



## Fall worship updates

by Steve Kowbel, Director of Worship Ministry

As our congregation grows, we continually review each worship service to ensure that they bring glory to God by offering our lives and praises to him. We are also cognizant that our congregation is always growing, not only in numbers, but also in our spiritual walk with God. So, we ask how can we maximize growth as individuals as well as a congregation.

Last spring, the congregation took a 14-question survey for the purpose of gathering feedback to help us determine the effectiveness of the services, the major influences affecting attendance and the preferred worship service. The Elders reviewed the data and concluded leaving the service times at 7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m. was the preferred option.

Within those parameters, we reviewed our current worship schedule to determine if there was a way that we could provide another worship opportunity while still respecting the time preferences of the congregation. And after much discussion and prayer, we came up with a solution that we believe will help us to grow as individuals and as a congregation.

**H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) will switch times:** Starting August 28, our fun, energetic H3 service for young families will switch times from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. This casual service will still offer lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities wrapped in an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. The truths of God's Word will be received through our video format from Saturday night's service. A pastor and a worship assistant will be available to assist us.

**New Casual Contemporary Worship will launch Sunday, Oct. 9 in the Family Life Center** Similar to Saturday evening's Northwind service, this service will be offered with a balance of high-energy and reflective worship in the casual atmosphere of the Family Life Center at 9 a.m. on Sundays. The truths of God's Word will be received through our video format from Saturday night's service. A pastor and a worship assistant will be available to assist us.

**Worship Services in the Sanctuary:** We are excited to focus our energies on providing a deep and meaningful worship experience in our traditional worship at 7:45 a.m. and the blended traditional service at 9 a.m. For those who will attend our contemporary worship at 10:30 a.m., we will continue to grow in our expression through intimate and celebratory worship.

More information can be found in the Fall Opportunities booklet and on our Web site. In the weeks to come, we will unfold ways to become involved in graciously making room for others to experience the Lord and to enjoy the blessing of the family at Gloria Dei.

## A report from the Governing Board

by Mark Kramer, President of the Governing Board

The Governing Board would like to thank the members of Gloria Dei who completed the recent survey on multi-site ministry. As you know, Gloria Dei is exploring this ministry option as a means of fulfilling our strategic mission of "Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime."

We are pleased and encouraged to report that 216 members of Gloria Dei completed the survey. Our response rate was a little better than 20 percent of our congregation's average weekly attendance of about 1,000 (including children and youth). We performed a web search on survey methodology, and were assured by multiple sources that our survey sample of 216 would produce response results that were 95 percent accurate (+/- 10).

After reviewing the positive results (see page 4), the Governing Board voted on July 12 to continue moving toward multi-site ministry. The staff, the Governing Board and the four MATs will use these findings to help guide them in their efforts to achieve the church's strategic mission. As always, we appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we continue to study and explore multi-site ministry as a possible way in which God is leading us to bring Jesus to more people in our surrounding communities. *Continued on page 4.*

## I Rejoice

Today's message revolves around Paul's joy in the fact that the Gospel has set him free from struggling to earn God's love.

## National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 2 from  
5-7 p.m. • 3740 86th St.  
Urbandale**

Gloria Dei is in partnership with the Urbandale Police Department for National Night Out 2011.

There will be free food, games and prizes along with a bike rodeo with the Urbandale Police Bike Patrol. For more information visit [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org).

## Health Fair

Many volunteers are needed to help at the Jumpstart Back to School Health Fair on Wednesday, August 3 at East High School. Contact Sarah at 286-3895.

## Food Pantry

Please place August's requested item, toilet paper, in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin located in the narthex. Thanks!

## Fall Opportunities

Pick up the Fall Opportunities booklet today from the ushers or at the Information Centers.



## Treye Blythe Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, August 5 • Ackley Country Club, 902 8th Ave., Ackley, Iowa

To honor Treye's memory and help support local causes, his family and friends have joined together to organize an annual golf tournament. Last year's event raised \$52,000 and helped support AG-WSR libraries and other local organizations. If you are interested in participating, please contact Vaughn Blythe at [vaughnblythe@yahoo.com](mailto:vaughnblythe@yahoo.com).



## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during our son Craig Scott's deployment to Afghanistan. He returned safely home on Tuesday. Our prayers have been answered! ~ Jim and Tammy Scott

## Patriotic Concert

This year's Patriotic Concert was cancelled due to severe weather conditions; the Ministry Action Team met last week and decided not to reschedule the Patriotic Concert this year. If you have any questions, contact Chris Onsrud at [chris@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:chris@gloriadeionline.com).

## Host Families

Academic Year in America (AYA), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1981, places hundreds of international high school exchange students with American families. Cultural exchange enriches the lives of host families and their community by promoting mutual understanding and good will.

AYA is seeking families in the Des Moines area to host exchange students. Students must be placed with American families by August 15. If you are interested in being a host family, please call 800-322-4678.

## Book Club

**Wednesday, August 3 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room.** Our book of discussion will be "Divine" by Karen Kingsbury, a story of tragedy and redemption.

**Overview:** Mary Madison was a child of unspeakable horrors, a young woman that society wanted to forget. Now a divine power has set Mary free to bring life-changing hope and love to battered and abused women living in the shadow of the nation's Capital.

Please plan to join us.

~ Sara Deich and Shirley Hoveland, Co-Chairs of the Gloria Dei Book Club

## Vendors needed

The 19th annual Gloria Dei Arts and Craft Show sponsored by the 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](mailto: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](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).



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[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Prayers for the Sieveking family

Please join us in extending sympathy to IDW President Paul and Sue Sieveking. Nelda Hanebutt, mother of Sue Sieveking, passed away July 26 in Red Bud, Illinois. Cards can be sent to the Sieveking home at 1122 Summit Ave., Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

## Crayons needed

Since crayons are on sale during this time of year, pick up a few extra boxes for next year's Honduras mission trip and place them in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex. All sizes and quantities are needed. Thanks!



## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary Sunday, July 31 are provided by Bob and Jane Heinsen celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on July 30 and Steve and Nancy Junge in celebration of the marriage of Bryan and Kristina Junge on July 30. The flowers on the side table are provided by Jim Brammeier and Kathy Stange in celebration of their marriage.

## Men Rise Up

Men, are you ready to be called up, freed up and trained up to be the courageous man God wants you to be?

The "Rise Up Men's Conference" Saturday, August 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope will help you let go of the past and unlock the potential God has placed inside your heart. The cost is \$15 (includes lunch). To register, go to [www.MenRiseUp.com](http://www.MenRiseUp.com).

## Scrapbook fellowship

**Friday, August 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, August 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, August 10 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## Gloria Dei quilters

**Friday, August 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, August 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
One more fun project that's not a quilt: Here's your chance to learn how to make a quilted jacket using a cut-apart sweatshirt as a foundation. It's a great way to use up odds and ends of fabric or fat quarters. In order to make best use of our time together on August 13, please call me at 278-6655, so I can tell you what to bring. As always, you're welcome to work on mission quilts, something else or just come for the fellowship. ~ Karen Hoff

## Servers

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

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

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

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

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

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**Organist:**  
Jennette Morrison

**Acolytes:**  
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Noah Richards

**Scripture Reading:**  
Philippians 3:1-11 (NIV)

**Want to serve on the weekends?**

Ask one of the hospitality team members or contact Pastor Robarge at [probarge@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:probarge@gloriadeionline.com)

**Hospitality Teams**  
**Northwind (FLC)**  
Team Two

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

**9 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Two

**9 a.m. (FLC)**  
Shane and Stacy Love 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 Bob and Jane Heinsen celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on July 30
- For Jim Brammeier and Kathy Stange married on July 30
- For Bryan and Kristina Junge married on July 30

## Prayers

**For the health of:**

- Brenda Barron
- Jim Wollslager
- Richard Counley
- Inez Rudge
- Dawn Pittmann
- Shirley Kramer
- Craig Newkirk
- Sharon McMartin
- Addison Blythe
- Millie Zenor
- Jolene Norviel
- Emma Anderson
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Judy Lind
- Liz Nelson
- Norma Wallace
- Kathryn Hayes

**And for:**

- For the Gage family, who are grieving the loss of their cousin's 2-year-old son, Ryan
- For the people of Norway

## Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Results from multi-site survey *(continued from page 1)*

### How would you rate your understanding of multi-site ministry?

- 51.4 percent had a good understanding of the ministry
- 27.3 percent understands the ministry completely
- 20.4 percent had a general understanding of the ministry
- 0.9 percent did not understand the ministry

### How would you rate your excitement level regarding multi-site ministry?

- 41.7 percent were somewhat excited about the ministry
- 25.0 percent were completely neutral about the ministry
- 23.6 percent were extremely excited about the ministry
- 9.7 percent were not excited about the ministry

### What is your personal feeling about becoming a multi-site church?

- 48.1 percent were unsure, but would support the church's direction
- 43.5 percent strongly support the direction
- 8.3 percent did not support the direction

### How involved would you be in offering prayer support for multi-site ministry?

- 49.8 percent would be involved
- 32.4 percent would be extremely involved
- 14.1 percent were not sure
- 3.8 percent would not be involved

### How involved would you be in offering financial support for multi-site ministry?

- 51.6 percent would be involved
- 37.1 percent were not sure
- 8.0 percent would not be involved
- 3.3 percent would be extremely involved

### How involved would you be in giving your time and talents to multi-site ministry?

- 40.3 percent would be involved
- 36.1 percent were not sure
- 13.9 percent would be extremely involved
- 9.7 percent would not be involved

The "Questions and Comments" portion of the survey produced many thoughtful insights as well. These included whether or not the existing site could be expanded; if staffing would be difficult at another site; the possibility of financing another site in today's economy; concerns that Gloria Dei will become too large; and whether or not a multi-site approach would diminish access to the senior pastor's sermons. Other comments included: excitement for the possibilities of multi-site at Gloria Dei; support for whatever decision was reached; and belief that more information is needed on how the church would implement a multi-site approach.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Governing Board members or e-mail [govboard@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:govboard@gloriadeionline.com).

## Advent project

If you recently picked up an Advent felt tree project, please return it to DeAnn's office as soon as possible.

## Children's Ministry Updates

### Grace Place

**(Starts Aug. 27 and 28)**

The Children's Ministry is gearing up for the fall kick-off on August 27-28.

**What to expect:** 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 the individual classrooms.

**Please note:** Grace Place will not be held August 6-7 and 13-14, and 20-21.

### Faith Alive

**Faith Alive (Starts Aug. 31)**

**What to expect:** 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, play, story reading, crafts and Bible-based lessons.

### Fall Opportunities



Want to know what is happening in the fall?

Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today!



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

### Junior high (6-8)

#### Castaway: Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Join us this week as we connect to God and with each other. Please note: Castaway will not meet August 6-7 and 13-14 and 20-21. Our fall kick-off begins August 28 at 9 a.m.

#### Confirmation Orientation meetings

Parents and students are invited to attend one of these meetings:

**Sixth Grade** - Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m.

**Seventh Grade** - Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.

**Eighth Grade** - Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m.

or **All Grades** - Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

### Senior High (9-12)

#### Bible Study

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

#### The Point

We are gearing up for the Point on Wednesday, August 28 at 6 p.m.

#### MSG Sent Conference

**Sunday, August 28 from 2-6 p.m.**

Check out the youth bulletin board for more details.

## Recap from the youth's mission trip

by Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry

And so it began...11 individuals piling out of their cars anticipating the week-long journey to Ripley, Tenn. The luggage, tools and sleeping bags all began to pile up outside the 15-passenger van. "It's not gonna fit," came a comment from behind. I calmly shouted over my shoulder, "You'll be surprised." The van doors closed, all the bags loaded, pictures taken and good-byes said. Our destination was to help with home repair/improvements and to bring hope and God's love to whomever we met.

"The mission trip showed me how easy it is to stay connected to God in everything I do. It made me want to fully commit my life to living for God."  
~ Rachel Corell

"I learned that God is always there, no matter if you think he is or not. I also grew in my faith, and I learned that I can get through any obstacles because he is there."  
~ Danielle Wright

As we arrived at camp, we joined 400 people from around the United States, representing all different denominations. Every morning and evening we had a program that helped us to focus on a section from John 15:5: *I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

We were challenged to see how we can connect with God, with each other, with the community in which we worked and with what God is doing in our lives and world. One of the highlights from this trip was seeing our teens "get it" in regard to who God is and how he is active in their lives.

Not only did we work hard, we had fun as well. We met a lot of new friends and came home unified and ready to make a difference in our world as we connect with what God is doing in our world, city, lives. Thank you for your support, prayers and encouragement. Please check out the youth bulletin board near the kitchen for photos from the trip.



Clockwise starting top left: Danielle Wright, Rachel Corell, Jacob Snyder, Devin Elbert, Jamison Dierenfeld, Sam Hainline, Shane Love, Emma Wenndt, Brian Gilg, Tim Kightlinger and Natalie Larimer



Rachel Corell uses her drilling skills to build a frame.



Sam Hainline joins in the construction project.

# Week of July 30-August 6, 2011

## Saturday, July 30

- 11:00 a.m. ABC Party With Me Family Event
- 11:00 a.m. Jim Brammeier and Kathy Stange Wedding
- 12:00 p.m. Jim Brammeier and Kathy Stange Reception
- 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

## Sunday, July 31

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place

## Monday, August 1

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting

## Tuesday, August 2

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Director's Meeting

## Tuesday, August 2 (Continued)

- 2:00 p.m. Worship Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

## Wednesday, August 3

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting - 8th Grade
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting - 7th Grade

## Thursday, August 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Facilities MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Multi-site MAT Meeting

## Friday, August 5

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Michelle Holtkamp and Scott Jordan Rehearsal

## Saturday, August 6

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Michelle Holtkamp and Scott Jordan Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

Worship (July 23 and 24)	Attendance
Northwind	120
7:45 a.m.	119
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	305
9 a.m. (FLC)	82
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>

Outpouring of Love (July 16 and 17)	
General Fund Offerings	21,508
1st QTD Offering	86,677
1st QTD Budget	81,000

Outpouring of Love (July 23 and 24)	
General Fund Offerings	21,822
1st QTD Offering	108,499
1st QTD Budget	106,000

# Week of August 6-13, 2011

## Saturday, August 6

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Michelle Holtkamp and Scott Jordan Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

## Sunday, August 7

- 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. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

## Monday, August 8

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

## Tuesday, August 9

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 1:00 p.m. Director's Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

## Tuesday, August 9 (Continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University

## Wednesday, August 10

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting - 6th Grade
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting - All Grades

## Thursday, August 11

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

## Friday, August 12

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

## Saturday, August 13

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

Educational Attendance (July 23-24)			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	11	12	9
Elementary	12	30	21
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>

## Christian Music Festival

A free family-friendly music festival featuring 50 Christian bands from around the country will be held Friday, August 5 from 4-11 p.m. and Saturday, August 6 from 10 a.m to 11 p.m. at Jordan Park Camp, 2251 Fuller Road in West Des Moines. For more information, go to [www.spiritmidwest.com](http://www.spiritmidwest.com).

## Golf Outing

The 8th Annual St. Paul Lutheran Church Golf Outing for "Walking in the Light," will be held on Saturday, August 13 at Otter Creek Golf Course, 4100 NE Otter Creek Dr., Ankeny. Cost is \$55 per person, or \$200 for a foursome. It includes 18 holes of golf, 4-person best shot, cart, lunch, sleeve of golf balls, and fellowship. Register by August 5 by calling 515-964-1250.

## Ice Cream Social

The Luther Park Auxiliary invites you to the 2011 Ice Cream Social Sunday, August 7 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at 1555 Hull Ave., Des Moines. The proceeds from the free-will offering will go toward the new third floor game room.

# 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!

## 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.

**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 3:1-11 (NIV)

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

## 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