

WEEKLY WORD



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The Day of Pentecost

The Requirement of Motherhood

by Karen Kennedy, staff

If you haven't noticed, mothers come in all shapes, sizes and dispositions. Some actually achieve the Good Housekeeping Award, while others would not be bothered with such a lofty goal. Whatever the particular mold mothers ascribe to, universally speaking, mothers are a class of their own. Ask any child.

Who else sees a completely bald infant and says, "He's the most beautiful person I have even seen."?

Who else says, "Oh honey don't worry about this lamp, it can be replaced. I am just glad you are not hurt."?

Who else says, to their teenagers, "I know you really did not mean what you said to me."?

Mothers are indeed an interesting breed. Their particular looks, quirks, sayings and traditions demonstrate an amazing attribute of unconditional love. In fact, love is the essential requirement of motherhood. Ask any mother.

We understand that true love originates from God; consequently, mothers have a great opportunity to practice this unconditional love on their little (and big) pride and joys in every season of their lives. Great love will be required.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

As I reflect on my own childhood, I was privileged to know a woman who wasn't perfect and had many funny idiosyncrasies. Take for example, her tendency to make sure that I ate scrambled eggs every other day or her delight when she would dress my older sister and me in "sister" dresses (which meant I would wear the same type of dress for three years). But despite all her motherly regulations upon my life, I knew she loved me. Through the years, great love was required as I continued to make decisions contrary to her wishes. In other words, I deserved her love less and yet she loved me more. An unfair equation, but this huge dose of unconditional love began to show me the depth of not only her love, but also God's love.

Personally, I am thankful for the mother that God gave me; she never won any worldly awards, but she captured my heart with her unconditional love. A salute goes to her and to all mothers for loving their children unconditionally! Happy Mother's Day!

Next Week



Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m.
in the Family Life Center

Head, Heart and Hands (H³)

It is a new name with new opportunities and it's starting next week. For more information, see page 8.

Honduras Mission Collections

The Honduras mission team is collecting items for their upcoming mission trip in the narthex. On top of their list is prescription or non-prescription eyeglasses. For more information, see page 6.



Discovery 201

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.
If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. For more information, see page 7.

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Strategic Plan Focus Groups

The Strategic Plan Implementation Ministry Action Team (SPI MAT) is actively laying a strong infrastructure to help us usher the Strategic Plan into the future. Thus, they have defined a few key areas of concentration within each focus group for the upcoming months.

The Ministry Focus Group will concentrate on:

- Overseeing the current ministry activities.
- Developing criteria for prioritizing the initiatives of the Ministry Destination.
- Evaluating the best use of the current facility, so that each ministry can flourish within it.

The Future Facilities Focus Group will concentrate on:

- Developing a schematic of future facility needs based on anticipated ministry, congregational growth and the Ministry Destination.
- Developing the criteria for site selection.
- Selecting an architect for the project.

The Finance Focus Group will concentrate on:

- Creating funding models for the purchase of land and construction of the new facility.
- Selecting a capital fund-raiser to assist in the first of three capital campaigns.

The Communication Focus Group will concentrate on:

- Developing a comprehensive communication plan to inform the congregation of the progress of every aspect of the Strategic Plan.
- Implementing the communication plan in an effective and timely fashion.
- Exploring avenues for the congregation to provide input concerning the progress of the Strategic Plan.

In the upcoming weeks, we will keep you posted as these focus groups begin the tasks in front of them. We appreciate your prayers as we move forward to fulfill our Strategic Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kesse, SPI MAT project manager, at 251-8324.

Grace Place Offered

We are excited to offer an educational opportunity for all children this summer on Sundays at 9:20 a.m. starting May 18. The children will be invited at both 9 a.m. services to join Grace Place. If you attend the 7:45 or 10:30 a.m. service, you are welcome to bring your children to the educational wing for Grace Place at 9:20 a.m. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 11 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Chase Phillip Gordon born February 20, 2008 to Richard and Kendra (nee Ehlers) Gordon. Chase's spiritual sponsors are Ron and Roxann Buenger.

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



Anderson Roger Schiesl born March 10, 2008 to Luke and Lacey (nee Hash) Schiesl. Anderson's spiritual sponsors are Dallas Schiesl and Lexie Hash.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration for:
The 3rd wedding anniversary of Doug and Beth Casady.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Ted Spark

Grant Smith

Will Reynolds

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind

Brad Gerke

Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby

Rick Johnson

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

9 a.m. Sanctuary

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

9 a.m. FLC

Doug Fuller

Shirley Roberts

10:30 a.m.

Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings: II Timothy 1:5-7 and John 19:25-27

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 Leslie and Wanda Stave's new baby girl, Emily Renee

Prayers

- For the health of Janet Tysse
- For Ken Anderson, who is battling cancer
- For the safety of Ted Rives as he is deployed to Iraq
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the health of Barb Thompson, daughter of Bob and Mary Kuefner
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Divorce Care

Are you divorced or separated and looking for a group of friends that will understand your current situation? Contact Robin Haase at 250-1076 or at iowahawkfans@msn.com for details on fellowship events and locations.

May and June Events:

Friday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24 at 7 a.m.

Saturday, May 31 at 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 29 at 1:05 p.m.

Men's Softball

Gloria Dei's softball league is in full swing. The games are played at Clive softball fields, 12385 Woodlawn Parkway, Clive. For more information, please contact Tim Kightlinger or Pastor Kendall Meyer at 276-1700.

Schedule:

May 12	6:15 p.m.	June 5	7:15 & 8:15 p.m.
May 19	7:15 p.m.	June 9	7:15 p.m.
May 27	8:15 & 9:15 p.m.		

Looking for a Missing Study

We are looking for our church copy of Beth Moore's "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place" Bible study. If you can help us locate it, please call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Book Club

Looking for a good read for the summer? Join us as we talk about how the examples found in great Christian literature apply to our lives. Read the book and then join us for a time of conversation and prayer. All books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

Wednesday, June 4 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "Blue Bottle Club," by Penelope Stokes

Location: Laura Ammann, 1059 45th St., Des Moines, 277-5587.

Wednesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "A Woman's Place," by Lynne Austin

Location: TBA

Wednesday, August 6 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "White Chocolate Moments," by Lori Wick

Location: TBA

Envelopes for Food Drive

Naomi Circle is sponsoring a spring food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. We would like to give our donation to DMARC as soon as possible; therefore, please place your donation in the mail or the offering plate today. Make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" and your offering envelope number written on the memo line. If you need an envelope, please pick one up at the Information Center. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Register for Summer Reading

Go for the Gold!

Sign up for the Olympic summer children's reading program today at the children's library.



JEWS F☆R JESUS *presents:*

THE LIBERATED WAILING WALL

Come and Join us for gospel music and drama.

The Liberated Wailing Wall has recorded 12 albums and has toured nationally and internationally, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ with a *Jewish* accent!

Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

Admission Cost:

Free-will offering



Family Life Center

Come & Bring A Friend

Gloria Dei will host The Liberated Wailing Wall on Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The Liberated Wailing Wall, a mobile evangelistic music team from the Jews for Jesus organization, has been bringing Jewish gospel music, testimony and drama to churches, college campuses and city streets for more than 30 years. Besides their national and international tours, they have recorded 12 albums, including their latest, "Never Forget." Their unique Jewish gospel music sounds like a blend of Israeli folk and "Fiddler on the Roof." It is joyous, upbeat and lively. When the Liberated Wailing Wall sings, expect to find yourself tapping your toes, clapping your hands and singing along.

Join Us

Please bring your friends and family to this musical event. The admission cost is free; a free-will offering will be collected for the performers.

Mission Corner



Honduras



Clockwise from top left: A boy is thrilled to get a bandage for his face. • A local woman waits to receive medical services. • Two assistants help with a woman's dental needs.

Work in Honduras

For several years, members from Gloria Dei and other churches have joined forces with the World Gospel Outreach (WGO) to help the poor in Honduras. In June, 21 members from Gloria Dei and six members from Lord of Life Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota will once again partner with this organization.

The Team

The team, led by Pastor Phillips, will provide medical, dental and optometry services to an anticipated 1,500 residents of the Tegucigalpa area. Their services will include prescribing and giving medicine; diagnosing ailments; providing eye exams and prescription glasses; cleaning and extracting teeth (if needed); washing children's hair; and sharing the love of Jesus. In addition to providing medical services, a small group from the team will help with the WGO's construction of a dormitory for homeless children. The team will also hand out quilts made by members of the Gloria Dei Quilters.



Cheryl Gilg presents quilts made by Gloria Dei Quilters.

The Mission and History of the World Gospel Outreach

Founded in 1984 by Alan Danforth, the WGO has supplied medical care and shared the gospel with thousands of residents in Honduras. This year more than 900 people will serve God by helping the Hondurans on week-long mission trips. During their week, WGO serves as the facilitator to help team members minister to the poor. In addition to providing medical needs to those in need, the WGO has a 90-acre ranch that houses abused and homeless children. Recently, a school has been built on the ranch where children can receive a bilingual education.

Items Needed

A few of the members from this year's team will be in the narthex today to share about their upcoming trip. They are also collecting the following items for the trip: children's and adult vitamins and Tylenol, baby shampoo, hair pretties, hair gel and detangler, Zip-loc bags (sandwich and gallon size) and eye glasses (any size, prescription will work.)

Honduras Fact Sheet

Population:

7 million

Size:

About the size of Illinois

Income:

Below poverty level - 53%

Labor Force:

Services - 45%

Agriculture - 34%

Industry - 21%

Religion:

Roman Catholic - 97%

Protestants - 3%

Language:

Spanish

Exports:

Bananas, coffee, citrus, and beef

Ethnic Groups:

Mestizos, Amerindian, black and white

Climate:

Tropical

Life Expectancy:

65.6 years



Calling all Ladies of Gloria Dei

All women are invited to assist ladies from Hope Lutheran in Des Moines in tracing patterns for baby clothing for the Diana's Angels project on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in rooms 130-32. The material and tracing supplies will be supplied. No experience is necessary and no sewing is involved. Miriam Circle will host and serve refreshments at the event.

Diana's Angels was started in 1997 with the purpose of sewing and packaging garments (cap, outfit, blanket and booties) in several sizes and styles, which will fit tiny infants. A card containing Psalm 121 is also included. These kits are then donated to area hospitals where they are given to families facing tragic losses. Their mission offers Christian support and comfort to grieving families.

Circles

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the church for kitchen cleaning.

Quilters

The Gloria Dei Quilters will meet Saturday, May 31 from 9-11:30 a.m. in rooms 130-32 for pictures and a complimentary brunch. Please bring your quilts, so we can take a photo that will be sent to Honduras with your quilt. Immediately following the brunch, the group will carpool to the Quilt Connection in Ames. We plan to return to Gloria Dei around 4 p.m. Please RSVP to Norma Rohn no later than Thursday, May 29 at 253-0523.

Craft Fair

Crafters are needed for the Gloria Dei Craft Fair on Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you are interested, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or go to Gloria Dei's Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 101:

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information on the next class, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201:

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center. If you are interested in joining our church family, please check out our Discovery classes.

Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register for a class, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.

Families Invited

**It is a new name with new opportunities.
Head, Heart, and Hands (H³)**

Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

In the last year, we have introduced a worship service for families during the 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center. After reviewing our first-year experience, we are doing some things to enhance this worship experience for families attending. Specifically, we are going to expand the educational avenues of worship through art, theater and movement. In addition, we are going to create a more inviting entrance, which will include families greeting, ushering and serving together throughout the worship service. We are also offering Summer Grace Place at 9:20 a.m.



Next Week!

Missionary Families: We need families to commit as missionaries to this service for six months. They will serve as ushers, greeters and helpers who create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Summer Grace Place Teachers and Helpers Needed: We need people to commit to leading or helping with a Grace Place class during the summer.

If you would like to help with this exciting opportunity, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeonline.com.

Items Needed

As you work on your home this spring, there is an easy way to support the mission of Habitat for Humanity—by visiting the ReStore. This large warehouse is a discount home improvement center selling new and used materials at reduced prices to the general public.

If you would like to purchase or donate materials, such as carpet, cabinets, doors and tiles, please go to the ReStore, 2341 2nd Ave., Des Moines (across from North High School) on Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. All proceeds support the mission of Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Gibbins, ReStore Outreach Coordinator at 309-0224, ext. 116.



M.O.S.T Bible Study

The Wednesday morning M.O.S.T Bible study will continue to meet throughout the summer from 9:30-11 in room 139. We will study, "A Women's Heart, God's Dwelling Place," By Beth Moore. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Shani Fjelsted at 259-4099.

Join the Fun



Register Today

Stop by the Information Center to pick up the summer camp brochure and join the fun.

Items Needed

The following items are needed for summer camps: plastic and metal coffee cans, plastic ice cream buckets with lids, baby food jars and glass flower vases. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is accepting registrations for the fall classes. For more information, pick up a brochure at the Information Center.



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Junior & Senior High Youth

Coffee with Tim

Mondays from 3:30-6 p.m. Join Tim at Starbucks, 5250 86th Street, Urbandale. Please note: Tim will not be at Starbucks on May 12 and 26.

Nine Hour Blast Eighth Grade Welcoming Event

Thank you to all people who helped in this event. Your partnership helped build positive relationships that will last a long time. –Thanks, Tim

Summer Registration Form

We have lots of fun summer activities planned, but we need your help. You have received a registration in the mail, so please turn it in as soon as possible. If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center.

Parents interested in participating as ministry partners at these events, please contact Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

May 11 and 18: Castaway will be offered throughout the summer from 9-10 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

No Bible study today. Join us Sunday, May 11 and 18 from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study and discussion about relevant topics for high school teens.

Wednesday: The Point

New Schedule: The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

Meal and hang-out time from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Join us for a free home-cooked meal in the Youth Center.

May 14: Senior High Grad Dinner at the Point

May 21: Hamburgers and Brats

May 28: Sloppy Joes

Praise teaching and interactive discussion from 6:15-7:30 p.m. May's Focus: Spiritual Growth.

Senior High Grad Dinner

Wednesday, May 14 from 6-7 p.m.

Graduates and their families are invited to dinner, program and commissioning in the Family Life Center.

Senior High "Urban Plunge" mission trip June 20-22

The participants sleep at the Turning Point campus, visit the jail, feed the homeless, sort and hand out clothes, and attend a church where they hand out groceries to the poor. The Plunge can be a catalyst for people to discover their passion and gifting and join God where he's working in our world. Register by June 1. Cost \$75 or use money from your GYM account.

MSG High School Conference

Sunday, June 8 from 2-7 p.m.

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, is hosting a "MSG Sent" interactive conference for high school youth. It will include a concert and practical tips on how to share God's message of love to family and friends. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The conference is free, but you need to register by signing your name at the youth bulletin board.

Week of May 11-17, 2008

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Castaway
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 12

- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

Tuesday, May 13

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Softball Game
 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle - Diana's Angels
 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. On the Road
 10:00 a.m. Zoo Train
 6:00 p.m. Senior Grad. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Meeting

Thursday, May 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, May 16

- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Outing
 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, May 17

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	133	
7:45 a.m.	165	130
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	319	201
9 a.m. (FLC)	78	
10:30 a.m. (Confirmation)	527	353
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	171	100
Total	1,393	784

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,483
YTD Offering	\$1,345,488
YTD Budget	\$1,357,774

Week of May 18-24, 2008

Sunday, May 18

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 19

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, May 20

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers

Wednesday, May 21

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. On the Road
- 10:00 a.m. Zoo Train
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

Thursday, May 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, May 23

- 5:30 p.m. Ashley Schellpepo and Brian Adrianse Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Jews for Jesus Concert

Saturday, May 24

- 4:00 p.m. Ashley Schellpepo and Brian Adrianse Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing

Last Week's Educational Attendance			
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 a.m.
Preschool	7	39	18
Elementary	12	46	25
Total	19	85	43

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

Starting Next Week: Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. on Sundays starting May 18. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study this Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38.

Adults: There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544 ,ext. 224.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.