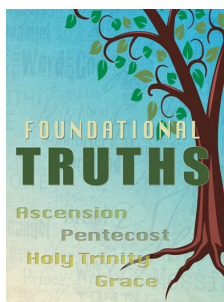




## Foundational Truths - Ascension



*“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11*

Today, we begin the “Foundational Truths” message series by looking at the importance of the ascension—the time when Jesus was physically lifted up from this world into heaven. We will also learn how the ascension shows God’s complete provision for his people.

## Our response to President Obama’s statement

With the latest statement by President Obama concerning same-sex marriage, we thought it would be useful to look at the issue from a biblical perspective; therefore, we have included a document in the Weekly Word. This document was written by a sister congregation in San Antonio, Texas. Our desire is to present the issue from a loving and compassionate perspective that will show Christ’s love to all people without regard to their sexual orientation. Pastor Burcham will address this issue during next week’s message entitled, “Compassion and Conviction.” If you have questions after reading this document, please contact the church office.

## Aurora Campus Improvements

In the mail this week, you should have received information concerning the Aurora Campus Improvements Fund Drive. If you did not receive the handout, please pick one up at the Welcome Centers. In addition, Pastor Burcham will hold Family Meetings at the end of worship today to talk about the fund drive. We will also hold informational meetings on Saturday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 23 at 10 a.m.

## Annual Meeting

**Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Join us at the Annual Meeting where the proposed budget will be voted on and Governing Board members will be elected. (For details on the candidates, see page 2). Members and non-members are invited to the meeting, but only members who are 18 and older will be able to vote.

During the Annual Meeting we will have the total pledges (to-date) received for the Aurora Campus Improvements Fund Drive. Depending on how the pledges will be fulfilled, we may seek the congregations’s approval for a short-term loan during the meeting. The loan would enable us to complete the maintenance and remodeling projects this summer and fall. The loan amount would not exceed the total pledged amount, and will be paid off as the pledges are fulfilled. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 276-1700, ext 217.

## Help a child - school supplies

Freedom for Youth Ministries is working in conjunction with Polk County Health Dept. to continue the back-to-school health fair for inner-city children at East High School on July 18. Enclosed in the Weekly Word is a school supply list. Please purchase the items and return them in the Narthex by June 17. If you would like to help with the health fair, please contact Lori Martin at 979-5907 or Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.



## Computer work

We are updating our computer server; therefore, we may not be able to access our e-mails from May 18-21. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you need immediate assistance, please call the church office at 276-1700.

## 30-Hour Famine

**Famine date**

**June 8-9**

Did you know that a child dies from hunger-related causes every 8 to 12 seconds?

We can do something about it! The youth will be collecting donations after worship services on June 9 and 10.

## Wee Ones

### Care and Share Program

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.

Baby items can be placed in the playpen located in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, contact Vicki Larimer at 321-8674.

## Children

### Weekends

Summer Grace place will be held from June 2-3 to July 26-27.

## Governing Board candidates

The following candidates will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Lorrie Graaf



Lorrie and her husband, Dave have been married for 39 years, and have two adult children, Adam and Rachel. Lorrie is employed by the American Cancer Society. She enjoys gardening and reading. She is involved in a small group, Women's Bible Connections, LWML Circle and is a representative to Operation Barnabas. She has previously served on the Governing Board, taught children during midweek and Sunday's educational times.

**Why serve on the Governing Board?** "I believe God has blessed me with leadership skills and abilities that I can use to serve him and the members of Gloria Dei."

### Jason Hoffman



Jason and Tina Hoffman have been married for 14 years and have two children, Noah, 12 and Jonah, 8. Jason is employed by Performance Foodservice. His free time is filled with family and church activities which he thoroughly enjoys. Jason is running for his second three-year term on the Governing Board and has been a member of Gloria Dei for six years. In addition to the Governing Board, Jason has served on a hospitality team, participated in music ministry, Ministry Action Teams, men's Bible study and in a small group.

**Why serve on the Governing Board?** "It is a great opportunity to help shape the future of the ministry. We are at an exciting time in the church's history, and what we do now is going to greatly impact the Lord's work in our community and beyond long into the future."

### Mark Kramer



Mark and Cathy Kramer have been married for 15 years and have three children, Danny, 12, Andy, 11 and Abby, 8. Mark manages the Trading Operations staff in the Capital Markets area of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He enjoys biking, running, boating, hiking, coaching baseball, golfing and the Chicago Cubs. Mark is running for his second three-year term on the Governing Board and has been a member of Gloria Dei for 16 years serving as an offering counter, midweek helper, assisting with a small group MAT, is a member of a hospitality team, and the Honduras mission trip.

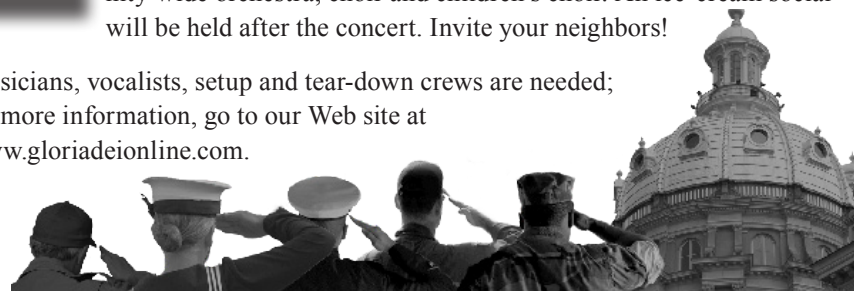
**Why serve on the Governing Board?** "I want to help ensure that Gloria Dei continues to be a place that people in all stages of their faith life can call home, by giving those strong in faith, weak in faith, new in faith, or challenged in faith, opportunities to worship and grow closer to Jesus Christ."

## Patriotic Concert 2012

We are going indoors this year! That's right and we are doing it in style and close to home. Mark your calendar to attend the Patriotic Concert on Sunday, June 24 at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Urbandale High School. The concert will consist of musical selections from our community-wide orchestra, choir and children's choir. An ice-cream social will be held after the concert. Invite your neighbors!

June  
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Musicians, vocalists, setup and tear-down crews are needed; for more information, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).



## 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.

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 20 are provided by Donna Osby in memory of her husband, Gene Osby.

## Thank you to the Gages

For several years, Brad and Angie Gage have worked diligently to develop our bell ministry, specifically in regard to the Alleluia Ringers. They have shared their passion for this form of worship not only with this congregation, but to the many participants who have learned how to play the bells under their leadership. We are extremely thankful for their dedication. The Gage's have decided to step down in leading the Alleluia Ringers. We will miss them in this capacity, but are thankful for the legacy that they have left us. ~ The Worship Ministry

## Thank you

Thank you for all who prayed for our Dad during his illness. He went home to be with his Redeemer in life eternal on May 1. ~ The family of Clifford Bax

## Come and join us

**Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 (after each worship service)** You are invited to celebrate Pastor Burcham's 20th anniversary at Gloria Dei (entering 25 years of ministry.)

Join us in the center wing after worship where you can greet Pastor Burcham, fellowship, and enjoy coffee, juice and cake. In lieu of gifts, please feel free to bring canned goods or financial donations for the Urbandale Food Pantry. They will be donated in honor of Pastor Burcham. See you there!

### Servers

#### 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

Lynn Hays

#### Acolytes

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Courtney Wilson

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Avery Gathercole

**Scripture readings:**  
Acts 1:1-11 and  
Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

#### Hospitality Teams

**Northwind (FLC)**  
Team Two

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

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

**10:30 a.m. (FLC)**  
TBD

**10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Two

## 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 graduates

## For the health of:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Molly Woodley and family
- Sue Anderson
- Vicki Giesselmann
- 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
- Unborn infant Peyton Post
- Christina Huang's father

## And for:

- Our nation

## Prayer ministry

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

## 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](http://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.

## 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](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).



**MEN: YOU ARE INVITED TO A COOKOUT!**

Friday, June 1 @ 6:30 p.m.  
8226 Plum Drive, Urbandale

Yes, an evening, basically of nothing...well nothing, but fellowship and food. We'll supply the pork loin and ribs and you supply what you want to drink. Come and join us.

### SUMMER SESSION 33 SERIES

Wednesday, June 6-July 18 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at OverTime. The 33 Series is based on a DVD series that concentrates on the qualities of Jesus, who lived for 33 years. The DVD presentations as well as discussion will help to encourage men to live like Jesus to their families, work and community.

Suggested donation for the book is \$20.

Questions? Contact Bill Clark at [BillClark@mchsi.com](mailto:BillClark@mchsi.com) or at 491-8543.

## 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](mailto:BillClark@mchsi.com) or Project 52 at [inspire@52.org](mailto:inspire@52.org).

## Sign up to help Habitat for Humanity

Friday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gloria Dei has designated Friday, June 22 to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity by building a house for a family who emigrated from Baghdad, Iraq. We need 15 ministry partners to work on the house (no experience is necessary) as well as individuals to provide, prepare and serve lunch for all the workers. If interested, please register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). If you have any questions, call Bill Clark at 491-8543.

## Celebration evening at Blank Park Zoo

Sunday, June 24 from 5-8 p.m.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will hold a free event to celebrate the new Two Rivers Chapter of Thrivent Financial at Blank Park Zoo. Train rides, animals, and food will be in the mix. Reservations are required by June 10 by going to [www.thrivent.com/findanevent](http://www.thrivent.com/findanevent) or calling 255-1525.

## 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.





## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

### 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. Our current donations are \$1,003.80; our goal is \$5,600.

### The Point

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

Have you even wanted to compete in a sword fight? If so, join us on Wednesday.

**Topic:** "How to eat spaghetti and other important topics."

### 30-Hour Famine

**Famine date - June 8-9**

**Together we can save lives!**

### Current fifth graders

Mark your calendar for June 3. That is the first Sunday when you can join the junior high for Castaway and all junior high events. We look forward to having you be a part of our group.

## 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. 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

## Drive thru Camp Dodge on Memorial Day

Drop off your donations for Operation Barnabas at Camp Dodge on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 from 5-11 a.m. The supplies collected will support Des Moines area Veteran Assistance programs.

The Des Moines Veterans Hospital has a great need for the following supplies: laundry soap, dryer sheets, toilet paper and paper towels. Food items requested are coffee, canned meats and shelf stable foods. Hygiene items are deodorant, feminine sanitary products, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, combs and hair brushes, African-American hair care products, denture cleaning supplies and disposable razors. Clothing items for men and women are gloves, rain ponchos, socks and underclothes.

A free Memorial Day breakfast will be served from 5-9 a.m. at the Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge. Additional information is available at iowamilitarysupport.org.

# Week of May 19-26, 2012

## Saturday, May 19

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
- 9:00 a.m. Building Faith Chests
- 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

## Sunday, May 20

- 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

## 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

## 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

## Wednesday, May 23

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

- 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

## Scripture on Giving:

*Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19*

Worship (May 12-13)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	131	100
7:45 a.m.	159	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	386	
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	200	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	54	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>124</b>

Outpouring of Love (May 12-19)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,498
4th QTD Offering	\$207,023
4th QTD Budget	\$220,000

# Week of May 26-June 2, 2012

## 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

## Sunday, May 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Andrew Dorn Graduation Luncheon
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

## Monday, May 28

- 8:00 a.m. Office Closed

## Tuesday, May 29

- 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. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, May 30

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Children's Concert Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 31

- 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, June 1

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Mitchell Thole and Jacqueline Timmons Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Cookout

## Saturday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters' Pictures
- 4:00 p.m. Mitchell Thole and Jacqueline Timmons Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Gathering for Pastor Burcham

## 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](http://www.campokoboji.org).

## Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is a year-round camp, affiliated 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.campio-diseca.org](http://www.campio-diseca.org).

## Ways to help

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

## Mount Olive Lutheran School

Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School will be celebrating Linda Light on Sunday, June 10, 2012. She will be retiring after serving at Mount Olive for 28 years, teaching in the Little Lambs Preschool for 22 1/2 years, fifteen of which she was the director. Worship services will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m. with a brunch reception following each service. Cards and pictures may be submitted to Mount Olive, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (attention Linda Light). Please join us as we praise and thank God for Linda.

# 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 24:44-53 (NIV)**

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**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, 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.