

WEEKLY WORD

May 3 and 4, 2008

A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Congratulations to the 2008 Confirmation Class



We are thankful for these youth as they publicly announce their faith during the Confirmation Service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please take some time this week to pray and congratulate them on this exciting time in their lives.

Anderson, Emma
Bamsey, Signe
Bass, Eric
Brush, Emily
Clark, Jordan
Clark, Manda
Collins, Zoe
Cushing, Eric

Dierenfield, Jamison
Dorn, Andrew
Elbert, Devin
Elming, Chelsea
Engelken, Gabrielle
Fuerhoff, Ashley
Gerke, Krista
Gilg, Brian

Graber, Geena
Jensen, Todd
Johnson, Bryan
Maly, Cole
McGinnis, Brett
Nicolet, Justin
Pace, Caroline
Petersen, Nick

Rice, Kaytlin
Roberts, PJ (Peter)
Setsodi, Cara
Shafer, Justin
Snyder, Jacob
Wenndt, Emma
Werner, Jacob

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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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The Relaunch of the 9 a.m. Service

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

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

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, theatre 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.



We need your help: The newly designed H³ service will kick-off on Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We need help in the following areas:

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@gloriadeionline.com.

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 Confirmation class

Prayers

- For continued recovery of Becky DeVries
- For the health of Janet Tysse
- For the family of the late George Hughes
- For the continued healing of Greg Primmer, brother-in-law of Roxi Guilloz
- 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 continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- 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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

10:30 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Regular Services:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Confirmation:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Ted Spark

Grant Smith

Will Reynolds

Cross Bearer:

Olivia Pace

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

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 Reading: John 15:1-8

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 6	6:15 & 7:15 p.m.	May 27	8:15 & 9:15 p.m.
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.

Looking for a Study

We are looking for our DVD 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.

Music Inventory

We are in the process of completing the inventory of all the music for the church. Please return any music inventory to the Information Center or the church office by today, so that an accurate count can be made. Thanks for your assistance.

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, May 7 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "Yada Yada Prayer Club," by Neta Jackson

Location: Heather Schmitz, 9821 Catalina Drive, Johnston, 371-5875.

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

Scrapbook Fellowship

Come to rooms 131-133 anytime Friday, May 9, and join us as we work on our scrapbooks. Whether you're getting organized, ready to start your first album or need time to focus on your albums, we would love to have you join us. We start at 8:30 a.m. and will stop around 11 p.m. Come and go whenever your schedule allows.



For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



Summer Reading Starts Today

Go For the Gold!

Sign up for the Olympic summer children's reading program beginning Sunday, May 4 at the children's library.

Jews for Jesus to Perform

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.



History

In the early 1970s, a group of Jews for Jesus began singing on street corners in and around San Francisco. They didn't win worldwide acclaim, but some people did stop and listen, people who were



surprised to hear Jewish melodies with lyrics about Jesus. At the same time, the group brought a little bit of Jewishness to the churches as they shared their unique music. This group of singing street missionaries was the original

Liberated Wailing Wall. Through the years, some 120 energetic individuals have traveled around the world as part of the various Liberated Wailing Wall teams. For more information about this group, go to www.jewsforjesus.org.

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.



Invite your friends and family!
The Liberated Wailing Wall
Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

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.

Mission Corner



Clockwise from top left: A boy is thrilled to get a bandage for his face. • A local women 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



Cast Your Votes

Members of Women on a Mission need to vote for three of the following mission projects as beneficiaries of this year's Craft Fair proceeds. Ballots are available at the Information Center or e-mail/phone your choices to Deb Timmons at ameskids@mchsi.com or 289-0360. The voting deadline is Tuesday, May 6; we will then apply for matching funds to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Projects:

1. Camp Okoboji
2. Hope Ministries
(Women and children)
3. Kids Against Hunger
4. Orphanage in Lhasa
(Winter clothes and bedding)
5. Agape
6. Ruth Harbor
(Monthly ongoing expenses)
7. Diana's Angels
(Purchasing fabric)
8. Honduras Mission Trip
9. Orphan Grain Train
10. Urbandale Food Pantry
11. Iowa National Guard Auxiliary
(Support for national guard families)
12. Children's Medications and Bibles for the Honduras Mission Trip

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 to sew and package 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

Mary Esther will meet Thursday, May 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lavonne Clark, 7309 Palm, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Bravo Restaurant, 120 South Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines.

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

Join the Fun

Summer Camps

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

Grace Place

Today is our last day of Grace Place for the school year. Join us May 18 at 9 a.m. for Summer Grace Place.

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.

A Year of Fond Memories



As the school year winds down, we fondly look back on all the fun and meaningful experiences throughout the year.

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

Thank you to the youth and the ministry partners who helped in last week's dinner theatre and to everyone else who joined us to make this event a huge success. We raised nearly \$4,000.

Coffee with Tim

Mondays from 3:30-6 p.m. Join Tim at Starbucks, 5250 86th Street, Urbandale.

Nine Hour Blast

Eighth Grade Welcoming Event

Begins Friday, May 9 at 10 p.m. at the church.
Ends Saturday, May 10 at 7 a.m. at the Metro Ice Sports Facility.

All current students from grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an all-night event that will focus on building relationships. The cost is \$30 and covers all the events, (Sports Plex West, bowling and ice skating), food and transportation for the night. Register and pay by May 4.

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 4 and 11: No Castaway
May 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 Sundays starting next week 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 7: Walking Tacos

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. Invitations forthcoming.

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 4-10, 2008

Sunday, May 4

- 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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 5

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Monthly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Choir Recital
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Implementation MAT

Wednesday, May 7

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Meal for Mid-Week Volunteers
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High "The Point"
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Leader MAT
- 7:30 p.m. 5th Grade Refocus MAT

Thursday, May 8

- 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. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, May 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders Class
- 10:00 p.m. 8th Grade Welcoming Event

Saturday, May 10

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

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	190	104
7:45 a.m.	178	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	361	
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	80	
10:30 a.m.	276	
Total	1085	

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$26,618
YTD Offering	\$1,316,670
YTD Budget	\$1,327,568

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
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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

Monday, May 12

3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
 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
 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

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 a.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	9	33	18	33	Music Alive
Elementary	17	53	23	71	45
Total	26	86	41	104	Wed. Meal
Junior High	19				108
Senior High	10				

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.

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

During the school year: We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms. Summer Grace Place begins May 18 at 9:20 a.m.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center starting Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study next Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



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.