



Building a community of character - fairness

Excerpts written by Pastor Robarge, Associate Pastor (The full version can be found on Gloria Dei's blog)

I can't tell you how many times I have heard the statement, "It's not fair!" My children believe that everything must be fair or they will stand in protest against it. Their shenanigans work until I no longer think it's cute, and then tell them that life is not always fair.

The topic of fairness fills thoughts and conversations daily. It's not fair when some people have to work hard to eke out a living while another person gets everything handed to them at a simple request. It's not fair when one person lives while another dies. It's not fair when horrible things happen in the world today and nothing is done about it. The census bureau recently reported that about 46.2 million people, or nearly 1 in 6, were living in poverty in 2010. How is that fair? This list of unfair things can extend another 20 pages...but you get the point.



It is easy to identify unfairness, but who is the judge of fairness? How do we decide what is fair and what isn't? I asked a group of Christians what they thought they deserved, and I heard a startling contrast to the world's response—nothing. They said, "We brought nothing into this world and we will take nothing out." As sinners we deserve hell, and yet, God gave us eternal life. God treated us justly through the death of his Son even when we don't deserve it.

Today, as we look into the character of fairness, let's ask ourselves: What is fair? What does it mean for Christians to treat others with fairness?

What is all this talk about social media?

by Pastor Robarge, Associate Pastor

In recent months, I have spent a considerable amount of time studying and discussing the use of social media for Gloria Dei. My objective is twofold: to equip individuals with relevant and life-giving information that will inspire them to live for God; and to provide viable avenues where people can develop relationships. In this light, a few social media avenues have been developed. Within this mix, you can expect Bible passages, quotes, links from other Web sites, thoughts from our pastors and staff, announcements of future events and posts from other members.

The following social-media platforms can be easily accessed by going to our homepage (www.gloriadeionline.com) and clicking on one of the icons.



Facebook is a social networking service that was launched in Feb. 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg. By "liking" Gloria Dei, you will receive equipping posts as well as an avenue for you to connect to others in the church.



Twitter is an online social networking that enables its users to send and read short text-based posts, known as "tweets." By "following" Gloria Dei, you will receive short tweets of inspiration and announcements about upcoming events.



YouTube is a video-sharing Web site. By clicking on YouTube, you will be able to watch a short video concerning the upcoming message or an event.



WordPress is a blog, which supplies commentary or news on a particular subject. By viewing Gloria Dei's blog, you will be able to read an article from our pastors and staff, as well as links to other social-media platforms.

Now if you are like most of us, you may feel completely in the dark and a bit apprehensive about these social-media avenues. Good news! You are not alone! In fact, you may be in the majority. Most people (and churches) whom I have spoken to are on the cusp of learning about the multi-faceted functions of this phenomena that is transforming our world.

Social media classes

Saturday, Oct. 29

@ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30

@ 9, 10:15 & 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

@ 6:15 p.m.

We will offer a 60-minute class to give an overview of social media and how it can be used to enrich our lives and further God's kingdom. Take a few minutes this week and check out the social media opportunities that are available through our Web site.

To register for this class, go online or e-mail Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

2011 Dining Together - Sunday, Sept. 25

Dining Together is an avenue to meet new people at Gloria Dei by sharing a meal on Sunday, Sept. 25.

How to get involved: There will be Dining Together sign-up sheets on a table in the narthex today; sign up by Sunday, Sept. 18. You will be able to check your meal preference (breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner) as well as the option of dining with only adults or with families. After the sign-up deadline, participants will be divided into groups of six to eight people according to their preferences. A group leader will contact the participants with all the details of their particular outing.

If you have questions, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700, ext. 224.

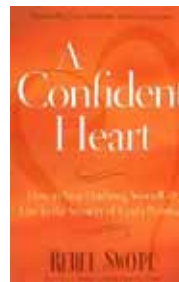


Sept. 18 - last day to sign up

Online Bible Study

“A Confident Heart” by Renee Swope starts Sunday, Sept. 18. 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.

Powerful scripture prayers are at the end of each chapter, along with Bible study questions and a chart with thirty-one different promises to overcome our most common self-doubts. 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.



New family check-in system

In Children’s Ministry, we take the safety and security of your child seriously. Therefore, we will implement a new check-in/security system for Grace Place and Faith Alive starting Oct. 8-9. Please help us by taking the following two steps:

1. **Register** your children by going to our Web site.
2. **Accompany** your children to the Children’s Ministry kiosk and sign them in beginning Oct. 8-9. Pick up your children by signing them out at the kiosk.

Please note:

Until the new family check-in system begins, please accompany your children to their classrooms and sign them in. Pick up your children at their classrooms.

Discovery 201

Sunday, Oct. 16 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 the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.



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Northwind worship service change

Due to the Arts and Craft Show Saturday, Oct. 8, the Northwind worship service at 5:30 p.m. will move to the Sanctuary. Grace Place and Communion will be offered.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Saturday, September 17 during the 5:30 p.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:



M Mikayla Ruth McDaniel born on July 16, 2011 to Gregory McDaniel and Stephanie Wohlers. Mikayla's spiritual sponsors are Bethany McDaniel and Annette Wohlers.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 18 are provided by Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat in celebration of their marriage on September 17.

DMARC: helping the needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a fall food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry and to others in need. Last fall and spring, we collected \$2,448 to help DMARC purchase food for families in need. This week, the enclosed envelopes can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate. Additional envelopes, can be picked up at the Welcome Center. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line and write your offering envelope number on your check. We appreciate your help in helping those in need. If you have questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Pastoral Conference

Gloria Dei will host the Pastoral Conference for Iowa District West (IDW) on Sept. 26-27. We are expecting approximately 250 pastors and their wives for a time of worship, teachings and fellowship. The congregation is invited to the opening worship service Monday at 10 a.m. where President Sieveking will preach. We feel privileged and honored to host the conference and ask for your prayers as we host the pastors in our district.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

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

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

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sarah Smith

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Haley Ness

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Aaron Siems

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:1-11 and
Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team One

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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 Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat married on Sept. 17
- For our families

Prayers

For the health of:

- Marlene Rush
- Harold Lusman
- Grace Miller
- April Grimm
- Joyce Philabaum
- Emma Anderson
- Austin Nelson
- Mike Rush
- Brenda Barron
- Jim Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Dawn Pittmann
- Addison Blythe
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Judy Lind
- Jerry Lashley

And for:

- The people affected by flooding
- The direction of Ian Anderson, as he decides about continuing his internship in Florida
- The people in Texas as they struggle with the drought and fires

Prayer Ministry

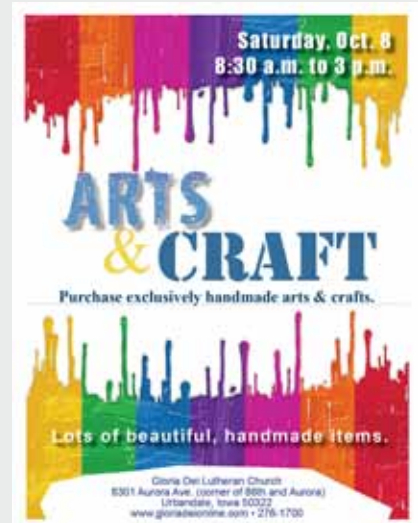
To join the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com, with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Arts & Craft Show

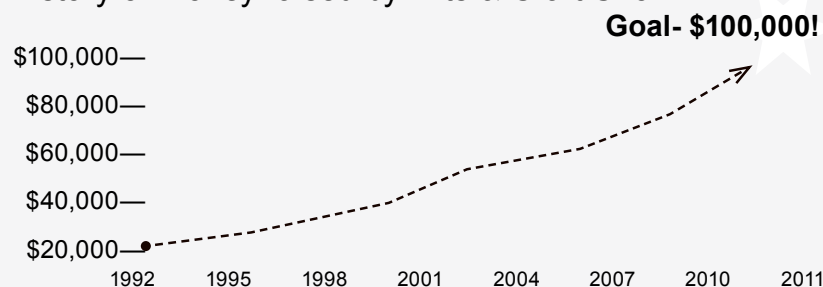
Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8:30-3 p.m. Plan on attending the 19th annual Arts & Craft Show! Vendors will sell jewelry, holiday lighted blocks, cloth decorative & seasonal items, cards, photo pictures, girl hair accessories, floral decorations, wood decorations, painting on glass blocks, one-of-a-kind mittens, handmade polymer clay ornaments, purses, cards, calendars, knit and crochet items, beanie hats, dolls and doll clothes, baby clothes and items, specialty books, and much more.

Baked goods: Pull out your favorite recipes and decide what you'd like to contribute to this year's show. Cookies, pies, brownies, breads—all go fast! If you know what you'll bring, there are labels at the table in back of the narthex along with a sign-up sheet. Especially be sure to note whether nuts are included in the ingredients. We'll start wrapping on Friday night Oct. 7, but will gladly accept donations up until noon on Saturday. Baking not really your specialty? Fresh fall produce and preserves are also welcome.

Café: Enjoy cinnamon rolls, pie slices, beefburgers, hotdogs and much more at the café located next to the kitchen.



History of money raised by Arts & Craft Show



Exciting News:

Since 1992, LWML has earned \$90,578.70 for missions! This year's recipients are Mission Central in Cambodia, Bibles and Catechisms for Russian children, a new roof for a school in India, Freedom for Youth in Des Moines and the Urbandale Food Pantry. This year's goal is to surpass the \$100,000 mark.

Parent Bible study

The Five Love Languages of Teenagers, Sunday 9-10 a.m. Sept. 18 to Oct. 16
Never before has the task of parenting teenagers been more perplexing. Despite the peer pressure teenagers face, it is still parents who influence teens the most. And the door to that influence is love.

Join us as you discover your child's unique way of receiving love. As parents we want to communicate love and acceptance to our children. You'll learn how to express that love to your teen in a language that makes sense to them.

Gloria Dei Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room

Plan to attend the October meeting to discuss "The Promise of Hope" by Edward Grinnan. The book weaves the tales of other people with Grinnan's own story to reveal how each of us can learn about the keys to powerful personal change. Registration is not required to attend this book club.

Mother/ Daughter Walk and Tea

Sunday, Oct. 2 from 1-3 p.m.

Plan to join us in the fight against breast cancer as we walk and talk together and then hear two inspirational speakers as we enjoy tea and fellowship. Cost is \$40 per mother/daughter team of two and \$15 for each additional team member. Each participant will receive a pink t-shirt and pink scarf with pockets. All proceeds will be given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers or contact DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 25.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Junior high (6-8)

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

Join us as we learn about fairness.

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

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

All Grades (6-12)

Omaha Urban Plunge - Oct. 7-9

Registration forms are available by the youth bulletin board. Registration and payment (\$50) are due Sept. 21.

All Grades (8-12)

Mission Trip: June 23-30, Port Jervis, New York

We will join around 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. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by Sunday, Sept. 25.

Senior High (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Join us for a discussion on what fair means.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Love: Agape Style

Training Ground Sundays from 6-8:30 p.m. Join us as we connect to God and each other through small groups. After our small group studies, we will open the FLC for games and hang-out time.

Topic: 9/18 - Get out of the box - Jeremiah 29:11

IDW Senior High Youth Gathering - Nov. 18-20, Omaha Registration and payment of \$180 are due Sunday, Sept. 25.

The Wave for Grades 3-5

Sunday, Sept. 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. The Wave is a fellowship group for preteens in grades 3-5 riding the wave between childhood and teenager. This active group meets monthly for a social activity to build friendships. Meet at Longview Golf Centre for a lively round of mini-golf from 2-3:30 p.m. Bring your friends and a parent with you!

GirlZ of Faith for Grades 4 and 5

Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6-7:15 p.m. GirlZ of Faith is a group for girls in grades 4 and 5, which meets twice a month for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, snacks and tons of fun. The group will meet in room 114. Please use the east entrance.

BoyZ of Faith for Grades 4 and 5

Sunday, Oct. 2 from 6-7:15 p.m. BoyZ of Faith is a group for boys in grades 4 and 5. The monthly meeting will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, a project, snacks and lots of fun! The group will meet in room 114. Please use the east entrance.

Family Event Apple Orchard

Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m.

Meet your Gloria Dei friends at Howell's Pumpkin Patch in Cumming for some good old fashioned fun and fellowship. Antique tractors make continuous rounds to the Corn Maze for a country ride to explore a twisting and winding maze. The wagon ride is included in the per person admission. At the Barn Yard, kids can see live farm animals including goats, sheep, pigs and chickens. In the Kiddie Korral is a farm playground with pedal tractors, wiggle cars, hay stacks for climbing, a straw-bale maze, corn box, giant slide and many other activities. Cost of admission is \$7; children 2 and under are free.

Week of September 17-24, 2011

Saturday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. Governing Board Retreat
- 1:00 p.m. Beyer Bridal Shower
- 1:00 p.m. Readinger Bridal Shower
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 18

- 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. Parent Bible Study - Languages of Love
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. The Wave
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - Training Ground

Monday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections - a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections - p.m.

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village

Tuesday, September 20 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Facilities MAT Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Wednesday, September 21

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor'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
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study - Love and Respect
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, September 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Friday, September 23

- 4:00 p.m. Joel Otte and Ashley Blake Rehearsal

Saturday, September 24

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Joel Otte and Ashley Blake Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

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

Worship (Sept. 10 and 11)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	143	101
7:45 a.m.	141	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	384	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	87	30
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	250	
Total	1005	131

Outpouring of Love (Sept. 10 and 11)	
General Fund Offerings	\$37,125
1st QTD Offering	\$303,332
1st QTD Budget	\$325,000

Week of September 24-October 1, 2011

Saturday, September 24

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m.. Joel Otte and Ashley Blake Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 25

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Missionary Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Parent Bible Study - Languages of Love
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 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
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. Family Event - Apple Orchard
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - Training Ground

Monday, September 26

- 8:00 a.m. Pastoral Conference

Tuesday, September 27

- 8:00 a.m. Pastoral Conference
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Fall Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Wednesday, September 28

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor'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
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study - Love and Respect
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, September 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 5:00 p.m. Peter Nieland and Sheila Zander Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Friday, September 30

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, October 1

- 3:30 p.m. Peter Nieland and Sheila Zander Wedding
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating toothbrushes in September 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.	Youth Attendance	Sunday	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	10	19	15	34	Junior High	39	81
Elementary	23	64	43	125	Senior High	13	37
Total Children	33	83	58	159	Total Youth	52	118

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.

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.

(Starting Sunday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m.)

Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

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 8:5-13 (NIV)

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."

Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."

The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.