

# WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

July 19 and 20, 2008

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Clean-up Work Continues

It has been said that when a natural disaster occurs, the people who lend helping hands become the silver lining. Consequently, the national news has sung accolades to Iowa's incredible volunteer force. Thousands of volunteers showed up in Des Moines to sandbag and help the initial clean-up of the affected areas. Likewise, the eastern part of Iowa has seen a surge of volunteers as national organizations, such as the United Way, and other smaller grass-root efforts have come together with one goal in mind: to restore Iowa.



Take lifelong Cedar Rapids resident, Bill Burianek. When he heard about the 5,400 houses that needed help, he rolled up his sleeves and started to compile a list of homes that needed immediate help. "It is mind boggling to see the neighborhood that I grew up by become so devastated," said Burianek. Soon the list of homes became much longer than any group could possibly handle, so he joined forces with an organization, Hands On Disaster, which helped in the rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.

Currently, Bill's efforts have helped 80 houses and his list has 40 more. When asked if he still needed help, he said, "Yes and double yes." Other organizations, such as the United Way, the Corridor Recovery and Vineyard USA Mercy Response have organized the deployment of volunteers for the initial clean-up of hundreds of houses. And they are still calling for volunteers.

If the Lord has placed it on your heart to help with this great need, please contact one of the following organizations to find how you can spend a day helping our fellow Iowans.

### Contact Information:

**Corridor Recovery:**  
www.corridorrecovery.org • 319-540-4810

**Hands On Disaster Response:**  
www.hodr.org • 617-922-9444

**Vineyard USA Mercy Response:**  
mercyresponse.com • janell@mercyresponse.com

**United Way:**  
www.uweci.org • 319-398-5372

## What's New

### Golf Tournament

It is a win-win outing on Saturday, July 26—you get to golf and help the youth fund their project with Habitat for Humanity. See page 4.



### Car Wash

Two teens decided to change the world by organizing a car wash. See page 7.



### Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Meyer will meet July 23 at 10 a.m. for fellowship and preparation for the missionary couples who will be visiting.

For specifics about the missionary presentations, see page 3.

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## Strategic Planning Updates

Each of the four focus groups has been busy building a strong infrastructure to fulfill the Strategic Plan. Each group consists of staff and members who contribute time and expertise to their particular group. We are thankful for the individual roles they play to help us achieve the ministry that God has placed before us.

**Project Manager:** Deb Kesse

**Responsibilities:** The project manager oversees all four focus groups and develops a Gantt chart, a task list with timelines and dependencies.

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**Recording Secretary:** Sue Davis

**Responsibilities:** The recording secretary takes written minutes at each SPI MAT meeting.

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**Ministry Focus Group: Leader:** Pastor Burcham

**Responsibilities:** Since the Ministry Destination is the driving force behind the Strategic Plan, the staff along with other ministry partners sets up priorities and timelines for the implementation and evaluates its progress.

**Contact Information:** Pastor Burcham at rburcham@gloriadeionline.com

**Members:** Pastor Meyer, Pastor Phillips, Tim Kightlinger, Steve Kohtz, Karen Kennedy, DeAnn McCue, Chris Onsrud, Brandon Simpson and Terry Steinke (Please note: The staff is in the process of organizing ministry partners to join them in this focus group.)

**Future Facilities Focus Group: Leaders:** Pastor Burcham and Merlin Siefken

**Responsibilities:** The future facilities group develops a schematic for the future facility needs, criteria for site selection and the selection of an architect.

**Contact Information:** Merlin Siefken at sms\_llc@mchsi.com

**Members:** Elaine Klinefelter, Julie DenHerder, Terry Woolman, Ken Wunsch, Kurt Mumm and Greg Cushing

**Finance Focus Group: Leaders:** Steve Kammeyer and Mary Sievers

**Responsibilities:** The finance focus group concentrates on creating funding models for the purchase of land, the construction of the new facility and selecting a capital fund-raiser to assist in the first of three capital campaigns.

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**Members:** Brenda Cushing, Bob Knief  
Marv Rohn, Craig Fjelsted, Jeff Monson and Mandi Holcomb

**Communication Focus Group: Leaders:** Karen Kennedy and Tina Hoffman

**Responsibilities:** The communication group develops and implements a communication plan that will foster two-way communication between the focus groups and the congregation.

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**Members:** Pamela Henkel, Mina Woolman and Matt Sheeley

**Please note:** We will continue to update about the progress being made to move us into the future. If you have any questions, please contact the project manager or one of the focus group leaders.

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## Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast

Friday, August 1 from 6:30-9 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Saturday, August 2 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 a.m.)

Join best-selling author and dynamic speaker Beth Moore on a journey into personal spiritual renewal...live from Louisville, Kentucky via satellite at



Johnston E Free Church, 9901 NW 62nd Ave., Johnston on Friday, Aug. 1 from 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$35 and must be purchased before the event by going to Johnston E-Free Church's Web site at [www.valley-church.com](http://www.valley-church.com) or calling 986-0306.

## Missionaries to Speak this Week

The Wednesday morning Bible study with Pastor Meyer is sponsoring two missionary families to speak to our congregation about their experiences as they seek to bring Jesus to a foreign culture. Jon and Heidi Heisterkamp will speak on Friday, July 25, at 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132 and Stephen and Maggie Oliver will speak on Wednesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132. Lunch will be served immediately following each presentation in the Family Life Center.

### Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

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

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

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

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**Organist:**  
Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Rachel Carstens  
Andrew McKeighan  
Tommy Peter

**Elders:**

Devin Wren  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

**Ushers:**

**Northwind**  
Mike Mazza

**7:45 a.m.**

Bruce Amendt  
Dave Disney  
Mo Grotheer  
Arlyn Hesse  
Jim Johnson  
Dick Mueller

**9 a.m. Sanctuary**

Greg Haessler  
Doug Kumm  
Jim Miles  
Tanya Richards  
Tom Richards  
Tim Mueller  
Chad Oehlert

**9 a.m. FLC**

Ivan Daniels  
Dan Johnson

**10:30 a.m.**

David Sengpiel  
Colleen Sengpiel

**Scripture Readings:**

Mark 16: 14-16 and Romans 6-5-10 (NIV)

### 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 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 families

### Prayers

- For Lou Grotheer, who is recovering from two hip surgeries
- For Brian Peter's dad, who was in an accident
- For Doug Casady's father, Bob, who was in a bicycle accident
- For the continued recovery for Jared Walter
- For the rebuilding of homes and businesses in the flood areas
- For the healing of Ed Mautz
- For the health of Bob and Mary Kuefner's daughter, Barb Thompson
- For the comfort and peace of Diane Metz
- For John McKeighan's health
- For the healing of Ken Anderson

### Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Year-end Financial Review

Here are a few highlights from the past fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008:

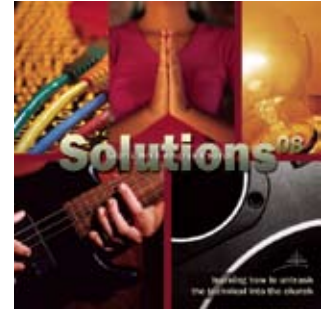
**Income:** Our final year-end total income was \$1,673,000, which was about \$46,000 under our budget but \$162,000 higher than the previous year—primarily due to increased offerings and an increase in preschool income due to more students.

**Expenses:** Our expenses were \$160,000 below the annual budget.

**Current Financial Picture:** As we enter into the new fiscal year, we began the summer season where our giving has historically gone down at the same time our expenses increase in preparation for the fall kickoff of programs. It is worthwhile to note that due to the generosity of our members and good stewardship of our resources, we enter this period in a better cash flow position than we have for the past several years. In addition, we continue to pay down the existing debt on our property and operating loans and fund all programs, all while increasing our support of local, national and international missions.

## Solutions 08

An important aspect of our G.R.A.C.E. vision is to be an equipping center where leaders are trained. Last year, we initiated a conference to help smaller churches incorporate some of the multimedia tools that we have been privileged to use at Gloria Dei.



Solutions 08 will be held Monday, Aug. 4 and Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Registration is open to anyone who has a desire to learn about fueling the flames of worship using today's multi-media tools.

For more information, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or to the Information Center.

# G.Y.M. Golf Outing

Saturday, July 26

Willow Creek Golf Course  
West Des Moines

Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m.

\$50 per person

(Includes cart, lunch and prizes)



Proceeds go toward purchasing materials for the youth to build sheds for the Habitat for Humanity families.



## Pastoral Leadership Institute Update

Recently Gloria Dei received a thank-you note from Pastor Mike Hylton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Wisconsin for our support of the Pastoral Leadership Institute and its mission of training pastors to provide effective leadership in connecting people to Jesus.

He states, "I am the pastor of a church in Western Wisconsin that I planted 10 years ago. Church-planting was an easy and natural process for me, but for the last few years, I've felt a sense of being "stuck" in my ability to move the congregation into the next phase of growth and development. I am thanking God for providing an opportunity to participate in PLI. I am now receiving the tools, ideas and leadership skills to help lead our church forward into the disciple-making community that God wants us to be.

You have made a difference in helping God's kingdom to grow! I encourage you to continue in your faithful acts of love in whatever ways the Holy Spirit leads you.

Thank you so much for your kindness! The peace and joy of Jesus is yours!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Mike Hylton, West Salem, Wis.

## Ministry Partners Needed

We need adults to help our youth build sheds for Habitat for Humanity anytime from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. On Saturday, Aug. 9 starting at 8 a.m. we will help Habitat with the annual sodding day.

We need skilled carpenters, clean-up crew and landscape workers. If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger, 278-5544 ext. 212 for more information.

## Divorce Care

**Saturday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m.**

Please join us for dinner at Court Avenue and an Iowa Barnstormers game at Wells Fargo Arena. For more information, contact Robin Haase at rhaase@ruan.com.

## Thank-you Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Gloria Dei:

Thank you for your prayers and support for the District's Deaf Ministries. It is so encouraging and uplifting knowing that your prayers are lifted up on our behalf. You are such a blessing to us. Thank you for being living witnesses of Jesus' love! — Pat Monroe

## Craft Fair Meeting

The Craft Fair planning committee will meet Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. in room 127.

## Fresh Colorado Peaches

The Rocky Mountain Peach Company of Palisade, Colo. will provide tree-ripened peaches for this year's Central Iowa Youth for Christ fund-raiser. A lug of peaches (18 pounds) is \$27 and half a lug is \$17. The orders must be received by mail by Friday, Aug. 1. For additional information and an order form, please go to the Information Center.

## Free Sports Physicals

Sports physicals with heart screenings will be offered for athletes in middle or high school from Des Moines area schools needing a sports physical. They will be held at the Des Moines University's Medical Education Center, 3200 Grand Avenue on Saturday, July 26 from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Each student must bring a completed and signed parental consent form and physical history forms (both A&B), from [www.dmu.edu](http://www.dmu.edu). Parents do not need to attend the event if the consent form is completed.

For additional information, call 515-271-1041 or visit [www.dmu.edu](http://www.dmu.edu).

## Book Club

Looking for a good read for the summer? Join us as we talk about how the examples found in great Christian literature apply to our lives. Read the book and then join us for a time of conversation and prayer. All books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

**Wednesday, August 6 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Book:** "A Woman's Place," by Lynne Austin

**Location:** Shani Fjelsted, 6520 NW 95th Court, Johnston, 259-4099.

**Wednesday, September 3 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Book:** "White Chocolate Moments," by Lori Wick

**Location:** Church

# Mission Corner China



## Shining City Foundation and Gloria Dei Provide Help

by Brad Peyton, Shining City Foundation representative

Shining City Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity with which Gloria Dei has worked on several missions-related projects in China.

Shining City Foundation got its start in 1998 when two Gloria Dei members, Scott Raecker and Brad Peyton, were introduced to a Christian couple who had been living in China and working with an orphanage in Yunnan Province. The couple had helped the orphanage take in abandoned children, in some cases literally rescuing newborns from dumpsters in back alleys. Through their efforts, care for the orphans, particularly infants, was also greatly improved and mortality was reduced dramatically.

Raecker and Peyton were so impressed with the couple's work, they decided to seek financial support for the many humanitarian projects the couple had been doing in China. Beginning with a series of smaller projects designed to improve living conditions at another orphanage in China, Shining City Foundation began to take shape.

Eventually, with the aid of grants and financial support from Grinnell College, Rotary International and members

of Gloria Dei, Shining City Foundation has been able to: provide housing for over 60 orphans, develop a farm that is capable of providing food for nearly 300 orphans, develop and equip a medical clinic that serves a rural village of about 5,000 people, provide solar-powered water heaters, medical supplies and bedding for a rural school for over 400 children, and provide ongoing educational scholarships that continue to support over 200 students.

In 2001, Raecker and Peyton traveled to China to see the work being done there first hand. This initial trip inspired subsequent trips in 2002, 2005 and 2007 to review progress on existing projects and to plan new ones. Gloria Dei members who participated in one or more of those trips included: Scott and Martha Raecker, Deb and Dan Timmons, Andy and Marilyn Varley, Jared and Mary Walter, and Brad Peyton.

With the earthquake in Sichuan Province earlier this year on May 12, many new challenges and opportunities to introduce Christ to the people of China are emerging. With the help of Gloria Dei and its members, Shining City Foundation is already responding to those needs. For more information on the work being done by Shining City Foundation and Gloria Dei in China, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

Top: Brad Peyton gives a ball to a yak herder's little boy.

Bottom Left: Marilyn Varley delivers gifts to a village child.

Bottom right: Mary Walter hands out gifts to a little girl.





## One Car Wash Fuels the Fire in 11 Teen's Hearts



On Saturday July 12, 11 teenagers hosted a car wash to raise money for the ONE campaign. The ONE campaign is raising global awareness of poverty, hunger, and disease across the world in an effort to fight such problems in the world's poorest countries. They raised \$475.

The car wash stemmed from Kayleigh Wren's statement that she wanted to change the world. After a few probing questions from Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, and recruiting Justin Kightlinger, she was on the road to make a difference by planning and organizing a car wash. They asked for a \$5 donation per car washed but received so much more. For

example, one teen who was washing cars felt moved to donate \$20 from his wallet because he believed in the cause.

"So many people were willing to give more money because it was a good cause," Kayleigh commented. She is now more dedicated to doing more to help those less fortunate. "This is only the beginning" she said at the end of the car wash.

God calls all of us differently to serve him. It's not a question as to whether he calls us; it's what he has called us to do. Kayleigh and Justin are simple teens who heard God's call and took action.

## HerStory Camp Teaches Girls about the Past and the Present



More than 60 girls attended the Girl's HerStory camps where an American historical time period was emphasized each day. The week began with the American Revolutionary War and ended with life in the present day. The girls discovered how God has sustained, upheld, blessed, led and helped people throughout the centuries and is more than willing to help them in their lives.



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## Junior & Senior

### Summer Registration Form

If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center. Parents interested in participating as ministry partners at these events, please contact Tim at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com).

### 30-Hour Famine

Prizes can be picked up in the back of the Youth Center. Please note: Participants who collected \$80 and up are eligible to receive rewards.

### GYM Golf Tournament

**Saturday, July 26**  
**Willow Creek Golf Course,**  
**West Des Moines**  
**Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.**

It is not too late to sign up to be on a team. If you are interested, contact Tim today.

All funds raised will go toward purchasing material for the Youth Ministry to build sheds for Habitat for Humanity on August 8 and 9.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Join us every Sunday for Castaway from 9-10 a.m.

Main topic: He's the Man:

- Say what? The words of Jesus
- What does it all mean to me?

### Junior High Dinner and Movie at Jordan Creek

**Sunday, July 27:** We will depart from the church at 4 p.m. and return at 8 p.m. Parents: Please contact Tim if you can drive.

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Wednesday: The Point

Topics: Fruit of the Spirit

**July 23: Topic: Peace**

Food: Pizza

Activity: Miniature Golf at the Dome

**July 30: Topic: Faithfulness**

Food: Chili Dogs/Frito Boat

Activity: Movie

### Mission Des Moines

**August 8-9:** Gloria Dei Youth Ministry will be partnering with Texas Roadhouse to build sheds for Habitat for Humanity. Building begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 8. Texas Roadhouse will be furnishing lunch. Other service opportunities will take place after the sheds are built, such as putting together care kits for World Vision. Teens will be sleeping at the church.

Saturday, we will be delivering the sheds, sodding, and planting trees. The event will end at 7 p.m. on Saturday with dinner. Anyone with basic carpentry skills or just a willingness to help is welcome to join us.

Contact Tim Kightlinger 278-5544 ext. 212 for more information. If you would like to join us, sign up at the youth bulletin board by July 27.

## Week of July 20-26, 2008

### Sunday, July 20

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 4:00 p.m. Senior High Returns from SONshine Festival
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, July 21

- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, July 22

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Craft Fair Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, July 23

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study Planning Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Mini-Golf

### Thursday, July 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 12:30 p.m. Facilities Focus Group

### Friday, July 25

- 10:00 a.m. Missionary Presentation and Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Hannah Chalfant and Brian Rauwald Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, July 26

- 11:30 a.m. GYM Golf Tournament
- 4:00 p.m. Hannah Chalfant and Brian Rauwald Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care Outing

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	125	82
7:45 a.m.	123	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	297	
9 a.m. (FLC)	93	36
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	247	
<b>Total</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>118</b>

Outpouring of Love (July 13)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,046
YTD Offering	\$64,898
YTD Budget	\$67,114

## Week of July 27 - August 2, 2008

### Sunday, July 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center  
with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in  
Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Jr. High Dinner & Movie
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, July 28

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, July 29

- 8:00 a.m. Staff Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

### Wednesday, July 30

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Missionary Presentation and Luncheon
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Movie

### Thursday, July 31

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

### Friday, August 1

- 8:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM

### Saturday, August 2

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

<b>Summer Grace Place Attendance</b>	
<b>Sundays at 9:20 a.m.</b>	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	17
Age 5 and K	13
Grades 1 and 2	13
Grades 3 and 4	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>



# Welcome to Gloria Dei!

## Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

## Weekends at Gloria Dei

### Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

### Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

### Summer Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place at both 9 a.m. services. If you attend another service, please feel free to bring your children to the educational wing at 9:20 a.m.

### Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9 a.m.

### Senior high and adults

**Senior high students:** Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Point, an evening of food, fun, teaching and interactive discussions on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

**Adults:** There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



### Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

### 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 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.

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary  
Summer Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary