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May 12-13, 2012 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church | www.gloriadeionline.com | 515-276-1700

**Celebrating Mother's Day - Leaving a Legacy** 

We take the time this week to honor our mothers by sharing their unique and lasting memories. Be aware though, you may need some tissues near your side.

"I remember going through Confirmation and memorizing things from the Catechism. I would get so frustrated with everything and just wanted to memorize and be done—who cares about understanding it! She would review the real meaning with me time and again. How did this woman know all of this? As I grew older and started to pay attention, I saw "Portals of Prayer" beside her chair. She would read this in her quiet time when we were in bed or watching TV. She would frequently have wise words to say regarding a crisis I would be going through, and somehow she would be able to help make sense of it...And looking back after her death, I see so much more now that I never saw before. Her quiet influence of living a Godly life..." ~ Rachel Onsrud

Excerpts from letter to their mothers:

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"Dear Mom: With all your challenges, you always had a smile and looked out for those who needed help even though we probably were not far from needing help ourselves...I remember at Grandpa's funeral when you handed me his flag and told me Grandpa would want me to have it for I am now the man of the family. I finally figured out what it means to be the man of the family. Thank you Mom for instilling those values and lessons in my life before you passed." ~ Bill Clark

"Dear Mom: How do I explain you and what you taught me in a few sentences? You taught me so much about life and how to deal with the challenges that it throws at me. You gave me a foundation of trust in the Lord that only a mother can give. You taught me how to love my husband and take care of him just like you did with Dad. You taught me that whenever something happens there is always something good to come from it. I tried to raise my kids in the same Christ-based manner you raised me. I am not sure if I would be the person I am today without your patience and guidance. I thank the Lord everyday for the honor to call you my Mom." ~ Patty Wright

"Dear Mom: What a treasure you were to me and to the many people your life touched. God used you to shine the light of his love so brightly in our home and in the world! You exuded the love of Jesus—and your depth of faith and passion for serving God impacted my life for eternity... You were everything to me that I hope to be as a mom, and I thank God for you! I pray my three boys will know they are as precious to me as I felt to you." ~ Julie Dueker

"Dear Mom: Thank you for raising me in a Christian home, for guiding all of us down the right path, and for being a good example in all that you did. Thank you for living your Christian faith in good times and bad, right up to the end of your life here on earth... This is my first Mother's Day without you here on earth Mom, but I know that you have received your reward. After 10 years of needing supplemental oxygen, I know that you are now breathing heaven's air for eternity." ~ Cathy Kramer

To read these letters and more, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. And then join in the conversation by posting your memories on one of our social media avenues. (All social media links can be accessed on our Web site).

# **Aurora Campus Improvements**

In a few days, you will be receiving information in the mail concerning the Aurora Campus Improvements plan. This plan, designed to take care of our facility and prepare us for future, will be explained in detail. Pastor Burcham will hold Family Meetings after worship services on May 19 and 20 to talk about the plan. In addition, we will hold informational meetings on Saturday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 23 at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 276-1700, ext 217.

### Worship missionaries

Let us know if you want to be a part of our Thursday evening worship service. The deadline date is Thursday, May 17.

See page 2 for more details.

### Children

### Weekends School year Grace Place

has concluded. Summer Grace place will be held from June 2-3 to July 26-27. See you there!

Vacation Bible School Join us on Wednesday evenings in July from 6-8 p.m.

### Summer Camps

We have lots of camps planned for this summer starting July 9. See page 5 for details.

### Youth

### Senior High Bible Study

Join us Sunday at 9 a.m.

### Castaway

Our junior high educational time will resume in the fall, but we still have lots of fun planned for the summer.

See page 5 for more details.

### **30-Hour Famine**

### Famine date - June 8-9

Please keep this event in your prayers.

Sunday, May 13 from 10-10:30 a.m. All parents and participants need to attend this meeting in the Youth Center. Final registration deadline is May 13.

# Sign up to be a worship missionary

**Exciting ministry possibility.** We are investigating the possibility of offering a Thursday evening worship service during the summer and early fall months. Preliminary plans include a traditional-blend service that incorporates traditional-based music and liturgy form (similar to our Advent and Lenten services) in a casual atmosphere. This service will be held Thursdays in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. from June through October. The message would be preached live and would be the message prepared for the upcoming weekend services.

**The details:** We need 100 individuals who will commit to Thursday evening as their time to worship. We also need ministry partners to serve in: hospitality (greeters, ushers and Welcome Center helpers), worship (instrumentalists and vocalists), and production (sound and screen technicians). Please note, if you are not trained in any of these areas, no problem, we would love to train you.

**Sign me up.** If you want to join this exciting adventure, please fill out a "worship possibilities" card or go to our Web site. If you have further questions, contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at bjesse@gloriadeionline.com or at 276-1700.

# Wee Ones Care and Share program

She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. ~ Proverbs 31:20

Gloria Dei is helping the Wee Ones Care and Share ministry by collecting new and gently used baby items. This ministry is created to improve the quality of life for women and children in our community. Simply place the following items in the playpen that will be located in the Narthex from May 12-27.

- baby clothes (size newborn-4T) diapers (size 1-4) wipes baby bottles
- blankets sheets burp cloths baby gear (car seats, swings, strollers, high chairs, pack 'n plays, etc.) infant Tylenol Desitin baby wash

If you have furniture, please call Vicki Larimer at 321-8674 to arrange a time to pick up the furniture. Thank you for your support.

# **Memorial service**

**Tuesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at Gloria Dei -** The congregation is invited to remember those police officers across our nation who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

# Lunches served those in need

After a noon Lenten service, Cheryl Gilg asked if she could take the nine remaining sack lunches to the Hospice house. Cheryl's plans suddenly changed when a co-worker called. Her co-worker's father had just been admitted to the hospital, and consequently the entire family was extremely concerned.

Cheryl immediately brought the lunches to the family in the hospital, which happened to be nine family members! Below is a note from the family:

Thank you so much for the sack lunches for our family during our father's hospitalization. They were perfect, it hit the spot especially when we were too busy or overwhelmed to go find a meal ourselves. ~ Sincerely, Paula Williams and family

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# Book club

Wednesday, June 6 at 6:15 p.m.

June's read: "Any Minute" by Joyce Meyer and Deborah Bedford

Sarah Harper is driven to achieve success no matter what the cost. Then one cold, autumn afternoon, all of that changes when Sarah's car plunges off a bridge and into a river. She is presumed dead, but Sarah's spirit is still very much alive. What she discovers on the other side transforms everything about Sarah's view of life—past, present, and future. When Sarah is revived, she is a changed woman. And the unsuspecting world around her will never be the same again.

# **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, May 13 at the 7:45 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Eva Caroline Hessel born March 24, 2012 to Kyle and Katherine

(nee Schnoor) Hessel. Eva's spiritual sponsors are Kara Hessel and Jamie Schnoor.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 13 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Maximus Blazeus Barthel born on Jan. 23, 2012 to Jacob and Holli (nee Kennedy) Barthel. Maximus' spiritual sponsors are Seth Barthel and Jodi Havlicek.

# Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 13 are provided by Lois Engel in memory of her husband, Bill, and son, Brad. The flowers located by the piano are provided by Kris Greiner and Shelley Langebartels who were married on Saturday, May 12.

# Book available in the Toolshoppe



"Sybil's Ride of Courage," by Jade Miller can now be purchased in the Tool Shoppe. Last week's book signing raised \$108 for children's ministry.

A note from the Miller family: We are so thankful for your support. It is a blessing to be among people who love God and us. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.  $\sim$  The Miller family

### Servers

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

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

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

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

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

Preacher Rev. Ron Burcham Organ Sue Jesse

Acolytes 9 *a.m. (Sanctuary):* Kaitlyn Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Emma Vontalge

Scripture readings: 2 Timothy 1:3-7 and Luke 1:46-55 (NIV) Hospitality Teams Northwind (FLC) Team One

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

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

**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 all mothers
- For Ken and Rosalie Petersen celebrating their 64th anniversary on May 16

### For the health of:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Clifford Bax
- Molly Woodley and family
- Sue Anderson
- Brenda Barron
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother
- Matthew Nelson
- Tim Anderson
- Alice Wegner
- Emma Anderson

#### And for:

- The grieving family of Ed Mautz
- The family of Phil and Marsha Bax mourning the loss of Phil's father
- For Paul and Connie Cook who are grieving the loss of their brother-in-law

### **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.

# Financial Peace University

Tuesday, May 29 to Aug. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week journey that teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, increasing your ability to give and much more.

Register on the adult page at www.gloriadeionline.com.

# **Project 52 Golf Tournament**

Project 52 is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Project 52 Golf Tournament Friday, June 8 at the Woodward Golf and Country Club in Woodward. The tournament, 4-person-best shot, will support the work in the Dominican Republic. The fee is \$75 per person or \$300 a team, and includes golf, cart rental, gift bag, hole prizes, drink tickets and dinner. Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or Project 52 at inspire@52.org.

# LWML

**Ruth Circle** will have a potluck on Monday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Drive, Urbandale.

# **Discovery 201**

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

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. Register today at the adult page at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Philip Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY.

### **Gardening Club**

Do you have a green thumb? Do you like to play in the water? If so, you are invited to join Gloria Dei Gardening Club. They meet weekly on Thursday beginning at 9 a.m. (weather permitting). You can join

or leave them at any time during the morning. The Gardening Club takes care of the landscape around the church, except for mowing. This includes trimming bushes,

weeding, planting, dead-



heading and watering. If you are available, we suggest you bring the following items with you: gardening gloves, small clippers and a hand trowel. This is a great way to visit with others, enjoy the great outdoors and serve the church.

If you have any questions, please contact LaVonne Clark at 276-9038.

### **Balance Yourself!**

### Sunday, May 20 from 1-3 p.m. in rooms 130, 132, 134

Have you turned down a chance to go out with your family or friends or refrained from an activity because you were concerned about falling?

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which causes physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many senior adults also experience increased isolation and depression when limiting interactions with family and friends.

The Growth and Learning MAT will bring Tammy Kelter, Planning Specialist from the Polk County Health Department on Sunday, May 20 to speak on ways to reduce the fear of falling.

Join us and invite a friend along with you. And to top off this healthy presentation— pie will be served (free-will offering will be received). Please RSVP by contacting Diane at diane@ gloriadeionline.com or at 276-1700 by Wednesday, May, 16.

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### A huge thank you

Thank you to everyone who made this year's dinner theater a huge success. Thanks for all your support, encouragement and prayers. We are blessed to be in partnership with you. We were able to raise over \$5,000. A special thanks also goes to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who donated an additional \$1,500 in matching funds.

# The well project

Keep those sacrifices going. Don't forget to place your donations in the well, so we can give a community new life with clean water.

# Fellowship night (Grades 6-12)

Friday, May 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

### For youth in grades 6-12

Meet Tim at 8 p.m. just inside Incredible Pizza, 3799 NW 86th St., Urbandale. The cost is \$15 (includes pizza, go carts, bumper cars, mini golf and mini bowling.} Friends are welcomed!

Sign- up sheet on the youth bulletin board by May 16.

### Contact: Tim Kightlinger tim@gloriadeionline.com

### **30-Hour Famine**

#### Famine date - June 8-9

Sunday, May 13 from 10-10:30 a.m. All parents and participants need to attend this meeting in the Youth Center. Final registration deadline is May 13.

# The Point

The senior high youth would like to invite the 8th graders to join us for "The Point" beginning Wednesday, May 9. The Point will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in May for praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

The topic: "Eating Spaghetti and other Important Topics"

# SUMMER TIME AT GLORIA DEI

### **Summer Grace Place**

Starts Saturday, June 2 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, June 3 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Ends July 27.

We are gearing up for summer Grace Place. Children ages 2 to fifth grade are invited for a Bible lesson, games, and other activities that parallel the weekly message.

### **Summer Vacation Bible School**

### Wednesdays, July 11, 18 and 25 from 6-8 p.m.

Take an Amazing Desert Journey with Jesus this summer. Together, children ages 3-grade 5 will sing, pray, play and learn how Jesus walks and leads on the journey of life.

No registration is necessary. If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com

## Summer Camps



We planned a plethora of summer camps that are bound to enrich a child's summer. Take a look at what camps are available for children ages 3-fifth grade:

- preschool and elementary science camps preteen archery camp elementary sports camp
- preschool and elementary princess camps elementary girls' camps
- preschool and elementary fine arts camps

# Week of May 12-19, 2012

#### Saturday, May 12

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
8:30 a.m.	Scrapbook Fellowship
8:30 a.m.	Gloria Dei Quilters
4:00 p.m.	Kris Greiner and Shelley Langebartel
	Wedding
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the
	Family Life Center with Communion
Sunday, Ma	ay 13
7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in
	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Traditional Blend Worship Service in
	Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	30 Hour Famine Meeting
10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	H3 Worship Service in Family Life
	Center with Communion
2:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop 407
3:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 806
6:00 p.m.	BoyZ of Faith

#### Monday, May 14

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

#### Tuesday, May 15

9:00 a.m.	Staff Quarterly Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Senior Adult Ministry MAT
1:00 p.m.	Directors' Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Picture Me Green Artist Visit
5:00 p.m.	Police Memorial Service
6:00 p.m.	Police Memorial Reception
7:00 p.m.	Encourage Each Other Study

#### Worship (May 5-6) Attendance Communion Northwind 106 7:45 a.m. 136 115 132 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) 211 10:30 a.m (Sanctuary) 232 168 10:30 a.m. (FLC) 43 Confirmation 597 Total 1,325 415

#### Wednesday, May 16

10:00 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	The Point
7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (Off-site)

#### Thursday, May 17

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6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers	
11:00 a.m.	Church Production Forum	
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	
6:30 p.m.	Discovery 101	
Friday, May 18		
5:30 p.m.	Brian Eilts and Heather Dunman	
	Rehearsal	
Saturday, May 19		
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - 33 Series	
4:00 p.m.	Brian Eilts and Heather Dunman	
	Wedding	
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the	
	Family Life Center	
6:30 p.m.	Informational Meeting	

# Honduras mission trip

The Honduras mission trip is looking for cash donations for items to be purchased in Honduras and for the purchase of Spanish Bibles. If you are interested, please put your cash donation or check in the offering plate with "Honduras" in the memo line. You can also donate online (www.gloriadeionline.com) by clicking on "To give online today" link. Thank you for your support!

# Ways to help

**Urbandale Food Pantry** - Consider donating toothbrushes in May to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Outpouring of Love (May 5-12)	
General Fund Offerings	\$23,877
4th QTD Offering	\$170,525
4th QTD Budget	\$188,000

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:7

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# Week of May 19-26, 2012

### Saturday, May 19

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7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
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4.00 p.m.	Dhan Eilis and Realher Dunman
	Wedding
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the
	Family Life Center

6:30 p.m. Informational Meeting

### Sunday, May 20

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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.	Senior Adult Ministry - Staying Healthy
2:00 p.m.	Chapel at Emeritus
3:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownies
4:00 p.m.	6th Grade Girls' Small Group
	Service Project
6:00 p.m.	BoyZ of Faith
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### Monday, May 21

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

# Camp Okoboji 2012 programs

Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa was established in 1940 by a group of people who had a vision for outdoor ministry. The camp is owned by members of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to youth and family camps, there are opportunities for families to reserve facilities for family reunions and church organizations. For more information and a list of their many camps, please visit their Web site at www.campokoboji.org.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	7	10	18
Elementary	13	28	49
Total Children	20	38	67

### Tuesday, May 22

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.	Informational Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Encourage Each Other Study
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#### Wednesday, May 23

10:00 a.m.	Informational Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Children's Concert
6:00 p.m.	The Point - Senior High
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Concert Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 24

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball
6:30 p.m.	Discovery 101

### Friday, May 25

9:00 a.m.	Tiny Treasures Playgroup
5:30 p.m.	Sean Rooney and Ashley Timm
	Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 26

3:00 p.m.	Sean Rooney and Ashley Timm
	Wedding
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is a year-round camp, affliated with the Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, offering lots of outdoor activities and camps for children. For further information, go to www.campiodiseca.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 10:30 a.m. Sunday H3 Young Family Worship in the Family Life Center

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

# 10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective

worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

### Other important items

**Nursery:** Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

**Cry room:** Located in the southwest corner of the Narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

### Weekly Bible reading - Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)

### And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

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

### **Education times**

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

### Summer Grace Place

starts June 2-3 Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

> **Faith Alive** Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Join us in the fall.

**Youth** (grades 6-12) Times vary, check page 5.

Adults Times vary, check pages 6-7.

### Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, nonalcoholic 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.

