

# WEEKLY WORD

July 5 and 6, 2008

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## What does freedom mean to me?

A few weeks ago, we promoted an essay contest for children and youth to answer the question: "What does freedom mean to me?" The winning essay was read at the Patriotic Concert and its author received four tickets to the Iowa Cubs game. This year's winning essay was written by 12-year-old Evie Kammeyer.

What Does Freedom Mean to You?

To me, freedom is the knowledge that there are very brave men and women away from their families and homes putting their lives on the line, just so we can live our lives more peacefully. The fact that they are risking everything they hold dear, just so the people from their country can say what they want to say, believe what they want to believe, and most of all, worship the God they want to worship. Freedom is a privilege that only some countries have, a privilege that anyone should be thankful for. Freedom is one of the greatest gifts that God can provide.



photo by Monte Nutzman

Evie Kammeyer read her essay at the Patriotic Concert last Sunday.

Among other essays, Hannah DenHerder, 9, submitted the following:

I know what freedom means to me. It means that people are free to do whatever they want instead of being a slave and working for your master and being sold to different people. You are free to eat, sleep and do whatever you want to do.

If you are not free, you have to work all the time for your master. Giving him meals, working when he is sitting around, telling you what to do and when to do it—these are all things that a slave would have to do. Instead, you could be playing with your friends and eating good meals, if you are free.

If you are not free, you have to be working outside in the yard or doing inside work in the house. Instead, you could be having fun outside, if you are free.

If you are not free, you have to work in the house all day and every day. Instead, you could be watching a movie with your friends or family, if you are free.

If you are not free, you have to be outside planting crops and being whipped because you are not doing something right. Instead, you can be outside reading a book or planting flowers and having fun with your family, if you are free.

That is what freedom means to me.



## Undy Sunday

Don't forget that this Sunday is Undy Sunday. We will collect socks, underwear and t-shirts in all different sizes that have not been opened.

## Monthly Donations

Please take time to collect items in your house to donate to our brothers and sisters in Uganda. **Items for July:** Shoes (men's work shoes, children's school shoes and women's tennis shoes)

## Drop Off Items

All items can be placed in the white wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of the Family Life Center. Cash donations to cover the shipping cost (\$5 per box) can be left in the secured box on the wire collection box.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Kohtz at 276-1700.

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## Flood Teams

We are organizing teams from Gloria Dei to help rebuild many of the houses and businesses that were affected by the flood. If you are interested, please register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or call the church office at 276-1700.

As we organize our efforts, we have contacted many churches in the affected areas. The following is a response from Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

Thank you so much for your e-mail. Such concern and offers to help strengthen us in many ways. We are all in the clean-up stage and will then go into the repair mode as soon as possible. Our needs so far have been difficult to determine, but your offer to help will be noted and I will forward this e-mail to our District LCMS office, so that all of our local sister congregations know of your offer. Continued prayers are felt by all of us.

—Karen Hass, Flood '08 Disaster Coordinator

## Strategic Planning Updates

Each of the four focus groups has been busy building a strong infrastructure to fulfill the Strategic Plan. The following are a few highlights from two of the groups:

**Future Facility Focus Group:** Recently, the focus group has sent out requests for proposals (RFPs) to several architectural firms. The focus group recommended hiring an architect in the beginning stages for the following reasons:

- **To develop an estimate of future requirements:** In order to begin the process of evaluating potential future sites an estimate of our future requirements (program) needs to be created. An architectural firm will have the experience and tools available to do the programming that creates the estimate or program.
- **To establish site selection criteria:** Using the estimate or program, the architects will assist in the development of criteria to evaluate the potential future locations.
- **For site evaluation:** Once potential sites have been identified, the architects can assist in comparing the alternatives available to make sure that site recommendations will meet the needs of Gloria Dei.

**Finance Focus Group:** The group is further refining the financial model and is investigating various potential lending sources including banks, LCEF and others. In addition, they are preparing an RFP to send to potential partners to assist in a capital fund-raising campaign.

**Please note:** We will continue to update the congregation about the progress being made to move us into the future. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kesse at [deb.kesse@gmail.com](mailto:deb.kesse@gmail.com).

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## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration for:  
The 13th wedding anniversary of Scott and Amy Snyder.

## Associate Director of Children's Ministry Hired

Please welcome Penny Schramm as Associate Director of Children's Ministry. Penny will be working part-time in children's ministry, working with Grace Place, Faith Alive, summer camps, VBS, and various other children's activities. Penny begins her duties July 14.



Penny Schramm

## 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 nation
- For the freedom we enjoy
- For Diana Sonneburg's parents, Marvin and Nancy Freund, who are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on July 12

## Prayers

- For Lou Grotheer, who is recovering from hip surgery
- For the grieving family of Roline Strother, Mina Woolman's mother
- For the grieving family of Ann Amelung, mother of Sandy Boeschen
- For the rebuilding of homes and business in the flood areas
- For safe travels over the holiday
- 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.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organist:**  
Shirley Roberts

**Acolytes:**  
Rachel Carstens  
Andrew McKeighan  
Tommy Peter

### Elders: (Saturday)

Tim Mueller  
Steve Junge  
Tim Radig

### Elders: (Sunday)

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Steve Junge  
Tim Radig

### 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.

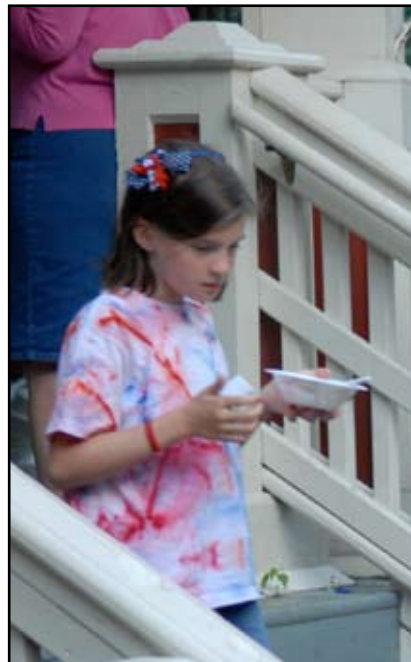
David Sengpiel  
Colleen Sengpiel

### Scripture Reading:

John 3: 1-8 (NIV)



## Patriotic Concert Pays Tribute to the Men and Women



Last Sunday, Gloria Dei hosted a Patriotic Concert at Lions Park. The 90-minute program paid tribute to the 68 Iowans who have given their lives during the war on terrorism and to those men and women that have served our country in other wars.

In addition, a collection of more than \$2,000 was received for the Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary.

Photos by Monte Nutzman

## Two Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped in the Patriotic Concert. It was a wonderful day and tribute. I am very blessed and honored to have the opportunity to put together the tribute.  
– Julie DenHerder

I wanted to thank you and your church for the outstanding concert you hosted. My husband and I were so impressed with the organizational skills, the talented singers and band members, and the warm welcome your congregation gave us. My husband is a retired Marine and we were so proud to be part of the celebration!

Many, many thanks and Happy July 4th!  
– Elizabeth and Justin Heath

## 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 multi-media tools that we have been privileged to use at Gloria Dei. Since the response was favorable from last year's participants, we decided to hold a similar conference this year.

Solutions 08 will be held Monday, August 4 and Tuesday, August 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 the home page of 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)

**Registration deadline: Sunday, July 13**

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





# Mission Corner China



## Report from China

*by Scott Raecker, Shining City Foundation Representative*

Over the last several years, we have provided humanitarian aid to those less fortunate than ourselves through collaborations with the Shining City Foundation. Through this humanitarian outreach we have impacted thousands of people in the remote parts of China.

Support has included the establishment of medical/dental clinics where orphans now receive regular care; scholarships for children to attend school for the first time; solar generators that have brought electricity into villages for the first time; building of dorms and kitchens to enhance living conditions at orphanage schools; and creating sustainable agriculture through a farm and greenhouses to enhance diets of orphan children. In addition, Gloria Dei was invited to help fund a Christian church in a remote mountain region of China.

Gloria Dei's outreach into China and Tibet continues to open doors of new opportunity to live out the Gospel. James 1:27 tells us: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

The recent earthquakes in China have been centered in the regions where we have established relationships. We are aware of one particular orphanage that was destroyed and through God's blessing all of the children survived. This particular facility is run by a Christian doctor, who has also been asked to take care of as many as 200 children who were orphaned by the disaster.

Through Shining City Foundation, we have already responded with financial support to provide basic care of these children through the next few months. In the near future, we anticipate opportunities to help rebuild their orphanage. We will keep you posted on the updates as we live out our vision of being courageous in outreach.

If you are interested in helping with our outreach in China, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or at [ameskids@mchsi.com](mailto:ameskids@mchsi.com).



*Top to bottom:*

- A scholarship student receives a diploma.
- School children are distracted from their studies.
- A yak herder's home is often located in isolated areas.
- A village child enjoys her toy.

## Missionaries to Speak

The Wednesday morning Bible study with Pastor Meyer has decided to sponsor two missionary families to come and speak to our congregation about their experiences as they seek to bring Jesus to a foreign culture.

### Let's meet Jon and Heidi Heisterkamp

**Friday, July 25, 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132.**

**Lunch will be served immediately following in the Family Life Center.**

Jon and Heidi met during a study abroad program headed by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. They married August 8, 2005 and are currently members of Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Jon graduated from the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota in business administration, marketing and international trade with a Spanish minor and Heidi graduated with an elementary education degree. They live and serve in Panama City, Panama.



### Let's meet Stephen and Maggie Oliver

**Wednesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132.**

**Lunch will be served immediately following in the Family Life Center.**

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. He teaches New Testament courses to Chinese students who are preparing to be pastors, counselors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, directors of Christian education and pastor's wives to grow in their faith and service. In addition, as LCMS World Mission's Asia Theological Education Coordinator, Dr. Oliver facilitates mutual support, interaction, visits, and communication among the seminaries to build upon their efforts to train indigenous servants of the cross to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and to shepherd Jesus' flock.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Stephen grew up in Japan and in the southern and western sections of the United States. He graduated from Concordia University, Portland, Ore., and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Stephen then served as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Iowa. He met his wife, Maggie, in Taiwan. In 2006, Maggie earned a Master of Arts in counseling from China Lutheran Seminary. Last year, Isaac joined the family on May 13.



## Reports from Honduras

The team from Honduras returned last Saturday with lots of stories to share. The following is a report from Jody Bass, who had the privilege to travel with her 19-year-old son, Nick.

**Q:** What will you remember from the trip?

**A:** *I'll always remember standing in a circle with the members of the Honduran church singing "This is the Day" in English and then in Spanish. Holding hands and praying together will also be a special memory.*

**Q:** What was a significant part of the trip for you?

**A:** *I feel like my son and I were able to connect in a way that never would have happened had we not experienced this trip together. The thought that it is more blessed to give than to receive became "real" to us. I'm very grateful that we were able to experience this blessing together.*

*I'll never forget how grateful the Honduran father was after receiving a concrete floor in his home. After being introduced to our group he said something like "never in all my dreams did I think God would bless my family with a concrete floor." I remember Nick being very touched by the fact that the little boys in that home worked as hard as he did helping lay the new floor.*

In the weeks to come, more stories will be shared.

## Children's Ministry Updates

### A Glance into Children's Ministry

We've had two terrific weeks of day-long camps, finished five sessions of Kindermusik, hosted children from 16 churches (including Gloria Dei) for the Children's Patriotic Choir and have more to look forward to! We have two more day-long camps, dance classes and the summer reading club. When summer is finished, we will have had more than 340 children through our summer programs!

### Grace Place July 6

Grace Place children will meet in rooms 130-32 on Sunday, July 6 to watch Veggie Tales, "God Made Me Special." Children will not meet in their regular classrooms; next week we will resume our usual locations.

### National Children's Ministry Conference

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is hosting their first National Children's Ministry Conference in Chicago July 11-13. More than 500 people are expected to attend the conference. DeAnn McCue has been asked to present two workshops on Gloria Dei's summer and Wednesday evening programming. She will also host a round-table discussion on Wednesday evening programming.

### Upcoming Camps

The east wing will be transformed into a creative art station as more than 20 children will attend the Fine Arts Camp this week. For anyone wishing to see what they have created, an art show will be held Thursday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m. Each day the budding artists will focus on an art medium, such as paint, paper and sculpture.

The following week, more than 60 girls will attend one of the Girl's HerStory camps where an American historical time period will be emphasized each day. The week begins with the American Revolutionary War and ends with life in the present day. The girls will discover how God has sustained, upheld, blessed, led and helped people throughout the centuries. They will also begin to see their roles in history.



*Photos from last year's Girls camp.*

## Car Wash

The youth from Gloria Dei are hosting a car wash on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's parking lot. All proceeds will go toward the ONE campaign, a campaign that brings public awareness on the issues of global poverty, hunger and disease in effort to fight such problems in the world's poorest countries. For more information, contact Kayleigh Wren at 979-6068.

## Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday, July 11 in rooms 131-133. Stop by anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome for as long as you can stay! It's a great chance to get to know others, get organized or get a few more pages done. (And yes, we go out for lunch and supper!) For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

## 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 Toolshope.

**Wednesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Book:** "Blue Bottle Club," by Penelope Stokes

**Location:** Laura Ammann, 1059 45th St., Des Moines, 277-5587.

## Divorce Care

DivorceCare, a safe place for people who have experienced the pain of divorce, will be hosting a few outings in July:

**Saturday, July 5 at 6 p.m.**

Dinner and live piano music at Grand Piano Bistro in the East Village



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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).

### Car Wash

**Saturday, July 12**  
10- a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sign up at the youth bulletin board or contact Kayleigh Wren at 979-6068.

### Junior and Senior High Paintball

**Sunday, July 6**

We are departing from the Youth Center at 11:30 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$35 (includes rental and paintballs) or \$30 (If you have your own equipment)

### 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.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

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

Last week we looked at Mary Magdalene; this week we will look at Esther.

### 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 9: Topic: Joy**

Food: Nachos Grande

Activity: Senior High Café 923

**July 16:**

No Point (SONshine Festival)

**July 23: Topic: Peace**

Food: Pizza

Activity: Miniature Golf at the Dome

**June 30: Topic: Faithfulness**

Food: Chili Dogs/Frito Boat

Activity: Movie

### SONshine Festival

**July 16-20**

If you are attending, please meet us Wednesday, July 16 at 9 a.m. at the church. We will return Sunday, July 20 at 4 p.m.

### GYM Golf Tournament

**Saturday, July 26 • Willow Creek Golf Course, West Des Moines • Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Registration Team Deadline: Sunday, July 13**

We need ministry partners for registration and to find donations for prizes. We are also looking for individuals, families or companies to sponsor holes for at least \$50 per hole. If you sponsor more than one hole, you will receive one golfer registration free. Pick up a registration form at the Information Center.

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

# Week of July 6 - July 12, 2008

## Sunday, July 6

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Junior and Senior Paintball
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 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. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

## Wednesday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Trio Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923

## Thursday, July 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

## Friday, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. MOM's of WDM

## Saturday, July 12

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Car Wash
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Worship Service	Attendance
Northwind	83
7:45 a.m.	206
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	350
9 a.m. (FLC)	86
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>918</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,013
YTD Offering	\$1,533,310
YTD Budget	\$1,599,117

## Week of July 13-19, 2008

### Sunday, July 13

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry Planning Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. "Her Story" Summer Camps
- 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 15

- 9:00 a.m. "Her Story" Summer Camps
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

### Wednesday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. "Her Story" Summer Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Sr. High Leaves for SONshine Festival
- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Trio Rehearsal

### Thursday, July 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. "Her Story" Summer Camps
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

### Friday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. "Her Story" Summer Camps

### Saturday, July 19

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

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	16
Age 5 and K	17
Grades 1 and 2	20
Grades 3 and 4	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</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