

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

Become involved in "The Story"

Involvement brochures

Pastor Burcham will explain about the various ways that you can get involved in "The Story," all of which are outlined in the brochure you will receive today at worship.

Four perspectives

During the week, we will follow four different individuals as they write their reactions to the weekly readings. Our prayer is that their insights will encourage us to realize how uniquely God has made each of us. Their perspectives will be posted on our social media avenues, our Web site, as well as periodically in the Weekly Word.

Children and youth

The children and youth will be following "The Story," during their educational times. To help prompt conversations, we will include a family discussion section in next week's insert.

Books and books

We want to make sure everyone who wants to be a part of "The Story" has a book. So, pick up a book in the Narthex.

Online Bible study

We are excited about the ability to offer an online Bible study for "The Story." Find out more on our Web site.



Today begins a church-wide experience for every individual at Gloria Dei. No matter what age group, background, or belief system, God has passionately pursued you to be included in "The Story."

Let's enter into "The Story"

by Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Author and pastor Randy Frazee says to understand the Bible, we need to view it with a dual lens, one that allows us to see the upper story and the lower story. The upper story is God's grand story of something larger—his eternal plans.

The lower story is our individual stories of everyday life—the struggles, the joys, the getting through the day-to-day. God's upper story encompasses our lower stories.

Since the very beginning, God has wanted to be with us. That's why he created Adam, and then Eve. He wanted to be with them every day, to share his love and joy with them, and to live with them in a perfect place—the Garden of Eden.

However, God does not force himself on us. He wants a personal relationship with each of us, not out of obligation, but because we want to be with him.

Enter free will.

I used to wonder why God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden to begin with. Maybe you have too. In order to want to be in a relationship with God, we have to have the freedom to choose. God gave us that freedom in the form of a tree. And when Adam and Eve ate from it, we lost the perfect relationship God created us to have with him. Forever.

From that time on, God's plan has been to have that relationship with us again. And he has given us that hope through his Son, Jesus Christ. The only way we could ever be with him again was for Jesus to pay the price of our sins. Through his death and resurrection, he conquered the hold sin has over us. No longer are we slaves to our sinful nature, but through him we have the ability to align our lives with God's will. And when we do, we can know without a doubt that no matter what happens in our lower stories, God will work it out for the good of those who love him.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 NLT

Throughout the Bible, God used the lower stories of sometimes the most unlikely people as part of his master plan. And he continues to do this today as he uses our lower stories, for good in his upper story.

Join us in "The Story:" *This excerpt is written by Laura Rath, who will be one of the guest writers on Gloria Dei's blog. Each week, a guest blogger will write his or her reflections on the week's reading. So, join us by going to our Web site and clicking on the Word Press icon.*

Visit "The Story" web page @ www.gloriadeionline.com



Project updates

Lots of work happening around here

If you look around, you can see all the wonderful progress occurring each day. Here is a summary of the work being done:

Center Wing: You may want to journey down the hall to the center wing. Painting of the exterior walls of the center wing has been completed along with adjacent walls in the hallways. The application of new vinyl on the moveable walls is nearly completed and the carpet is finished.

Masonry Project: Brick has been moved onto the scaffolding and actual brick laying has begun on the east side.

Shingle Project: The asphalt shingle project on the Sanctuary and Narthex roofs has been completed.

Other Projects: The replacement of the windows in the office wing has been completed and the north entrance has been painted. The replacement of the clouded windows behind the stained glass is scheduled to start on Sept. 10.



Carpet has been laid in the center wing.

Marriage Bible Study (Love and Respect)

Wednesdays starting Sept. 12 from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

We believe strong marriages don't automatically happen; it takes a concerted effort to build a relationship that makes our homes "heaven on earth." So, look over this offering. We believe it will equip you with the necessary tools to build a tremendous marriage.

Learn what motivates men and women in this 14-week study from the book "Love and Respect" by Dr. Eggeriches. Bill and Lesli Clark will lead this study. Please register for this event on our Web site. Contact: Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Arts and Craft Show

Saturday, Oct. 13 @ 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for the 20th Annual Art and Craft Show. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors about the upcoming show in October. Proceeds help Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Hope Ministries, Joppa Outreach and Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry.

Meals from the Heartland

Last week, 112 members and friends of Gloria Dei helped Meals from the Heartland package a record-breaking 5,122,008 meals for the world's hungry! We also received \$1,000 in donations to be given to them. Thanks for being the church that God has called us to be!

Here is a thank you from MFTH:

With giving hearts, more than 15,000 volunteers of all ages filled Hy-Vee Hall and worked together to fight hunger in Iowa, our country and all over the world. You are a hunger fighter!

It is amazing what people can do when they come together with a common goal. Our food distribution partners will now work hard to distribute your meals to people who desperately need them. Together, we are moving closer to our goal of making Iowa the Hunger Fighting Capital of the World!

LWML

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Dr., West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread at Westtown Parkway in West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Rd., Des Moines.

Discovery Class New Member

Thursdays, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11 and Sunday, Oct. 14

This class is for those who desire to join Gloria Dei, whether new to the Lutheran faith or transferring from another Lutheran church. We will revisit the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to grow in our faith in God and service to others. Please register for this class. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Education Ministry Partners needed

Children's Ministry: We are in need of ministry partners for Wednesday evenings, Saturday evenings, and Sunday mornings. Contact Alice at aburress@gloriadeionline.com or DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com today.

Youth Ministry: We need you to join our small group ministry team. Please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Senior Adult Ministry

Mark your calendars! The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a New England fall foliage tour from Oct. 3-15, 2013. The highlights include: a motor coach round trip tour, 12 nights lodging, 20 meals, tours of Boston City, White Mountains, Calvin Coolidge homestead, Norman Rockwell studio and museum, JFK library, coastal Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and much more.

A \$200 deposit is required with balance due 60 days prior to the tour date. The cost is \$1,899 for double occupancy, \$1821 for triple occupancy, etc. For reservations, contact Margaret at 223-1468. For more details, call Eloise Rinderknecht at 225-2225.

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

- Our families
- Our ministry partners
- All of our construction projects

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Craig and Cindi Dawson's infant son, Max
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Emma Anderson
- Mary Kuefner
- Vicki Giesselmann
- Christine Watson
- Kory and Penny Schramm and their unborn child

And for:

- Our military
- Our nation and world

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. 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:

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Noah Hoffman

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Claire Nesheim

Scripture verses:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
and Luke 8:1-15 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Team Two

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Two

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Four

10 a.m. (FLC)

TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Two

Adult Opportunities!

We have an abundance of opportunities to choose from this fall. Take a few minutes, peruse the offerings, pray and then be ready to learn and grow!

Lifelight Bible Study

Sundays, Sept. 9-May 5, 9:50-10:50 a.m. An in-depth journey through the Bible using materials from the Lifelight series. Childcare is provided. This fall they will begin studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Facilitator: Chuck Corell. Contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

33 The Series: Volume 2: A Man and His Design

Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ OverTime

Saturdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m. @ Gloria Dei

Join us for a six-week study. Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique story. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. Contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Online book study

It is not too late to join “The Shelter of God’s Promises” by Sheila Walsh. Laura Rath will lead this online study. For more information, visit Laura’s blog at <http://www.laurarath.blogspot.com> or e-mail Laura at laurajrath@gmail.com.

Support Groups/Care Night

Thursdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 8, 2012, 6:30-8 p.m. We provide support for adults and children who are experiencing grief or divorce. The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Childcare is provided.

Please register by going to our Web site or contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

DivorceCare Support Group: DivorceCare is a 10-week program for those experiencing the pain of divorce.

DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids): DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents are divorcing.

GriefShare: GriefShare, a 10-week program, helps those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

Stepping Stones (GriefShare for Children): This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a friend or relative.

Women’s Bible Connections

Mondays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

Connect with other faith-filled women on Monday mornings and evenings as we study “James: Mercy Triumphs” by Beth Moore. If you would like to join this study, please contact Lisa Scherer, 490-4108 to order a book for \$18.

Small groups and studies

“The Story” small group studies will be offered starting Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday afternoon Bible study from 2:30-4 p.m. We are gearing up to study the book “Radical” by David Platt, so join us.

Pastor’s Bible study on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Join this ongoing group as we study the Lectionary Series.

Men’s Bible study on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. We have lots of coffee, prayer, study and discussion. Join us at anytime.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Gloria Dei quilters

Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The quilts have been delivered to Camp Dodge so we’re ready to turn our efforts to the new batch. Bring your projects to work together on or just come to help cut fringe on the LWML fleece blanket project. They’ll be tied at the Fall Rally in October and make their way to an orphanage in China. For questions, contact: Karen Hoff at 278-6655 or karenrhoff@hotmail.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come and go as you can; we love new faces. For childcare, contact Carol Wennndt by Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Castaway

Castaway will begin Sunday, Sept. 9 from 9:50-10:30 a.m. and 11:20-noon in the Youth Center. Expect to learn how you fit into God's story. See you there!

Junior High (grades 6-8)

Small groups start Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:45-8 p.m. We are gearing up for midweek, are you? See you Wednesday at opening! Sign up on the bulletin board.

Acolytes: Sign up on the bulletin board to serve as an acolyte.

Senior High Ministry (grades 9-12)

Senior High Bible study begins this week from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Point resumes Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:45-8 p.m.

Mission trip to Racine, Wisconsin will be from June 15-22, 2013. A \$100 deposit is due by Sept. 9. Want more information? Check out the bulletin board.

National LCMS Youth Gathering is being held July 1-5, 2013. Registration and a \$100 deposit are due by Sept. 9. For more information, see the bulletin board.

Grace Place starts today!

Saturday at 5:50 p.m., Sunday at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20 a.m.

The teachers and assistants are ready for this week's Grace Place. Children will learn God's story through Bible lessons, interactive time, games, and arts and crafts.

Registration: If you have not registered your child on our KidCheck program, take a moment to go to Gloria Dei's website at www.gloriadeionline.com at home or at the Children's Ministry registration booth. Click on children, then follow the link to register. Children must have a name tag to attend Grace Place and Faith Alive.

Faith Alive begins Wednesday, Sept. 12

Midweek meal from 5-6:15 p.m. Faith Alive from 6-7 p.m.

Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to an educational time that is designed to help them grow in faith.

Third Grade Bible Highlighting

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 10, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Third grade students and parents are invited to take a 5-week journey through the Bible, highlighting important Scripture passages. Bibles are given to students to highlight and make their own as they listen to how God is leading them.

Preteen Girls

The Real You: Moms and Preteen Daughters: Sunday, Sept. 9, 6-7:15 p.m.

This event is designed specifically for girls in grades 4 and 5, and their moms or an important female. We'll look at how we remain true to God while being real in school, at home, and with friends. Register for this event on our Web site. Cost is \$10 for mom and daughter.

GirlZ of Faith: Sunday, Sept. 16, 6-7:15 p.m. Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited for Bible study, crafts and lots of laughter. No registration needed.

Midweek Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 5-6:15 p.m.

Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs

Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei in the Family Life Center on Wednesday evenings during the school year. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

Mother and 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 Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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

Week of September 8-15, 2012

Saturday, September 8

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 3:00 p.m. Kevin Martens and Amy Gronauer Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 9

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 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. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:00 p.m. The Real You: Moms and Preteen Girls

Monday, September 10

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

Tuesday, September 11

- 7:00 a.m. Johnston School Special Election
- 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. 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, September 12

- 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 Small Group Study
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Love and Respect Study
- 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, September 13

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

Friday, September 14

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, September 15

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

| Worship (Sept. 1-2) | Attendance | Communion |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Northwind | 147 | |
| 7:45 a.m. | 78 | 70 |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 238 | 183 |
| 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 158 | 110 |
| Total | 621 | 363 |

| Outpouring of Love (Sept. 1-8) | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$28,839 |
| First QTD Offering | \$251,430 |
| First QTD Budget | \$285,000 |

Week of September 15-22, 2012

Saturday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 16

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Small Group Study
- 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. Lifelight Bible Study
- 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 Small Group Study
- 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. Chapel at Emeritus
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Monday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' 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. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, September 18

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Sr. Adult Ministry MAT Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board 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, September 19

- 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 Small Group Study
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Love and Respect Study
- 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, September 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, September 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, September 22

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

Freedom for Youth

Is your small group, Bible study group, Circle or family looking for a way to serve others in the community?

The first Monday of each month members of Gloria Dei have an opportunity to serve elementary youth and their tutors by providing and serving a meal from 5-6 p.m. Meals prepared for 60 people will be served at the Freedom For Youth Campus, 2301 Hickman Road, Des Moines.

Your group decides what to prepare and serve. Some meals that are popular with the kids are: pizza/fruit; hot dogs/veggies/fruit/dessert; chicken nuggets/corn/apples. The group also provides drinks and tableware. Prior to the date you sign up for, Freedom for Youth will contact you to confirm and review the details of your meal.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex or you can contact Diane at diane@gloriadeionline.com to sign up your group. Have more questions? Please contact Pastor Phillips or the church office at 276-1700.

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

We begin our new worship schedule this weekend!

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 - Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

**Educational times resume
Sept. 8 and 9.**

**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.
Join us on Sept. 12.

Youth

 (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

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.