Weekly Word



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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Move Over Self, God's Will Drives

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Smith Wigglesworth, a noted preacher at the turn of the twentieth century, discovered an important truth in walking with the Lord: you've got to get out of the way.

But if you haven't noticed, shifting from self to God is not an easy feat because we do not like to travel in the passenger's seat. In fact, the very nature of self is to keep control of the steering wheel and the acceleration pedal at all times under every imaginable circumstance. In other words, we want to be at life's center stage where we can perform, direct and praise all of our daily performances. Turn on the lights! Stand up! I am here to show you about me! And so our self-indulgent, self-directed ways produce a block-buster play that is short-lived because its subject is rather short-sided and is oblivious to the Lord.

God is not impressed with our self promotions. Instead, he requests for us to submit unto him and to swap our wills with his.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.
James 4:7-8

God wants to be the driver, the director of our lives; he wants us to be the followers, those whose lives are dedicated to imitating him.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2

Imitating God, having God's will as a priority in our lives requires us to get out of the driver's seat. We need to fix our eyes upon something greater than ourselves.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus is a quality that set Smith Wigglesworth apart from many of his colleagues. According to "A Man Who Walked with God," by George Stormont:

"When Smith Wigglesworth stayed in our home once, he came down early one morning and told me, God spoke to me on your bed."

"What did he say?" I asked.

"He said, Wigglesworth, I am going to burn you all up until there is no more Wigglesworth, only Jesus."

Standing at the foot of our stairs, he raised his hands to heaven, and with tears running down his cheeks, he cried, "O God, come and do it! I don't want them to see me anymore—only Jesus."

Wigglesworth methodically and painstakingly crucified the one who was starving to be at center stage and placed Jesus in the proper spotlight. After all, Jesus wants to be the Lord of our entire life, not just part of it. As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we have been called to place God's will above our own, thus seeing his will done on earth as it is in heaven.

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Today

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting meets today at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Members and non-members are invited to attend, but only members 18 years old and up will be able to vote. Childcare is provided.

Story time: Join us after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services for some summer reading fun. See page 8 for more details.

Synod Offering

We will be collecting a separate offering for "Preparing Pastors Worldwide" today during worship. On the enclosed envelope, please print your name and offering envelope number and make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "Preparing Pastors Worldwide" on the memo line.

This offering along with other offerings collected in churches throughout the synod will help train pastors who are called to boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Savior of the world. Two-thirds of the gifts will support Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. The remaining one-third will support seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world. Pastor Burcham along with the Governing Board would like to collect \$10,000. Thank you for your support.

Pictorial Directory

Smile! We want your photo! This week began one of many photo sessions for the pictorial directory. Please arrive promptly for your scheduled appointment in the Youth Center and enter by the door near the Family Life Center.

If you have not scheduled an appointment or need to change your current one, please contact Marsha Sly at 276-1700.

Let's Meet Gloria Dei's New Chorale Director

Elyse Flagg, a recent graduate of Iowa State University in Vocal Music Education and a certified K-12 teacher, will be directing the Gloria Dei Chorale, which is currently directed by Aaron McCullough. Aaron, who faithfully directed the Chorale for two years, will be moving to Ohio to further his education in music. We are thankful for all of Aaron's contributions throughout his time at Gloria Dei.

Elyse comes to Gloria Dei with much experience directing at Faith Lutheran Church in Clive, Ankeny First United Methodist Church, Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames, the Ames Children's

Elyse Flagg, our new Chorale Director

Choir program and the Ames Community Theatre (ACTORS) summer series.

"I am excited to work with members of this congregation to praise and worship God through music," said Elyse.

In the fall, Elyse will be teaching at Summit Middle School in Johnston and directing the Chorale on the weeknights and weekends. Please check upcoming issues of the *Weekly Word* for rehearsal times. New voices are always welcome.

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Governing Board 276-1700

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 24 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



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race Anne Buethe born March 8, 2007 to Brian and Michelle (nee Ott) Buethe. Grace's spiritual sponsors are Dan Buethe and Sheila Obermeier.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are provided by:
John and Marolyn Carstens for
their 46th wedding anniversary
and

Bill and Lois Engel for their 55th wedding anniversary.

Giving Envelopes

If you joined Gloria Dei at the May's Discovery 201 class, please pick up your giving envelopes today or during the week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Information Center.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Chelsea Elming

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Randy Bosworth

Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dwight Carlson

Marilyn Carlson

Dennis Dean

Mike Collins

Joe Gilg

Kory Meyeraan

Dan Timmons

9 a.m.

Jeff Monson

Don Pevestorf

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath 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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For John and Marolyn Carstens, who are celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary
- For Bill and Lois Engel, who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary

Prayers

- For the Honduras mission team
- For Joy Linquist's father, Gary Cornelius, who is in hospice
- For Ted Rives, who will leave for Iraq on June 26
- For the health of Amy Jo Wiese's grandfather
- For the health of Diane Cook's mother, Elsa Lind
- For the health concerns of Nancy Siefken
- For Marilyn Gerstenkorn's
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For Norma Willems, mother of Rachel Onsrud
- For John McKeighan, who is undergoing his last round of treatment
- For Dorothy Bunting, mother of Shirley Hoveland, who is recovering from surgery
- For the comfort of Kay Jacobson, mother of Beth Corell

Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Governing Board Candidates

After requesting nominations from the congregation through the *Weekly Word* and reviewing individuals who participated in Lead Gloria Dei, the nominating committee reviewed a list of 12 individuals and is recommending three candidates: incumbent Doug Pals, incumbent Laurie Peterson and Mark Pierson. All three candidates have agreed to serve on the Governing Board for three-year terms. The committee is also recommending Marv Rohn to fill the open one-year term. The committee reviewed each candidate's ability to fulfill responsibilities as a board member and included items such as their passion for ministry, being a high-level and future thinker and involvement in current ministries. The qualified candidates were then contacted regarding their interest and the time commitment required. The nominating committee consisted of Lorrie Graaf, Steve Kammeyer, Kevin Kelley, Anne Readinger and Ken Wunsch. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m.

Doug Pals

Doug and Julie Pals have been married for 17 years and have two children: Madeleine, 10 and Elizabeth, 7. Doug has been a member of Gloria Dei for eight years and has served as a treasurer on the Governing Board, worked on the Strategic Planning MAT and served on the Foundation. Five years ago, he founded Re:Sourceful Communications, a marketing and product development business. Doug loves to ride bikes and enjoys family activities.



Doug Pals

"Having the opportunity to be part of a team working to continue the progress we are making in many areas of ministry at Gloria Dei is something that could touch many lives for Christ and that I would enjoy very much," said Doug.



Laurie Peterson

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Laurie and Wade Peterson have been married for 13 years and have three children: Sydney, 7, Taylor, 6 and Dawson, 1. Laurie has been a member of Gloria Dei for seven years. She has served on the Governing Board, a Call Committee and a Safety Policy MAT. Laurie works at Heska Corporation as the Director of Regulatory Affairs/Biological Quality Control/Release Testing. She enjoys water and snow skiing, and all family activities.

"I want to continue to serve on the Governing Board to utilize the talents and gifts God has blessed me with to serve his kingdom through service at Gloria Dei," said Laurie.

Mark Pierson

Mark and Tammy Pierson have been married for 24 years and have three children: Heidi, 20, Hillary, 17 and Ian, 14. Mark has been a member of Gloria Dei for four years, has been active in the New Orleans' mission trips, youth activities; and is a money counter. Mark works at Travelers Insurance Companies in construction risk management.



Mark Pierson

"I am looking forward to working with the people and helping the church," said Mark.

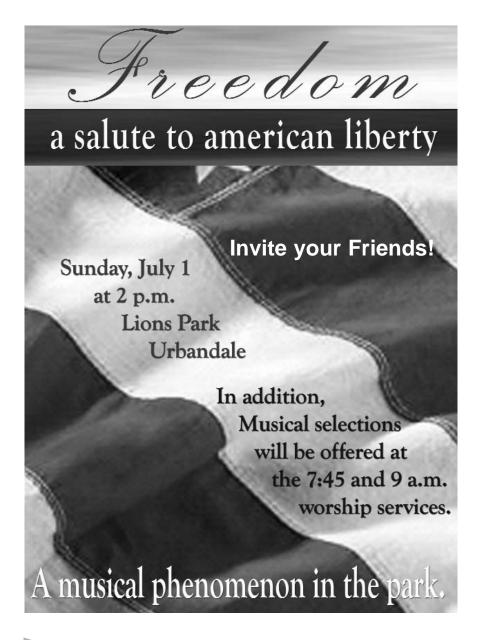


Mary Rohn

Marv Rohn

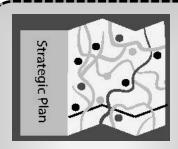
Marv and Norma Rohn have been married for 46 years and have four adult children: Doug, Greg, Kurt and Shonda, and eight beautiful grandchildren. Marv has been a member of Gloria Dei for 18 years. He has taught adult Bible studies, been a member of the voting assembly and currently serves on the Governing Board. In other congregations, he has served as an elder, a finance chairman and has taught Bible classes. Marv is retired, but drives cars long distance for a local car dealer.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to help Gloria Dei move into the future," said Marv.



Golf Outing

A golf outing will be held July 20 at River Valley Golf Course in Adel. Proceeds will go toward sponsoring Gloria Dei's youth ministry. We are looking for business or family sponsors to sponsor each hole for at least \$50. A sign with the sponsor's name will be provided at the hole; this is a great way to advertise a business and to help support our youth ministry. If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.



Did you know?

As the Strategic Planning Committee has been gathering facts about how to plan for Gloria Dei's future, they have found the following information:

FACT:

People connections are 26 percent of why people choose a church while clearly defined beliefs and denominations are 24 percent.

Honduras Mission Team Update

The mission team from Gloria Dei left Friday for Honduras to provide medical needs, such as prescribing and giving medicine, diagnosing ailments; to provide dental needs, such as teeth cleaning and teeth extraction; to lay cement floors, to wash children's hair and to tell them the Gospel story; to present quilts made by Gloria Dei quilters; and to shower the love of Jesus to everyone they meet.

Pastor Tim Phillips is leading the team, which consists of 14 individuals from Gloria Dei and 17 individuals from Nebraska, South Dakota and Lake View, Iowa.

Please keep this team in your prayers this week.

Chinese Missions

Part of Gloria Dei's vision is to be courageous in outreach to our community and the world in which we live. Last week, we reported about our African efforts; this week, we will travel to another continent and see an additional arm of Gloria Dei reaching out to those in need.

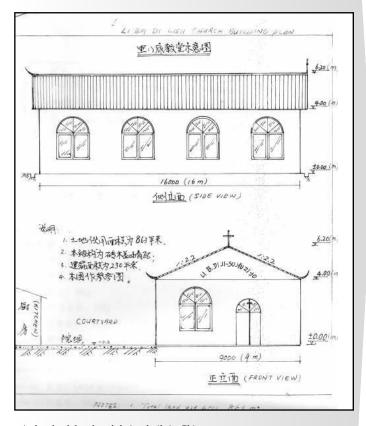
Building in Progress

People's Republic of China, the largest country in East Asia with over 1.31 billion people, has been ruled by the Community Party of China since the state's establishment in 1949. Its vast population and growing economy continue to strengthen its base as a superpower. Some regions within the country are progressive, with major universities and all the amenities that we are accustomed to in America. However, many of the mountainous regions and remote areas are lacking provisions to sustain daily life, such as electricity, running water, adequate food and shelter. The majority of Chinese identify themselves as non-religious, although some lean toward Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. Christianity is allowed under some conditions, and watched carefully under all circumstances.

It is in this background that Gloria Dei decided to help support a project in a remote area of China. Members from Gloria Dei have been involved in China for several years: Scott Raecker, Dan and Deb Timmons, and Brad Peyton have supported various projects through the non-profit Shining City Foundation. Through their connections, they have a personal relationship with individuals whose lives are dedicated to helping the impoverished Chinese. Shining City Foundation has undertaken a project to build a church/community center in a remote area to help host and house the hundreds of worshippers who often visit. These journeys are unlike anything we have ever experienced in Iowa. Men, women and children risk their lives to travel over rocky terrain, raging rivers and inclement weather to worship. A building will not only provide a safe place to worship, but will also be a place for travelers to spend the night before returning home across the rugged terrain. The church will be built with the authorization and cooperation of local authorities.

Members of Gloria Dei have provided \$12,000 to begin this project; Gloria Dei plans to give an additional \$7,000 to complete it. The project has broken ground and should to be completed before year end.

Please keep these worshippers, the local people and the project in your prayers. If you would like more information, please contact Dan or Deb Timmons at ameskids@mchsi.com or 289-0360.



A sketch of the church being built in China.

China Fact Sheet



Official Language Mandarin Chinese

Capital Beijing **Population** 1.3 billion

Second largest country in Geography

East Asia

Life Expectancy 73 years

Economy One of the world's fastest growing economies

Brad Peyton helps a local girl with the mittens provided by Shining City Foundation.

From a Personal Point of View

Scott Raecker, who has been involved in the effort in China for many years, reflects on his experiences:

"What excites me the most about our

work in China has been that through our humanitarian efforts we have really been able to put our faith into action enhancing the lives of others," said Scott. "We have re-built orphanage schools, established self-sustaining farm operations, built and supplied medical/dental clinics, brought electricity to those who have never had it, and provided scholarship funds to educate over 300

youth. In doing so, we have opened the door for local villagers in remote areas to meet Jesus for the first time. These villagers have grown in their faith and received approval from local officials to build their own church. Our support

Scott Raecker joins arms with a local

doctor. Scott has donated dental equip-

ment that originally came from his dad

when he retired.

will allow this wonderful facility to come to life. These villagers will walk as long as three days in order to spend several days in worship. They will now

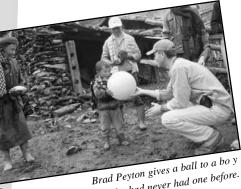
> move their worship from a dirt-floored barn to a church that appropriately celebrates the gifts of God.

"In addition, our efforts in China have enhanced my own spiritual life. I have a deeper relationship with God and have found that the more you give the more you receive in return. Matthew 5:16 tells us to let our light shine before men, that they may see our good works,

and glorify our Father which is in heaven. Our efforts through Gloria Dei are certainly shining the light of our Lord and Savior," said Scott.



Dan and Deb Timmons touch an orphan, who is blind.



_{who} had never had one before.



Scott places a hat on a girl. The hat was knitted by a member from Gloria Dei, Cheryl Gilg.

Tiny Treasures Corner

Teaching Positions: Tiny Treasures will be adding more classes this year; therefore, we are adding the following jobs:

Lead Teacher:

This position will teach the three-year-old class on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

An early childhood degree or training in child development will be required.



Assistant Teacher:

An assistant teacher is needed for the 4- and

5- year-old (prekindergarten) class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This position requires training and/or experience with young children.

These positions can be filled separately or by one person. Applications can be picked up outside the preschool office at the east end of the building or contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Seamstresses needed: Will you be a ministry partner to the preschool and make school bags for new students attending Tiny Treasures this fall? Last year many seamstresses worked to make these simple, attractive bags. Each day, children came and left with their bags full of treasures. The side pocket (communication pocket) was an easy way for parents and teachers to send notes to each other. Although returning students will bring their bags back, we will need additional bags for the new students. Please consider helping. Pick up a kit to make five bags. They need to be returned by the end of July to the church or preschool office. If you have questions, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Sizzlin' Summer Fun

Summer Camps

Summer is in full swing at our many camps. It is not too late to register; pick up a brochure at the Information Center today.

- God's Amazing Creation Science Camp
 - Grades completed K-4 June 25-29
- God's Little Princesses Camp Girls ages 3-5 July 9-13
- Lights. Stage. Action. Drama Camp 1
 Student ages 7-17 July 9-13
- Little Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 Grades completed K-1 July 16-20
- Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 Grades completed 2-4 July 16-20
- Fine Arts Camp
 Grades completed K-4 July 23-27
- Light. Stage. Action. Drama Camp 2 Student ages 7-17 July 30-August 3

Sunday's Story Time

• When:

Today after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services

Where:

Meet in the narthex before going to the children s library.

• Why:

For children to hear stories and for parents to have additional time to fellowship in the narthex.

• Miscellaneous Notes.

In July, story time will only be offered after the 9 a.m. service.

If you are interested in reading, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Anavox Concert

Join us Wednesday, July 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center for the upcoming Christian concert, Anavox.

Tickets are \$3 in advance by July 17 and \$5 at the door and can be purchased in the church office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The GYM Golf Tournament July 20

River Valley Golf Course in Adel

We need helpers for registration and to find donations for prizes.

We are also looking for business or family sponsors to sponsor each hole for at least \$50. A sign with the sponsor s name will be provided at the hole; this is a great way to advertise a business and to help support our youth ministry.

Wacky Wednesdays

July 18 Science Center of Iowa

Depart from Gloria Dei at 12:30 p.m. Return at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$6

August 8 Iowa Cubs Game

Depart from Gloria Dei at 11:30 a.m. Return after the game

Cost: \$6

Register today by grabbing a registration form at the Youth bulletin board.

The Point

Senior high large group Bible study meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. During the summer, we will meet at Tm s house, 9926 Brookview Drive, Urbandale, 779-3995.

June 27

After the Bible study, we will go bowling at Merle Hay Lanes from 7:30 p.m. until whenever we strike out.

July 4

No Point

Revolve Tour

November 9-11

Teen girls, grades 8-12 (starting in the fall)

Women of Faith will help sponsor a convention for young women in Minneapolis, Minn. where they will learn how to live for Christ. For more information, go to www.revolvetour.com.

Drama Camp Ministry Partners

July 9-13

We need youth and adults to help with our Drama Camp from July 9-13. We will need daily workers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., costume makers, builders to decorate the set and directors. Workers can earn money designated for their accounts for the upcoming National Youth Gathering and mission trip.

Week of June 24 - June 30

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7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service

in Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

5:30 p.m. Small Group Facilitators Appreciation

Monday, June 25

9:00 a.m. God s Amazing Creation Science Camp6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers

6:30 p.m. Women s Connections6:30 p.m. Men s Basketball6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, June 26

9:00 a.m. God s Amazing Creation Science Camp

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard

Outpouring of Love		
General Fund Offerings	\$25,340	
YTD Offering	\$1,349,318	
YTD Budget	\$1,340,500	

6:30 p.m.	Kindermusik: Peekaboo, I Love You
6:30 p.m.	Kindermusik: Around the World

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 a.m. God s Amazing Creation Science Camp

9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children

9:30 a.m. Wacky Wednesday Adventureland10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study

2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

6:00 p.m. Patriotic Children s Choir

6:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir 6:30 p.m. The Point

6:30 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra

7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Activity7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Thursday, June 28

6:30 a.m. Men s Bible Study

9:00 a.m. God s Amazing Creation Science Camp

10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory6:30 p.m. Men s Bible Study

Friday, June 29

9:00 a.m. God s Amazing Creation Science Camp

2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

Saturday, June 30

8:00 a.m. Patriotic Rehearsal Outside

9:30 a.m. Pictorial Directory5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Last Week's Attendance				
Northwind	87	Communion		
7:45 a.m.	127	7:45 a.m.	109	
9 a.m.	287	9 a.m.	204	
10:30 a.m.	232	10:30 a.m.	205	
Total	733			

Week of July 1 - July 7

Sunday, July 1

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-Blend Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

2:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert at Lion s Park

Monday, July 2

6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers

6:30 p.m. Women s Connections

6:30 p.m. Men s Basketball

6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 3

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Machine Shed)

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Peekaboo, I Love You6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Around the World

Creative Dance

Wednesday, July 4

Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

6:30 a.m. Men s Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews 6:30 p.m. Men s Bible Study

Friday, July 6

9:15 a.m. Mom s Club of Des Moines, Metro West4:30 p.m. Jamie Schoepke and Brian Appenzeller

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 7

4:00 p.m. Jamie Schoepke and Brian Appenzeller

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

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 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.

Week in Review

Lots of fun scientific experiments brewed in the preschool rooms last week. A few rooms down from the mad scientists, rhythmic movers were swinging to the Kindermusik beat. And quietly tucked away in the Cry Room, a few mothers reviewed a book in their Wednesday morning small group.













Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional 9:00 Traditional-blend 10:30 Contemporary-blend Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m (September-April) Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon