

# WEEKLY WORD



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Second Sunday of Easter

## Radical Perspective Change

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.*

Romans 6:4-5

One event radically changed all those who looked on our dying Lord. Centuries later, the cross has similar repercussions—once gazed upon, viewers will be changed forever. Because Jesus arose from the dead, our perspective, our priorities, our values change because we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. The old things we once cleaved to are left outside as we embrace the things God has made available because of the death and resurrection of his Son.

It is a new life! And it is available to all mankind, which includes you and me. God is rich in mercy and desires to show us the exceeding abundance of his goodness and grace.

In the next few weeks, we will examine specific ways our lives have been changed due to the radical sacrifice of God's only Son:

- March 29-30 "I'll Never See Funerals the Same"
- April 5-6 "I'll Never See my Spouse the Same"
- April 12-13 "I'll Never See my Body the Same"
- April 19-20 "I'll Never See Money the Same"

## Summer Programs

Don't forget to pick up the children's summer program brochure today at the Information Center.

## Fun Night

If you like to have fun with the family, check out our Family Fun Night this Thursday in the Family Life Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. More details on page 4.

## Discovery 101

New to Gloria Dei? Join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a four-week class, which covers our basic beliefs for those coming from a non-Lutheran background. See page 5.

## The Importance of the Resurrection

by Sue Wilson

Based on John 20:1-18 and I Corinthians 15:14.

Why is John's story of Jesus' resurrection so marvelous? What is so special about the resurrection? Did it really happen? Why did Paul write to the Corinthians, "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith"? (I Corinthians 15:14)

Paul's words mean that the miracle of Jesus' resurrection cannot be sidestepped. Everything that Jesus said has to be true, or we cannot be sure that any of it is true. Either the resurrection happened as the Gospel writers say, or Jesus was just a good teacher, a political activist, or insane. Paul was adamant about this—if there was no resurrection (as foretold by Jesus), then there is nothing.

Some say that while Jesus' resurrection is essential, it was just a spiritual resurrection, like you and I will have. But, it must be more than that. If Jesus was not bodily resurrected, then he was only a man, not the Son of God. He could not pay the price for all sinners. This was Paul's point in his letter to Corinth. Without a visible, bodily resurrection, there can be no celebration. Jesus' resurrection is God's "seal of approval" on all that Jesus did and said.

We have God's promise that it is true. We have the witness of Jesus' appearance to more than four hundred believers, including the writers of the New Testament. We have the Holy Spirit's witness in our hearts and the gift of faith given to us by God to help us comprehend the miraculous event. That is why we so loudly, confidently, and joyfully proclaim everyday, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!"

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## Family-focused Services Soared

The Family Life Center was the home of “Relive,” a hands-on worship experience designed to help relive the last week of Jesus’ life. Learning stations were set up during the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and



*Elaine Klinefelter put eggs and milk into a bag of flour to make unleavened bread.*

Easter services, which helped families understand the Biblical culture. Children made pottery, dreidels, musical instruments and baskets, and mixed unleavened bread and spices. In addition, they pounded nails into a cross at the carpentry shop.

“We wanted families to experience a hands-on learning environment within worship, a place

where they could see, hear, taste, and

touch what a Bible times marketplace was like.” said DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry.

“The hands-on experience helped my children to learn the Easter story in a fashion that will stick with them for a long time,” said Julie Den Herder, mother of four young children.



*Top left: Mo Grotheer instructs a young girl in making a dreidel.*



*Top Right: Lynette Kohtz helps 2-year-old Noah with a pottery project.*

*Bottom Right: Matt Haeser washes Sophia Hoffard's feet during the Maundy Thursday service.*



*Photos by Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures*

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 30 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



**C**hristian Daniel Glann born January 23, 2008 to Daniel and Sarah (nee Gilley) Glann. Chirstian’s spiritual sponsors are Jim and Chelsey Mowrer.

## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Terry and Mina Woolman’s 41st wedding anniversary.

## Anne Graham Lotz to Speak

Billy Graham’s daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, will speak at a conference for women at Wells Fargo Arena on Friday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The “Just Give Me Jesus” conference is free, with no registration.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

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

### Scripture Reading:

II Timothy 4:6-8

Luke 7:11-17

### Organist:

Lynn Hays

### Acolytes:

Justin Nicolet

Todd Jensen

Bryan Johnson

### Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

### Ushers:

### Northwind

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

### 7:45 a.m.

Wendell Dickey

Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst

Bill Kickbush

Jeff Liittschwager

Tim Radig

### 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

### 10:30 a.m.

Jimmy Hanselman

Dave Miller

Mark Pierson

## 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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For our families

## Prayers

- For the easy transition as Ruth Luecht moves out of town
- For the healing of Carol Dickey’s mother, Elna Lindgren
- For the health concerns of Kay Clark
- For Theresa Erpelding’s health
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley’s daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan
- For our college students as they prepare for the summer and finals
- For our high school seniors as they make plans for next year

## 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.

This Thursday!



tiny treasures  
lutheran preschool  
presents:

carnival games

**Fun  
Night!**

Thursday, April 3  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

food bounce house  
silent auction  
**\$10 per family**  
all profits go toward Tiny Treasures

## Fun Night

The balloons in the narthex are in celebration of this Thursday's Family Fun Night. Tickets are on sale today (\$10 for the entire family) or can be purchased at the door on Thursday.

**Silent Auction:** A sampler of the items for our silent auction are on display in the narthex. Bidding begins today and ends Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

**Ministry Partners Needed:** We need help to run the games and activities of the evening. Sign up for a time slot today!

## Stephen Ministry

Gloria Dei is exploring options to expand our care ministries. Currently we are looking at Stephen Ministry—a ministry which trains and commissions individual caregivers to assist people through difficult periods of life. If you have experience with, have interest in or have a heart for Stephen Ministries, please contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 ext. 204.

## Women's Connections

Monday, March 31-May 12 from 6:30-8 p.m.

A spring Women's Connections class led by Lynn Meyer will start Monday, March 31 from 6:30-8 p.m. This new Beth Moore study, "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent," will journey through 15 Psalms for seven weeks. Themes such as unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule and more will be explored in detail.



## Camp Okoboji

Camp Okoboji has several camps for all age groups and interests. For more information, go to [www.campokoboji.com](http://www.campokoboji.com).

## LWML

### Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wemndt, 3601 Western Hills Dr., West Des Moines.

### Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepp, 808 48th St, West Des Moines.

### Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Pl., Des Moines.



## Volunteers Needed

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity needs help April 29-May 3 as they raise the roof on two homes located at 1631 12th Street and 1544 10th Street. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or [billclark@mchsi.com](mailto:billclark@mchsi.com).

## We Need You

The Ugandan Mission Ministry Action Team is looking for volunteers who are interested in being part of an interest group. These individual groups will identify and address the unique needs of our partners in Uganda. Groups will be separated into the following interests: contemporary worship, cargo collections, orphanage needs and construction needs for the church in Kampala. If you have a special talent you would like to share, please contact: Ann Zimmermann at [ann\\_zimm@msn.com](mailto:ann_zimm@msn.com) or Amy Jo Wiese at [amyjowiese@msn.com](mailto:amyjowiese@msn.com).

## Ugandan Undy Sunday

Next week, is officially "Undy Sunday." Socks, underwear, T-shirts in all different sizes that have not been opened can be placed in the white-wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of 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.



## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

### Discovery 101:

**The next class begins April 2.** Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

### Discovery 201:

#### Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

### First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center. If you are interested in joining our church family, please check out our Discovery classes.

### Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

### All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.

# Mission Corner

## China Updates

**Please note:** *Because the Chinese government keeps a close eye on any Christian movement and we want to protect the people who have committed their lives to spread the gospel in foreign lands, the following article will not use real names or locations.*

A missionary couple in the vicinity of China visited one of the large temples where many pilgrims visit to pay homage to countless gods. The pilgrims, most who are poor, lay money before the statues because they believe these actions will usher them into a better “afterlife.”

On this particular day, this missionary couple, was amazed at what they saw in the midst of the temple—a young, pure white lamb wandering in the midst of the pagan rituals.

“We felt an underlying sense by the Holy Spirit that the Lord was saying, ‘Don’t be discouraged. I am here in the midst of what looks impossible. Where do you begin? You begin with me! Just follow me into the midst of those with no hope and I will give you the way to give them hope! Keep your eyes and heart focused on the lamb of God, the everlasting hope, Jesus Christ. The greatest gift ever.’”

## Gifts for Children



On a recent trip, members Dan and Deb Timmons encountered three children from the Wa village located in eastern Tibet. The children, who live in log cabins at approximately 13,000 feet, were patiently waiting to receive stocking caps and blankets one evening last fall.

“These children along with their parents truly represent the opportunity to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time. As you can see, they are hopeful for their turn to get a new stocking cap. Their hearts are likely also waiting to receive the Holy Spirit,” said Dan.

## Letter of Thanks

Members from Gloria Dei, through a private organization called Shining City Foundation, have supported work in China.

The following is an excerpt of a letter from a couple who lives in the vicinity:

*We would like to thank you for your continued partnership with us both in prayer and in financial support. Our vision has been to reach out to the Tibetan people and to see the Tibetans receive the same “hope” we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our strategy is to reach out to family units of Tibetans through community development and building long-term relationships among them.*

*Three years ago, through your partnership with us, a project was implemented that provided solar panels to Tibetan villages. The panels powered batteries that in turn provided electricity for people who previously had none up in their nomadic settlement. While the project itself met an obvious physical need, the spiritual need in the village remained. Thankfully, working to meet this physical need opened the door for our relationships within the village.*

*We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity.*

## Missionaries to Visit

Please join us as we learn firsthand from a couple who serves in China.

Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Gloria Dei Family Life Center

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## Junior & Senior High Youth

### Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

March 30:

All scenes from 7-9 p.m.

We are looking for youth to serve and parents to help in the kitchen. Sign up at the youth bulletin board.

### Coffee with Tim

Tim will be at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m. to talk about good times, frustrations or just to have a cup of coffee.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

### Wednesday: Confirmation

Grades 6-8 meet at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### Junior High Ministry Opportunity

#### Service Hours

Confirmation requirements are due by March 30.

### Junior High Café 923

Friday, April 4 from 6-9 p.m.

Come, hang out and play games.

## Senior High - Grades 9-12

### Sunday: Bible Study

Join us Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

### Wednesday: The Point

Join us Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions. April's Focus: Handling Peer Pressure.



Dinner Theatre Coming to Town!

## Uncle Phil's Diner, Part 2

April 25, 26 and 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. • Childcare provided

Ticket sales begin April 5 and 6 after worship services.

**\$10**  
per person

## Michael W. Smith to Perform

Grammy winner Michael W. Smith will perform Thursday, August 7 at the Iowa State Fair. Special guests will include Natalie Grant and Matthew West.

Michael W. Smith is one of the most influential and best-selling artists in Christian contemporary music. His 25-year career has amassed three GRAMMY Awards and 40 GMA Dove Awards with songs such as “Place in this World,” “Escape Your Love,” “Healing Rain” and “Stand.”

Get tickets before they go on sale to the public through an exclusive pre-sale, which will run April 7 at 10 a.m. through April 11 at 10 p.m. Tickets will be available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); access code is “heaven.” All tickets are \$25, plus a service charge. For groups of 10 or more, tickets must be ordered by calling 515-242-1888. For additional information, call 800-545-FAIR.

## Midweek Meal Menu:

April 2

Sloppy Joes

April 9

Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up

April 16

Walking Tacos

Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Children under 3 eat free.

Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center.

## Scrapbook Fellowship



It’s time for scrap-booking again! Join us Friday, April 11 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. in rooms 131 and 133. Come and go as it fits

your schedule. Complete one page or 20 pages—every page counts! For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

## Thank You

### Consignment Sale

Thanks to the sellers, workers and customers, who made the Tiny Treasures spring’s consignment sale a huge success. More than \$1,000 was made as profit for the preschool. With the profit and funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, we will purchase a sandbox for the playground and save for the future purchase of risers for our programs. Thanks again.  
– Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures



## Gotta Join the Fun



We have lots of summer fun planned for children this summer. Please stop by the Information Center to pick up the summer’s brochure and join the fun.

## VBS

Thanks to all the wonderful VBS ministry partners. Your generous gift of time made a wonderful experience for our 220 participants. Thanks for sharing your love of Jesus with them. – DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry and Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures



## Vacation Bible School Filled with Memories



The halls of Gloria Dei were bursting with excitement as 220 children attended this year's Vacation Bible School. This year's "Power Lab," emphasized the power Jesus gives us to be helpful, thankful and brave.

"Opening and closing with all of the children gathered in one place, singing, worshiping Jesus from their heart was something that I will never forget," said DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry. "I was also amazed at how the children were not afraid to share their faith and to invite their friends to come with them."

Suzy Loch, VBS teacher, said, "VBS this year was such a fun and exciting experience not only for my son, but for me as well. I loved hearing him talk about the lessons and sing the songs they learned."

*Photos by Marsha Sly, Administrative Assistant*



# Week of March 30 - April 5

## Sunday, March 30

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner 3 Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, March 31

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

## Tuesday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting (Machine Shed)
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusick - Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

## Wednesday, April 2

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. GodzGuyZ Practice

## Thursday, April 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

## Friday, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club of WDM
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

## Saturday, April 5

- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Maundy Thursday Services		
Attendance and Communion		
7:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	223	183
7:15 p.m. (FLC)	74	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>232</b>

Good Friday Services	
(Attendance)	
4:30 p.m. (FLC)	311
6 p.m. (FLC)	35
6 p.m. (Sanctuary)	249
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>

Easter Worship Services	Attendance
Northwind	244
7:30 a.m.	267
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	683
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	134
10:30 a.m.	522
<b>Total</b>	<b>1850</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,021
YTD Offering	\$1,164,079
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$1,176,708</b>

# Week of April 6-12

## Sunday, April 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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner 3 Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, April 7

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

## Tuesday, April 8

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

## Wednesday, April 9

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Assn. of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

## Thursday, April 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministry Focus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

## Friday, April 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 5:00 p.m. Krista Ferguson and Nick McCleish Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

## Saturday, April 12

- 10:00 a.m. Angie Gage's Student's Recital
- 3:00 p.m. Krista Ferguson and Nick McCleish Wedding
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. China Mission Presentation

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 p.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	No Class	No Class	No Class	28	Music Alive
Elementary	Easter	Easter	Easter	93	53
<b>Total</b>				121	Wed. Meal
Junior High	No Class	No Class	No Class	78	138
Senior High	Easter	Easter	Easter	24	

# 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 to 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

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

#### Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

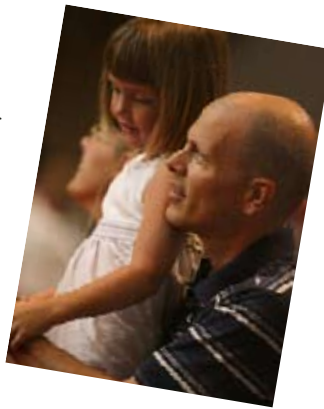
We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

#### 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 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

### Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



### 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 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary  
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary  
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.