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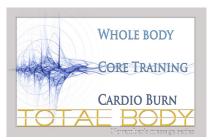
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Nov. 12-13, 2011 | Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Core Training

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

There is nothing more core to who we are than our hearts. In scripture, the heart describes much more than the organ that pumps our blood and even more than the center of emotions—



it is the essence of who we are. Whatever we think about and trust reflects our heart, and thus defines who we are.

So, as we look at core training this weekend, let's ask the questions: What do we value? Do our values reflect God's values? Let's put our heart to the test this weekend by answering these tough questions, thus strengthening and challenging the core of our body, our heart.

Multi-site ministry updates

Cottage Meetings

Plan to attend one of the Cottage Meetings where the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites will be presented:

- Saturday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 20 from 12-1:30 p.m. (A light lunch will be available.)
- Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 7-8:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, Dec. 1 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Next week, you will be asked to attend one of the Cottage Meetings. Your attendance is vital as information concerning the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites will be presented. All the MATs, staff and the Governing Board have completed extensive preparations leading up to the Cottage Meetings, and subsequent vote. We need you to fully understand, ponder the proposed plan and pray before casting your vote in December. So, mark your calendar to attend a Cottage Meeting.

Q: What is all this talk about the comprehensive plan?

A: The comprehensive plan will be a detailed document explaining the proposed plans for the Aurora and Hickman campuses, including the financial model for the total project. It will be presented at the Cottage Meetings through video and a written handout.

Q: Our Aurora campus is part of the plan, can you explain it more?

A: Yes, improvements to Aurora campus are included in the comprehensive plan. This includes maintenance and remodel projects to the Aurora campus.

Q: What are we voting on?

A: The comprehensive plan. The congregation will be asked to view the comprehensive plan and pray about it before casting their vote in mid-December. A congregational letter with details regarding the voting procedure will be mailed Nov. 16.

Q: Why should I plan to vote in December?

A: Gloria Dei has always believed in the collective voice of the congregation as a way to determine and discern God's voice; therefore, we are deliberate in all avenues to gather input from the congregation. A vote is not only required in our Constitution when purchasing land, but welcomed because it indicates that God's people have seriously considered the proposed plan and prayed about it before casting their vote.

Giving Tree



Have you picked up your tag today?

What a great way to begin your Christmas season by giving to a family in need.

Visit one of the Giving
Trees in the Narthex and the
Gathering Place.

Christmas 2011



Did you know we have more than 25 opportunities for you and your family to enjoy now through Christmas? That's right! Check out all the ways to participate by picking up a Holiday Opportunities booklet at the Welcome Centers.

Dining Together

If you signed-up, don't forget to attend your Dining Together time on Sunday.

Thanksgiving break

Children's and youth educational times will not meet Wednesday, Nov. 23 Saturday, Nov. 26 Sunday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Services

Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Take time to reflect on God's blessings at one of our worship services.

Ways to Give

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating Kleenex and paper towel products in November to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in November for the Honduras mission are Children's Tylenol and Ibuprofen and Infant Tylenol and Ibuprofen. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

Book Club

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room for discussion on "The Color of Rain" by Michael and Gina Spehn. This real-life Brady Bunch story is about what it means to endure the unthinkable—and still open one's heart to what's next. When two childhood friends die of cancer six weeks apart, the shared experience of loss brings their grieving spouses together. Told from alternating points of view, like many who grieve, Michael and Gina had to choose to hope again. Along the way, they discovered that God can restore the darkest circumstances—and even from death, he can bring new life and will inspire readers not only to survive loss but also to receive the new courage, faith, and identity that God gives in the midst of tragedy.

Everyone is welcome (but certainly not required) to bring holiday treats to share. If interested, e-mail gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com.

Time to think about Advent worship

Wednesday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14 at 12:15-12:45 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

"All Things New: from Prophecy to Revelation." Advent is a time for all people to anticipate, remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of many prophecies from the Old Testament. In



Christ's birth we see a new hope, new love and new joy for God's people. Let's take some time to look at this familiar story and see how Jesus is making things new this Advent season.

For those working who have lunch time free, we're opening up the Sanctuary doors from 12:15-12:45 p.m. for Advent worship. Of course, we don't want you to go away hungry, so you can pick up a sack lunch after the service.

For our Advent evening worship, we invite multiple generations. No matter the age, we will begin in the Sanctuary for worship; the children and youth will then be invited to their educational time while the adults will remain for additional worship and educational time in the Sanctuary. We pray this Advent season will lay the groundwork for future family traditions.

All Things New: "New Hope" • "New Love" • "New Joy"



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Kitchen items

If you are missing a dish, pot, or utensil, you may want to check the church's kitchen. Lots of items from the Arts and Craft Show have not been picked up. Check the kitchen today.

Christmas Village

Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman Road, invites you to a Christmas Village, Saturday, Dec. 3 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take a walk through their campus, stay for soup, Christmas goodies, and shop for unique, handmade gifts.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Nov. 13 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



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Ellie Joy Piepho born on July 1, 2011 to Chris and Cara (nee Brown) Piepho. Ellie's spiritual sponsors are Jared and Laura Ocker.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 13 are provided by Shawn Assman and Sarah Jobst married on November 12.

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 17 from 6-8 p.m.

If you are grieving or going through a divorce, we invite you to an evening of support, which includes a meal and small groups. To register, go to our Adult or Congregational Care page on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Items needed for this winter

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at First Christian Church need winter ware, such as coats, hats, gloves and boots in all sizes. Blankets are also needed to help those families who have recently arrived in Iowa. All items can be placed in the "ESL donation" bin in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

Naomi Circle needs a queen-size bed, kitchen table and four chairs, and a dresser to be given to a family from Freedom for Youth Ministries. If you would like to help, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Servers

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

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

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

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

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Jonas Dierenfield

9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Sydney Olson

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Sarah Smith

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV)

Hospita<mark>li</mark>ty Teams Northwind (FLC)

Team One

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Two

9 a.m. (FLC) TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)

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

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.

Thanksgivings

• For Shawn Assman and Sarah Jobst married Nov. 12

Prayers

For the health of:

- Doris Cammack
- · Addison Blythe
- Antoine Clausen
- Gary Eyerly
- Roesella Kretzschmer
- Shirley Borcherding
- Elaine Klinefelter
- Tina Bannister
- Grace Miller April Grimm
- Emma Anderson
- Austin Nelson
- Jim Wollslager's granddaughter
- · Sue Anderson
- · Dawn Pittmann
- Roseva Rucker
- · Brenda Barron
- Hayley and Braden Cooper

And for:

 Sue Davis and family, who are grieving the loss of their granddaughter

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.



Senior adult Christmas party

Senior Adult Ministry is going to party! That's right, mark your calendar with a big red checkmark for Saturday, Dec. 10 from 3-5 p.m. at the home of June Reed, 10023 Tanglewood Drive, Urbandale. More details will follow.

Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Gingerbread Tea is a special celebration for fami-

lies with children to decorate a gingerbread house and to have tea together. The cost to attend is \$35 per family, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Advent devotions

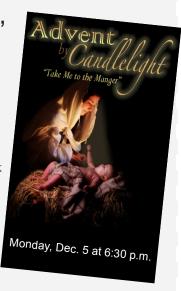
Pick up a Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent devotion today in the Narthex. "Transforming This Christmas" is intended to help readers get their eyes off of the busyness of the season, and onto God, who can transform it all for his glory.

Advent by Candlelight - "Take me to the Manger"

Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

This evening offers a great opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. If you would like to experience this special evening and haven't been invited by one of the hostesses, please contact Pastor Robarge or one of the committee members.

Hostess information: Please stop by the display in the narthex to sign up for a table, pick up an informational packet and place the \$10 registration fee in the envelope provided. As a hostess, you will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and a musical program. If you have any questions, contact Jill Hosch at 270-2402 or jbhosch@dwx.com; Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 or Plagge86@msn.com; Karen Hoff at karenrhoff@hotmail.com or Diane Schmidt at diane@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 a discussion about core training.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for a multi-sensory active learning time.

Nov. 16 - The Fence: Sacrifice vs. Selfishness

Nov. 23 - No classes-Happy Thanksgiving!

Training Ground, Sunday evenings

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.).

Incredible Pizza: Friday, Nov. 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Join us for fun at Incredible Pizza. Cost is \$15 for unlimited pizza, pop, bumper cars, go carts, miniature golf and bowling. (Extra money is required for video games.)

Mission trip (8-12)

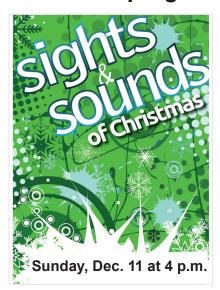
Mission Trip: June 23-30, Port Jervis, New York We will join about 400 other teens and adults from around the United States to form work groups to perform repairs/improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. We have 20 signed up! All we are missing is you! A \$50 deposit will hold your spot.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Join us as we learn about core training.

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

Christmas program



"Sights and Sounds of Christmas." Come and experience Christmas through the eyes of children as they express the wonder of Christmas through what they see and hear. We encourage all children to be involved in the program.

Rehearsal times - 12:15-1:15 p.m.: Sunday, Nov. 13, Sunday, Nov. 20, Saturday, Dec. 3, Sunday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 10.

Sunday Meals - Meals are available for \$2.50 per child and adult.

Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Wave at Incredible Pizza

Sunday, Nov. 20, from 4-5:30 p.m.

We're meeting at Incredible Pizza on Sunday, Nov. 20 from 4-5:30 p.m. We'll play and eat! Friends and family welcome. Cost is \$12 per student and \$14 per adult.

Faith Alive meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei. Cost: \$5 per adult, \$2.50 child or youth (2 years and under eat free). Nov. 16: Pulled pork

Kindergarten Bible event

Sunday, Nov. 13 from 4-5 p.m. All kindergartners and a parent are invited to attend this time of exploration and fun as God's Word is unfolded through a new Bible presented to each kindergartner.

Week of November 12-19, 2011

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m.	Fall Church Clean-up
8:30 a.m.	Gloria Dei Quilters
8:30 a.m.	Scrapbook Fellowship

3:00 p.m. Shawn Assman and Sarah Jobst

Wedding

3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

5:50 p.m. Grace Place

6:30 p.m. Extended Worship Time

Sunday, November 13

7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in
	Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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in Family Life Center with Communion

9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study

9:20 a.m. Castaway9:20 a.m. Grace Place9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Advent by Candlelight Committee10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center with Communion

10:50 a.m. Castaway10:50 a.m. Grace Place

11:30 a.m. Christmas Program Practice Lunch

12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs

12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6592:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 4073:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Brownies

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4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
4:00 p.m. Kindergarten Bible Event
5:00 p.m. Music Recital - Gage

6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Olmsted Elementary Principal Meeting

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

2:00 p.m. lowa Lutheran Teachers' Committee

Worship (Nov. 5 and 6)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	150	
7:45 a.m.	153	126
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	355	238
9 a.m. (FLC)	43	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	277	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	99	
Total	1,077	364

Monday, November 14 (continuted)

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club

Tuesday, November 15

1:00 p.m.	Directors' Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Fall Financial Peace University
7:00 p.m.	Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, November 16

8:00 a.m.	Olmsted Elementary Principal Meeting
10.00 a m	Pactor's Rible Study

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal6:00 p.m. Faith Alive

6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point

6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study - Love and

Respect

6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, November 17

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.	Facilities MAT Meeting
10:00 a m	Joyful Stitchers

2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir

3:00 p.m. Next Step 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith

6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, November 18

No scheduled events

Saturday, November 19

3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

5:50 p.m. Grace Place6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting

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

Outpouring of Love (Nov. 5 and 6)		
General Fund Offerings	\$27,910	
2nd QTD Offering	\$164,570	
2nd QTD Budget	\$188,000	

Week of November 19-26, 2011

Saturday, November 19

3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

5:50 p.m. Grace Place6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting

Sunday, November 20

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

9:00 a.m. Parenting Teenagers for Positive

Results

9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:20 a.m. Castaway 9:20 a.m. Grace Place

9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center

10:50 a.m. Castaway 10:50 a.m. Grace Place

11:30 a.m. Christmas Program Practice Lunch

12:00 p.m. Cottage Meeting12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs

12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus

3:00 p.m. The Wave

6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, November 21

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, November 22

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion

Wednesday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Cottage Meeting

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, November 24

8:00 a.m. Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Traditional Worship

in Sanctuary with Communion

Friday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Office Closed

Saturday, November 26

3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Midweek 6 p.m.
Preschool	12	27	23	31
Elementary	23	54	63	102
Total Children	35	81	86	133

Youth Attendance	Sunday	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Junior High	28	76
Senior High	12	36
Total Youth	40	112

12-Doughs of Christmas





Last weekend several families and friends gathered for a baking extravaganza. In total, each family prepared 24 dozen cookies. So, you may want to make friends with one of the families who participated in the event.

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 highenergy 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 - Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

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, nonalcoholic 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.