



Are you ready for the fall?

We are excited about the upcoming opportunities starting next weekend. Take a few minutes and review all the activities available to help us grow in our faith.

Message Series - "Building a Community of Character" 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.



Worship service updates

H3 moves to 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 28

Our worship and hospitality teams along with our puppets, Dave and Gloria, are excited about the time change starting next week at 10:30 a.m. See you in the Family Life Center!

Casual Contemporary Worship begins Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Missionaries needed for one year. Have you prayed about it? We believe God wants each of us to use the gifts that he has given us. Last week, we asked for you to pray, take an inventory of your talents, and see if God is leading you to be a missionary for a year to help build this worship service. If you have a faint nudge in this direction (or a huge zap on the head), please see Pastor Robarge, Bill Jesse or Steve Kowbel after each worship service in the FLC or narthex.

Children: Get ready for fun!

Grace Place - Starts Saturday, Aug. 27 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will learn about building character through age-appropriate Bible lessons, crafts and games.

Faith Alive - Starts Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m.

Families will worship together in the Sanctuary before children head to their respective classrooms. Grilled hamburgers will be served at our midweek meal from 5-5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

Youth: Catch us if you can!

Junior High - Starts Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Expect great times for teens in grades 6-8 as they meet for high-energy learning time.

Senior High - Starts Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m.

Meet with us as we study how to build a character that counts.

Wednesday evenings - Starts Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m.

Join us for worship in the Youth Center before splitting into junior and senior high small groups.

Adults: Fasten your seat belts for upward growth!

Small Groups - Starts Saturday, Aug. 27

Small groups are forming for the fall. Get a taste of the small group experience after each worship service in rooms 130/32. Of course, baked goods will be served! See page 2 for more details.

Bible Studies - Starts Sunday, Aug. 28

We have a plethora of Bible studies covering lots of subjects starting next week. See page 4 for more details.

Classes and Support Groups - Starts Sunday, Aug. 28

We will offer various classes and support groups. See pages 2, 3 and 4 for more details.

Today's message "The Power of One"

With one boy's fish and bread, 5,000 were fed. God has one Son and the whole world was saved. Too often as Christians, we think, "What can I do? What difference can one person make?" The power of one says that the one true God can use one person to make an eternal difference in the lives of those around them. One word of encouragement, one invitation, one hand on a shoulder, one act of kindness can have an impact.

What can I do to make a difference?

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.

See page 2.

Ministry Partners Needed

Our children deserve the very best. They need lots of adults to come alongside and teach them about Jesus.

If you would like to join this mission that could impact one child for a lifetime, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Teachers and helpers are needed for all grades on Sundays at 10:50 a.m.

A taste of message-based small groups

If you have never been 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. Please bring the discussion guide from the Weekly Word and all your family and friends to this fun small group. If you have questions, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Gloria Dei Chorale practices

The Gloria Dei Chorale (our adult choir) will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The group performs once a month during the 7:45 and 9 a.m. traditional services and a few special services. They also perform in the Christmas Cantata to be held Dec. 4. The only requirement is a desire to sing praises to God! If you have any questions, contact Gale Webb at gale@gloriadeionline.com.

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.

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.
~ Chris Onsrud, Director of Production Ministry

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.

- 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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Meals from the Heartland Teams

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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, August 20 during the 5:30 p.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:



A Alex Nepper Hales born on May 22, 2011 to David and Allison (nee Nepper) Hales II. Alex's spiritual sponsors are Andy and Megan Robertson.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 21 are provided by Dick and Elaine Mueller in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on August 20.

Teacher Orientation

Orientation for all leaders in Children's Ministry will be held Sunday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. Choose the time that works best for your schedule. All leaders are strongly encouraged to attend an orientation meeting. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or by e-mail at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

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.

Thank you

I recently returned from Afghanistan and wish to thank everyone for all the prayers. A special thank you to the LWML for sending gift packages. ~ Trent Lumley

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Sue Jesse

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Leon Canada, Jr.

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sydney Peterson

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Caroline Riedinger

Scripture Readings:

1 Timothy 2:1-8 and
John 6:1-14 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team One

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Five

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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

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 Dick and Elaine Mueller celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary

Prayers

For the health of:

- Marlene Rush
- Emma Anderson
- Mike Rush
- Brenda Barron
- Jim Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Dawn Pittmann
- Shirley Kramer
- Addison Blythe
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Judy Lind
- Jerry Lashley

And for:

- Our military
- The grieving family of Inez Rudge
- The grieving family of Kendall Belz
- Tina Kientz and family, who are grieving the loss of Tina's grandpa

Prayer Ministry

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.

Fall Bible Studies

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.

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.

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 faith-filled women on Monday mornings and evenings. No registration needed, just attend the first morning or evening. Want a preview of what to expect? Join us Monday, Aug. 29 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. 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.

Pastor's Bible Study

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

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.

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.

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 free to join us; no registration needed.

Online Women's Bible Study

(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?

Contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com or call the office at 276-1700.

New to the Lutheran Faith?

Thursdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29, and Oct. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. We will learn the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Discovery 201

Sunday, Oct. 16 from 3-6:30 p.m. If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Financial Peace University

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 13) Attend this 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.

LWML

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

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway starts Sunday, August 28

Castaway will not meet until our fall kickoff August 28 at 9 and 10:30 a.m. See you then!

Senior High (9-12)

Bible Study starts Sunday, August 28

Join us for a discussion about the message series starting Sunday, August 28 at 9 a.m.

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 group studies, we will open the FLC for games and hang-out time.

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/ Daughter Walk and Tea

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

Plan to 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. For more information, contact DeAnn McCue at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

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.

Tiny Treasures

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

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

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.

Items Needed

Please consider donating toilet paper to the Urbandale Food Pantry during the month of August. Place the items in the Food Pantry bin located in the narthex.

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
- 6:30 p.m. A Taste of A Small Group

Sunday, August 21

- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. A Taste of A Small Group
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:00 a.m. A Taste of A Small Group
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Teacher Orientation
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:30 a.m. A Taste of A Small Group

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

Wednesday, August 24

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Teacher Orientation

Thursday, August 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 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

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 13 and 14)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	108	79
7:45 a.m.	109	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	255	
9 a.m. (FLC)	65	25
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	202	
Total	739	104

Outpouring of Love (August 13 and 14)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,523
1st QTD Offering	\$193,364
1st QTD Budget	\$197,000

Week of August 27-September 3, 2011

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

Sunday, August 28

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life
Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. Piano Recital

Monday, August 29

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Connections Tasters Choice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections Tasters Choice

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study -
Love and Respect
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:30 p.m. Production Ministry Open House
- 7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, September 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Parent Orientation

Friday, September 2

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines

Saturday, September 3

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Walk a mile in their shoes

Saturday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.
(Registration begins at 9 a.m.)

Gather your family, friends and co-workers for Hope Ministry's walk with and for the homeless at Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill on Saturday, Sept. 3. Pre-register online at www.hopeiowa.org or call 265-7272 and then invite sponsors to support the walk financially through a gift or pledge. For more information, go to www.hopeiowa.org,

Information Changes

If you have recently moved or decided to discontinue use of your landline phone and use only your cell phone as your primary number, please forward the changes to Diane Schmidt at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

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 high-energy 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 - 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

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, non-alcoholic 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.