

WEEKLY WORD

December 6 and 7, 2008

The Second Sunday in Advent



Re: Christmas

We are excited to prepare our hearts for Christmas during our regularly scheduled weekend worship times. This year's theme, "Re: Christmas," will examine the promises, priorities and people of Christmas.

- Promises of Christmas - Dec. 6 and 7
- Priorities of Christmas - Dec. 13 and 14
- People at Christmas - Dec. 20 and 21

You probably don't need a memo to tell you that the celebration of Jesus' birth is almost upon us. Venture into any store or visit any Web site and you know that it is Christmas time! But is it really "Christmas?" Not really, because Christmas is the celebration of the day of Jesus' birth. The weeks preceding the blessed event are a time of preparation, a time remember what is truly important. The first Christmas came about because God made a promise. He first made that promise to Adam and Eve, then he put his plan in place to keep that promise with Abraham. The promise of a Savior, the promise to bless and redeem all people came true on Christmas. That promise was for you. When you listen to the Christmas story being read this year and hear:

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Remember that promise includes you!

Worship Items: We are asking worshipers to bring different items pertaining to the weekend theme. Each week a different colored bag will be provided at the worship services to take home and fill. This week, worshipers are asked to pick up a purple bag and return it next week with a Christmas card. What are we going to do with them? A surprise is planned, so be expecting something great.

Advent Thursday Services

Advent Thursday Services:

Thursday, Dec. 11 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Take some time out of a busy schedule and rejoice with us at our Advent services as we reflect on the Prince of Peace, who was sent on our behalf to suffer for sins and bring healing to us.

what's
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this week!



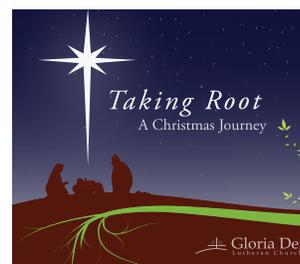
Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 13

Caroling: 2-4 p.m.;

Meal: 4:30 p.m.

Bundle the children up in warm clothes and sing with us in Urbandale vicinity. See page 4 for more details.



Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 14

at 3 and 5 p.m.

Grab your family and travel with us to discover the real root of Christmas. See page 5 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates

Finance Focus Group Updates

In the last several months each of the four focus groups has been working on the tasks needed to accomplish the Strategic Plan. Specifically, the Finance Focus Group has been working on a financial plan to facilitate the purchase of the land. The financial model will include bank financing and a capital stewardship campaign, as written in the Strategic Plan. The Finance Focus Group earlier this fall interviewed several capital stewardship consultants; they selected Capital Funding Services, a ministry of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Rev. Dr. Jock Ficken, Vice President of Large Church Ministry, recently met with the finance group to answer questions and give assistance in the funding model in regard to a capital stewardship campaign. The group has also been in contact with several lending institutions including the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help with funding options.



Cottage Meetings

The Finance Focus Group will continue its work on a sound financial model and will present their plan at the cottage meetings that will be held late this winter. Meanwhile, the Facilities Focus Group will continue to review the possible land selections based on the criteria solidified at the Town Hall meetings and will also present its findings at the cottage meetings. In this way when the congregation votes concerning the purchase of land, they will also understand how the land will be purchased.

Ministry Celebrations

One aspect of the Strategic Plan calls for a continued effort to produce devotions that will help worshipers grow in their relationship to Jesus. Under the direction of Pastor Meyer, a group of ministry partners wrote an Advent devotional that corresponds with the series of the holiday messages. To date, we have distributed more than 650 copies and 175 large-print editions; most of which were picked up at the church while others were delivered by Pastor Phillips to those members who are unable to attend our weekend worship services. Devotionals are still available at the Information Center.

Tiny Treasures' Playgroup

Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall. This playgroup has proved to be a great feeder program for preschool classes because it allows children the opportunity to be comfortable in a school setting.

The two classes will meet on Tuesday or Friday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks today. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2009 and toilet trained. Tuition is \$40 each month; registration fee of \$10 must accompany the form. Class size will be no more than eight children with two teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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Calendar

The Shining City Foundation’s calendars will be available in the narthex following the services. A free-will offering will be accepted; all profits will benefit the work in China.

Bake Sale

Naomi Circle annual Christmas goodies bake sale is being held Sunday, Dec. 7 from 7:45-11:30 a.m. in the narthex. All proceeds go toward their mission projects.

Media Ministry Fundraiser

Order your T-shirts today and help the Media Ministry purchase “techy” items that will be used for worship services and events. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match the funds raised.

Visit the display in the narthex or the Family Life Center to view the three designs and to place an order. The cost per T-shirt is \$10 for XS-XL and \$12 for XXL. If you have any questions, contact Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300.



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 and country

Prayers

- For our students as they study for finals
- For the healing for Kim Phillips’ aunt, Peggy Griffis, who is battling lung cancer
- For Natasha Hanisch battling breast cancer
- For the grieving family of John Miller
- For the health of Julie Mitchell’s mother
- For Kathy Meisgeier, the sister of Karen Collins, who is recovering from surgery
- For Phil Linquist, who is battling cancer and other health concerns
- For the health concerns of Shirley Nuzum
- For Jo Rice’s son-in-law, Tom, who will be deployed
- For John McKeighan’s health

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail 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. Kendall Meyer

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

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

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

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Conner Feldotto

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Liz Giesselmann

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind
Randy Bosworth
Brad Gerke
Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dennis Dean
Mike Collins
Joe Gilg
Kory Meyeraan
Dan Timmons

9:00 a.m.

Jeff Monson
Don Pevestorf

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6 and Galatians 3:6-14 (NIV)

Christmas Caroling

Great Event for the Family!

A great event for the entire family. Wrap the children up in warm clothes and travel with us to houses where we will spread our Christmas joy by singing. After we carol our way in the Urbandale vicinity, we will meet at church for chili and hot chocolate. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.



Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Be part of the fun as we finish scrapbook pages, make Christmas cards or do other crafts on Friday, Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in rooms 135/137. This is an easy-going group that loves to see new faces! Come and go as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24

“What Story Are You Telling?” There are lots of stories to be told at Christmas time. Stories of family holidays or good times with friends are always cherished and remembered. Or maybe part of your family tradition is to read “The Night Before Christmas.” But what about the real story, the true story of God becoming man? Is this the story we are passing to our children and grandchildren? Let’s discover the true story of Christmas together at one of the following worship services:

H3 (Head, Heart and Hands) Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Candlelight Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center



This year's Christmas Cantata marked with the brilliance of celebrating the newborn king will uplift your souls and dazzle your senses.

Please join us!

Glorious

Sunday, Dec. 21

at 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Invite your friends to this year's Cantata!

Christmas Program 2008

Invite your friends, neighbors and family!

Journey with us as we hear again the words of Isaiah, Matthew and Luke through an exciting adventure.

What should people expect? This year's program is for the entire family. Children ages 2 years old through high school seniors will tell the Christmas story in a traditional and contemporary way. Audience members will travel from site to site where children and youth will present the story from the Bible.

The audience will start in the Family Life Center where junior and senior high youth will begin the journey, uncovering a scroll telling the prophecy about the lineage of Christ. They will learn about the passage in the Bible (Isaiah 11:1) that foretells the Savior's coming from the root of Jesse. Audience members will then move to one of three areas to hear more of the story: kindergarten through second graders will share their perspective in the Sanctuary, the third through fifth graders will share in the center wing, and the preschool children will tell more of the story in the Youth Center. The audience will finish in the Family Life Center and receive a gift to help them remember the prophecy and God's greatest gift, Jesus.

What's so different? Aside from traveling from site to site, this year we will have all ages involved in the same Christmas program. We will have more than 150 ministry partners involved in this year's program. In addition, this year's program has been written by the ministry staff.



Giving Tree

Thank you:

We have been blessed at the church's generous response to providing gifts for those in need. Thank You!

Please keep these families in your prayers throughout the year.

Return Gifts by Friday:

Please return your gifts no later than Friday, Dec. 12.

Ministry Partners are Needed:

Ministry partners are needed on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon to help with the pick-up and delivery of gifts to families in need. If you are interested, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Gifts need to be returned by Friday, Dec. 12.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Cantata set-up on Dec. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Volunteers will also be needed for Cantata tear down on Dec. 21 from 7-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Terry Woolman at 270-9125 or sign up at the Information Center.

H3 Worship Change

The H3 service in the Family Life Center on Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. will not be held. You are invited to attend the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary.

Welcome New Members!



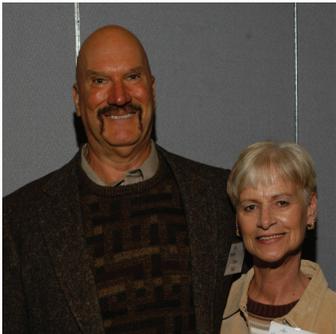
Mandy Baudler and Kenny Cooper



Jen and Dylan Boyles



Brad and Sarah Deich



Lawrence and Maggie Eddy



Mark W. Greene



Jeff and Jeni Hanselman



Bryce Holmes and Kristin Ziegler



Bill Horstman and Jody Schroeder



Sue and Bill Jesse

New Members

We welcome our newest members to Gloria Dei. We are thankful for each of their lives. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationships with Christ.



Angie Jilek



Kelly and Ron Klein



Keith Kombrink, Sr.



Linda Mosier



Terry and Mark Rowley



Diane and John Schmidt



Dan, Jill and Andrew Schultz



Barbara Walker and Curt Parrott

Children's Ministry Updates

Christmas Journey Rehearsals

There are two remaining Christmas program rehearsals, Dec. 7 and 13. Grades K-2 and grades 3-5 will extend their rehearsal time to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 and Dec. 13. If you have signed up to help with the Christmas program, please attend these two rehearsals! We need everyone! We will be costuming the kids, lining them up, and setting the stage.

Details of the Christmas Program on Dec. 14

All children in the 3 p.m. program should be at church at 2:45 p.m.; all children in the 5 p.m. program should be at church at 4:45 p.m.

Grace Place Notes

Dec. 6-7: As we observe this Second Sunday in Advent, Sunday school students will study the story "An Angel Visits Mary." In the womb of Mary, Jesus, the Son of God, became a man so that we, sinful people, might become adopted children of God and share in the inheritance of heaven. Parents might ask, "How does God make us his children? What do we inherit as God's children?"

Dec. 13-14: In Sunday school, we will study "An Angel Visits Joseph." Just as the angel proclaimed to Joseph that Mary would bear an infant who is the Son of God, the Savior, so God proclaimed to us in his Word that this same Jesus is our Savior from sin and death. Parents could ask, "What important message did the angel give Joseph? What important message do we hear in God's Word?"

Dec. 20-21: The birth of Jesus serves as the focus of this Sunday school lesson. The Son of God became what we are, human, to make us what he is, a child of the heavenly Father. Consider discussing, "Why is it important that Jesus became a human like you and me? Why is it important that Jesus was both God and man?"

Dates To Remember:

- Dec. 24 and 31:
No Faith Alive:
Christmas Break
- Dec. 27 and 28:
No Grace Place:
Christmas Break

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday,

Dec. 10 at 5:15 p.m.

Chicken Noodle Soup

Wednesday,

Dec. 17 at 5:15 p.m.

Walking Taco

\$3.50 per person
(children under 2 eat free)

LWML

Rebekah Circle will meet Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Appelhons, 4519 96th St, Urbandale. Please bring your item for the Kavanaugh house and an ornament for the exchange.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in rooms 131-33 for the Christmas brunch. Remember to bring your adopt-a-family gift.

Freedom for Youth Ministries

Freedom for Youth Ministries is excited to announce the opening of (TAGS) Talents And Gifts Store (located at 2301 Hickman Rd., Des Moines). TAGS is a showcase of items created by the students in the Freedom for Youth program for inner-city teens. Items include: hand-crafted jewelry, metal arts, woodworking, pottery, soup and dip mixes and many, many more items. Freedom Quest offers young teens a chance to pursue and discover their gifts and talents while learning about the love of Jesus Christ.

If you are looking for a unique handcrafted gift this Christmas, please come and check out TAGS on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Christmas. Profits from the purchases of the store go towards a scholarship fund for post-secondary education for students participating in the Freedom Quest Program. If you have any questions, please call 282-4822.

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Our Mission

Our youth ministry is on a mission, so we will follow the GYM (Grow, Yield, Minister) acronym:

Grow in our relationship with God and others, yield to Jesus as Lord and Savior and minister to others through outreach and service.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Service and Mission Hours

Sign up at the youth bulletin board today for service and mission hours.

Eighth Grade

Please turn in your Urban Plunge registration forms. We need at least three parents to attend; the Youth Ministry will cover the cost for the parents.

Sunday: Castaway

Join us next Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Main Topic: "Open House"

- Dec. 7: Social Life
- Dec. 14: Private Life
- Dec. 21: Family Life
- Dec. 28: No Castaway

Mission Trip

July 11-18, 2009, Ashland, MT If you currently are in grades 8-12, you are invited to the mission trip. Currently there are 11 signed up to go. A \$75 deposit is due at this time. There are still spots available, contact Tim if you are interested.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38.

Wednesday: The Point

- Dec. 10: But Everyone Else is Doing It!
- Dec. 17: White Elephant Christmas Party
- Dec. 24: No Point
- Dec. 31: No Point-Happy New Year!

Senior High Café 923

Sunday, Dec. 7 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Hamburgers will be served for dinner. Invite your friends.

Christmas Program Grades 6-12

Rehearsals:

- Sunday, Dec. 7 from 12-2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 13 from 12-1 p.m.
- Set Construction:
Sunday, Dec. 7 from 12-3 p.m.

We are in need of teenagers to be guides, host/hostesses, audio operators and overseers of the take-home event.

Week of Dec. 6-12, 2008

Saturday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Gingerbread House Assembly
- 9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
- 10:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 7

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:45 a.m. Naomi Bake Sale
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 11:15 a.m. Christmas Rehearsal Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Set Building
- 3:00 p.m. Urbandale HS Winter Choral Concert
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 8

- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Instruction
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance

Monday, December 8 (Continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance Two

Tuesday, December 9

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Play Group
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M's Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High

Thursday, December 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Naomi Circle Christmas Party
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Home Game
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service

Friday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Gift Set-Up

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	37,751
YTD Offering	585,513
YTD Budget	738,254

Scripture Base on Giving:

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”
Malachi 3:10-11

Worship Service	Attendance
Northwind	159
7:45 a.m.	102
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	303
9 a.m. (FLC)	70
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	244
Total	878
Thanksgiving, Nov. 25	178
Thanksgiving, Nov. 27	155

Week of Dec. 13-20, 2008

Saturday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Giving Tree Gift Pick-up
 11:15 a.m. Christmas Rehearsal Lunch
 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 14

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. Senior High Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Adult Bible Study (Rooms 135-37)
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Life and Ministry of the Messiah
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 3:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 15

3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, December 16

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 6:30 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
 5:30 p.m. M and M's Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive and Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. The Point – Sr. High Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
 4:30 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service

Friday, December 19

8:30 a.m. Iowa Department of Ed Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Cantata Dress Rehearsal
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance	
	Wed. 6 p.m.
Preschool	35
Elementary	98
Total Children	133
Junior High	89
Senior High	25
Total Youth	114

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

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.

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 southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

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.

Children:

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth:

Junior High: Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Weekly Bible Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon