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Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!

August 13-14, 2011 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Be a missionary every day

by Steve Kowbel, Director of Worship Ministry

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Since we desire to reach out to those in our community who do not know Jesus as their Savior, we believe the launch of our casual contemporary worship service will be a great entry point for our neighbors, friends and co-workers.

To create a worship environment that is both meaningful and welcoming, it takes an effort from

all of our members to serve on a hospitality, tech, worship or outreach team. We do need help in those areas, but more important than the jobs is the uniqueness and attitude that only you can bring to the task. God created you with certain gifts: the way that you smile, your laughter, how you interact with people, and how you perform certain assignments with a cheerful attitude. In other words, only you can fill a certain spot on the team with your unique gifts and talents. So, please pray, take an inventory of your talents, and consider helping on one of our teams as a missionary for one year.

9 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center

> Launching Sunday, Oct. 9

Hospitality: If you currently serve on a hospitality team, you know the details involved, so come and pave the way for new trainees. Entire families are welcome to join the team!

Small groups: We would love to have a few of our established small groups help us with this mission.

Tech: We have trained professionals who will walk beside you in learning to advance the slides, run the sound or even help with the lighting of the room.

Worship: Consider offering your voices and talents in our worship band or teams. We also need people to set up, prep, tear down, do staging and background design.

Behind-the-scenes: If you would like to work behind-the-scenes to help the worship services run smoothly, we have jobs for detail-oriented people.

Children's ministry workers: With our anticipated growth in this new service, we need more helpers for children's ministry. Partner with a "seasoned pro" and find out how sharing your faith with children provides a generational impact that will resonate for years to come.

Street team: Do you get excited about planning a party or just seeing people get together and have a good time? Help organize events for this group to gather outside the worship service.

Worship is more than a service time or place, so consider putting some feet and hands to the work God has placed before you! Take a leap of faith and partner with God as he builds his kingdom on earth. If you would consider being a missionary, stop by and see Pastor Robarge, Bill Jesse and Steve Kowbel in the Family Life Center and the narthex following the services next week.

Fall's message series

Grab the postcard in the Weekly Word and give it to a friend! Our fall message series, "Building a Community of Character," begins August 27 and 28.



Based on the education program of Character Counts taught in our nation's schools, we will look further at what it means to be a person of good character according to the teachings of Jesus. Our hope is that we will build upon the truths that have been taught for years in our schools, so that our lives will reflect a character that honors God both individually and as a community.

I Rejoice

Today's message centers around giving; when we are content with what God has given us we are able to freely share with others.

Fall Opportunities

Pick up the Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Welcome Centers.



Grace Place

Grace Place will not meet until our fall kickoff on August 27 and 28. See you there!

Meals from the Heartland

Sign up today! Gloria Dei is forming teams to help package meals on August 31, Sept. 1 and 2. Check out the display in the narthex and Family Life Center.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is opening their doors Tuesday, Sept. 6 to 120 children registered for eight classes.

There are a few openings in the PreK afternoon class. If interested, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.



A taste of message-based small groups

As we head into the fall season, we are excited about the upcoming message series and the formation of message-based small groups. If you have never been a part of a small group, we are offering A Taste of Small Groups on August 20-21. After each worship service, we will emulate the small-group experience—with delicious bakery treats, of course. This will be a one-shot deal; no commitments are expected. We only want to show what can be expected from a small-group experience. Please bring the discussion guide from the Weekly Word and all your family and friends to this fun small group. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Ministry Partners needed

I am excited to tell you about the need for Ministry Partners in the Production Ministry. To get more information about participating in the Production Ministry, please attend the open house on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Part of my job as Director of Production is to organize and prepare the Production Ministry to fulfill its mission as a team while developing and upholding a standard of spiritual and technical excellence. We believe that the basis for involvement in any ministry should begin with a sense of God's calling. Do you believe that at this point in your life, God wants you to be involved in the Production Ministry? Once that question is addressed, then your spiritual gifts, natural talents, and developed abilities will help clarify your role in this ministry.

I look forward to meeting you and talking about ministering alongside you—however God leads—and together we can experience the rich blessings of our very faithful Father. \sim Chris Onsrud, Director of Production Ministry

Freedom for Youth

Is your small group, Bible study group, circle or family looking for a way to serve others in the community? Each month members of Gloria Dei have an opportunity to serve elementary youth and their tutors by providing and serving a meal on the first Monday of the month from 5-6 p.m. Your group can choose a month during the school year. There are 25 students and 25 tutors. Meals can be as easy as pizza and a drink or you can fix a casserole, fruit and a drink. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex. If you have questions, contact Kory Schramm at 490-8782.

Meals from the Heartland

Sign up today in the narthex and FLC to help us package meals.

Meals from the Heartland (MFHL), a local non-profit organization, is heading up a community-wide event from Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at Hy-Vee Hall, 730 Third Street, Des Moines. Please



help those in need in the following ways:

- **1. Pray** for God's comfort and love to bless those who are hungry.
- 2. Sign up today to be on a team (see schedule to the right).

3. Give by putting a financial donation in the offering plate today. Since MFLH only purchases ingredients based on available cash funds, cash donations are needed. A gift of \$25 will provide 166 meals or feed approximately 8 children for a month.



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Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Sign up to be on a team.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 9:30-11:30 a.m. 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1 9:30-11:30 a.m. 1-3 p.m. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 2 9:30-11:30 a.m. 1-3 p.m. 6-8 p.m.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, August 14 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Ava Allen Hampe born on August 12, 2005 to Scott and Marla (nee Beasing) Hampe. Ava's spiritual sponsor is Misty Harbin.



Eliza May Beasing, grandmother of Ava Allen Hampe.



Robert Lee Beasing, grandfather of Ava Allen Hampe.

Scrapbook fellowship

Saturday, August 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, August 17 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Tiny Treasures' bags

Since Tiny Treasures opened the doors six years ago, Gloria Dei members have participated in supporting the ministry in many ways. One special ongoing project is preparing school bags. The bags have changed throughout the years; this year's school bag is complete except for a simple sew-on pocket. If you sew, please consider picking up a packet of eight bags to complete for Tiny Treasures. Deadline for returning the bags is Monday, August 22. The basket of bags, with all the materials and directions needed, is located in the narthex.

LWML

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine, West Des Moines.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist: 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Rev. Phil Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC): Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

Preacher: Rev. Phil Robarge **Organist:** Lynn Hays

Acolytes: 9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Connor Corbin

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Claire Nesheim

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:10-23 Hospitality Teams Northwind (FLC) Team Four

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Four

9 a.m. (FLC) Paul and Jodi Rusch and Family

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

Let's pray!

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 with your request.

Thanksgivings

• For our families

Prayers

For the health of:

- Brenda Barron
- Jim Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Inez Rudge
- Dawn Pittmann
- Shirley Kramer
- Craig Newkirk
- Sharon McMartin
- Addison Blythe
- Millie Zenor
- Jolene Norviel
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Judy Lind
- Liz Nelson
- Norma Wallace
- Kathryn Hayes

And for:

- For Pastor Phillips and family, who are grieving the loss of their cousin
- For the families of the two slain police officers in Rapid City, South Dakota
- For the grieving family of Alice Wegner, whose sister, Mary Folkers passed away
- Our military

Prayer team

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

14 ways adults can connect this fall!

1. Financial Peace University

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 13) Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week program that teaches how to achieve your financial goals. Cost is \$90. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

2. Pre-marriage class

Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 18) Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week pre-marriage class designed to help build strong marriages to last a lifetime. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

3. Marriage Built to Last

Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Starts Sept. 8 and ends Oct. 20) "Marriage Built to Last" will share biblical principles and practical ways to keep a marriage healthy and growing. This is the first time the class will be offered at Gloria Dei. Pastor Tim Phillips and his wife, Kim, will be the instructors. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

4. Marriage Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Starts August 31) Learn what motivates men and women in this 14-week study from the book "Love and Respect" by Dr. Eggeriches. Facilitators: Bill and Lesli Clark. No registration needed.

5. Support Groups/Care Night

Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. (Starts Sept. 8 and ends Nov. 10) Our support groups are designed to support adults and children who have experienced a divorce or a death. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal at no cost. The individual support groups meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Childcare is provided. To register, go to our adult page on our Web site.

6. Small Groups

(Starts August 27 and 28) Small groups are being formed for the fall. For more information, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

7. Lifelight Bible Study

Sundays from 9:20-10:20 a.m. (Starts August 28)

An in-depth journey through the Bible using materials from the Lifelight series. No registration necessary.

8. Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9:10-10:10 or 10:15-11:15 a.m. (Starts August 28) Set aside an hour to learn more of the details of the Bible by joining us for this video-based Bible study on various subjects. No registration needed.

9. Women's Bible Connections

Mondays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 12) Connect with other faithfilled women on Monday mornings and evenings. No registration needed, just attend the first morning or evening.

10. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. (Starts August 9) Join the riveting discussion around Timothy Keller's "The Reason for God," a book that examines the most frequently-asked questions Christians face. No registration needed.

11. Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. (Starts August 10) Join this ongoing group as we study various subjects. Join us anytime.

12. Men's Morning Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. (Ongoing) We have lots of coffee, prayer, study and discussion that will energize you to meet your daily challenges with enthusiasm. Join us anytime.

13. Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. (Starts August 31) Join the "Quest for Authentic Manhood," a 24-session DVD study on man's core identities and basic manhood issues. Feel

14. Online Women's Bible Study

free to join us; no registration needed.

(Starts September 18) Led by Laura Rath, this online study will read "A Confident Heart" by Renee Swope. Go to Laura's blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com for more information.

Have questions?

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Junior high (6-8)

Castaway starts Sunday, August 28

kickoff August 28 at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study starts Sunday, August 28

Join us for a discussion about the

message series starting Sunday,

Castaway will not meet until our fall

Senior High (9-12)



See you then!

August 28 at 9 a.m.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior High (9-12)

The Point

We are gearing up for the Point beginning Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m.

Training Ground Sundays beginning Sept. 11 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we connect to God and each other through small groups. After our small groups studies, we will open the FLC for games and hang-out time.

MSG Sent Conference Sunday, August 28 from 2-6 p.m. Check out the youth bulletin board for more details.

Children: Are you ready for the fall?

Grace Place

Saturday, August 27 at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, August 28 at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m. Grace Place offers age-appropriate educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5. Each week's lesson will touch on points from the weekly message. Families are welcome to worship together before children are excused for Grace Place or families can take their children to their classrooms.

Faith Alive

Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m. Families can begin the evening worshipping together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will then head to their specific classes where they will experience music, playtime, story reading, crafts and Bible-based lessons.

Faith Alive Meals

Wednesday, August 31 from 5-5:45 p.m. Join us for grilled hamburgers on the first night of Faith Alive. Cost: \$5 per adult, \$2.50 child or youth (2 years and under eat free).



The Wave

Sunday, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 from 3-4:30 p.m. The Wave is designed for pre-teens (grades 3-5) and their friends to come together for fun, energetic fellowship and Bible time. Each month will have a different theme. In September, we will play miniature golf at Longview.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6-7 p.m.

GirlZ of Faith is a group for girls in grades 4 and 5. We will meet the first Thursday of each month for a time of fellowship, Bible study, crafts, snacks and tons of fun.

Mother and Daughter Walk and Tea

Saturday, Oct. 2 from 1-3 p.m.

Join us in the fight against breast cancer as we walk and talk together and then hear two inspirational speakers as we enjoy tea and fellowship. Cost is \$40 per mother/daughter team of two and \$15 for each additional team member. All proceeds will be given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Apple Orchard

Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m.

Meet your Gloria Dei friends at the apple orchard in Cumming, Iowa for apple-picking fun.

Week of August 13-20, 2011

Saturday, August 13	
8:30 a.m.	Gloria Dei Quilters
3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Practice
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the
	Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, August 14

Saturday August 12

7:45 a.m.	H3 Worship Practice	
7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in	
	Sanctuary	
9:00 a.m.	Traditional Blend Worship Service in	
	Sanctuary	
9:00 a.m.	H3 Worship Service in Family Life	
	Center with Communion	
10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	
	in Sanctuary	

Monday, August 15

9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study

Tuesday, August 16

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University

Wednesday, August 17

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

Thursday, August 18

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
5:00 p.m.	Restorative Justice
6:00 p.m.	Infusion Practice
6:30 p.m.	Divorce Care
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball
7:30 p.m.	Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, August 19

2:00 p.m. Birthday Party

Saturday, August 20

Scrapbook Fellowship
Northwind Worship Team Practice
Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center

Scripture on Giving:

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

Worship		
(August 6 and 7)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	136	
7:45 a.m.	108	90
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	294	221
9 a.m. (FLC)	71	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	213	140
Total	822	451

Outpouring of Love (August 6 and 7)	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,647
1st QTD Offering	\$161,842
1st QTD Budget	\$164,000

Week of August 20-27, 2011

Saturday, August 20

8:30 a.m.	Scrapbook Fellowship
3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Practice
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the
	Family Life Center

Sunday, August 21

7:45 a.m.	H3 Worship Practice
7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in
	Sanctuary with Communion

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Monday, August 22

9:30 a.m.	Moms' Bible Study
1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, August 23

1:00 p.m.	Directors' Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Summer Financial Peace University

Worship Etiquette

We offer the following guidelines to these two often-asked questions:

When is it appropriate to leave and re-enter the Sanctuary during worship?

If you find it necessary to leave during a worship service, it is better not to return to your seat during the quieter times of the service, such as the confession and absolution, special choir music, the Scripture readings, the prayers and the benediction. Wait for a time for congregational singing to re-enter the service. If you must leave and re-enter during the sermon, please be considerate to those worshipping with you.

Is it okay to bring my small children into worship?

Absolutely yes! We encourage the entire family to worship together. However, if your children become a distraction to those worshipping around you, please excuse yourself and go to the cry room, located outside the Sanctuary. The cry room is equipped with comfortable seats and toys for you and your child to enjoy while still being able to listen and participate in worship.

Crayons needed

Since crayons are on sale during this time of year, pick up a few extra boxes for next year's Honduras mission trip and place them in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex. All sizes and quantities are needed. Thanks!



10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

Thursday, August 25

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
6:00 p.m.	Infusion Practice
6:30 p.m.	Divorce Care
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Friday, August 26

5:00 p.m. Joshua Rasmussen and Kristi Gleason Rehearsal

Saturday, August 27

3:30 p.m.	Joshua Rasmussen and Kristi Gleason
	Wedding
3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Practice
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the
	Family Life Center with Communion
5:50 p.m.	Grace Place

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Families: We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month. (Please note: H3 switches times to 10:30 a.m. on August 28)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

Starting Sunday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m.

Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of highenergy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month

Other important items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Weekly Bible reading - Philippians 4:10-13;18b-20 (NIV)

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Education times (starts August 27-28)

Children (ages 2- grade 5) Grace Place Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

> Faith Alive Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12) Times vary, check page 5.

Adults Times vary, check pages 6-7.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, nonalcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.