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Jan. 22 and 23, 2011 | Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Who are you going to believe?

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion



Before I traveled to Omaha last weekend, I checked a few weather channels to see if I should even proceed. Weather.com stated that no precipitation was expected until evening; undergroundweather.com declared that freezing sleet and snow was expected throughout the day while KCCI.com acknowledged the likelihood of rain. Three professional organizations had three completely different forecasts. Who should I believe?

Has that ever happened to you? You seek advice from several reputable companies only to find out that each has a different opinion. You then have to weigh the facts and make a decision accordingly. Or sometimes you ask only one source who gives you advice that is contrary to what you wanted to hear.

How about if you didn't even ask for direction and received it anyway? Abraham, in Genesis 12, found himself in the midst of a similar situation.

As the story unfolds, we find a 75-year-old Abraham living in Haran with his extended family until the Lord said, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."

Imagine those words coming from God. Have you ever thought how Abraham heard those words? Did he literally hear those words? And if so, how does the voice of God actually sound? Did it take time for Abraham to process what was told to him? Was there a great wrestling match between Abraham and the Lord? Was he allowed to ask questions, such as why now, Lord? Or why me, Lord? Or did he immediately embrace those instructions and follow without debate?

Scripture does not fill us in with the details of his reaction to God's directives, but it does inform us on how Abraham responded to the information, "So Abram left, as the Lord had told him." Genesis 12:4

Hebrews gives us even more insight into this man's life: "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

In a world full of thousands of voices and opinions, Abraham's example of selective hearing gives us direction because he selected God's words above all else. And even though the road wasn't clear or defined—Abraham was further tested by God's orders to sacrifice Isaac as we will learn more about today. If you were Abraham, what would you have done? Or even more poignant, what would you do if God asked you to do something that was contrary to all the plans that you have already made for your life? At that junction, who are you going to believe?

Jan. 29-30 **Hint**

Next week's destination

Take a shot, be brave and publicly post your educated guess on next week's destination on facebook.com/GloriaDeionline.

Hint:

What was intended for evil, God intended for good. God has a bigger plan!

Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar to attend one of our Town Hall meetings in February to discuss and ask questions concerning the findings of the two task force teams that have been formed to research possible solutions to the immediate need for space and our long-term ministry opportunities.

See page 2 for more details.

Spring break VBS

Monday, March 14 -

Thursday, March 17

9-11:30 a.m.

Consider being a leader and helper for spring break VBS. It's fun and rewarding! For more details or to sign up, call DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Tiny Treasures Bags

Tiny Treasures Preschool needs individuals to sew pockets onto school bags. Please pick up a packet of eight bags in the narthex and return them by Wednesday, Jan. 26.

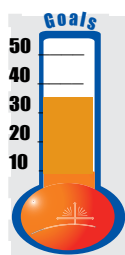
Women of Faith

Friday, May 13

Saturday, May 14

We have discounted tickets for \$89 until March 3 that can be purchased at www.gloriadeionline.com.

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers.



Hospitality team sign ups

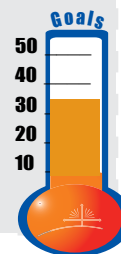
If you have not signed up to be on a hospitality team, it is not too late.

So far, we have the following sign ups.

Sanctuary: [7:45 a.m. - 28] [9 a.m. - 39] [10:30 a.m. - 35]

Family Life Center: [5:30 p.m. - 20] [9 a.m. - 35]

Sign up in the Family Life Center or in the narthex.



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Multi-site ministry task force – A relatively new way congregations are expanding their ministries is through multi-site ministry. This is where one church meets in multiple locations. There is one Governing Board, one budget, one staff, etc. The church just meets at various locations in addition to the original site.

Current space issues task force– The second task force will discuss the various options for our current space needs. One option might be to move the youth ministry to a new location, which could be on our own property or a building that is geographically close to our existing campus. This option could also open up the original Sanctuary for medium-sized gatherings as well as a worship venue.

We encourage everyone to attend one of our Town Hall meetings. It is our desire to listen to the findings of the task force teams, ask questions to ensure that every facet has been researched and then discuss the information. Meanwhile, please keep the task force teams in your prayers as they research the possible avenues to fulfill our Strategic Plan that God has placed before us.

Remember Haiti

This month marked the one-year anniversary of the devastating quake that killed an estimated 300,000 people and left millions homeless. It has been reported that many Haitians have lost hope that their country will recover from destruction, disease and political turmoil.

But we can help! Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) has organized an effort to slow the tide of cholera that has killed 1,034 people and hospitalized more than 16,000 by providing the needed medicines and water filters.

“The needs are extremely urgent and growing more critical by the minute,” said Rev. Glenn F. Merritt, director of Disaster Response with LCMS World Relief and Human Care (WR-HC). He stressed that cholera, which is spread through contaminated water and food, is a preventable and treatable disease. People can die after 6 to 7 hours if there is no serum and antibiotics.

Even though the Synod’s mercy arm has knowledgeable staff and capable partners on the ground in Haiti, they need continued support from caring donors in order to meet growing physical and spiritual needs in Haiti.

Please consider giving an online gift today for the Haiti Cholera Outbreak Relief Fund by going to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and clicking on Relief Fund or call 888-843-5267.



Health care workers fear cholera will spread further in squalid camps where some 1 million Haitians still live 10 months after the earthquake.



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Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Spirit Midwest Ministries is hosting a Valentine Dinner and Dance, Sunday, Feb. 13 from 6-10 p.m. at the ballroom at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Mills Civic Parkway in West Des Moines. Dinner will be formally served by Johnny's Italian Steakhouse and will include a mixed-green salad, bread, chicken en crouete with a rich brown sauce, smoked dauphinoise potatoes and vegetables. The evening will include a candlelit dinner, professional ballroom dance instruction, contemporary music played by a disc jockey and piano music played by Tim Cooper.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets in advance by calling Julie at 577-8035.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Jan. 23 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



S Sophia Jo Weeks born on Nov. 17, 2010 to Terry and Jodie (nee Bergan) Weeks. Sophia's spiritual sponsors are Jeff and Sharyn Bergan and Justin and Holly Hunter.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Jan. 23 at 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



C Cade Nathan Setsodi born on Dec. 15, 2010 to Jeremy Abrecht and Christine Setsodi. Cade's spiritual sponsors are Megan Koger, Cara Setsodi, Monica Papuga and Kayla Bremer. Rev. Kendall Meyer is the officiant.

A Day on the Hill

Join Concerned Women for America of Iowa in welcoming back legislators, Monday, Jan. 24 at the State Capitol from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. "A Day on the Hill" is a way to prayerfully encourage Iowa legislators and other state officials. Enjoy a light lunch and meet the legislators.

Plan to pick up your encourage-a-legislator prayer packet and send an encouraging scripture verse or quote each week of the session. For more information, pick up an informational sheet at the Welcome Center.

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:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

(Sanctuary):

Tyler Junge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Jake Griffiths

10:30 a.m.

(Sanctuary):

Jared Jorgenson

Elders:

Marvin Deer

Rodney Serbus

Tom Westby

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

Tim Mueller

Jim Riddle

Peg Riddle

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Dan Johnson

Rich Johnson

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Jeff Monson

David Morrison

Chad Oehlert

9 a.m. (FLC)

Dale and

Michelle

Cochran and

Family

10:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons

Doug Bass

Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4, 22:2-8 (NIV)

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:

- Addison Blythe
- Charlene Stewart
- Pastor David Johnson
- Tim Kehoe
- John Lingren
- Marilyn Jenkins
- Elsie Anderson
- Herman Hearn

And for:

- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- For the grieving family of Carol Culver, Chuck Corell's cousin
- Sarah Bennum and family
- Kyle and Katie Hessel on the loss of their daughter, Olivia
- All of our military and workers serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott, Joshua Phillips and Trent Lumley

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.

Discovery 201

Sunday, February 20, 2011 from 3-6:30 p.m. If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. If you would like to use our childcare services, please indicate this when you register at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have any questions, call Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrator, at 276-1700.

Fundraiser for a family in need

A family who has been connected to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny needs our help. Jennifer O'Connor, a single mother who has three children is undergoing chemo and radiation treatment five days a week in Iowa City for spinal cancer and is currently confined to a wheel chair. In order to help this family, the following fundraisers are being held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, Iowa. For further questions, call St. Paul at 964-1250.



Jennifer O'Connor and family are facing hardships as Jennifer undergoes treatment for spinal cancer.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit: Sunday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Cost: Free-will donation

Trivia Night: Sunday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 person or \$70 for a team of eight

Blankets and sheets needed

Women at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osceola are in need of blankets and sheets for their mission quilt project. This is the third year that they have been making quilts. The quilts have been sent to Lutheran World Relief, which sends them worldwide wherever the need exists. This year the plan is for more local distribution in Iowa with plans to send some to the Des Moines area for Hope Ministries and Violence prevention safe houses. Because of the cold winter, blankets are in short supply. If anyone has blankets or sheets of any size that are in good condition, it will be much appreciated. Contact for the project is Laurie Page at lpage@iowatelecom.net. Thank you for any help you can give.

Book club

Join us in February and discuss a great Christian fiction. Meet in the cry room from 6:15-7:15 p.m. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz, 371-5875.

February 2 - "The Devil in Pew Number Seven" by Rebecca Alonzo

Honduras news

Vitamins

Please drop off children's and prenatal vitamins to the Honduras bin in the narthex. Thank you for your support, it helps to improve the health of the children and women in Honduras.

The 2011 Team

June 25 - July 2.

Have you ever thought about helping the poor in a foreign country? Well, why not explore the possibilities?

For more information contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Christmas Cards

We are no longer collecting Christmas cards for Honduras. Thank you for your support.

Freedom for Youth Ministries

Freedom for Youth Ministries is accepting applications for house parents, or a house mother, for Safe Haven, our transitional home for young women ages 18-22. Candidates must have a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ and leadership skills to manage programs, schedules and direct volunteers. The house parent(s) will live in the house. Because much of the daytime programming for residents will occur at the Freedom Center Campus, for a house parent couple, one of the spouses will be allowed the opportunity to continue outside employment during daytime hours. Interested candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Mark Nelson, Executive Director at mnelson@freedomforyouth.org.

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Luke 9:23

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9
Registration forms and checks are due by March 13.

Summer Mission Trip (Grades 8-12)

Ripley, Tennessee from July 10-16, 2011. Cost is \$650. We will join 400 other teens/adults from around the United States to form work groups to perform home repairs, improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. If interested, please contact Tim. A \$150 deposit due upon sign-up.

Des Moines Urban Plunge (Grades 6-12)

February 25-27. Cost is \$95. Sign-up sheets are on the youth bulletin board. Deadline for signing up, forms and payment is Sunday, February 13. Forms are located in the clear plastic pamphlet holder by the youth bulletin board.

Dinner Theatre

"Family Camp" will be held on March 26-27 and April 1-2. Dinner theater practices will be held Sundays in the month of January from 12-2 p.m.

Junior high (6-8)

Sunday: Castaway: Expect fun times during our Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The discussion topic will follow the "Destination - Resurrection" message series.

Wednesday 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)

The Point: Join us this Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for praise, large-group Bible study and small-group discussion.

Senior High Bible Study: Join us for Bible study on Sunday morning from 9-10 a.m. The discussion topic will follow the "Destination - Resurrection" message series.

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

The Wave

Sunday, Feb. 13 from 12:30-2 p.m.

We'll meet at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. The cost is \$9 per person bowling which includes two games and shoe rental. Bring a friend! The Wave is open to all children in grades 3-5 and their families.

Family Game Night

Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 6-7:15 p.m.

Get ready to have some family fun and play board games! Midweek meal will be served, but Faith Alive will not be held that evening. Junior and senior high groups will meet as usual.

Think Spring

Monday through Thursday, Mar. 14-17 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Think spring—spring break that is! Now's the time to plan for spring break VBS. We're in need of leaders and helpers! If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207. Over 60 ministry partners are needed to help VBS run smoothly.

Midweek Meal

Join us for a hot midweek meal on Wednesday from 5-5:45 p.m.

Adults eat for \$4 and children and youth eat for \$2. Children under 2 eat free.

**Wednesday, Jan. 26 -
Meatloaf**

Week of Jan. 22-29, 2011

Saturday, January 22

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

Sunday, January 23

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:45 a.m. Baptism Luncheon
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659

Monday, January 24

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

Tuesday, January 25

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:50 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 5:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei

Tuesday, January 25 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 26

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge'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. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, January 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 10:00 a.m. Teacher Conference Planning
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 28

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 29

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

Worship (Jan. 15-16)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	147	
7:45 a.m.	113	101
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	316	206
9 a.m. (FLC)	92	
10:30 a.m.	363	213
Total	1,031	520

Outpouring of Love (Jan.15-16)	
General Fund Offerings	\$37,260
3rd QTD Offering	\$95,723
3rd QTD Budget	\$98,000

Week of Jan. 29-Feb. 5, 2011

Saturday, January 29

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

Sunday, January 30

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice

Monday, January 31

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

Tuesday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:50 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 2

- 10:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge'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. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, February 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

Friday, February 4

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

Saturday, February 5

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

Urbandale Food Pantry

In the winter, Urbandale Food Pantry needs increase as they reach out to families in need.

Please consider volunteering
by calling 251-6688
or donating laundry soap
to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	8	22	12	20
Elementary	18	46	31	91
Total Children	26	68	43	111

Youth Attendance	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Junior High	97
Senior High	28
Total Youth	125

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

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Welcome Center today!

Weekend Worship Services

Children are encouraged to worship with their parents at each service before being invited to Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For youth in grades 6-8, an invitation to Castaway will be extended on Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

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.

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.

Weekly Bible Reading

Genesis 12:1-4, 22:2-8 (NIV)

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.