

## Compassion and Conviction

The topic of homosexuality has flooded the news in recent weeks sparked by the comment from our president condoning same-sex marriages. As Christians, we need to respond, not out of emotion, intellect or tradition, but out of a great love for God and his Word. What does the Bible say about homosexuality? And how should we respond?

Today, Pastor Burcham will take us to the scriptures to teach us about the delicate balance of compassion and conviction. It's not an easy subject, but one that we need to wrestle with, so please take time this week to pray on how to respond to this message in a way that reflects our Lord.

We have several resources that may help you with this subject:

- Today's message can be accessed after Tuesday at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).
- Additional copies of last week's document, which details the church's response, are at the Welcome Centers.
- Today's insert contains a few practical suggestions on how to live out today's message.

## Come celebrate with us

**Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 (after each worship service)**

Please join us in celebration for Pastor Burcham's 20th anniversary at Gloria Dei (entering 25 years of ministry.)

Since Gloria Dei and Pastor Burcham have been strong supporters of the Urbandale Food Pantry, we will continue the support by a special food drive to honor Pastor Burcham's 20 years at Gloria Dei.

**History of the Food Pantry:** Pastor Burcham was introduced to the idea of having a local food pantry at the Urbandale Ministerial Alliance in 2007. In January 2008, the city of Urbandale approved funding to lease space for the food pantry and to pay the utilities; in the same month the Urbandale Ministerial Alliance raised funds from several Urbandale congregations to pay for a part-time director and various administrative costs. Since that time, Gloria Dei consistently gave out of its yearly budget; currently we give \$5,000. In addition, many individuals have jumped on board to help: Naomi Circle sponsors a fund drive twice a year (2012 spring fund drive raised \$1,952), and the Beacon of Blessings collects items monthly.

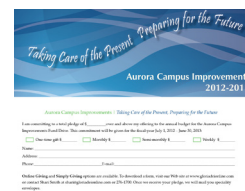
If you would like to participate in this special food drive, please bring your non-perishable or personal items to the display that is located in room 138. Donations may be brought in any time between now through Sunday, June 3. If you would rather make a cash donation, please make your check payable to Gloria Dei with "Food Pantry" written on the memo line, and drop it off in the office, the offering plate or go online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

So, let's see how we can fill the display! Bring your items to room 138! And join us in the center wing after worship on June 2 and 3 where you can greet Pastor Burcham, fellowship, and enjoy coffee, juice and cake.

## Aurora Campus Improvements

**Commitment Weekend June 2 and 3** - Next weekend we will lay our commitment cards at the altar. Please prayerfully consider what you will be able to contribute above and beyond your annual giving. Additional commitment cards can be picked up at the Welcome Centers.

**Update: Our early pledges (to-date) total: \$325,000. Our goal: \$1,000,000.**



## Children

**May 26 -27**

A special Grace Place will be offered Saturday at 5:50 p.m.; Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

## Office closed

**Monday, May 28**

Our office will be closed in honor of Memorial Day.

## 30 Hour Famine

**Famine date**

**June 8-9**

The youth will be collecting donations after worship services on June 9 and 10.

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## Wee Ones Care and Share Program

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

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

## School supplies

Please pick up a supply list at the display in the Narthex. All items need to be returned by June 17.

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## Memorial Day

Drop off your donations for Operation Barnabus at Camp Dodge on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 from 5-11 a.m.

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## 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. 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. Pick up a school supply list at the display in the Narthex. 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

## 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."

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 27 are provided by Scott Raecker in honor of his lovely wife, Martha, on the celebration of their 21st anniversary on June 1. The flowers near the piano are provided from the wedding of Ashley Timm and Sean Rooney.

## Thursday evening worship update

Thank you to those who made a commitment concerning the Thursday night worship service. Unfortunately, we did not have enough members to proceed. We had set the target at 100 missionaries, and only 51 people committed. When we proposed the service we thought long and hard about how to make the determination of whether to go forward or not and decided on 100 missionaries for a couple of reasons. The first reason was history. In the past when we have recruited 100 or close to 100 people to start a service, and it has been a success. In other words, the service has grown and we have attracted people from the community who did not have a church home. The second reason was location. The only place that would be available on Thursday night is the Sanctuary and even at 100 people, it could seem pretty empty.

In the future, we may investigate another night or a similar worship launch. Thanks again for your willingness to make the commitment. ~ Sincerely, Bill Jesse, Executive Director

## Art and Craft Show

The 20th Annual Gloria Dei Art and Craft Show sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360, or check out the link at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. We are excited about our 20th annual show, and appreciate all the support from the members of Gloria Dei.

### 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

Kathy Brammeier

#### Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Anna Miller

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Josh Dueker

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Jade Miller

#### Scripture reading:

John 4:1-26 (NIV)

#### Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)  
Team Three

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Team Four

10:30 a.m. (FLC)  
TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Team Three

## 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 Scott and Martha Raecker celebrating their 21st anniversary June 1
- For the birth of Terry and Ruth Ebke's grandson, Micah Scott Vix

## For the health of:

- Molly Woodley and family
- Sue Anderson
- Vicki Giesselmann
- Brenda Barron
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother
- Tim Anderson
- Alice Wegner
- Emma Anderson
- Unborn infant Peyton Post
- Christina Huang's father

## And for:

- Esther Sandhorst who celebrated her 99th birthday on May 14

## 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, join us for an interactive event. Register today at the adult page at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). Contact: Pastor Philip Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



**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.**

## Quilting updates

It's time to display your quilted creations! Pictures will be taken in rooms 134-36 on Saturday, June 2 from 8:30-11 a.m. We will hang the quilts in the narthex after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 3, and pack them for Honduras in a couple of weeks. If you need more time to finish quilts for Camp Dodge, you've got it. The June quilting date is June 16, so you can work on them with friends and then they'll be delivered later in the summer.

A field trip is being planned for the afternoon of June 2. Contact Amy Haaland at 457-3698 if you're interested in visiting a couple of quilt shops in Ames and Ankeny... rebuilding that fabric stash.

## Book club

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

Join us for June's read: "Any Minute" by Joyce Meyer and Deborah Bedford.

## Calling members - mentoring opportunity

The Senior Adult Ministry has formed a new member mentoring program. It is designed for both new (mentees) and existing members (mentors). Its purpose is to provide a welcoming, beneficial and thoughtful connection to individuals and families joining Gloria Dei; and to provide current Gloria Dei members a God-pleasing opportunity to help assimilate new individuals into the family of Gloria Dei.

All are welcome to join us! In fact, in order for this opportunity to be successful, we need individuals of all ages. So, if you are familiar with Gloria Dei and would feel comfortable connecting with new members, then join us by doing the following:

- Sign up at the Welcome Centers.
- Pray for the new member (who will be assigned to you).
- Get to know the new mentee by reading their Ministry Partner Interest Areas form.
- Provide assistance in such areas as:
  - Introduce the new member to other members and to staff.
  - Attend church with the new member and answer questions.
  - Invite them to attend Gloria Dei's activities, i.e., Bible study, Circles, potlucks.
  - Invite the new member to breakfast following a worship service.
  - Be their Narthex friend.

The length of the mentoring relationship will continue until the new member feels comfortable at Gloria Dei. If you are interested, please sign up at one of the Welcome Centers today. We plan to begin at Discovery 201 on June 10. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Boesch at [dboesch@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:dboesch@gloriadeionline.com) or Barb Miles at 251-7939.



# Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

## Adventureland

Junior and senior high youth and friends are invited to join us Wednesday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for some good times. Cost is \$21, plus food, games and souvenir money. Sign up and pay by June 13.

## 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.

**May 30:** Topic: "Who's your hero?" Afterwards, we will go watch the movie, "The Avengers."

## 30 Hour Famine

**Famine date - June 8-9**  
**Together we can save lives!** We are excited as we prepare for this awesome event.

## 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.

Castaway begins June 3 at 9:20 a.m.

## 30 Hour Famine

Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9

Did you know that a child dies from hunger-related causes every 8 to 12 seconds? We can do something about it! That is right! As a church, we can support our youth by giving financial donations after worship services on June 9 and 10.



**History of 30 Hour Famine:** Gloria Dei has been involved with 30 Hour Famine for eight years, raising more than \$72,500. Throughout the years more than 350 youth have learned about hunger, raised funds, lived for 30 hours without food and ultimately, saved thousands of lives.

**The giving continues:** Recently, Natalie Larimer, a high school student, set a goal to sponsor four children for \$1 a day (per child), which totaled \$1,460. Praise God!

## Summer at Gloria Dei

### Summer Grace Place

**Special Bonus:** Grace Place will be offered this Saturday and Sunday, and then our official 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. See you there!

### Summer VBS

**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-grade 5 by picking up a brochure at one of the Welcome Centers.

# 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
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, May 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 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
- 10:50 p.m. Grace Place

## 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. The Point - Senior High
- 6:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Choir 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 - Commitment Weekend

- 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

## 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 per 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.

Worship (May 19-20)	Attendance
Northwind	176
7:45 a.m.	103
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	266
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	226
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>

Outpouring of Love (May 19-26)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,513
4th QTD Offering	\$225,536
4th QTD Budget	\$244,000

# Week of June 2-9, 2012

## Saturday, June 2 - Commitment Weekend

- 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

## Sunday, June 3- Commitment Weekend

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Celebration Gathering for Pastor Burcham
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 11:45 a.m. Quilt Hanging

## Monday, June 4

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:00 a.m. Vision Frame Meeting
- 9:00 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, June 5

- 7:00 a.m. Primary Election
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest Meeting)
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study
- 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

## Wednesday, June 6

- 3:00 p.m. Iowa Character Counts Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, June 7

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

## Friday, June 8

- 5:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine
- 5:30 p.m. Tyler Abels and Laura Hoffman Rehearsal

## Saturday, June 9

- 12:00 a.m. 30 Hour Famine
- 3:00 p.m. Tyler Abels and Laura Hoffman Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## 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 needed 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](http://iowamilitarysupport.org).

## An evening at Blank Park Zoo for Thrivent Members

**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.

# 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 - John 4:7-15 (NIV)**

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."



## **Education times**

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

**Summer Grace Place**

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.

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