays, Nov. 11-Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Program rehearsals are for all ages, 2 to 5th grade. You won't want to miss the fun! We need over 100 children! And we need parents to help with the sections, painting sets, fitting costumes, etc. Will not rehearse Nov. 25.

Christmas Program Lunch | Sundays, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 12-12:45 p.m. Join us for lunch and then stay for the Christmas program practice.

Week of October 27-November 3, 2012

Saturday, October 27

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 9:00 a.m. IDW Junior High Youth Gathering
- 3:00 p.m. Matthew Corley and Kirsten Franzen
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, October 28

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Grundmeier Baptism Dinner
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Honduras Mission Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. ICA Archery Club
- 4:00 p.m. Trunk and Treat

Monday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 30

- 10:00 a.m. Sr. Adult Ministry Action Team
- 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, October 31

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. All Saints Celebration (Family Game Night)
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume I
(off-site)

Thursday, November 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Austen Koehn and Chelsey Holtz
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 3

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 9:00 a.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 4:00 p.m. Austen Koehn and Chelsey Holtz
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

It was suggested to us to include year-to-date totals for General Fund Offerings in addition to quarter-to-date and weekly totals. We are also including the weekly general fund offering budget in the grid below. The weekly budget varies from week-to-week and is based on historical plate offering figures and Simply Giving and Online Giving recurring transactions. By reporting all totals, we hope to present the clearest picture of our giving. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 276-1700 ext. 217.

Worship (Oct. 20-21)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	165	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	109	96
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	323	223
10 a.m. (FLC)	60	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	169	114
Total	826	433

Outpouring of Love (Oct. 20-27)	
Weekly General Fund Offerings	\$30,726
Weekly General Fund Offering Budget	\$35,000
2nd QTD Offering	\$122,579
2nd QTD Budget	\$130,000
YTD Offering Total	\$477,130
YTD Offering Budget	\$504,000

Week of November 3-10, 2012

Saturday, November 3

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 9:00 a.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 4:00 p.m. Austen Koehn and Chelsey Holtz
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 4

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 1:00 p.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Monday, November 5

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 6

- 7:00 a.m. General Election
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume I
(off-site)

Thursday, November 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Esther Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, November 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, November 10

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Go Green for the Giving Tree
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Items needed

Honduras mission team needs Claritin, Tums, Maalox, Zantac and Pepcid. Please place the donations in the Honduras bin in the Narthex. Thank you!

Urbandale Food Pantry requests donations of deodorant during the month of November. Please place in the Urbandale Food Pantry bin in the Narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.	Wednes. 6 p.m.
Preschool	10	0	11	6	7	21
Elementary	4	4	48	19	16	85
Total Children	14	4	59	25	23	106

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

We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

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.

Weekly Bible reading - Joshua 24:14-15, 18b (NIV)

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

“We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 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.