

WEEKLY WORD



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Dec. 17-18, 2011 | Fourth Sunday in Advent



Gloria Dei prepares for Christmas Eve

Expect to gain a deeper awe and amazement about the birth of our Lord and Savior during this year's Christmas Eve services. But let's not keep this Good News to ourselves—let's share this experience by inviting our families and friends to one of our six candlelight services on Saturday, Dec. 24:

- H3 (Family) Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Traditional Christmas Eve at 3, 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Congregational vote

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 from 4-8 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

This weekend, all members who are 18 years old and older, are asked to vote on the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites in rooms 131/133 (center educational wing, next to the kitchen). See page 2 for more details.

SAMPLE Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites Voter Ballot December 2011 **SAMPLE**

This voter ballot is for a voting member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church to express their approval or non-approval of Gloria Dei's Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites, dated November 2011. Indicate your vote at the bottom of this ballot.

According to the Gloria Dei Constitution (Article V, Section B) and the By-Laws (Article II, Section Four), matters of acquiring property and incurring indebtedness shall be by majority vote of those members who voted. Therefore, a majority vote would authorize the Governing Board to move ahead with the project, but for such an important decision as this, the Board has decided that it will not move forward with anything less than a 2/3 majority (67% approval) of ballots cast.

Therefore to pass, this vote requires that 2/3 majority (67% approval) of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites.

The direction provided by the congregation will be either "YES" - purchase and renovate the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, and make improvements at the Aurora campus, as explained in the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites, or "NO" - non-approval of the purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, nor making improvements at the Aurora campus, as explained in the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites.

A "Yes" vote indicates your approval of the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites and allows the Gloria Dei Governing Board to move forward with the purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, and to make improvements at the Aurora campus, not to exceed a total project budget of \$5 million according to the Financial Model, as explained in the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites.

A "No" vote indicates your non-approval of the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites and does not allow the Gloria Dei Governing Board to move forward with the purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, nor to make improvements at the Aurora campus.

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE **PLACE AN "X" IN THE DESIRED SPACE**

YES _____ (approval)

NO _____ (non-approval)

SAMPLE

Christmas educational times

All educational times will be held Dec. 17-18.

Weekend education times will not meet: Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2012

Midweek educational times will not be held: Wednesday, Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 4, 2012

All educational times resume: Jan. 7-8 and Jan. 11, 2012

Christmas day

Since Christmas falls on a Sunday, we will only have a Christmas Traditional Service at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

All other worship services will not be held.

Year-end giving

Important information about year-end giving is found on page 3.

New Year's weekend worship

Saturday, Dec. 31 at 5:30 p.m. Northwind (Communion)

Sunday, Jan. 1 at 9 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary (Communion)

Sunday, Jan. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary (Communion)

All other worship services will not be held.

Congregational vote

Plan to vote. We firmly believe in the collective voice of God's people, so make the time to vote this weekend. Always keep in mind that your vote is vital in the process. The Governing Board has decided not to move forward with anything less than a 2/3 majority or 67 percent approval of those members who voted.

Requirements: All members 18 years of age by December 17, 2011 are eligible to vote. Voting stations will be located in rooms 131/133. Members will sign in and receive a paper ballot. The completed ballot will be placed in a secured container. An eight-member team comprised of members of the Governing Board (3), and congregants (5) has been established and will oversee the voting process.

Absentee ballots: If you received an absentee ballot, but your plans changed, and you will be at the church during the voting hours listed, you may place your absentee ballot in the secured ballot container located in rooms 131/133. Please note that you must bring your absentee ballot with you (another ballot will not be given to you).

Tiny Treasures' Christmas program

Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. (for 2 and 3-year-olds)

Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. (for 4/5-year-olds and PreKs)

The entire congregation is invited to the Tiny Treasures' Christmas program, "Follow the Star." Watch the preschool children as they show us how the wise men proclaimed the newborn Christ child.

Notes of thanks

Giving Tree

We are always humbled and blessed to see the generosity of the church to help those families who are in need this Christmas. Your generosity helped 134 individuals and 33 families. Thank you and Merry Christmas. ~ Lisa Scherer, Lori Martin, Nancy Wiggins and Faith Spark

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle would like to thank everyone that bought goodies at our bake sale. It was greatly appreciated. The funds helped our Christmas foster families. ~ Thank you and Merry Christmas. ~ Naomi Circle

Missing your black coat?

Last Sunday, December 11, there was a mix up on nearly identical black overcoats. The coat I took home has Ralph Lauren and Von Maur labels. My coat has no label, but had a pair of black leather gloves in the pocket. Please call 986-5176, so we can exchange.~ Lou Schroedel

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating toothpaste in December to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in December for the Honduras mission are Adult Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and Naproxen. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

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Church Christmas office hours

Monday-Friday,
Dec. 19-23
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26,
Office closed

Tuesday-Friday,
Dec. 27-30
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 2
Office closed

**Merry
Christmas!**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Saturday, Dec. 17 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



L Londyn Grace Rector born on Nov. 8, 2011 to Aaron and Abby (nee Binneboese) Rector. Londyn's spiritual sponsors are Rachel Binneboese and Julie Heitz.

Year-end giving

Since the last weekend of the year includes both 2011 and 2012, here are some important year-end reminders regarding your giving:

To include your giving in the 2011 calendar year:

- Postmark your offering on or before Dec. 31, 2011.
- Go to www.gloriadeionline.com on or before Dec. 31, 2011 and process your contribution using our online giving program through Vanco.
- Place your offering in the offering plate at the 5:30 p.m. contemporary worship service on Dec. 31, 2011.
- Bring your offering to the church office by 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, 2011.

To include your giving in the 2012 calendar year:

- Postmark your offering on Jan. 2, 2012 or later.
- Go to www.gloriadeionline.com on or after Jan. 1, 2012 and process your contribution using our online giving program through Vanco.
- Place your offering in the offering plate at either the 9 a.m. traditional or 10:30 a.m. contemporary worship services on Jan. 1, 2012.
- Bring your offering to the church office on or after Jan. 3, 2012.

Please note that the date on your check does not determine for which year your offering is applied. Using the guidelines above will ensure you are getting your offering in the correct year. Year-end statements will be mailed out in January of 2012. If you have any questions, please call Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

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

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

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

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

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist

Lynn Hays

Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jackson Larson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
MacKenzie Beck

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Allison Piper

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 3:1-12
(NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team Two

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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.

Prayers

For the health of:

- Ed Mautz
- John Carstens
- Daryl Robarge
- Lyle Kramer
- Brenda Barron
- Addison Blythe
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Roesella Kretzschmer
- April Grimm
- Emma Anderson
- Katie Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Grace Phillips
- Leona Geerdes
- Eli Horn
- Lynn Wampler
- Brenda Barron
- Shirley Disney
- Rudy Petersen
- Bob McCleary
- Don and Charlotte Rasmussen

And for:

- Mark and Cathy Kramer and family, who are grieving the loss of Cathy's mother, Shirley Borcherding

Prayer Ministry

To join the prayer ministry team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Want to be hospitable with us?

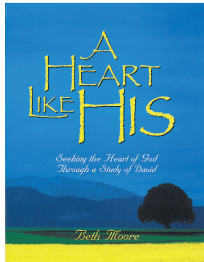
The Hospitality ministry has been up and running for more than a year. They have had the awesome opportunity to meet and assist those who attend Gloria Dei's worship services. In addition, many of the people who have served on the hospitality teams have witnessed growth in their teams as well as in the relationships they have built with others.

There is always room for more to serve on these teams as it takes anywhere from 8-10 people to serve at each service. We invite you to join one of our teams in 2012. If you have questions or would like to join us in serving, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers, located in the Narthex and the Family Life Center, to talk with a member of the team or contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Winter opportunities for women

Women's Bible Connections

Begins Monday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection will begin the year studying Beth Moore's "A Heart Like



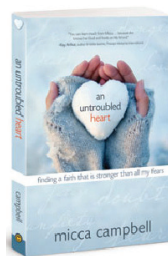
His." This in-depth study takes the reader through every twist and turn of David's life as a shepherd, a refugee and a king.

If you are interested in a journey that will build an earnest desire to seek God as David did in the Psalms, please e-mail Lisa Scherer at scherer_family@q.com. The cost of the book is \$21 and can be purchased the first night of the study.

Online Bible Study

A 12-week online Bible study, "An Untroubled Heart" by Micca Campbell, will begin Jan. 1. Laura Rath will lead the study by posting thoughts relevant to the book weekly at www.laurarath.blogspot.com. Women are then invited to comment on the book and how God is working in their lives.

How do I sign up? To sign up for the "An Untroubled Heart" study, send an e-mail to: laurajrath@gmail.com with your name and e-mail address, as well as your city and state. By signing up you will receive the weekly reading schedule via e-mail.



Discovery 101

Thursday, Jan 12-Feb. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m.

You will learn the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop your faith in God. Register by going to the adult page on our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com). If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

Fundraiser

Monday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Eli Horn, a friend of Wendy Kropf, is a 7-year-old boy who is fighting cancer for the third time. Currently his entire family is in New York for several months where he is receiving treatment. You can help the family out by eating at Bandanas Bar-B-Q, 301 East 1st Street, Ankeny and praying for Eli. Present the following ticket to Bandanas on Monday, Dec. 19.

Please invite your friends and families to our Ankeny Location
301 East 1st Street (515-964-9989)

Present this ticket to your server and Bandana's will donate a percent of the total proceeds to the Eli Horn Family
Good for Dine-In & Carryout

Learn About Eli's Story at
www.elihorn.com or www.elisarmy.com

Congregational Care

Care Night

If you are hurting, grieving or needing extra support, please join us for Care Night beginning Thursday, Jan 12. at 6 p.m. After dinner, the individual support groups will meet from 6:30-8 p.m.

Marriage Built to Last

A marriage enrichment class entitled "Marriage Built to Last" will begin Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-marriage Class

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must attend a six-week marriage class. The next class will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University

We will host another Financial Peace University starting Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For more details - check out the Congregational Care page on our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com).



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Join us for discussion on holiday survival or Christmas anticipation. We will not meet Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

See you Jan. 11, 2012.

Training Ground - Sunday, Dec. 18

We start the evening with small groups (6-7:15 p.m.) and then enjoy games and hang-out time (7:15-8:30 p.m.).

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 6-7:15 p.m.

The senior high youth are invited to join us. Bring a food dish to share and a white-elephant gift to exchange.

Dinner theater rehearsals

April 27, 28 and 29 - Dinner theater rehearsals start in January. All teens and adults are invited to participate. We are looking for actors, directors, set designers, etc. Contact TK today.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Join us for discussion on holiday survival or Christmas anticipation.

We will not meet Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

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

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

See you Jan. 11, 2012.

Merry Christmas!

We pray your Christmas is filled with an awareness of God's presence.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, Jan. 5 from 6-7:15 p.m.

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited for a sweet time of study, fellowship and fun.

BoyZ of Faith

Sunday, Jan. 8 from 6-7:15 p.m.

BoyZ of Faith is a group just for boys in grades 4 and 5. Boys will meet the first Sunday of the month from 6-7:15 p.m. for Bible study, snacks, a hands-on project and a whole lot of fun!

The Wave

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 from 3-5 p.m.

Urbandale Swimming Pool. We're going swimming! Grab your friends and jump in! Cost is \$3 per person to swim. We'll meet at the pool.

Remembering My Baptism (1st Grade)

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 from 4-5 p.m.

All first graders and a parent are invited to build a faith chest to take home. We'll talk about our baptism and be reminded of what it means to be "squeaky clean through Jesus Christ!" Cost is \$40 per family. Registration required by going to the children's page on our Web site.

Does God Really Hear Me (2nd Grade)

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 from 1-2 p.m.

All 2nd Graders and a parent are invited to attend this lively event focused on prayer! We'll play games and have a blast learning how to pray and be reminded that God always hears us! Space limited to 12 families.

Knead to Loaf

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Come experience the joys of bread making. We'll make several loaves of bread to take home to bake and enjoy or give away. You'll also receive the recipes to make the breads again. Maximum of 12 families. Cost is \$40. Please register in the kitchen.

Week of December 17-24, 2011

Saturday, December 17

- 2:00 p.m. Setsodi Birthday Party
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Vote
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 18

- 7:00 a.m. Congregational Vote
- 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. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight 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
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, December 19

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, December 20

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, December 21

- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Christmas Program
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Christmas Program

Thursday, December 22

- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday, December 23

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, December 24

- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve H3 - Family Worship in Family Life Center
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary

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 (Dec. 10 and 11)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	195	119
7:45 a.m.	119	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	316	
9 a.m. (FLC)	32	15
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	283	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	68	22
Total	1,013	156

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 10 and 11)	
General Fund Offerings	\$53,029
2nd QTD Offering	\$359,926
2nd QTD Budget	\$385,000

Week of December 24, 2011-January 1, 2012

Saturday, December 24

- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve H3 - Family Worship in Family Life Center
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Monday, December 26

- 8:30 a.m. Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, December 28

- No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, December 29

- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 30

- No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, December 31

- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, January 1

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

(All other services will not be held)

Advent (Dec. 14)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	64
6 p.m.	249
Total	313

Children's Christmas Program



Last Sunday, the Sanctuary was filled with sights and sounds from 112 children who sang praises about Jesus' birth.

A huge thank you to our ministry partners and parents who helped to make this program a memorable event for the children and the viewers.

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 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.

10:30 a.m. 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.

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 - Jeremiah 23:5-8 (NIV)

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

"So then, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when people will no longer say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,' but they will say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' Then they will live in their own land."

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

Education times

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.