

WEEKLY WORD



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May 13, 2007

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Qualities of Motherhood

Much of life is learned in a child's primary years from the example of his or her mother. Throughout the years, a mother's heart becomes fertile ground where children can learn some great character-building qualities.

"For the hand that rocks the cradle,
is the hand that rules the world."
- William Ross Wallace 1819-1881

But what are the exact qualities that a mother etches upon the heart of her child? I believe the qualities are as vast as the individuals who possess them; therefore, I asked several church members about the qualities they learned from their mothers.

"My mother is very creative; she allowed us to explore and discover and didn't get frustrated with the messes. When we miscalculated in our endeavors, she would encourage us to find creative ways to use our mistakes. She never wasted anything; she was a master of recycling everything."
- Terry Steinke

"My mother laid the foundation of faith for our family by her love and her involvement with her church, community and family. And although my mother passed away in 2001, her memories live on everyday, not just on Mother's Day." - Shelly Rivera

"Although my mother was very quiet, she showed her caring ways in action, like making cookies. She was always there and brought me up in the Christian faith." - Alice Wegner

"Strong is the word for my mother. She is strong in faith, patience and endurance. She continues to be my best friend and is always there for me." - Michelle Reinert

"My mother taught me the love of teaching and the awe of seeing the children grasp a concept. Also, she instilled in me the importance of

going beyond the specific subject matter and teaching life skills." - Julie DenHerder

"My mother was always singing and talking about Jesus." - Janet Tysse

"The quality of my mother that stands out is her willingness to help other people. She also taught me about the importance of family."
- Cindy Fresse

"I learned patience from my mother."
- Tracy Hoffman

"She always wanted to help others before she would help herself. She was devoted to her family; they came first. She would often say that as long as we had chocolate in the house, everything would be fine." - Cindee Kusy

"My mother's faithfulness in taking us to church and Sunday school is the quality that I most remember."
- Jane Meythaler

"Dedication, hard work and families are the qualities which I learned from my mother." - Bev Haase

"My mom taught me to be compassionate, and the greatest gift she gave me while growing up was her time. She instilled in me the philosophy to bloom where you are planted. I'm forever grateful for her unconditional love—a love I better understand now that I am a mom." - Sheryl Woolman

"My mother practiced what she preached. She had a terrific sense of humor, was kind and loving. When I was growing up, we didn't have a lot of money, but we always had what we needed. My mother taught me that the Lord would provide." - Ruth Luecht

As the day progresses, let's remember the women who have paved a unique way for us through their example and love.



Happy Mother's Day

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Worship Changes

Service Change

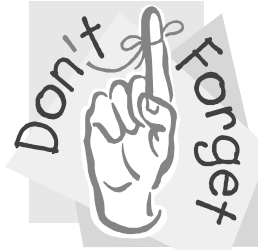
In order to reorganize our summer efforts, the Board of Elders has decided to move the 10 a.m. contemporary service from the Family Life Center to the 10:30 a.m. contemporary service in the Sanctuary starting May 20. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Service Outlines

In an attempt to go paperless and save printing costs, we have ceased printing the worship outlines. As always, the complete service will be projected on the screen. In addition, large-print service bulletins will be available with the ushers for those who need them.

DMARC Envelopes

If you haven't mailed your donations for our spring food drive for DMARC, please do so this week by sending the pre-printed envelopes to the church or dropping them off at the office. Don't forget to write "DMARC" on the memo line. Thank you for your support.



Nomination for Governing Board

The Governing Board is accepting nominations for members who are interested in running for election to the board. If you would like to learn more about this type of ministry or would like to nominate someone, please contact Ken Wunsch at govboard@gloriadeionline.com or contact one of the other Nominating Committee members: Steve Kammeyer, Kevin Kelley, Ann Readinger or Lorrie Graaf by Tuesday, May 22.

Budget and Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for these two important meetings:

- The budget hearing will be Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- The annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 24 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 provided.

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Governing Board
276-1700

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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



Elizabeth Lois Howard born April 26, 2007 to Eric and Anne (nee Manor) Howard. Elizabeth's spiritual sponsors are Thom and Susan Agosta and Lee and Allison Byrd.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Jate Jared Nicol born February 6, 2007 to Jared and Toni (nee Christian-son) Nicol. Jate's spiritual sponsors are Justin and Brook Byars and Ryan Nicol.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are provided by:



- Colleen Vinsand in memory of Grace Schuyler
- Shelly Rivera in memory of Brandon Sturdy
- David and Jackie Van Ahn in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary
- Doug and Beth Casady in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Kaytlin Rice

Emma Wenndt

Chelsea Elming

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.

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

10:30 a.m.

Ed Mautz

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 our mothers
- For our country
- For the graduating seniors

Prayers

- For the healing of Shirley DeVries, mother of Dan DeVries
- For Max Eklund, who has leukemia
- For the tests results for Walker Duncalf
- For the Michelle and Loretta Ingersoll
- For the healing of Diane Mahafey
- For Norma Willems, mother of Rachel Onsrud
- For the healing 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.

New 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 call the office at 276-1700.



Mission Statement

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as an effective and innovative mission center, brings Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

Vision Statement

It is our vision that Gloria Dei will be a place of abundant grace.

Gloria Dei will be a growing, relationship-centered church, serving as a beacon to our community, courageous in sharing the love of God with all people and equipping them to deal with the challenges of life and becoming leaders in the kingdom of God.

Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us for Discovery 101, a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church; and Discovery 201, a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.

A Snippet of Gloria Dei for the Entire Family

Nursery

Located below the narthex, the nursery is professionally staffed during all worship services and midweek classes for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Preschool Children

We have Grace Place, our educational time during the school year on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. In addition, we have Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool during the week for young children.

Elementary Children

We have Grace Place, our educational time during the school year on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. In addition, we have summer camp programs and Vacation Bible School during spring break.

Youth

We have lots of activities and educational time for our youth throughout the week.

Adults

Lots of small groups, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities and support groups are available throughout the week for adults.

Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information. See you there!

Next Sunday!

Upcoming Class!

Discovery 201

Sunday, May 20 from 3-7 p.m.

Dinner and childcare will be provided.

**Sign up today at the Information Center
or call 276-1700.**

Upcoming Small Groups

Women's Connections Summer Edition

It is not too late to join the fun at Women's Connections summer edition on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. We will explore Beth Moore's "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place." This summer edition will be shorter in time; no specific worship or fellowship times will be offered, only the Bible study from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In addition, it will require little outside work because the emphasis will be on watching and discussing the video, not the daily reading assignments. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Mothers with Young Children Group

Mothers with small children will meet Wednesday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cry Room. Please join us for an enriching time of study and fellowship. If you have questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Couples with Young Children Group

If you are interested in joining a small group that supports couples with young children, please call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Men's Bible Study

Please join the Thursday evening Bible study as they begin a study on 1st Corinthians at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. The study will compare the issues that confronted the Corinthians to the issues that confront us. Likewise, solutions will be examined and discussed. If you have any questions, contact Fred Spath at 254-2561 or spathfamily@msn.com.

Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor	Home
Monday, May 14	7:15 p.m.	GDLC	Westview
Monday, May 14	8:15 p.m.	MDRC	GDLC
Monday, May 21	6:15 p.m.	Hope	GDLC

Bulletin Board

- **Media Bake Sale**
May 12-13
- **Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, May 20
- **Honduras Bake Sale**
Sunday, May 20
- **Discovery 201**
Sunday, May 20
- **Beginning Dance**
Starts Monday, June 4
- **Preschool Movement Camp**
Starts Monday, June 11
- **God's Amazing Creation**
Starts Monday, June 18
- **Little Princess Camp**
Starts Monday, July 9

Fundraiser

The media ministry will be selling baked goods and Chris Onsrud's famous homemade Chex-mix after the worship services on May 12-13. All proceeds will go toward replacing the failing video switcher.

Update Sheets

If you have not filled out an update member information sheet, please grab a blank update form at the Information Desk and take a few moments to fill one out (one per household) and leave it in the marked folder at the desk. Thank you for your help.



Meetings

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet in the church kitchen on Monday, May 14 at 6 p.m.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Monday, May 14 at 6:45 p.m. at the new Legends restaurant, 640 S. 50th St., Suite 2110, West Des Moines. We will have dinner with our regular meeting. Please RSVP Kim Brienzo at 278-8310. This will be our last meeting until September, so we hope to see you there.

LWML Directory

Please pick up the new LWML directory today at the Information Center.

Sign Up to Smile

Sign up for a photo session for the pictorial directory today in the Narthex. You can also register at Gloria Dei's Web site, www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail Deb Timmons at ameskids@mchsi.com.

Gloria Quilters

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 19 as the final day on which to turn in your quilts for Honduras. We will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the church and have individual as well as a group photo taken and sew labels into our quilts. We will then carpool to Winterset to visit Fons and Porters Quilt shop, have lunch, tour the Adel Drygoods store and be treated to a "trunk show." We should return to Gloria Dei by 4:30 p.m. Reservations are a must; e-mail Norma at mrohn@aol.com or call her at 253-0523 no later than Thursday, May 17.

Diana's Angels

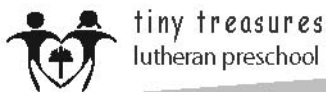
Diana's Angels will meet Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines. This will be their last meeting until August, so if you want packets handed out or picked up, please let us know. We are now supplying all four hospitals in Des Moines with baby outfits, blankets and booties. If you have questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250. Thanks for your help in this wonderful outreach to grieving parents and family members.

Looking for Homes

The International Student Exchange program is looking for four families to host students for the 2007/08 academic year. The four youth are: Tigran, a 15-year old male from Armenia; Abdulrahman, a 15-year-old male from Kuwait; Vera, a 15-year-old female from Russia; and Tetyana, a 16-year-old female from Ukraine. They are all excellent students, outgoing and excited to experience life in America. If you are interested, please contact Amber Diehm Heuer, Area Representative, ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, at 641-821-0126.

Thrivent Builds

We are looking for helpers to work on building sites, prepare and serve lunches and work at the tent on Friday, May 18. For more information go to www.gdmhabitat.org or contact Bill Clark at 276-2517.

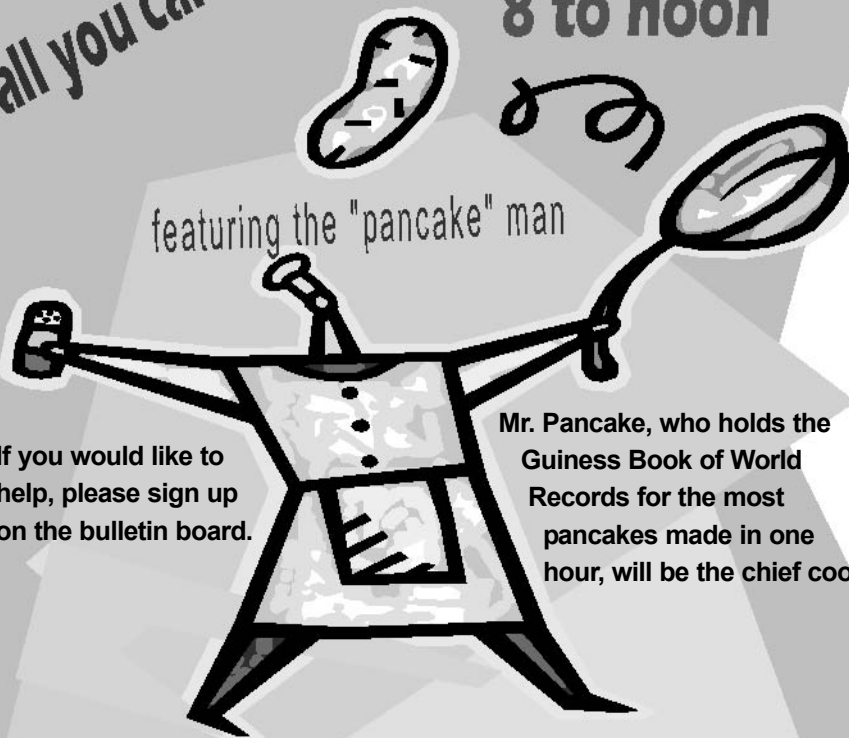


all you can eat!

**Sunday, May 20
8 to noon**

featuring the "pancake" man

If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Mr. Pancake, who holds the Guinness Book of World Records for the most pancakes made in one hour, will be the chief cook.

Pancake Breakfast celebration

\$5 adults and children ages 10 and up

\$3 children ages 3 - 9

children under 2 eat free

all profits go toward Tiny Treasures

Thank you

Our fun night was a huge success. We are thankful for the following sponsors:

Thrivent Financial, Professional Construction Solutions - owner Jim Muetzel, #577-5183; Bank of the West of Urbandale; Fareway of Urbandale; When Pigs Fly BBQ; Tastefully Simple - Julie Jordan, Consultant; Estilo Salon & Day Spa; Pump It Up, Cold Stone Creamery of Johnston; Red Rossa Pizza; General Growth Properties; Carlos O'Kelly's of Des Moines; Premier Designs - Donna Schmidt, Consultant; Papa Murphy's Pizza of Urbandale; Ronda Mueller and Olmsted Elementary School; Super Suppers of Urbandale; Urbandale Dance School and Gymnastics Club; Cosi Cucina; Massage Envy; Shane's Rib Shack; Backyard Adventures; Carol Clemen; Discovery Toys - Krista Jiroutek, Consultant; Jesse's Embers; Mark Courter State Farm Agency; Wellspring Christian Resources; Farner Bocken - Darren Anderson; McDonald's of Urbandale; HyVee of Urbandale; Happy Joe's of Urbandale; Anytime Fitness in Johnston; Friedrichs Coffee of Urbandale; Soleil Tanning in Johnston; Susan Straka; Old Country Buffet; The Learning Post; Cookie & Yo-Yo the Clowns; Cookies BBQ; Triad Kid's Campus; CIMCO; Glazed Expressions; Longview Golf Center; Blue Bunny; Des Moines Menace; Elaine Klinefelter; Brad Gage; Orv Spence; Texas Roadhouse; and the preschool families.

Summer Reading Program

Starts Today!

The summer reading club will take a ride on the reading railroad! Registration will begin today. The summer reading club is open to all children ages 3 to grade 6.

In addition, volunteers are needed to help tally points earned in the summer reading club. If you can help this summer, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

All Aboard!

Summer Story Time

During June and July we will be reading stories to children in the library after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services. Children can relax and enjoy a few stories while their parents enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with each other. Children will be gathered in the narthex immediately following each service and can be picked up at the library.

We need ministry partners, who can read their favorite stories and gather the children. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet at the Information Center or call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



ages 3-13

Summer Camps

- Fine Arts
- Little Girls in 'Her' Story
- Girls in 'Her' Story
- Preteen Wacky Wednesdays
- Kindermusik
- Preschool
- Drama
- Science

It is not too late to register!



register today at
www.gloriadeionline.com

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Confirmation—A Huge Thank You

Congratulations to our confirmands! We are thankful for all the people who made the day special for our youth. Your help in taking the photos, measuring and ironing the robes, ordering and pinning the flowers, helping with the AV needs and all the other behind-the-scenes “life” savers was invaluable and appreciated.

Lincoln Urban Plunge

June 29-July 1

Take the Omaha Urban Plunge with Christ for the City International and experience nine different inner-city ministries in one weekend. Go to jail, feed the homeless, help sort and hand out clothes, and experience six other activities. Open to all current students in grades 8-12. The cost is \$25 for the weekend and covers your meals, lodging and guide. If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger by May 13.

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 20 at the 9 a.m. worship service

Join us as we recognize our seniors; a front pew will be reserved for the graduates. Following the service we'll gather in the Youth Center at 10 a.m. and participate in the Tiny Treasures Preschool pancake breakfast. The church will cover the cost for the graduates and their immediate family. Seniors need to turn in their information cards to Michelle Reinert as soon as possible.

Eighth Grade Lock-in

We are going to have a sleepover at the church to welcome our eighth grade youth into our senior high youth program on Friday, June 1 at 9 p.m. until Saturday at 7 a.m. Watch your mailbox for more details.

Paintball

Junior and Senior High Youth

Join us Sunday, May 20 from noon to 5:30 p.m. for some paintballing fun. Sign up by May 13; cost is \$15 per person; \$10 if you have your own equipment; \$20 for 500 paintballs. See you at noon at Gloria Dei.

Parents: If you are interested in driving, please meet us at noon.

Cafe 923: Grades 8-12

Please join us Friday, May 18 from 9-11:45 a.m.

Week of May 13-19

Sunday, May 13

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

Monday, May 14

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection Summer Edition
- 7:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Near and Far
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Wednesday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

- 9:00 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923

Saturday, May 19

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,528
YTD Offering	\$1,204,288
YTD Budget	\$1,179,640

Grace Place Attendance		
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 10:20
Preschool	17	18
Elementary	14	42
Junior High	2	28
High School		
Total	33	88

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	140	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	143	7:45 a.m.	118
9 a.m.	259	10:30 a.m.	300
10:30 a.m. Confirmation	467		
10:30 a.m. FLC	180		
Total	1189		

Week of May 20-26

Sunday, May 20

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201

Monday, May 21

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection Summer Edition

Tuesday, May 22

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Near and Far
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Wednesday, May 23

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:30 p.m. Governing Board Mtg.

Thursday, May 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 3:00 p.m. Iowa Health Hospice Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, May 26

- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 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 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.

Week in Review



Gloria Dei has been bustling with activities. On May 3, Tiny Treasures sponsored a fun night for the community where games, food and fun were plentiful. Last Sunday, 38 confirmands pledged their faith at the 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-blend • 10:00 Contemporary • 10:30 Contemporary-blend
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. • Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.