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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Choice of Forgiveness

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Let's talk about villains. The media thrives on the dastardly deeds of mankind. History's pages are plastered with heinous crimes against humanity. Surprisingly, the Bible has its share of atrocities; for example, Ahaz, David's lineage who reigned as king in Jerusalem for 16 years, sacrificed his sons in fire; Jezebel killed the Lord's prophets; and Ahab who "did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him."

During Jesus' life, he also dealt with evil acts. When his enemies beat, mocked falsely accused and crucified him, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

Christ led the way on forgiveness.

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was

found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. I Peter 2:21b-23a

Jesus illustrates the depth of forgiveness with the parable of the father who opened his arms to a wayward son who came to his senses after he spent his inheritance.

Jesus also paints a great illustration on forgiveness when a servant begged a king to forgive him a debt.

"The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

Matthew 18:26-27

Sound familiar? Hasn't God completely erased our sins? Doesn't his compassion flood our lives?

Unfortunately, the forgiven servant did not reciprocate the favor and chose not to forgive another fellow servant. Likewise, we have a choice when confronted with injuries caused by others: Do we forgive or do we hold it against our offenders?

We live in a fallen world; and others will hurt us sometimes. But God gives clear direction on how to respond—forgive. It's not an easy feat, we need help, but it helps to realize the depth of God's forgiveness in our lives.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...But because of his great

love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:1, 4 and 5

We are forgiven by a wonderful gracious God. Our Lord has paved the way on the right choice—forgive.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32



Ablaze Studies

This Week

Forgiving others.

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Forgiving myself.

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Nominations for Governing Board

The Governing Board is accepting nominations for members who are interested in running for election to the board. Although the election is several months away, we are now accepting nominations in order to give the candidates time to become better prepared for board membership through training and educational materials. If you have an interest in learning more about this type of ministry or would like to nominate someone, contact Deb Kesse, Lorrie Graaf or Laurie Peterson at govboard@gloriadeionline.com.

Town Hall Meetings

The Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team has been gathering information and input from various leaders of the congregation. Now we would like to hear from you. As explained in the letter sent to you, four meetings have been scheduled over the next two weeks in the Family Life Center; please enter in through the Family Life Center doors.

- Sunday, January 29 1–5 p.m.
- Saturday, February 4 8 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, February 9 6–10 p.m.
- Sunday, February 12 1–5 p.m.

We have a great deal of information to share with you about the process we're embarking on and the things we have learned so far. And we'd like to hear your input regarding the options before us. No decisions have been made.

A member of the Strategic Planning MAT is at the Information Center after each service with sign-up sheets for currently scheduled sessions. If the scheduled dates and times don't work for you, but you'd like to attend, please notify a Ministry Action Team member. Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Pastor Burcham, Deb Kesse or Shawn Woolman.

News Flash



Gloria Dei's Web site now features a live calendar, keeping you up-to-date on all church activities with times, room numbers and other pertinent information. Just go to www.gloriadeionline.com and click on "online calendar."

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Staffed Nursery
8 a.m.–noon

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:



Mya Jayne Vest, born November 23, 2005 to Joshua and Billie (nee Shorma) Vest. Mya's spiritual sponsors are Jay and Somer Ortman.

Women's Connections

Women's Connections invites women of all ages to come Monday evenings for a time of worship, prayer, study and fellowship. This week women can choose one of three studies that best fits their needs: *Jesus, the One and*



Only, Beloved Disciple and *Ablaze*. After the studies, the entire group will gather for fellowship and treats.

If you were unable to come last week, please feel free to join us this Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a time to connect to God and each other through study, prayer and fellowship. See you there!

Servers

<p>Elders: Tom Westby Marvin Deer Randy Walford</p> <p>8 a.m. Tom Berg David Graaf Arlyn Hesse Dan Johnson Richard Mueller Jeff Johnston Jim Johnson Phyllis Johnson</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Greg Haessler Bob Loch Doug Kumm Tim Mueller Chad Oehlert Dale Schinstock Mark Toebben Richard Valle Andy Van Pelt</p>	<p>11 a.m. Doug Bass Kevin Kelly Ken Wenndt Mike Cobb</p> <p>Organist: Kathy Stange</p> <p>Acolytes: Allissa Rice Michael Schinstock Kara Jordan</p>
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God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath 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 Pennie in the church office, 276-1700, or contact Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For all the people who help Gloria Dei fulfill the mission of bringing Jesus Christ to people
- Janet McFadden's husband, Master Sergeant Duff McFadden, who returned Thursday from Kosovo

Prayers

- For our military
- For the planning of this year's mission trips
- For the *Ablaze* small groups
- For our Saturday evening service
- For Greta Ganske and family as she prepares for surgery at Mayo
- For Jerry O'Malia who will have surgery on Feb. 3
- For all of our ministry action teams

Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail pennie@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone num-

Ablaze Information

Small Groups

It is not too late to sign up to participate in an *Ablaze* small-group study. If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Sunday's Study

Anyone who cannot participate in an *Ablaze* small-group study during the week can attend Sunday's *Ablaze* Bible study in the Family Life Center at 9:30 a.m. Shawn and Sheryl Woolman will facilitate the study using the *Ablaze* adult curriculum.

Wednesday's Study

Join us Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Board Room on February 1 and in the former library area for the last four meetings. All are welcome, particularly those who missed their small group meeting for the week and want to catch up.

Daily Devotions

If you are interested in receiving *Ablaze* daily devotions for the next six weeks, sign up at the Information Center or register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Printed daily devotions are also available at the Information Center.

Ablaze: Thought of the Week

Why should I forgive others when I don't want to?

Check out these verses:

Matthew 6:14-15 • Colossians 3:13

Sunday Adult Bible Studies Resume

Revelation will meet at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The class will wrap up the series on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Lifelight will begin a new study on the Gospel of Luke at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

What the Bible Says About Parenting will be at 9:30 a.m. in room 139.

Educational Meeting: Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D

The Associations Marketing Group, Inc., a Clive-based health insurance agency, will hold an educational seminar on the new Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 1-3:30 p.m. in room 135/137. Jesse A. Patton, President/CEO of Associations Marketing Group, Inc. and a member of various state and federal health insurance panels for 15 years, will be the featured speaker.

Financial Peace University

Did you know that 70% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck and 37% of marital problems derive from financial situations? Join us Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 135-137 for a 13-week class that teaches Biblical principles of stewardship leading to "financial peace" for families. The cost for all class materials is \$90 per family. Teens may attend free with their parents.

To register, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544 ext. 224.

Activities & Meetings



Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet in the church kitchen Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your cleaning supplies!

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at Ellen Allen's, 4208 69th Street, Urbandale, 276-1163.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet at Panera Bread Thursday, Feb. 9. at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Lead Gloria Dei

Would you like to learn how you can lead Gloria Dei or learn more about how the Church is governed and how that fits into our mission and vision? There is a new initiative at Gloria Dei named "Lead Gloria Dei" and we want you to participate! The program will consist of six presentations beginning Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. in room 127/129.

February 8: The Mission and Vision of Gloria Dei

February 15: The Life Cycle of Churches

February 22: Congregational Size Theory and the Effect on Ministry

March 1: Servant Leadership

March 8: Policy-Based Governance

March 15: Demographics of Our Community

Lead Gloria Dei is designed to help members of the congregation learn more about how Gloria Dei functions. It is an opportunity to understand the blessings, challenges and possibilities that exist in a large church. Lead Gloria Dei would be very useful if you are interested in a leadership role within the church. Plan to attend one or all of the presentations; everyone is welcome. If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information regarding Lead Gloria Dei, call Deb Kesse, 251-8324, Laurie Peterson, 440-1859, or Scott Snyder, 251-7468 or send an e-mail to govboard@gloriadeionline.com.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check "wish to join Gloria Dei." All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101: Basics of the Christian Faith

Next Class

**April 2
9:30 a.m.**

Discovery 101 is a nine-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For the next class, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Next Class

**Sunday, March 5
3-7 p.m.**

Discovery 201 is a one-day class for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come to meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

Sign up

Please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com



Thrivent Financial

We are in need of a congregational coordinator to represent Gloria Dei for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. If you are interested, contact Faith Spark at 278-8318.



Scrapbook Fellowship is a casual gathering of people who want room to spread out their materials and work on scrapbooks or other crafts. Everyone is welcome. Our next work date is Friday, Feb 10. Come when you can and leave when you need to anytime between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. We will meet in rooms 131/133. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Appalachia Mission Trip and Potluck

An informational meeting about the upcoming Appalachia mission trip will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. A reunion potluck lunch will be held immediately following the meeting in room 131/133.

Honduras Mission Trip

A meeting for those who went to Honduras last year or who are interested in going this year will be Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. in rooms 131/133.

30-Hour Famine Meeting

A mandatory 30-hour famine meeting for all registered teens along with at least one parent will be held Sunday, Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. This will be a short 20-minute meeting to obtain more information on the upcoming famine on Feb. 24-25. If you can't make it, contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036. Deadline for entering the famine is Sunday, Feb. 5.

Camp Okoboji

Camp Okoboji is in the process of remodeling the bathrooms in the old wing of Bats Roost. We would appreciate any volunteers who would be willing to help put up sheet rock and paint the week of Feb. 5 and Feb. 12. If you would be willing to help, please call (712) 337-3325.

Stained-glass Window Project

The stained glass for the narthex-window project is in. If you are interested in working with this project, please attend an informational meeting on Saturday Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in the narthex. We will discuss our options and hand out materials for projects to be completed at home. If you would like to take a stained-glass class, you can take the class and put together a window frame at the same time. Classes will start in the near future. Windows should be completed by June 2006. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Seinfeld or Steve Kohtz. Thank you to all those who donated money to make this possible.

2006 Missions

Ukraine

In the last few months, the senior high youth Bible studies have been looking at what scripture says about expanding boundaries and leaving comfort zones to follow God's leading. They have looked at the uniqueness and God-given gifts of each person in the group.

In light of these studies, the youth met to discuss this year's summer mission trip. The three options were: working with children/orphanages in Chihuahua, Mexico; hurricane relief efforts in New Orleans, La., or working with children/orphanages/sports camps in Uzhgorod, Ukraine. The group decided to stretch their boundaries and minister to the people in Ukraine.

"This is a huge decision and questions are flowing through my mind as well as the mind of our teens and their parents," said Tim Kightlinger, director of youth. "How are we going to afford this trip with only six months to raise money? What about the safety of our children? What are we going to do there?"

"The teens then reminded me that God wants us to totally rely on Him and to trust that He is going to bless us as we seek to follow Him," Tim continued. "I'm very excited about this opportunity—what a growing opportunity for our group and their faith. There is also fear and caution with the trip as well. Please pray for our preparations as we seek to follow God's leading for our trip this summer."

If you are interested in helping financially or by participating, please call Tim at 278-5544, ext., 212.

Last week, we featured the Appalachia and Honduras mission trips planned for the summer. This week we will examine two other mission trips.

Uganda

What started as a simple request last March will culminate in Gloria Dei participating in a worship conference in January 2007 in Uganda, East Africa.

Steve Kohtz, director of worship, originally contacted Pastor Charles Bameka, a leader in the Lutheran Church in Uganda, when searching for wedding music for Dan and Hilton Galabuzi, who had been married in Uganda but wanted an American wedding.

Upon further conversation with Pastor Bameka, Steve discovered the pastor's desire to incorporate a more blended service to their traditional service and the plans to host a worship conference for 32 churches in Uganda.

After much prayer and consideration, Gloria Dei has decided to help Pastor Bameka. To better understand their worship styles, vision and culture, a \$5,000 grant by the Iowa District West was offered to Gloria Dei. Pastor Burcham, Steve Kohtz and Chris James will make the 24-hour trip to Uganda, March 13-24.

"It will be a great learning experience," said Steve, "not only to be in such a vivid country with its wild safaris and beautiful nature, but to be in a third-world country where worship is such a strong part of their lives. It will be exciting to see tribal worship and to witness the worship in the cities. We have also been asked to lead some worship services."

Although they are excited about the upcoming trip, there are plenty of details—they need to raise \$3,000, finalize their itinerary and organize materials for their trip.

If you have an interest in the worship conference in January 2007 or would like to support the mission by prayer or finances, please contact Pastor Burcham or Steve at 276-1700.



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Youth Contact Information:

Tim Kightlinger,
278-5544, ext. 212 or
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Bible Study Today at 9:30 a.m.

Join us today as we dive into God's Word.

Grades 6-8

Ablaze studies today!

Grades 9-12 in Y. C.

Spiritual Gifts Next Week:
What is your discipline?

Wednesday Studies at 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation: Grades 6-8

Our confirmation studies will be Christian Life Training (CLT).
Join us this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in the
Family Life Center.

High School: Grades 9-12

Small-group *Ablaze* Bible studies continue Wednesday.

Parents' Bible Study/Support

Join us for discussion and support in room 139.

Confirmation Meeting for Youth and Parents

A confirmation meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 1
from 7:30- 8 p.m. in the Youth Center. All families must
attend; dates, deadlines and important information will be
handed out.

Teen Worship Band

Rehearsal today from 12:30-2 p.m.

Senior High Youth

Superbowl Party

See the big game played on the
big screen. Superbowl party will be
held Sunday, Feb. 5 from 5 p.m.
until the end of the game. Bring a
food item to share with the group.

Dinner Theatre Auditions

Join us for another dinner theatre.
Auditions will be in the Youth Cen-
ter Feb. 5 from 2-3:30 p.m.

**Dodgeball Challenge: Sunday,
Feb. 12, 5-9 p.m.**

Change of plans! Sign up your
team of six by Wednesday, Feb. 8.
The entrance fee is \$30 per team.
Free food, movies, games and
give-aways will be available. You
don't have to participate in the
challenge to come and hang out.
Forms are available outside the
Youth Center.

Junior High Youth

Café 923

Come and hang out with us Friday,
Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

Stock the Kitchen

If your name begins with K-Q, it's
your month to help stock the Youth
Center kitchen with snacks and
drinks. Thank you for your donation.



Tiny Treasures News

Fall 2006 Schedule

3-year-olds
(must be 3 by 9/15/06)
Tuesday and Thursday
9-11:30 a.m.

4-year-olds
(must be 4 by 9/15/06)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9-11:30 a.m.

Pre-kindergarten
(must be 4 by 9/15/06
and going to school fall 2007)
Monday-Friday
9-11:30 a.m.

Enroll today!
278-5544, ext. 305

Tiny Treasures Open House

Grab your keys and a neighbor
and come to our public open
house on Thursday, Feb. 2 from
5:30-7:30 p.m.

New Playgroup

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool playgroup
for children ages 2½ to 3½ will open Monday
or Wednesday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. A
brochure with an application is available at
the Information Center. If you have questions,
call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



The Tiny Treasures action team has approved the plans for the playground, which will be installed by next fall. Fundraisers will be held throughout the year to help with the rest of the cost of the playground. If you are interested in helping financially or planning fundraisers, contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Photos of the Week



Left: Zoie Harvey, Jenna Booth, and Makenna Mumm enjoy each other during kitchen play time. Top right: Daniel Feldt builds a house with blocks Bottom right: Lydia Thomasee tries to hide from the camera.

Week of January 29-February 4

Sunday, January 29

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Ablaze Bible Study - FLC
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
- 9:30 a.m. Lifelight - Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Appalachia Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Appalachia Reunion Potluck Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, January 30

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball - FLC
- 7:00p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00p.m. Together In Transition

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 1:00 p.m. Medicare Educational Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Support Group - MAT
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, February 1

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: Parenting Teenagers
- 6:15 p.m. Ablaze Small-group Study
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Board
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

Friday, February 3

- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923
- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting

Saturday, February 4

- 8:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion (FLC)

Outpouring of Love for the Lord	
General Fund Offerings	\$24,890
YTD Offering	\$702,261
YTD Budget	\$674,105

Attendance			
Northwind	227		
8:00 a.m.	247		
9:30 a.m.	360		
11 a.m.	217		
Total	1,051		

Week of February 5-February 11

Sunday, February 5

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Ablaze Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101 -RM 127/129
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse - Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Superbowl Party
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, February 6

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ's (Extra Years of Zest)
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting - RM 127/129
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, February 8

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD - Board Room
- 6:15 p.m. Ablaze Bible Study - Gathering Place
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: Parenting Teenagers
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers - RM 127

Friday, February 10

- 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Scrap-booking
- 6:00 p.m. Miller/Heitink Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, Feb 11

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 4:00 p.m. Bobbie Miller/Joseph Heitink Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service - FLC

Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sat., Early Childhood	20	Sun., Early Childhood	50	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	35
Sat., Grades 1-5	10	Sun., Grades 1-5	92	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	86
Sat., Grades 6-8	4	Sun., Grades 6-12	69	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	103
Total	34	Sun., Adults	63	Total	224
		Total	274		

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Northwind

"Hallelujah" (Your Love is Amazing)
"Everyday"
"Offering"
"In Your Presence"
"O Lord, You're Beautiful"
Confession and Forgiveness
"Make Me a Servant"
"Ancient Words"
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Luke 17:1-6
"Ancient Words"
Children are invited for "Grace Place"
Offering
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
"Forever"
Blessing
Announcements and Fellowship

8:00 a.m.

Welcome
"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LW 201; 2 Vs.
Invocation
Musical Offering: *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*
Offered by Music Alive, Grades 1-5
Confession and Forgiveness
"Jesus, Your Boundless Love So True" LW 280; 3 Vs.
Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Exodus 3:7-12
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Luke 17:1-6
Apostles' Creed
"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" LW 286; 2 Vs.
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" LW 286; 1 Vs.
Gathering of the Offerings
"Spirit of God Descent Upon My Heart"
Offered by the Alleluia Ringers
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
"Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow" LW 75

9:30 a.m.

Teaching of New Songs
"Make Me a Servant"
"Ancient Words"
Welcome
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LW 201; 2 Vs.
Invocation
Musical Offering: *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*
Offered by Music Alive, Grades 1-5
Confession and Forgiveness
"Make Me a Servant"
"Ancient Words"
Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Exodus 3:7-12
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Luke 17:1-6
Apostles' Creed
"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" LW 286, 2 Vs
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" LW 286, 1 Vs
Gathering of the Offerings
"Spirit of God Descent Upon My Heart"
Offered by the Alleluia Ringers
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

11:00 a.m.

"Hallelujah" (Your Love is Amazing)
"Everyday"
"Offering"
"In Your Presence"
"O Lord, You're Beautiful"
Confession and Forgiveness
"Make Me a Servant"
"Ancient Words"
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Luke 17:1-6
"Ancient Words"
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
Offering
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
"Forever"
Blessing

The Celebration of Holy Communion

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.