

 TALK 2013

Cross Talk

Order by Sunday, Feb. 3.

Let's make a united stand with other churches.

Online orders can be placed on our Web site.

Envelopes can be placed in the offering plates.

Debit/credit cards will be accepted on Saturday from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Gathering Place; and Sunday, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Narthex.

VBS

March 18-22
from 9-11:30 a.m.

We are gearing up for a spectacular spring break. See pages 3 and 5.

Lenten Worship



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13

Join us for Lenten Worship as we look at some of the attributes of Jesus Christ through a series, "Who Do You Say I AM?"

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

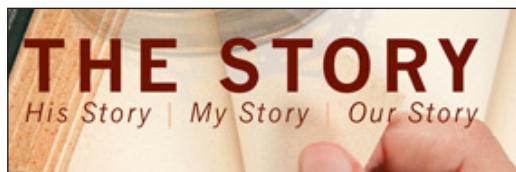
Traditional Worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Education Schedule

Faith Alive and junior and senior high ministry will not meet on Ash Wednesday.



Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!



God's messenger

Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord." Haggai 1:13

A New Day is Coming: The Return Home

In this chapter, we see God's upper story clearly defined—he wants his people to return to Jerusalem, so he can show his love, faithfulness and glory to them as well as to the world. Not only does he promise that the new temple "will be greater than the glory of the former house," but their city streets will be "filled with boys and girls playing."

We also see God's mighty work come into fruition by a few unlikely characters and circumstances. For example, the pagan king, Cyrus of Persia, was instrumental in moving God's people (approximately 50,000) to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Or how about another pagan king, who issued an order to search the royal archives for the evidence of the original mandate? Or the two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, who God sent to encourage his people?

We clearly see God, don't we? But we also see the spirals of the men and women involved in the lower story. At times they faithfully responded to God, but then lived in complacency, followed by discouragement, which resulted in being lost for 16 years before again responding to God's directives and promises.

There's a lot happening in this chapter, and it would be easy to get lost in the details; however, today's message should help us to focus on some of the important truths found in this chapter.

An Artist Continues His Handiwork

Israel Lopez, a local artist, continues to use his artistic talents at Gloria Dei in illustrating each chapter of "The Story" onto his ceramic canvas—a 10.5 inch black plate.



Israel Lopez

"To be honest, I have never read the entire Bible, so this is the first time in my life that I am reading it and I am really enjoying it," says Israel.

Israel was trained to be a landscape painter under the tutelage of his father and uncle while growing up in Mazatlan, Mexico. He admits that this project has stretched him to be flexible because it requires more abstract and symbolic images.

"These plates are cool. I never thought I'd be painting about the Bible because for years I rejected God and thought the Bible was boring,"

says Israel. "And now look at me, I even look up words from the reading if I do not understand them."

There are other surprises and blessings in Israel's life, Krystle, Israel's wife, and their two children, Kaylee, 3, and Ethan, 2, are now embracing many of the ministries at Gloria Dei. In fact, Israel smiles when he shares how Krystle now insists that their family "prays before they eat."

Another major shift in Israel is a deep desire to give back to the church and to the community. "I used to do everything for money, but there is a time that you want to give, and this is the time," says Israel.

Israel will be in the Narthex on Sunday to share his story and to give more details concerning each plate. At the end of the series in April, these plates will be auctioned off and the proceeds will be given to a mission project. So stop by to enjoy his art and story.



Lenten and Holy Week

It seems a bit premature to start promoting Lenten and Holy Week, however, Ash Wednesday Services will be held in less than two weeks. So, take a few minutes and mark your calendar now.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13

Traditional Worship with Communion at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Traditional Worship with Communion at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
(Faith Alive and junior and senior high ministry will not meet on Ash Wednesday.)

Wednesdays, Feb. 20, 27 and Mar. 6, 13 and 20

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Blended Worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Interactive Worship at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Traditional Worship with Communion at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Traditional Worship with Communion at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Blended Worship with Communion at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Services, March 29

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Traditional Worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Blended Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship Schedule

Easter Worship Saturday, March 30

Contemporary Worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Blended Worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship Sunday, March 31

Traditional Worship at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Blended Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center
Contemporary Worship at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Stained Glass

Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 6-8 p.m.



Come and learn the art of making stained glass in this interactive class. This class is for anyone wanting to know more, as well as for anyone wanting a refresher class. (Children must be accompanied by a parent.)

If interested, register by clicking on the “register and pay” link on the right column on our Web site. The cost of this class is \$25.

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Need help?

Stephen Ministries

We have trained individuals to help you in every season of life. Contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Book Club

Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 6:15 p.m.

Join us as we discuss “Mistaken Identity” by Dan and Susie VanRyn, Newell Colleen and Whitney Cerak.

LWML

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joan Kickbush, 13942 Oak Brook Dr., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Osby, 10335 Norfolk Dr. #1, Johnston.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the church to make stocking caps and scarves for Shining City Foundation. Please bring one to two yards of fleece, and scissors.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd St., Urbandale.

VBS Leaders and Helpers

Spring break March 18-22 from 9-11:30 am.

We love children! We love them so much that we are expecting more than 250 for spring break VBS. We are praying that not only our members will take advantage of this opportunity, but our community as well.

But, we need your assistance. In order to be as hospitable as possible, we need help with welcoming, teaching, singing, organizing and much more. Please consider giving us a hand for a few days or the entire week. Contact DeAnn McCue at deann@gloriadeionline.com today. Want to register for VBS? Go to the link on our Web site and register today!

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Sunday, Feb. 3 is Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday. Information and giving envelopes will be at both Welcome Centers. Since nearly 41 percent of the world's population has more than likely not heard about Jesus Christ, Lutheran Hour Ministries partners with congregations to reach the lost and hurting. For more information on this ministry, go to www.lhm.org.

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank all of those who participated with the Schramm Family Benefit. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of everyone from the silent auction donations, games and activities assistants, food servers, musician and the participants. It was a great privilege to see the blessings of God poured out through your generosity and support of this family. With heartfelt and deep gratitude ~ Tina Kientz, Jen Wedemeyer, Lauren Prunty, Rachel Onsrud, Lisa Scherer, Elaine Klinefelter, Steve Kowbel and Pastor Phil Robarge

Last August, the Lord took us on an unexpected journey with bedrest and the very early birth of our daughter. In the months since, he has once again revealed his unwavering love via the hands and hearts of our Gloria Dei family. Thank you for being part of our story through your continued prayers, friendship, meals, babysitting and financial support. We have truly been blessed and look forward to our next chapters with Stolley at home! ~ In Christ, The Schramm Family

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Tim Phillips

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Tim Phillips

10 a.m. (FLC)
Rev. Ron Burcham

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organ

Sue Jesse

Acolytes:

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Avery Gathercole

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Brandon Timmerman

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Regan Nesheim

Scripture verses:

Haggai 1:1-11 and
13-15 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

5:30 p.m.(FLC)
Team Three

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Five

10 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

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

- Our families
- Our country

For the health of

- Tanya Richards
- Doris Cammack
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen
- John Onsrud
- Christine Watson
- Lyle Lawson
- Donna Smitly
- Norma Rohn
- Brenda Barron
- Steve Crouthamel

And for:

- Our nation and world leaders
- Our community
- Those who do not know that God loves them

Prayer ministry

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

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Feb. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. & Saturday, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Quilters

Saturday, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

How are you doing on your quilts? Join us for a dose of inspiration in rooms 134/136/138. A lot of progress can be made by dedicating a few hours whether you're working on something easy or a more complicated pattern.

33 The Series: A Man & His Design

Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ Okoboji Grill

Saturday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. @ Gloria Dei

Join us for a six-week study. Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique story. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. Contact Bill Clark at bill@p52.org.

Peak Challenge 2013

July 25-29, 2013 in Leadville, Colorado

Peak Challenge is an annual opportunity for men, their sons, fathers, brothers and friends to get away from the everyday routines in life and to experience all that God has for them in a wild setting - the mountains of Colorado.



Men are challenged physically by hiking 14,000 foot peaks, biking and whitewater rafting. But more importantly, men are challenged spiritually to engage in the battle like never before, as they will see what is at stake. For more information, visit their Web site

www.peakchallenge.net or contact Bill Clark at bill@p52.org.

Men Who Are Grieving

Saturdays, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13 from 9-11 a.m.

Mercy Hospice in Johnston offers a unique, gender-specific support group for men who have lost a loved one, whether that is a spouse, parent, child or sibling. The group is led by men and the discussion focuses on the issues men most want to talk about. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend with you. The meeting includes breakfast. Please make a reservation by calling 643-6147 or mcasey@mercydesmoines.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

Additional team members are needed for the coming year for planning of Senior Adult Ministry events, particularly in the area of fellowship.

Let us know if you are interested in serving in this way by contacting Pastor Boesch at dboesch@gloriadeionline.com.

Senior Adult Ministry Valentine Potluck Lunch

Saturday, Feb. 16 at noon

Senior adults, you are invited to a Valentine's lunch where delicious food, fun, fellowship and laughter will brighten the cold winter days. Following the meal, a presentation on Heart Health will be given by Rachel Onsrud, a Nurse Practitioner for Iowa Health. Mark your calendars. Invite friends and neighbors.

For the potluck meal, persons with last names beginning with letters A-F bring salad; G-L bring dessert; M-Q bring a vegetable; R-Z bring a main dish.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Castaway

Sundays at 9:50 & 11:20 a.m.
Join us as we discuss "The Story."

Junior High Small Groups

Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 6:45-8 p.m.
Students in grades 6-8 will meet in small groups discussing various topics that are relevant to their lives.

Dinner Theater

April 19, 20 and 21 - Mark your calendars as we experience all the different characters you'll meet at the County Fair. Scenes 4-6 will rehearse Sunday at 12:15 p.m. Cast lunch to be served at noon (\$2.50 per person).

High School Bible Study

Sundays at 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Join us as we discuss "The Story."

The Point

Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 6:45-8 p.m.
Join us on Wednesdays for praise worship and small-group Bible study.

The Big Game Party

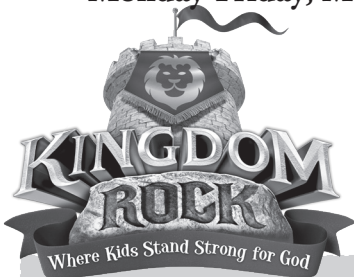
Sunday, Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
Senior High youth are invited to TK's house to watch the two teams battle it out. Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack food to share.

National Youth Gathering

Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 8-8:30 p.m. If you are attending the NYG, join us for this informational meeting.

Spring Break Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 9-11:30 a.m.



This is a time of great fun and learning more about who God is! There will be singing, arts and crafts, Bible stories and games. Register online today!

Register for Vacation Bible School today!

Click on the VBS link on our homepage at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Spring Break Camp

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Each day we'll focus on a different theme: Get in the Game, Metropolitan Museum of Art, God's Amazing Creation, Walk of Fame, and I'm Bored! Please register for this camp by clicking on the registration link on the right column of our Web site www.gloriadeionline.com. The cost is \$50 per child. Remember to bring your own lunch.

GirlZ of Faith

Sunday, Feb. 3 from 4-5:15 p.m.

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited to a bi-monthly meeting at the church. It will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, activities, snacks and tons of fun.

Please note: We have changed the time to 4-5:15 p.m.

Mid-week Meal

Wednesdays from 5-6:15 p.m.

Feb. 6: hot dog/chili dog

Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei on Wednesday evenings during the school year. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children under 2 eat free.

Week of February 2-9, 2013

Saturday, February 2

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, February 3

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith

Monday, February 4

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, February 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Stained Glass Class
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, February 6

- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:15 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1 (off-site)

Thursday, February 7

- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share

Friday, February 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, February 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Feb. 2-3)	Attendance
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	192
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	50
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	148
10 a.m. (FLC)	50
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	138
Total	578

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 26 - Feb. 2)	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,257
General Fund Offering Budget	\$30,000
3rd QTD Offering	\$102,658
3rd QTD Budget	\$123,000
YTD Offering Total	\$1,030,055
YTD Offering Budget	\$1,079,000

Week of February 9-16, 2013

Saturday, February 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, February 10

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie 541
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 4:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Dinner

Monday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. Vision Frame Team Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections

Tuesday, February 12

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, February 13

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Thursday, February 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
- 7:00 p.m. Operation Barnabas Meeting

Friday, February 15

No scheduled church events

Saturday, February 16

- 12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Valentine Potluck
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting feminine hygiene products during the month of February. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.
Preschool	6		6	8	4
Elementary	29		48	15	21
Total Children	35	0	54	23	25

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Please note: We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

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

Weekly Bible reading - Haggai 1:7-11 (NIV)

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 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.