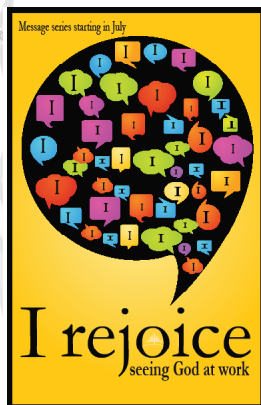


Rejoicing stems from God

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

In the next five weeks, we will view life from a prison cell. An odd and unfamiliar perspective for most of us, don't you think? Yet Paul wrote the book of Philippians from a prison cell. And what is even more remarkable—he rejoiced about it!

It is within this incarcerated environment that we gain an incredible glimpse into a heart that reached for God despite the austere and unfair predicament of being locked away from friends and family. Somehow Paul's thoughts rose above his circumstance and caused him to rejoice.



What was Paul's secret? The third sentence in the book of Philippians gives us a clue:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

Let's face it, he could have focused on the negative and held a private pity party, but instead he embraced the situation through prayer, which caused his gaze to view heaven and not earth:

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2-3

Not growing weary, not losing heart, seeing joy in tough situations, doesn't seem to be the normal human default, does it? As I review these scriptures, I wonder how many times I have forfeited joy because my eyes were not focused on Jesus. It is so easy for me to get off course by an unkind word from a friend or sidetracked by the ever-increasing "to do" list; let alone the terrible prospect of being thrown in jail.

Paul's rejoicing only increases in the book of Philippians. He rejoices in sharing the Gospel (1:1-18), having a future (1:20-30), in obedience (2:1-18), in relationships (2:19-30) and in God's grace (3:1-11). The more joy Paul had in Christ, the less his external circumstances affected him. I don't know about you, but I could learn something from this prisoner who is writing about rejoicing. Maybe rejoicing has more to do with who and less to do with our current situation. What do you think?

Youth mission trip

Please pray for the youth and adult leaders who will be traveling to Ripley, Tennessee July 9 on a mission trip to help those less fortunate in this area of our country. The team members are Rachel Corell, Jamison Dierenfield, Brian Gilg, Sam Hainline, Natalie Larimer, Jacob Snyder, Emma Wenndt, Danielle Wright, Devin Elbert, Shane Love and Tim Kightlinger.

Grace Place and Castaway

Grace Place and Castaway will not be held July 2 and 3.

Patriotic Concert

The Patriotic Concert planning committee will meet after July 4 to make a recommendation about this year's concert that was cancelled due to the weather.

They will notify the church as soon as a recommendation has been made.

VBS

This Wednesday!

We are excited about our VBS held Wednesday evenings in July.

Sign up today by contacting DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

For more information, go to page 5.



Backpacks

Don't forget to grab a backpack, fill it with items on the list and then return the backpack filled with school supplies by July 10.

Highlighting Social Media

Wednesdays July 6-27 at 6:30 p.m. (during VBS) in the Youth Center

“Facebook and Christianity: Using Facebook in a Digital Era.” In this four-week study, you will learn how to use Facebook as well as the positive and negative attributes of the Facebook culture. For more questions on this class, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Online Bible Study

“It’s No Secret: Revealing Divine Truths Every Woman Should Know,” by Rachel Olsen This six-week study starts Sunday, July 17. Laura Rath will lead the study by posting thoughts relevant to the book on her blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com. Likewise, you are then encouraged to post your thoughts and comments on the blog.

What is the book about?

(Book review from Amazon.com) Are you tired of life as usual? Ready to trade your everyday issues and emotional hang-ups for a life of greater intimacy and fulfillment? Then it’s time you join Rachel Olsen and discover some God-sized secrets to successful living. Rachel’s writing is lighthearted and fun. But she’s serious about helping you uncover biblical secrets to energize your spiritual life and relationships. You’ll explore twelve principals from scripture and delve into the Bible yourself with end-of-chapter studies. This book will help you:

- Handle petty conflicts and criticism with grace
- Overcome the competitive urges that leave you lonely
- Relax unrealistic expectations in favor of emotional stability
- Uncover a surprising means to worshipping God amidst your busy schedule

How do I participate?

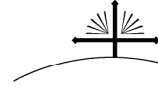
1. Sign up for the study by sending an e-mail to: laurajrath@gmail.com with your name, e-mail address, and city and state (so we can see God at work by bringing women together). By signing up you will receive updates and information throughout the study.
2. Purchase the book locally or online. For a list of online vendors go to our Web site or to Laura Rath’s blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.
3. Mark the suggested reading schedule from the blog to your calendar and work at your own pace.
4. Start reading the book. And then enjoy the study with an online community of women by viewing and commenting on the blog.

If you want more information about the book or the online study, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com, or Laura’s blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, July 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, July 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, July 6 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.



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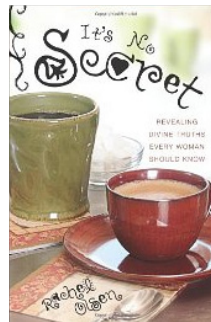
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For a complete staff listing:
go to our Web site at:
www.gloriadeionline.com



Gloria Dei quilters

Friday, July 8

8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 9

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us as we make quilts for future mission trips.

Contact Karen Hoff at

karenhoff@hotmail.com.

Thank you

Thank you to the congregation for all of your support and prayers for our son, Nat, as he was in Afghanistan. We rejoice that God has returned him home safely. ~

Ken and Lora Wunsch

Vendors needed

The 19th annual Gloria Dei Arts and Craft Show sponsored by LWML will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show specializes in hand-crafted items and includes a bake sale and café. If interested in being a vendor, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or at ameskids@mchsi.com. Information can also be viewed by clicking on the Arts and Craft Show link at our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

LWML Recycling Project

Do something good for the environment and help the LWML raise funds for its 2015 National Convention, which will be held in Des Moines. To cover expenses, Iowa District West is sponsoring "Ready, Set, Recycle!" All members are invited to bring the following recyclable items during the months of July and October and place them in the tub located in the narthex:

- Systems/consoles and games (include accessories and attached cords)
- Inkjet, toner and laser cartridges (Virgin)
- Cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players and iPods, pagers
- Laptops, scientific and graphic calculators
- GPS systems, digital cameras, phone batteries, movie DVDs

We will not accept the following: toner bottles, fax film, any print cartridge without a metal print head (i.e. Epson and Cannon), refilled or remanufactured cartridges, cordless land-line phones and bag cell phones.

The LWML will collect and redeem items for cash to pay for convention expenses. If you have questions, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Gloria Dei Book Club

Wednesday, July 6 at 6:15 p.m. - "Lord, Please Open My Eyes!" by Daniel W. McMartin

His world turned upside down, author Daniel W. McMartin grants you an intimate look at his personal journey through the emotionally devastating experience he faced with the sudden loss of his brother to cancer. **Note:** Daniel W. McMartin is a member of our congregation and is scheduled to attend the book club meeting in July, so please join us.

Servers

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

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

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

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

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

Preacher:
Rev. Phil Robarge

Organist:
Sue Jesse

Acolytes:
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Grant Reinert

Scripture Reading:
Philippians 1:1-18
(NIV)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team Two

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

9 a.m. (FLC)
Lawrence and Lauren
Prunty and family

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 our freedom
- For our families

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Shirley Kramer
- Gene Osby
- Jolene Norviel
- Emma Anderson
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Matthew Stavish
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Judy Lind
- Liz Nelson
- Norma Wallace
- Kathryn Hayes
- Brenda Barron

And for:

- The youth mission trip
- All of our military and workers serving in the world
- For those affected by the Missouri River flooding
- Our Honduras mission team

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.

Continuing the dining together time

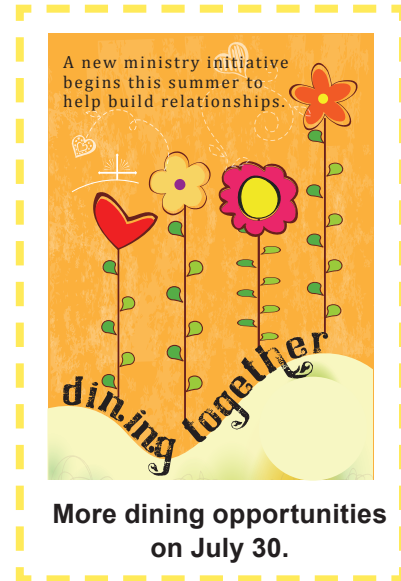
Recently Gloria Dei launched a new ministry initiative, Dining Together, where individuals and/or families met new people by going out for a meal. The planning committee and hosts, Marilyn Kollmorgen, Jim and Barb Miles, Joyce Larson, Judy Bunz, Shirley Kramer and Kay Readinger, all concurred that it exceeded their expectations in connecting people with each other. In fact, they all agreed, it was just “good, old-wholesome fun” as individuals or families met in homes or restaurants to enjoy a meal together.

With this positive experience, the committee decided to provide another date, Saturday, July 30, for people to connect by dining together.

How does “Dining Together” work?

There will be Dining Together sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center in the narthex and in the Family Life Center. The deadline for signing up for the July 30 outings is July 17. On the sheets, you will have the option to sign up for a multi-generational group or an adult group. In addition, please indicate if you would prefer a breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner outing.

After the sign-up deadline has passed, participants will be divided into groups of six to eight people. A group leader will contact the other participants to assist in deciding when to meet and if the group will meet in a restaurant or in someone’s home.



Everyone is welcome! Get out and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at 276-1700, ext. 224 or probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

God’s Amazing Creation



Our rooms were filled with young children last week as they learned about God’s amazing creation!



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.
Spring/summer schedule: Castaway will not be held July 3.

Confirmation pictures and DVDs are now available at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

Senior high (9-12)

The Point: Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.
Join us as we serve at VBS and then go to a fun activity.

July 6, Bowling - Meet at the church after VBS and bring money for bowling and snacks. \$1 shoes and \$1 per game. Parents are to pick up youth at Merle Hay Lanes.

July 13, Wynnsong Movie Theater - Meet at the church after VBS and we will go to a movie. Bring money for the movie and snacks. Parents are to pick up youth at the theater.

Senior High/ Junior High events

Worlds of Fun: Thursday, July 28
Meet at Gloria Dei at 6:30 a.m. and return by midnight. Cost is \$40. Sign up on the youth bulletin board and pay by Sunday, July 17.

VBS Fun: Wednesday evenings in July
Every Wednesday evening during July, the youth will have an opportunity to serve at VBS. If you want to join our mission and the fun, contact DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Confirmation update

Confirmation pictures and DVDs are now available. They can be picked up at the Information Center.

Summer camps

There is still room in our summer programs! Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers or go online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

- God's Little Princess Camp
- Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- Dance, Tumbling and Movement Classes



Vacation Bible School
CONCORDIA'S
BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE
Ages 3-11
A Faith Journey with Jesus
July 6, 13, 20 & 27
6-8 p.m.
A summer journey that shows God's rescue for mankind.
Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com

Bring your children and your neighbor's children!

The Big Jungle Adventure on July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 6-8 p.m. is guaranteed to be a fun journey.

Children ages 3-11 can expect to see God's rescue plan through this interactive journey.

Week of July 2-9, 2011

Saturday, July 2

- 11:00 a.m. Tim Beckwith and Kristy Plummer Wedding
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4

Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

Tuesday, July 5

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest Meeting)
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. VBS Worship Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 5:45 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement Infant - 2 yrs.
- 6:15 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:15 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling
- 6:15 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement 2-4 yrs.
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:45 p.m. Dance Conditioning for Adults

Outpouring of Love (June 25 and 26)	
General Fund Offerings	\$15,955
4th QTD Offering	\$354,117
4th QTD Budget	\$405,305

Wednesday, July 6

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. VBS Worship Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Facilities MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Facebook Study

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. David Malterer and Stephanie Atkins Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 9

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 2:00 p.m. David Malterer and Stephanie Atkins 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. Summer Grace Place

Scripture Based on Giving:

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Worship (June 25 and 26)	Attendance
Northwind	139
7:45 a.m.	96
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	244
9 a.m. (FLC)	80
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	204
Total	763

Week of July 9-16, 2011

Saturday, July 9

8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 2:00 p.m. David Malterer and Stephanie Atkins 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. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, July 10

7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Summer Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place

Monday, July 11

9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up
 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up

Tuesday, July 12

6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
 5:45 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement Infant - 2 yrs.
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Tuesday, July 12 (continued)

6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Beginning Dance
 6:15 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling
 6:15 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement 2-4 yrs.
 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
 6:45 p.m. Dance Conditioning for Adults

Wednesday, July 13

9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
 5:15 p.m. VBS Worship Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Introduction Meeting
 7:00 p.m. MAT Meeting

Friday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting

Saturday, July 16

11:00 a.m. ABC Party with Me Family Event
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Educational Attendance (June 25 and 26)			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	6	11	11
Elementary	5	28	37
Total Children	11	39	48

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 members or stop by the Welcome Center today! **Please note: Due to the 4th of July holiday, Grace Place and Castaway will not be held this weekend.**

Weekend worship services

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. Families are encouraged to worship together; children are invited to Grace Place at 5:50 p.m.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children and junior high youth are invited to an educational time at 9:20 a.m.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children and junior high youth are invited to an educational time at 9:20 a.m.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children are invited to an educational time at 10:50 a.m.

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 - Philippians 1:12-18 (NIV)

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Gloria Dei weekend worship times

Saturday evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Children's educational times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

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