



Fall kick off begins!

Building a Community of Character

Invite your neighbors to join us! 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.

H3 moves to 10:30 a.m. today!

Our worship and hospitality teams along with our puppets, Dave and Gloria, are set for the new time change at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. See you there!

Children and Youth

We're excited to begin this year's journey as we learn how to replicate the qualities of Jesus into our everyday life. See page 5 for more details!

Adults: Fasten your seat belts for upward growth!

Small Groups - Starts Saturday, Aug. 27

Small groups are forming for the fall. To find a group that could match your interests and schedule, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Bible Studies - Starts Sunday, Aug. 28

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

Classes and Support Groups - Starts Sunday, Aug. 28

We offer classes on marriage and finances, and support groups to help adults and children who have experienced a divorce or death. See pages 2, 3 and 4 for details.

Fill out Questionnaire

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

The worship survey given to the congregation last March showed that numerous people would be interested in attending and/or helping with a new worship service. The results were as follows: Saturday 5:30 p.m. (50%), 7:45 a.m. (5%), 9 a.m. (10%), and 10:30 a.m. (50%).

Therefore, as we plan for our new casual contemporary worship service, we want to identify those who have indicated an interest, or those who are wondering if they should join this mission.

If you have not decided, please take a moment and pray. If you sense God's leading, fill out the questionnaire in the Weekly Word and allow us to contact you personally. Our intent is to answer your questions, talk about ways that your gifts can be used and discuss any roadblocks that you may have. Thank you for your cooperation.

Get Ready!

Weekend

Grace Place

Saturday at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

Castaway

Sunday at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Senior High Bible Study

Sunday at 9 a.m.

Adult Bible Studies

(For a complete listing, see page 4)

Wednesday

Faith Alive

Junior High Small Groups

The Point

Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday from 5-5:45 p.m.

Marriage Bible Study

Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Quest for Authentic Manhood

Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m.

Children's registration

If you have not registered your children, please accompany your child to their respective classrooms to sign them in.

Did you know?

Gloria Dei has weekly previews of the upcoming message on YouTube. Check it out by clicking on the "YouTube" link on our Web site.

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.

LEAD Gloria Dei

Wednesday Sept. 7 from 6:15-7:10 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei is a six-week course, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 6:15-7:10 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size. The topics include the Vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our Strategic Plan. If you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at laura@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544, ext. 200.

Meals from the Heartland

It's not too late to join one of our teams. 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. If you are interested in helping, e-mail Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrative Assistant, at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

Quilters

Friday, Sept. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feel free to continue the sweatshirt jacket or turn your attention back to making quilts.

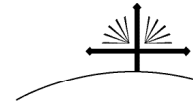
Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Sept 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

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



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Lutheran colleges

Lutheran Educational Conference of North America invites you to attend the College Fair and Workshop Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:45 p.m. at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, 1240 66th Street, Windsor Heights. For more information visit www.lutherancolleges.org/events.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 28 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



O Olivia Lynn Kanne born on February 4, 2011 to Tony and Kate (nee McCaskey) Kanne. Olivia's spiritual sponsor is Rachel Kanne.



A Aubrey Claire Wilson born on May 3, 2011 to Marc and Diana (nee Overstake) Wilson. Aubrey's spiritual sponsors are Matt and Erin Wilson, Nic and Melanie Hermann and Regina Peterson.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 28 are provided by Dwight and Marilyn Carlson in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 27.

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.

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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

10:30 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Sue Jesse

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sydney Peterson

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

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 4:17-25 and
Matthew 9:18-29 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team Two

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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

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 Dwight and Marilyn Carlson celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary
- For our students

Prayers

For the health of:

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

And for:

- Our military
- Paul and Lynn Hays and family on the loss of Paul's father, Merlin Hays

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.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. Join the riveting discussion around Timothy Keller's "The Reason for God."

Pastor's Bible Study

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

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. 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.

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. 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.

Women's Bible Connections

Catch a glimpse at our fall offerings on Monday, Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.:

"Here and Now...There and Then" by Beth Moore is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. She teaches that God is as specific about what he does reveal as he is about what he does not reveal.

"Max on Life" by Max Lucado. We have questions; child-like inquiries. Max offers thoughtful answers on topics ranging from hope to hurt, from home to the hereafter.

Looking forward to seeing you this Monday, and remember Monday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. begins our fall studies. Childcare provided.

Book Club

Join us Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room as we discuss "A Reluctant Prophet" by Nancy Rue.

Overview: At age forty-two, Allison Chamberlain has been a pew-sitting member of a church for seven years. Then one Sunday, Allison senses a divine nudge to buy a Harley motorcycle and go wherever it takes her. Soon she is wondering if she is called to present the reality of Christ to one of society's darkest corners—and challenge her own church to look beyond their fears.

LWML

Please note: The LWML Handbook is being prepared, so please submit changes or additions to Donna Maasen at 278-4259 before Sept. 14.

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, Aug. 28
9 and 10:30 a.m.**

Castaway is up and going. Are you ready? You don't want to miss it.

**Small Group Studies, Wednesday,
Aug. 31 from 6-7:15 p.m.**

Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics relevant to their lives.

Senior High (9-12)

Bible Study starts Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m.
Join us for a discussion about the message series.

The Point starts Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m.
Gearing up for the multi-sensory, active learning time.

Topic: Love

8/31 - of the World 9/7 - Philia 9/14 - Eros 9/21 - Agape

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.

Exciting week planned

We are excited about this week's kick off. Please remember to register your children in their classrooms. In addition, we are looking for ministry partners to come alongside the children as teachers and small group leaders to help them develop their faith. For more information, contact DeAnn today at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

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).

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is opening its doors Tuesday, Sept. 6 to 120 children registered for eight classes. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



There are openings in the morning and afternoon classes (3 or 5 days per week) for 4/5-year-olds and in the morning class (2 days per week) for 2-year-olds. If interested, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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.

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.

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 27-September 3, 2011

Saturday, August 27

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

Worship (August 20 and 21)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	181	
7:45 a.m.	88	79
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	324	242
9 a.m. (FLC)	82	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	225	146
Total	900	467

Outpouring of Love (August 20 and 21)	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,475
1st QTD Offering	\$218,839
1st QTD Budget	\$224,000

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:7

Week of September 3-10, 2011

Saturday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 4

- 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. 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 with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place

Monday, September 5

Office Closed Due to Holiday

Tuesday, September 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

Wednesday, September 7

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study - Love and Respect
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, September 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Friday, September 9

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, September 10

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Whiz Kidz!

Whiz Kidz will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. starting Sept. 12 at Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman Rd. Des Moines.

Whiz Kidz is designed to be able to share the truth of God's Word with elementary children. The focal point of Whiz Kidz is the Bible lesson. Healthy relationships with Christian adults are also an important aspect in order to build trust and be able to demonstrate the love of God. Healthy relationships are built through the game time, eating with the children, conversation, and guiding them in the academic portion. If interested, please contact Melanie Heisterkamp at 282-4822.

Walk a mile in their shoes

Saturday, Sept. 3 at 10 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 at 265-7272 and then invite sponsors to support the walk financially through a gift or pledge. For more information, Go to www.hopeiowa.org,

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.

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 - Ephesians 4:17-25 (NIV)

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

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.

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