

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

## Lenten Worship

### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13

Mark your calendars for this week's Ash Wednesday worship services.

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
(Sack lunches will be available.)

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.

## VBS

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

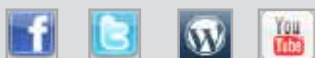


We are excited for VBS!  
Register online today!

### VBS Leaders and Helpers

We need your assistance. In order to be as hospitable as possible, we need help with welcoming, teaching, singing, organizing and much more.

If you are interested, contact DeAnn McCue at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

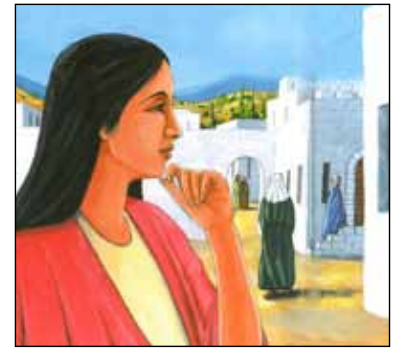


*This girl, who was also known as Ether, was lovely in form and features, and Mordecai had taken her as his own daughter when her father and mother died. Esther 2:7b*

## The Queen of Beauty and Courage

The book of Esther is an incredible book. Within its pages, we do not see some of the common elements which we have read in other books of the Bible. There is no mention of a prophet; neither is God ever mentioned, yet we see God's handiwork on almost every page as he works behind the scenes orchestrating spectacular events in an adverse environment.

It's easy for us to enjoy the story because we know the ending. But if you were Esther living in the situation, it would have been stressful being a queen knowing that her full genealogy was not disclosed to the king, or realizing the full implications of Haman's wicked plans for her uncle as well as for her entire family, or asking for an audience with the king. Queen Esther had more than her share of problems.



*An illustration by Duncan McLaren*

But God is at work despite the wickedness and shrewdness of Haman. When Esther receives word of his diabolical plan, she fasts, talks with the king and extends an invitation to a banquet. We also see God working in the king's life when King Xerxes requests some reading material on a sleepless night, which reveals that Mordecai had exposed a conspiracy.

Well, in a strange twist of events, Haman winds up impaled on a pole he himself had erected, Mordecai receives the king's signet ring and Haman's decree is overruled. What Haman had devised against God's chosen people, God redeems. It's a great story about how God works in everyday life to save his people from destruction. And he still does!

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

## Join us for Lenten Worship

We are anticipating a great time of refreshing as we look at some of the names of Jesus. Our "Who Do You Say I Am" Lenten messages will begin Ash Wednesday.



### 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 March 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

## Holy Week Schedule

We are looking forward as we focus on the cross and the resurrection of our Lord during Holy Week and Easter.

### 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

## Men's Softball League



Let's play ball and have fun! Join us for the men's league (age 16 and over). League starts Monday, April 15; all games played on Monday nights. It's a 14-game season; the cost is \$25.

If interested, sign up with TK by March 10 at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com). No experience necessary.

## Mission Update



Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve as career missionaries in Asia, where Stephen is the Asia theological education facilitator and New Testament professor at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan. Below is a report from Dr. Oliver:

Our team of co-workers had a very good annual meeting this month! We thank God for building unity and strength and vision among us as we move forward in our work throughout the Asia Pacific area. Pray for us all for God's protection, guidance and continued unity. ~ Dr. Stephen Oliver

*Photo of co-workers at our annual workgroup meeting.*

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8301 Aurora Ave.  
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### Church office hours:

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## 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.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



**E** Elyse Faith Deich born on January 29, 2010 to Brad and Sara (nee Weitenhagen) Deich. Elyse's spiritual sponsor is Shirley Hoveland.



**B** Bradley William Deich born on October 16, 1979. Bradley's parents are William and Riley Deich. Bradley's spiritual sponsor is Sara Deich.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 10 are provided by Rachel (Graaf) Leslie and Adam Graaf in honor of their parents, David and Lorrie Graaf, celebrating their 40th anniversary on Feb. 10.

## The Concordia Choir

The Concordia Choir will be in concert Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2500 University Ave., Des Moines. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students; can be purchased at [ConcordiaTickets.com](http://ConcordiaTickets.com), or by calling 800-838-3006.

## Senior Adult Ministry Valentine 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 Heart Center. 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.

### Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

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

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**10 a.m. (FLC)**  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**Preacher**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organ**

Kathy Brammeier

**Acolytes:**

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Jacob May

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Hannah Sawyer

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Luke Sams

**Hospitality Teams**

**5:30 p.m. (FLC)**  
Team Four

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Four

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team One

**10 a.m. (FLC)**  
TBD

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Four

**Scripture verses:**

Esther 1:1-9:28 (NIV)

### 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

### For the health of

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

### 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

# Mission Dominican Republic

A team of six from Gloria Dei will join 18 others from South Dakota and Northwest Iowa to travel to the Dominican Republic to help the Lighthouse Projects.

This non-profit organization was founded by Cristian Santiago to show the local families in Los Alcarizzos the love of Jesus Christ. Cristian, who spoke at Gloria Dei last summer, has been instrumental in building a campus which houses a Christian K-12 school for 1,150 students, a water purification company, a baseball diamond, and an electrical vocation school. The campus also holds the newly constructed Treye Blythe Gymnasium, which was built in honor of member Dustin Blythe's son, who was stabbed to death when he tried to pull a friend out of a fight in 2006.

The members of this team range in age from 10 years old to 60 plus. They will spend most of their time constructing a new dormitory to house missionaries and students. Although some team members have served this community before, this is the first time for Sydney Clark, 12.

"I am excited for the experience," says Sydney. "I am going for many reasons; one of them is to make a difference, no matter how small or how large."

Her sister, Kelsey, 10, is also looking forward to volunteering and working on the construction site. "This is my first time out of the states and going to a third

world country," says Kelsey, "I will be experiencing a whole different type of life style."

Besides visiting the town and playing with the students in the local satellite schools, the team is also excited

to see the work that has been accomplished in the last few years. In particular, they are looking forward to seeing the school use the \$26,000 kitchen equipment that was recently shipped from Iowa for the school's feeding program.

The team also plans to take a three-hour-trip to the remote village of Las Charcas to play baseball with the local youth and children. This short trip is part of an overall plan for Project 52 to build a baseball field in this remote city of 9,000.

"We have seen that sports are a great avenue to fill a need in these impoverished communities," says Bill Clark, co-founder of Project 52 and member of Gloria Dei.

"It gets the youth off of the streets, where gangs and drugs are prevalent, and gets them focused on something positive. It also creates a Christian atmosphere where the Gospel can be shared."

But with all the activities planned, Bill is most excited to see his friend, Juanito, whose house Project 52 built last year.

"It's all about relationships! It is an honor to get to know the people who live there and the people on our team," says Bill.



*A student enjoys her breakfast. Project 52 raised the funds to purchase \$26,000 of kitchen equipment for the school's feeding program.*

## Dominican Republic from Feb. 22-March 2

**Prayer needs:** Pray for safety and for open doors to show Jesus's love to all those they meet.

**Physical needs:** Baseball equipment, gently used or new. Drop off at the church office.



*(left to right) Children gather at the school's kitchen for breakfast. Boys from the neighborhood deliver clean water to a family.*

## **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. 13: Small groups will not meet. Ash Wednesday worship will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### **Café 923**

Friday, February 22 from 6-9 p.m. Join us for some fun with friends as we hang out, play games and have a great time.

### **Lent Worship Service**

Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 6:45-8 p.m. We will have a Contemporary Interactive worship service in the Family Life Center. Small groups and The Point will meet during the service. Invite your friends.

### **Dinner Theater**

April 19, 20 and 21 - Scenes 4-6 will rehearse Sunday, Feb. 10 at 12:15 p.m. Cast lunch to be served at noon (\$2.50 per person). Scenes 7-10 will rehearse next week, Feb. 17.

### **High School Bible Study**

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

### **The Point**

Wednesday, Feb. 13: The Point will not meet. Ash Wednesday worship will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## **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!

Before care is available from 7-9 a.m. Contact DeAnn if you are interested.

Register for Vacation Bible School today!

Click on the VBS link on our homepage at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://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](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). The cost is \$50 per child. Remember to bring your own lunch.

## **Faith Alive and Mid-week Meal**

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Faith Alive and mid-week meal will not be offered on Ash Wednesday. See you at worship.

If you plan on attending the Ash Wednesday worship service at 12:15, feel free to pick up a sack lunch.

## **GirlZ of Faith**

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 6-7:15 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.

# 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

## Monday, February 11 (continued)

- 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

Worship (Feb. 2-3)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	179	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	106	89
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	351	261
10 a.m. (FLC)	77	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	224	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>484</b>

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 2-9)	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,919
General Fund Offering Budget	\$30,000
3rd QTD Offering	\$135,577
3rd QTD Budget	\$153,000
YTD Offering Total	\$1,062,974
YTD Offering Budget	\$1,109,000

# Week of February 16-23, 2013

## 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

## Sunday, February 17

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

## Monday, February 18

- 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 19

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

## Wednesday, February 20

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Traditional-blend Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Lenten Contemporary Interactive Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1 (off-site)

## Thursday, February 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Foundation

## Friday, February 22

- 6:00 p.m. Café 923

## Saturday, February 23

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 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.	Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Preschool	7		14	10	8	73
Elementary	16		52	18	26	16
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>89</b>

# 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 worshippers 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 worshippers 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 view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - Esther 8:5-6 (NIV)**

“If it pleases the king,” she said, “and if he regards me with favor and thinks it the right thing to do, and if he is pleased with me, let an order be written overruling the dispatches that Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, devised and wrote to destroy the Jews in all the king’s provinces. For how can I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How can I bear to see the destruction of my family?”

## **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.