

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

“The Story”

Books

Books are still available near the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Parenting Workshops

Wednesday,

Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24
from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

All parents are invited to hear member Traci Murano talk about four different topics relating to drugs and other substances in our schools. Traci works at the Iowa DCI Crime Lab as a toxicologist.

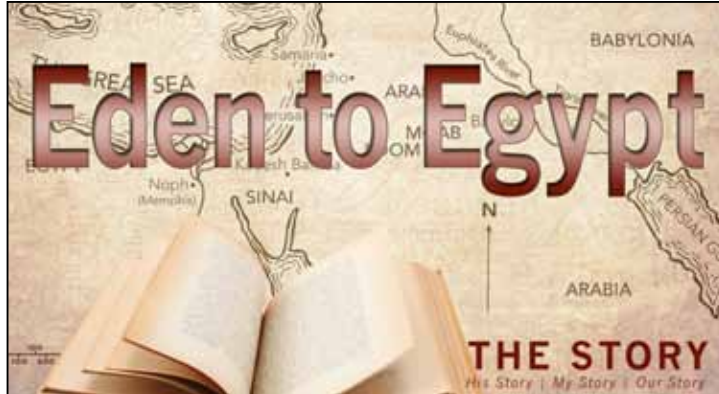
Each talk will be fact-filled, helping parents to understand some of the current trends at schools.

Mother Daughter Walk

Sunday, Oct. 7
from 2 to 4 p.m.

Join us in the fight against breast cancer as we walk and talk together and then hear inspirational speakers as we enjoy tea and fellowship. All proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Cost is \$40 per mother/daughter team of two and \$15 for each additional team member. Register and pay online at gloriadeionline.com.



Joseph’s rocky journey

“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

Genesis 45:8

Chapter Three: Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

This weekend, Pastor Burcham will talk about how God was at work in Joseph’s life despite all of his set backs. It all began when his brothers sold him into slavery after receiving the valuable, multi-colored coat from his father, Jacob.

From there his life was a roller coaster thrill ride. One minute a slave. The next in charge of an Egyptian official’s house. The next in prison. The next in charge of the prison. Then he found himself in front of Pharaoh, called upon to interpret the leader’s dreams. With God’s help, he warned Pharaoh of the approaching seven years of abundant crops followed by the seven years of famine. Recognizing his wisdom, Pharaoh put Joseph second in command of all of Egypt.

And because of God’s personal involvement in Joseph’s life, he was able to save his family. The same family that God was building into a nation. Joseph was in position to bring his family to Egypt for “the saving of many lives” (Genesis 50:20). In addition, God gave them fertile land where they were “fruitful and increased greatly.” (Exodus 1:7).

Joseph could have lost his life by getting lost in all of its ups and downs, becoming bitter, or chasing his dreams and desires. Instead, he chose a better story. God’s story.

We can do the same. If your life is filled with major set backs, look to God. If you keep on running into dead ends, look to God. He is more than willing and able to give you what is needed so that your life will reflect his brilliant story.

We are taking “The Story” to the parking lot

Get out your sports wear and meet us in the west parking lot Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7 for our second annual tailgating party. There will be lots of food, fellowship, games and fun. And it’s free!

Saturday, Oct. 6 from 4-7 p.m. (hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda)

Sunday, Oct. 7 from 8:15-10 a.m. (rolls and coffee)

Sunday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda)

And to ramp up the competition, we are hosting a donation drive to help some of our city partnerships. Here is how it will work: In the Narthex, we will have three designated places for Cyclone, Hawkeye and all other football fans to drop off their donations from Oct. 6-14. A judge (not from Iowa, of course) will determine whose team demonstrated the most generosity through cash, volunteer sign-ups and physical donations. *For a list of items needed, see page two of the Weekly Word.*

Bring your donations next week

All you sports fans, we will have three designated spots in the Narthex to drop off your donations from Oct. 6-14. So, be generous and of course, be competitive! May the best team win!

1. English as a Second Language

(contact -mrohn@aol.com)

In recent years, member Norma Rohn has ministered to families who have been displaced from their homes due to war or other hardships in their countries. These families often come to Iowa with only the clothes they are wearing.

Specifically, we want to help two Burmese families. The first is a single woman who has four children. She speaks very limited English and works as many as 52 hours per week. Her family needs:

- Clothing size 6 for mother
- Shoes/boots size 7 or 7 1/2 for son, 11
- Shoes/boots size 2 or 3 for daughter, 10
- Shoes/boots size 2 for daughter, 8
- Shoes/boots size 11 for daughter, 6
- Gift cards to Wal-mart to purchase clothing, pajamas, socks and underwear for the children

The second family also has four children and needs:

- Clothing size 6 for mother
- Gift cards to Wal-mart to purchase clothing, winter coats, scarves, gloves, pajamas, socks and underwear for the children

Other items needed:

Blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, wash clothes, pots and pans, kitchen linens and canned goods

2. Radical Advocates for Children (RAC) (Megan Bethany, 729-2310)

RAC is a new organization created to help provide diapers and formula to families in need. The last Friday of every month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., they open their doors at Bethany Christian Services, 316 E. 6th Street, Des Moines, to give these items away.

Items needed: Diapers and formula

3. Urbandale Food Pantry

(www.urbandale.org)

Urbandale Food Pantry serves our community by offering food to those in need.

Items needed: Canned food (not expired), personal items and cash donations

Volunteer: If you would like to help on a Sunday afternoon, please sign up on the volunteer sheets.

4. Joppa Outreach

(http://www.joppaoutreach.org)

What began as a private family volunteer endeavor has quickly become a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with hundreds of volunteers, dozens of partners, a large impact locally, and a national vision to help ease and end homelessness. Joppa volunteers engage weekly in outreach, housing, aftercare and advocacy. They acknowledge people, with dignity and respect, invest time in relationships and demonstrate unconditional love.

Items needed: tents (one or two man), sleeping bags, flashlights, batteries and cash donations

Volunteer: If you would like to help on a Sunday afternoon, please sign up on the volunteer sheets.

Donations

Items:

Bring all your donations to the Narthex from Oct. 6-14.

Cash donations:

Each team will have two designated areas where cash and check donations can be dropped off for Joppa Outreach or Urbandale Food Pantry.

Question?

Call 276-1700 and ask for Pastor Robarge.

Pastoral Conference

Gloria Dei will host the Pastoral Conference for Iowa District West (IDW) on Oct. 1-2. We are expecting approximately 250 pastors and their wives for a time of worship, teachings and fellowship. The congregation is invited to the opening worship service Monday at 9:45 a.m. where President Sieveking will preach.

Thank you

My name is Mary Kuefner and I have been on the prayer list for several months. I was diagnosed with cancer in June and am undergoing chemotherapy. The doctor recently gave me a good report. I feel the prayers and the good thoughts you send my way. Our blessings are plentiful. The prayers, cards, calls and food are all appreciated and give us strength for body and soul. Our prayer is that my chemo continues to go well and that God continues to give us strength and courage.

"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 1:9

Construction updates

Masonry project: Bricklayers have finished the south side of the FLC. Scaffold is built around the L wing, the EIFS from the L wing has been removed and brick laying has started. The EIFS in the center court yard area will be removed next week. This will involve hanging plastic over the doors at the kitchen, FLC, and the hallway, so most of the mess is contained. Scaffold will be removed at the same time.

EPDM Roof: The main work on the roof over the office complex is completed with the exception of the metal roof coping. This will leave only small details to finish off the EPDM roofs on the Sanctuary end of the building. The roof on the east side of the FLC has been replaced and will only need finishing work.

Mechanical: The remaining work on the mechanical area (reattach the supply and return air ducts) was completed on Friday.

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 birth of Charlotte to Holly (and Steve) Anderson, Tiny Treasures teacher
- For all the construction work at Gloria Dei

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Kurt Zimmerman's uncle, Lenny Breyen
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Craig and Cindi Dawson's infant son, Max
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Mary Kuefner
- Christine Watson
- Stolley Schramm

And for:

- Our nation and world
- 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.

Servers

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

8 a.m. (Sanctuary):
 Rev. Tim Phillips

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Rev. Tim Phillips

10 a.m. (FLC)
 Rev. Phil Robarge

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

Preacher
 Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ
 Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Elizabeth Thomas

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Regan Nesheim

Scripture verses:
 Genesis 45:1-8 & Romans
 8:18-25, 28 (NIV)

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

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Team One

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

10 a.m. (FLC)
 TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Team One

Scrapbook Fellowship

The scrapbook fellowship will be selling its unused/leftover scrapbooking supplies at this year's Arts and Craft Show. If you have any unwanted scrapbooking supplies (paper, stickers, tools, etc.) to donate to the sale, please contact Deb Kesse at 778-2219 or Jenny Lappin at 314-1116 for more information. All the proceeds will be donated to charity.

Book club

Join the Book Club as they discuss "Back to Life" by Kristin Billerbeck on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:15 p.m. For more information, e-mail gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com.

Order pecans

The Valparaiso University Guild is taking pecan orders. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on a table. Purchase the Fancy Mammoth Pecans at the price of \$10 for a full pound. We also have 12 oz. bags of Pecan Caramel Clusters, Chocolate Covered Pecans and Dark Chocolate Pecans for \$9. These fresh 2012 crop pecans will arrive before Thanksgiving. All profits go to enhance the experience of students at Valparaiso University. Please place your order this weekend.

Gloria Dei quilters

Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Remember that we're a week later than usual this month. We'll be working on a special group project: assembling and tying blankets for a local shelter for the homeless. The piecwork has already been done so all we need to do is stitch together fronts and backs and tie them with yarn. Bring a sturdy needle, your machine if you want to sew the seams, and we'll make great progress. As always, feel free to bring your own project. For questions, contact: Karen Hoff at 278-6655 or karenhoff@hotmail.com.

20th Annual Arts and Craft Show



Join us for the 20th Annual Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors about the upcoming show.

Baked goods: Pull out your favorite recipes. We'll start wrapping on Friday, Oct. 12 from 6-9 p.m. We will gladly accept donations up until noon on Saturday. If you can bake, or help wrap, there's a sign-up sheet and labels in the Narthex. Please write on the label if your recipe includes nuts, or if it is gluten free or anything else a buyer needs to know.

Help needed during the show. We need help in the Café and the Bake Sale table. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can spare an hour or two any time during the day. It's a lot of fun – no experience needed!

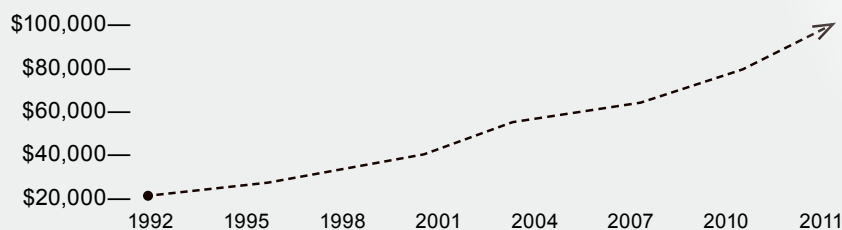
Water and soda needed: If you would like to donate water or soda, please sign up in the Narthex today.

Café: Enjoy cinnamon rolls, pie slices, beefburgers, hotdogs and much more at the café located next to the kitchen.

Clean-up helpers needed after the show. Got muscle? Like to clean? We need help cleaning up Saturday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. If you want to help, call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Proceeds help Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Hope Ministries, Joppa Outreach and Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry.

History of money raised by Arts & Craft Show



Goal- \$100,000!

Exciting News:

Since 1992, LWML has earned \$98,479 for missions! This year's goal is to surpass the \$100,000 mark.

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.

Sacrament retreat - Oct. 5-6 We begin on Friday, at 5 p.m. with dinner and end at noon on Saturday.

Grades 8-12

It is not too late to sign up for the.....National Youth Gathering from July 1-5 in San Antonio, Texas or the Racine, Wisconsin mission trip from June 15-22. See the youth bulletin board. Sign up today!

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 and relate it to life as a teenager.

The Point

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

Senior High Youth Gathering

November 16-18 The \$50 deposit is due now, the total cost is \$180. For information, go to the youth bulletin board.

Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures' fall children's consignment sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 to 11 a.m. Items for sale will include clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, decor, DVDs and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, please pick up a registration form at a welcome center, preschool office or print one on-line. For more information, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at jollynn@gloriadeionline.com.

GirlZ of Faith

Sunday, Oct. 7 from 6-7:15 p.m.

GirlZ of Faith is a group for girls in grades 4 and 5 that meets twice a month. It will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, snacks and tons of fun.

Bible event for 3-year-olds

Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 6-7 p.m.

This event is for 3-year-olds and their parents. Each student will receive a Bible. This hands-on event will help children and parents understand the importance of God's Word. Contact DeAnn McCue at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

LWML Rally

Mark your calendar for LWML Rally on Sunday, Oct. 14 at Gloria Dei. Registration is at 1 p.m. and Rally begins at 1:30 p.m.

Hands-on Mission Project

Tying children's blankets for Shining City Orphanage in China. Material is furnished, please bring scissors.

LWML Circles

Naomi Circle will meet Friday, Oct. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the church to set up for the Arts and Craft Show.

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Shirley Johnson, 9709 Aurora Ave., Urbandale.

Faith Alive meal

Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 5-6:15 p.m.

Bacon, lettuce and tomato/brisket -

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

Week of September 29-October 6, 2012

Saturday, September 29

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. The Storytelling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 30

- 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
- 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
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway

Monday, October 1

- 8:00 a.m. IDW Pastoral Conference

Tuesday, October 2

- 8:00 a.m. IDW Pastoral Conference
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, October 3

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Teacher's Conference Meeting
- 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. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Workshop
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2 (off-site)

Thursday, October 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:45 a.m. Iles Clergy Seminar
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House

Friday, October 5

- 9:30 a.m. MOMs Club of West Des Moines
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Sacraments Retreat
- 6:00 p.m. Nathan Muhs and Katie Dunnick Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 6

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 3:00 p.m. Nathan Muhs and Katie Dunnick Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Sept. 22-23)	Attendance
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	202
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	135
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	414
10 a.m. (FLC)	75
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	205
Total	1,031

Outpouring of Love (Sept. 22-29)	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,212
First QTD Offering	\$354,551
First QTD Budget	\$374,000

Week of October 6-13, 2012

Saturday, October 6

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 3:00 p.m. Nathan Muhs and Katie Dunnick
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, October 7

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Mother Daughter Walk and Tea
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith

Monday, October 8

- 9:00 a.m. Vision Frame Meeting (Auxano)
- 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 9

- 10:00 a.m. Sr. Adult Ministry Action Team Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesday, October 9 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, October 10

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 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. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Workshop
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
(off-site)
- 7:30 p.m. Arts and Craft Show Setup

Thursday, October 11

- 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. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 8:30 p.m. Arts and Craft Show Setup

Friday, October 12

- 9:00 a.m. Arts and Craft Show Setup

Saturday, October 13

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. Arts and Craft Show
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

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	9	4	13	8	9	24
Elementary	42	3	63	18	23	93
Total Children	51	7	76	26	32	117

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 worshipers 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 worshipers 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 - Romans 8:22-25, 28 (NIV)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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.