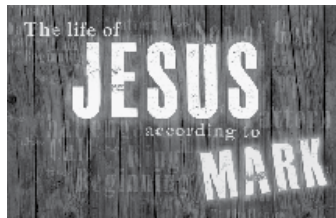




The turning point

This week, we will witness a turning point in Jesus' ministry. In the last several weeks, we have seen the Son of God heal, perform miracles, rebuke the Pharisees, teach thousands, calm the sea, and instruct the disciples. This week, Jesus, pointedly asks the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" The answers were varied, "Some say John the Baptist; other say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Peter piped up by stating, "You are the Christ."

An interesting question, isn't it? If we were to survey a group of five strangers and ask the same question, more than likely the answers would match some of the disciples' responses. There is even a slim possibility that a stranger may respond, "Jesus, who?"



But of all of the possible answers, Jesus responded to Peter's in Matthew 16:16-19:

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

After this dialogue, the pivotal point begins when Jesus reveals that he must suffer many things, be rejected by the religious leaders of the day and be killed. If Jesus ended his sentence there, the disciples as well as all of mankind would have had every reason to grieve uncontrollably because all hope would have been gone. However, Jesus continued, "and after three days (I will) rise again."

The greatest addendum to the worst conceivable news. The Son of God **must** suffer, be ridiculed, rejected, and **must** die—but will rise again in three days. But why must he suffer and die? Grab your Bibles and be prepared to search for the reasons why the Son of God had to endure this ultimate trial.

Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com

Ages 3-
grade 5



No cost!

**Spring Break Vacation Bible School
March 19-21 9-11:30 a.m.**

Invite your friends and family to our spring break VBS.
For more information, check out page 5.



Shaped by the Cross...

**Wednesday, March 14
12:15 & 6 p.m.**

"Humility"— We will focus on Jesus' response to his false trial. Instead of retaliation, Jesus teaches us how to respond to unfair and adverse situations through loving service.

Midweek meal

Please join us from 5-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

**March 14: Baked
Potato Bar**

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study at 9:10 and 10:15 a.m. will not be held Sunday, March 11 and March 18.

Spring break schedule

Weekend:

Grace Place, Castaway and Senior High Bible Study will not meet March 17 and 18; will resume March 24 and 25.

Wednesday:

Faith Alive and the youth will meet Wednesday, March 21 and 28.

Holy Week and Easter

Please mark your calendars to worship with us for Holy Week and Easter.

Maundy Thursday with Communion, April 5

- Traditional worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Traditional worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary-blend worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Good Friday Services, April 6

- Traditional worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- H3 family worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Traditional worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary-blend worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship Saturday, April 7

- Contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Contemporary-blend worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship Sunday, April 8

- Traditional Worship at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary Worship Service at 9 a.m. in the FLC
- Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- H3 Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center
- Contemporary Worship Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary



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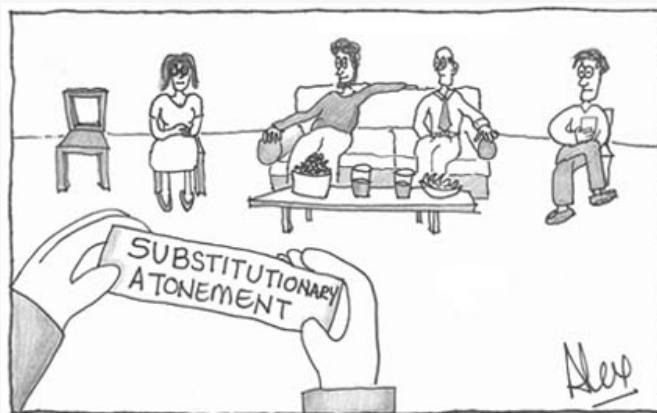
Seniors-are you ready for Saturday?

Saturday, March 17 at noon at the church

Are you ready for Saturday's fun?

Be ready to laugh, and enjoy each other's company!

- Food (A-J - Salads; K-R - Casseroles/meal dish; S-Z - Dessert)
- Table service (plate, and silverware) for yourself
- Board games



AS LEON UNFURLED THE PIECE OF PAPER HE KNEW HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN PLAY CHARADES WITH MINISTERS

Cartoon by Alex Baker

See you Saturday, March 17!

Thrivent Choice

If you designated Thrivent Choice funds to Gloria Dei last year, please go online to designate your recurring direction for 2012. Thrivent does not automatically roll over 2011 recurring directions to 2012, you must set it up for 2012. Simply log on to www.thrivent.com and click on the Thrivent Choice link or call 1-800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice."

LWML

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 2839 86th St., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Osby, 10335 Norfolk Dr., #1, Johnston.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 11, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



L Laila Marie Pittmann born on Dec. 07, 2011 to Jon and Dawn (nee Parks) Pittmann. Laila's spiritual sponsors are Jennifer Smedsrud and Jason Pittmann.

The Public Recognition of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 11, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



B Brady Roger Allen Abens born on Dec. 19, 2009 to Doug Abens and Angie (nee Schmidt) Meyer. Brady was baptized on Jan. 11, 2010 and his spiritual sponsors are Al Schmidt and Dan Schmidt.

Orphan Grain Train

The Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and his love for us.

An example of a life-changing gift was given to Angelina, a young girl, who has paralysis in her legs and does not have use of her hands. She lives with her parents and two brothers in a former Soviet republic, but has been housebound her whole life. Her father works as a builder, but his salary is not enough to buy a wheelchair for his daughter. She received a wheelchair from Orphan Grain Train a few months back, and now is planning to go to a special summer camp for handicapped kids. She is excited to finally have friends and a social life.



Angelina receives a wheel chair from Orphan Grain Train.

If you would like to donate online to the Orphan Grain Train, go to our homepage at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

10:30 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Peyton Swift

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Marisa Sullivan

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Hunter Vontalge

Scripture reading:

Mark 8:27-33 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team One

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

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

- For our families

For the health of:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Jane Kesse and family
- Molly Woodley
- Matt and Jennifer Woodley
- Sue Anderson
- Jim Esslinger
- Brenda Barron
- Ed Mautz
- John Biondi
- Marilyn Cervantes
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother

And for:

- The Claussen family, Deb Kesse's brother and family, who are grieving the loss of their son
- For those affected by last week's storms
- Our youth and their families

Prayer ministry

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

GirlZ of Faith get a glimpse from a special guest

Learning the application of God's Word is not a new concept to the preteen girls in GirlZ of Faith. Most weeks, they write meaningful scripture verses on index cards, so that they can remember God's heart and embed his truth into their own hearts. The girls are also familiar with the wonderful truth of how God places dreams in the hearts of his people. Admittedly, most examples are forged by adults, until 12-year-old Jade Miller, came to speak to them. Jade and her parents, Chip and Daff Miller, are members of Gloria Dei.

The girls hovered around three computers while Jade shared how God placed a desire in her heart to write a book a few years ago. This dream will be completely fulfilled in the next few weeks, when "Sybil's Ride of Courage" is published. This historical fiction is based on a true story about a teenage girl and her father's horse during the American Revolution. Together they rode out for 40 miles through the dangerous wilderness to warn the militia about the British troops who landed in Connecticut and threatened American homes and soldiers. Written in first-person, Jade was able to close her eyes and get lost in Sybil's life to show her courageous and patriotic qualities. Barnes and Noble will



feature this young author in a book-signing event this summer.

Although the book was discussed, Jade spent most of her time with the girls by encouraging them to be their best for God. She reveals on her blog (www.mightygirlowa.blogspot.com) the importance for each teen to strive for the stars and think beyond themselves.

"I want to use my blog, my life, and my book to inspire young people to believe they can do great things. I hope that by inspiring them, they can see my awesome, loving, caring, cool God in the same way that I do," says Jade.

"The girls enjoyed her immensely," said DeAnn McCue, Director of Children's ministry. "They started to talk about the dreams that are on their hearts and God's promises to them. To see God at work within these girls is truly amazing."

If your children are in grades 4-5, please consider bringing them to GirlZ of Faith or BoyZ of Faith where they can further explore God's great desire for their lives. For more information, go to our

Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

The Wells Bring Hope Project

The youth group has set an audacious goal for this year—to raise \$5,600 to build a well in Niger, Africa. The idea caught fire when Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, asked Danielle Wright, Haley Ness and Emma Griffiths if they would be interested in helping. They responded quickly with a "count me in" nod and started to develop a plan. They settled on the theme "sacrifice a little, so someone can have a lot,"



because they wanted to encourage sacrificial giving. So instead of eating out or buying candy, they are encouraging each other to put the money in the well.

The project is fairly simple in nature—to dig a well deep enough that it reaches

the level of pure artesian water that can provide a village of 400-500 people with safe water for more than 30 years. As soon as fresh water becomes a staple in a community, childhood mortality drops by 65 percent and water-borne diseases are virtually eliminated. The

well's benefit also ricochets into the educational realm because girls can now go to school instead of walking miles to a water hole that is usually laced with parasites.

If you would like to join the sacrificial giving that the youth is modeling, please drop off your donation at the well in the Youth Center or donate online by going to our homepage at www.gloriadeionline.com.



The life-sustaining project

The Wells Bring Hope project, working alongside of World Vision, understands the importance of clean water, specifically for Niger, Africa. Since Niger is the third poorest country in the world, with 68 percent of its inhabitants having no access to clean water and 87 percent with no access to good sanitation. These factors contribute to a life expectancy of 53 years old.

* Source wellsbringhope.org



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

March 11: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Turn."

March 18: Bible Study will not be held.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

March 14: Eighth graders join the high school group for the Point this Wednesday. We will have worship at 6 p.m.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

March 11: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Turn."

March 18: Castaway will not meet.

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

March 14: Students in grades 6-7 meet in small groups to discuss "Shaped by the Cross-Humility." We will have worship at 6 p.m.

VBS - Help needed

Partner with Children's Ministry to help with VBS over the spring break.

The Well

"Sacrifice a little, so someone can have a lot."

The youth ministry students have been challenged to raise \$5,600 to build a well in Niger, Africa.

We have \$293.42 raised so far! If you would like to help, contact TK.

Friday, March 30 from 5-7:30 p.m.

The Children's Ministry and Tiny Treasures invite you and your friends for spring fun. There will be some special visitors, including local author Rebecca Janni, who wrote the popular children's story, "Every Cowgirl Needs a Horse." The cost will be \$10 per family, which includes dinner.

VBS - it's bound to be fun

Overview of spring break VBS

Children ages 3-11 will learn how everything is possible with God, because of his great love. Each day, they will experience lively worship, relevant teaching, hands-on activities and lots of time to hang out with their friends. Register today on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Ministry partner training

If you would like to help with VBS and have not attended a training, please attend the meeting on Sunday, March 11 from 10-10:30 a.m.

Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com

Free meal and good family times

Sunday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come to Incredible Pizza, 3799 NW 86th Street, Urbandale, on Sunday, March 25 for lunch. It is open to all church members. The only requirement for the free lunch (per family) is to show them the Weekly Word. So grab a Weekly Word, read it, and then head over for a free lunch.

Week of March 10-17, 2012

Saturday, March 10

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. VBS Orientation
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. VBS Orientation
- 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. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 659
- 2:00 p.m. Hospitality Team Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 407
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806

Monday, March 12

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 4:00 p.m. Archery Family Gathering
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, March 13

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child

Tuesday, March 13 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Midday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, March 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Family Night
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, March 16

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Police Color Guard

Saturday, March 17

- 12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Event
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center (No Grace Place-Spring Break)
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group

Worship (Mar. 3-4)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	216	
7:45 a.m.	131	117
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	329	214
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	277	177
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	62	
Total	1,015	508

Lenten Worship	
Lenten, Mar. 7	374

Outpouring of Love (Mar. 4-10)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,408
3rd QTD Offering	\$287,266
3rd QTD Budget	\$314,000

Week of March 17-24, 2012

Saturday, March 17

- 12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Event
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center (No Grace Place-Spring Break)
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group

Sunday, March 18

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 1:00 p.m. VBS setup
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus

Monday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Break VBS
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, March 20

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Break VBS
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Ways to help

Urbandale Food Pantry - Consider donating deodorant in March to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in March for the Honduras mission are hair pretties, combs, hair gel and lice killing shampoo. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

Wednesday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Break VBS
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Midday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

- 6:00 p.m. Tyler Dern and Alanna Eng Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, March 24

- 11:30 a.m. Wedding Party Luncheon
- 4:00 p.m. Tyler Dern and Alanna Eng Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Thank-you notes

Thank you so much for the support you have given Joppa and the Share-the-Heat campaign. The generosity of your congregation means a lot to us and especially to our local homeless community. ~ God bless you, Joe, Jacki and Caleb, Joppa

Thank you for your prayers and support. God is making a difference through you. Serving as your missionary to the deaf is a great honor. ~ Pat Monroe

Men's softball

Calling all men 16 years and older to play on Gloria Dei's softball team. The cost is \$25, and the games begin in April on Monday evenings. For more information, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	13	26	20	22
Elementary	33	63	53	66
Total Children	46	89	73	88

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. H3 Young Family Contemporary 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 - Mark 8:27-33 (NIV)

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

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

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 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.