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September 3-4, 2011 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

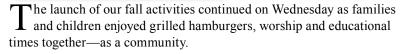
# Building a community of character has begun!











We will continue to learn how to build a community of character in today's message concerning the second pillar—respect.





# Grab your friends and join in on the momentum!

### This weekend

Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. • Sunday at 9:20 a.m. • Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Castaway: Sunday at 9 and 10:30 a.m. and Senior High Bible Study: Sunday at 9 a.m.

### This Wednesday

Faith Alive Meal: Wednesday from 5-5:45 p.m.
Faith Alive, Junior High Small Groups and The Point: Wednesday at 6 p.m.



# Thank you

My wife, Shaunacy, was at my Mom's side most of her last month with us here on earth, and it was very important to her that she let the folks at Gloria Dei know how important and special you all are to her. The following letter is the text she asked Shaunacy to pass on to you to include in an upcoming newsletter.

~ Mark Rudge, son of Inez Rudge

Dear Gloria Dei Family,

I want to write to let you know how thankful I am to have had each of you in my life. I am so lucky to have such wonderful friends! I thank God for my church family!

I loved our Tuesday afternoon Bible Class. I carry a picture of us at The Machine Shed. I learned so much from that time together with you. I often felt as if I could hear God speak to me.

My Miriam Circle girls have been my dear sisters! I couldn't have made it without you girls! I carry a picture with me always of us baking all those pies. I wish I had a picture from the other night at Donna's house! I was so surprised! I was shocked! All my Miriam Circle girls were there to give me a going away party! That meant so much to me! You all wore hats with me my last Sunday at church; that was really touching. You've been with me through pie baking and lunches out, doctor's visits and moves. Thank you so much for being such wonderful friends! I'm so lucky to have you!

You have been my family for over 40 years, and I want you to know that I couldn't have made it without you! So many of you all have touched my life so deeply through all the years that I could never possibly thank each of you now, but know that I am thankful for the many kindnesses great and small that you have each shared with me. I love you all!  $\sim$  Love, Inez

# **LEAD Gloria Dei**

Wednesday Sept. 7 from 6:15-7:10 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei is a six-week course, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 6:15-7:10 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size. The topics include the Vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our Strategic Plan. If you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at laura@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544, ext. 200.

### **New to the Lutheran Faith?**

Thursdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29, and Oct. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.

We will learn the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

# **Financial Peace University**

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 13)

Attend this 13-week program that teaches how to achieve your financial goals. Cost is \$90. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.



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Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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# Pre-marriage class

Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 13 -Oct. 18)

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week premarriage class designed to help build strong marriages to last a lifetime. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

# **Care Night begins Thursday**

Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. (Starts Sept. 8 and ends Nov. 10)

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. On Thursday, Sept. 8, we launch our Care Night where support groups will eat and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal that will be offered at no cost. (If you wish to make a donation, you may.) The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Register online (on the adult page). Childcare is provided.

### **Weekly Support Groups**

#### DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a 10-week program for those experiencing the pain of divorce.

### DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids)

DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents have divorced.

#### GriefShare

GriefShare, a 10-week program, helps those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

#### **Stepping Stones (GriefShare for Children)**

Children need to process and understand the grieving process. This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a friend or relative.

# Marriage Built to Last

#### Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Starts Sept. 8 and ends Oct. 20)

"Marriage Built to Last" will share biblical principles and practical ways to keep a marriage healthy and growing. This is the first time the class will be offered at Gloria Dei. Pastor Tim Phillips and his wife, Kim, will be the instructors. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

#### Servers **Officiant/Liturgist: Organist: Hospitality Teams** 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Kathy Brammeier Northwind (FLC) Rev. Ron Burcham Team Three **Acolytes:** 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Tim Phillips Rustin Aufdenkamp Team Three 9 a.m. (Sanctuary): 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Tim Phillips Kara Gerke Team Two 10:30 a.m. (FLC): 9 a.m. (FLC) Rev. Phil Robarge TBD Scripture Readings: 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Ephesians 4:26-32 and Rev. Ron Burcham Team Three John 8:1-11 (NIV) Preacher: Rev. Ron Burcham

### 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 our students
- For Wendell and Carol Dickey celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary

### **Prayers**

#### For the health of:

- Marlene Rush
- · Malinda Dammann
- 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:

- Our military
- The people affected by hurricane Irene

### **Prayer Ministry**

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.

# Women: need a break from the busyness? Women's Bible Connections

Need a time of refreshing? Join other women on Monday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the time together is to grow in God's Word and build relationships with other faith-filled women. Childcare provided, fun guaranteed, and meaningful discussions encouraged. So, come, be refreshed through the following studies:

"Here and Now...There and Then" by Beth Moore is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. She teaches that God is as specific about what he does reveal as he is about what he does not reveal.

"Max on Life" by Max Lucado. We have questions; child-like inquiries. Max offers answers on topics ranging from hope to hurt, from home to the hereafter.

Attend Monday, Sept. 12; No registration needed. Questions? Call 278-5544, ext. 224

### **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.

Chapter by chapter, "A Confident Heart" helps readers:

- Learn how to fail forward even when life or sin sets them back
- Discover their God-given purpose, passion, and personality
- Live free from people-pleasing and performance-based living
- Exchange "against me" thoughts with scripture-based God is "for me" thoughts

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.

# **Book club**

Join us Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room as we discuss "A Reluctant Prophet" by Nancy Rue. **Overview**: At age forty-two, Allison Chamberlain has been a pew-sitting member of a church for seven years. Then one Sunday, Allison senses a divine nudge to buy a Harley motorcycle and go wherever it takes her. Soon she is wondering if she is called to present the reality of Christ to one of society's darkest corners—and challenge her own church to look beyond their fears.

### **LWML**

Please note: The LWML Handbook is being prepared, so please submit changes or additions to Donna Maasen at 278-4259 before Sept. 14.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine, West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Drive, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

**Rebekah Circle** will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.

# **Quilters**

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RESILT SWOP

Friday, Sept. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Feel free to continue the sweatshirt jacket or turn your attention back to making quilts.

# Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Sept 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.



# Gloria Dei Youth Ministry Contact: Tim Kightlinger tim@gloriadeio

tim@gloriadeionline.com

## **Junior high (6-8)**

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

Castaway is up and going. Are you ready? You don't want to miss it.

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

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

10 Commandment Retreat -Sept. 9-10 (meet at Gloria Dei Friday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m.)

Sign-up and payment (\$35) are due Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Café 923 - Friday, Sept. 16 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Come hang out, have a good time. Pizza \$1 per slice, pop \$.50 a can.

# Senior High (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Join us for a discussion about the message series.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Gearing up for the multi-sensory, active learning time.

Topic: Love

9/7 - Philia 9/14 - Eros 9/21 - Agape

Training Ground Sundays starts Sept. 11 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.

**Topics:** 9/11 - Our world has changed

9/18 - Begin small group experience

### **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 Wednesday, Sept. 21

# **Tiny Treasures Updates**

Tiny Treasures is opening its doors Tuesday, Sept. 6 to 120 children registered for eight classes. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. There are openings in the morning and afternoon classes (3 or 5 days per week) for 4/5-year-olds and in the morning class (2 days per week) for 2-year-olds. If interested, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

### The Wave

Sunday, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 from 3-4:30 p.m.

The Wave is designed for pre-teens (grades 3-5) and their friends to come together for fun, energetic fellowship and Bible time. Each month will have a different theme. In September, we will play miniature golf at Longview.

# Apple Orchard

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

Meet your Gloria Dei friends at the apple orchard in Cumming, Iowa for apple-picking fun.

# **Men's Ministry Event**

IDW men's ministry event, "Ridin' the Storm Out" will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 504 Walnut St., Mapleton. Men of all ages can enjoy breakfast, Bible study, "hands-on" mission projects, Mission Central tours, lunch and fellowship opportunities. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. To register, contact Jill at the District Office at 515-576-7666 or go online at www.idwlcms.org.

### **Mount Olive School**

Mount Olive invites the entire congregation to the dedication of their new education wing on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m. Pastor Sieveking, President of IDW, will be leading the celebration service.

# Week of September 3-10, 2011

#### Saturday, September 3

3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

**Grace Place** 5:50 p.m.

### Sunday, September 4

Traditional Worship Service in 7:45 a.m.

Sanctuary with Communion

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

Sanctuary with Communion

Senior High Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

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

9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study

Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m. 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

### Monday, September 5 Office Closed Due to Holiday

### Tuesday, September 6

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time Directors' Meeting 1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 2:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child 5:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village 6:00 p.m. **Beginning Dance** Kindermusik Our Time 6:15 p.m.

6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That Creative Dance

6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

#### Wednesday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive

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

6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting

6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Marriage Bible Study -6:15 p.m.

Love and Respect Book Club

6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs

Quest for Authentic Manhood 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, September 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care GriefShare 6:30 p.m.

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 9

Gloria Dei Quilters 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship 5:00 p.m. **Confirmation Retreat** 

#### Saturday, September 10

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

3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

**Grace Place** 5:50 p.m.

Worship		
(August 27 and 28)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	199	110
7:45 a.m.	123	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	370	
9 a.m. (FLC)	77	30
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	294	
Total	1,063	140

Outpouring of Love (August 27 and 28)				
General Fund Offerings	\$27,256			
1st QTD Offering	\$246,095			
1st QTD Budget	\$258,000			

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

# Week of September 10-17, 2011

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

**Beginning Dance** 

Premarriage Class

Creative Dance

**Governing Board Meeting** 

Financial Peace University

Kindermusik Imagine That

Kindermusik Our Time

Saturday,	September 10	Wednesda	ıy, September 14		
8:30 a.m.	Gloria Dei Quilters	10:00 a.m.	• •		
8:30 a.m.	Scrapbook Fellowship	5:00 p.m.	Midweek Meal		
3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.	Faith Alive		
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the	6:00 p.m.	Junior High Small Groups		
	Family Life Center with Communion	6:00 p.m.	Senior High - The Point		
5:50 p.m.	Grace Place	6:00 p.m.	LEAD Gloria Dei		
Sunday S	eptember 11	6:15 p.m.	Third Grade Bible Highlighting		
7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in	6:15 p.m.	Alleluia Ringers		
7.45 a.III.	Sanctuary	6:15 p.m.	Marriage Bible Study -		
9:00 a.m.	Traditional Blend Worship Service in		Love and Respect		
5.00 a.m.	Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Chorale		
9:00 a.m.	Senior High Bible Study	7:15 p.m.	Carilloneurs		
9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	7:30 p.m.	Quest for Authentic Manhood		
9:20 a.m.	Castaway	Thursday.	Thursday, September 15		
9:20 a.m.	Grace Place	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		
9:20 a.m.	Lifelight Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers		
10:15 a.m.	· ·	5:00 p.m.	Restorative Justice		
10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	6:00 p.m.	Care Night Meal		
	in Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.	Infusion Rehearsal		
10:30 a.m.	H3 Worship Service in Family Life	6:30 p.m.	Discovery 101		
	Center with Communion	6:30 p.m.	Divorce Care		
10:50 a.m.	Castaway	6:30 p.m.	GriefShare		
10:50 a.m.		6:30 p.m.	Marriage Built to Last		
4:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 806	6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball		
6:00 p.m.	Senior High - Training Ground	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education		
Monday, S	eptember 12	7:30 p.m.	Worship Ministry Meeting		
7:00 a.m.	Iowa Department of Education	Friday, Se	riday, September 16		
9:30 a.m.	Moms' Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	Iowa Homeless Youth Center Meeting		
1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision	5:30 p.m	Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat		
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision		Rehearsal		
7:00 p.m.	Urbandale Swim Club	6:00 p.m.	Governing Board Retreat		
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•	September 13	Cotundou	Contombou 17		
7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	School Election Kindermusik Family Time	•	September 17 Governing Board Retreat		
1:00 p.m.	Directors' Meeting	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Beyer Bridal Shower		
2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Readinger Bridal Shower		
2:30 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study	3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal		
5:00 p.m.	Kindermusik Young Child	4:00 p.m	Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat		
5:00 p.m.	Restorative Justice	4.00 p.m.	Wedding		
5:45 p.m.	Kindermusik Village	5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in the		
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# Thank you

5:50 p.m.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who prepared the Tiny Treasures' denim bags for the preschool children. We appreciate your time and talent. Thanks again! ~ Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Tiny Treasurers Preschool Director

Family Life Center

Grace Place

Educational Attendance (August 27-28)						
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.			
Preschool	5	17	17			
Elementary	23	47	61			
Total Children	28	64	78			

# 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 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

### 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 - Ephesians 4:26-32 (NIV)

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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.

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.