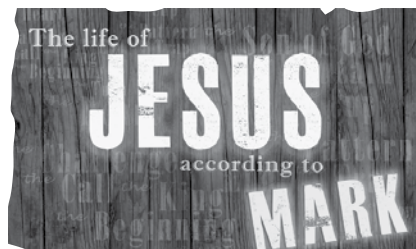




## The life of Jesus according to Mark

Today begins a series of messages concentrating on the Gospel of Mark. But before we begin, let's take a brief overview\* of this gospel:

- Second Gospel in the New Testament, but was probably written first.
- A short, succinct and fast-moving narrative, often using words like “immediately.”
- Shortest of all the gospels with 16 chapters.
- Begins not at Jesus’ birth, as in Matthew and Luke, but at Jesus’ baptism as an adult.
- Central themes are the death of Jesus, discipleship, Jesus as teacher and Jesus as the Son of God.
- Establishes that Jesus Christ is the Messiah that was prophesied throughout the Old Testament; proves that Jesus was the Son of God, who lived a sinless and perfect life; reveals Jesus’ miracles and healings; and shows that Jesus overcame the power of death through his resurrection from the tomb.
- Shows that Jesus taught with authority, as affirmed by the miracles he performed.



Mark is a fascinating gospel, one to garner lots of great truths about Jesus as well as practical insights on how to be a follower of him. In order to assist us in our study of Mark, there are reading-schedule bookmarks enclosed in the Weekly Word. So, get a running start in understanding this Gospel by reading a chapter or two preceding each week’s message.

*\*Source: religionfacts.com*

## A trip to honor and to build

What started as a random seat arrangement on a plane in 2006 ended up with a commitment to help those in poverty. Dustin Blythe, Bill Clark and Pastor John Dawson were complete strangers on a three-hour flight from Houston to Honduras for a mission trip. They quickly forged a friendship and bounced ideas on how to form a charity to serve others. What they did not know upon their arrival back in the states was the news that would change all of their lives forever—Dustin’s 18-year-old son, Treye had been murdered. He was tragically stabbed to death while pulling a friend out of a fight.

Despite the devastating loss, Dustin, Bill and Pastor John continued to work on the prospects of starting a charity. The idea of “Project 52” came to Bill one night when looking at a photo of Treye wearing his football jersey touting the number “52.”

The number 52 was a perfect number—52 weeks of the year to help people as well as the great reminder of God’s unfailing love in Psalm 52.

*But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God’s unfailing love. Psalm 52:8*

Last year the number took on another dimension during a conversation on a rooftop in the Dominican Republic with Bill, Treye’s grandfather, Wayne Blythe and Matt Banzhaf, Treye’s high school friend. A missionary, Cristian Santiago, shared his dream about building a gym facility on the third floor of a vocational school that serves 100 young people each day. When Cristian said they needed \$52,000 to fund the project, without hesitation all three men replied, “Yes, count us in!”



*Treye Blythe wore his “52” jersey while in high school.*

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## Small Groups

Small groups are forming, centering around building friendships, and discussing how to apply God’s Word into everyday life.

To find a group, visit the small group display in the Narthex and the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at [probarge@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:probarge@gloriadeionline.com)

## Discovery 201

**Sunday, Feb. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m.**

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. Register by going to the adult page on our Web site. Childcare provided.

## Survey

**Complete survey by Feb. 6**

The Governing Board wants to hear from the members at Gloria Dei to help them understand each member’s point of view concerning December’s congregational vote.

- Go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) and click on the survey link.
- Visit the Welcome Centers to pick up a hard copy of the survey. Completed surveys can be placed in the “Survey” envelope at both Welcome Centers.

## LWML

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

**Mary Esther Circle** will meet Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Dr., West Des Moines.

**Naomi Circle will not** meet Thursday, Feb. 9, but instead will help feed the youth at Freedom for Youth on Monday, Feb. 6. If you would like to help, please contact Janet Strachan at 965-0708.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the home of Alice Wegner, 3916 79th St., Urbandale.

## Scrapbook fellowship

**Friday, Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. | Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Take advantage of this month's Scrapbook Fellowship to finish those special valentines or make a gift of memories for a special person in your life. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) and number of children.

## Gloria Dei Quilters

**Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m**

Whether you're making a quilt for someone special or donating it to a mission project, you'll be amazed at how much you can get done with friends. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenrhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

## Adult Bible class starts new video series

The 9:10 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday morning adult classes will start a new video series this week in room 130/32, entitled "God's Story, Your Story." Max Lucado, pastor and author, provides a fresh perspective on how your daily life relates to God's grand, epic story. Discover how key New Testament stories reveal God's plans for you today. Hear what happens when Max is dropped into Munchkin Land in the Wizard of OZ. Hear how God uses normal people like Mary and Joseph to accomplish his will in the world. Watch Max explain how the disciples got stuck on Saturday (Jesus body in the tomb), but they needed to move into Sunday (Christ risen and alive).

Each session begins with a video clip followed by group discussion. If you miss a Sunday, no problem as each segment can be viewed individually. No registration is required. Questions, contact Dan Snyder at 967-4190 or drs301@msn.com.

## Honduras mission trip

**Saturday, June 30 - Saturday, July 7, 2012:** Gloria Dei is forming a team to help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

**General Information:** Teams reside at Casa de Esperanza (new mission house) in a very comfortable setting. Bedrooms have bunk beds, showers and modern restroom facilities. Both American and Honduran meals are served throughout the week. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

The deadline for designating Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2011 is March 31, 2012. If a member misses the deadline, the dollars do not roll over into the new year. To designate your Choice Dollars, call 1-800-847-4836. When the automated message requests how you can be helped, respond, "Thrivent Choice." For the second request, respond "Choice Dollars." Then you will speak directly to an individual to designate the recipient of your "Choice Dollars."

## Grief hits home

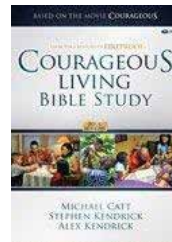
Please keep the Johnston youth and their families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their classmates. To help these hurting youth, Gloria Dei opened the church last Sunday where more than 500 teens and adults gathered to process the devastating loss through open discussion led by Tim Kightlinger as well as help from many ministry partners.

To continue to help the youth, the youth ministry is actively talking with students and will also offer a six-week grief support session starting Sunday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. If you or someone you know would like to talk or to take the session, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212 or at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com).

## Courageous Living Bible Study

**Saturday, Feb 11, 18, 25 and March 3 at 7:30 a.m**  
**or Sunday, Feb 12, 19, 26 and March 4 at 9 a.m.**

In the movie “Courageous,” men gather outside of work to better understand God’s calling on their lives. The “Courageous Living Bible Study” is a dynamic four-week study that helps lead men toward living more courageously in four key areas: responsibility, priorities, legacy and faith. We are looking for 25 men to join the study, will you have the courage to be counted? Register online on our homepage by Friday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.



## Lutheran Hour Ministries

**Sunday, February 5 is Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday.** More than ever, God is calling his believers to the work of reaching out to those who don’t yet know him. That is why Lutheran Hour Ministries, from the time of its first radio broadcast of the Lutheran Hour in 1930, has been on the forefront of sharing the Good News of Jesus to a lost and hurting world.

Please pray for God’s continued blessing on the mission and work of Lutheran Hour Ministries as it reaches out into a world that needs to know Jesus. Please also prayerfully consider providing financial support to this important ministry. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Centers.

## Let’s pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the “Welcome” card located in 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.

## Prayers

### For the health of:

- Brenda Barron
- John Biondi
- Marilyn Cervantes
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Emma Anderson
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Sue Anderson
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Valerie Cook
- Jennifer Ohrart

### And for:

- Our military

## Prayer ministry

To join the prayer ministry team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
 5:30 p.m. (FLC):  
 Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

9 a.m. (FLC):  
 Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (FLC):  
 Rev. Phil Robarge

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

**Preacher**  
 Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organ**  
 Lynn Hays

**Acolytes**  
 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
 Brady Nichols

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
 Alisha Rusch

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
 Ben Onsrud

**Scripture readings:**  
 Mark 1:1-15, 35-39  
 (NIV)

**Hospitality Teams**  
**Northwind (FLC)**  
 Team Four

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
 Team Four

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
 Team Four

9 a.m. (FLC)  
 TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)  
 TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
 Team Four

## A trip to honor and to build (continued from page 1)

During the following 52 weeks, Project 52 organized numerous fund-raisers to build the gym, and indeed raised more than the \$52,000. On Feb 19, Treye's 24th birthday, a team of 24 individuals, including Treye's grandparents and cousin along with eight of Treye's friends as well as members from Gloria Dei and other churches will dedicate the newly constructed "Project 52 Treye Blythe Gymnasium."

"It's hard to express in words just how special this dedication is going to be for everyone that is or has been involved in this project," says Matt. "To be able to honor Treye's legacy and unveil a state-of-the-art gymnasium for that community on what would have been his 24th birthday, is truly special."

"I'm extremely happy that the gym is going to be named after Treye," says Corey Viet, another high school friend traveling with the team. "It is going to be a pretty emotional event, because there were so many memories in high school made in the weight room and playing athletics. Treye was always looking to improve athletically and it is a huge honor to be a part of the dedication to honor him."

The gymnasium will be opened to the local school and to the public. A local man whose life was radically changed by Jesus Christ will staff the gym. He believes the gym will provide a positive alternative for young adults who are wasting their time and talents on the streets. Within this mentoring framework, he plans to share Jesus' love by example and word.

Treye's father, Dustin, also believes in the possibilities of the gym. "My hope for the gym is that it will be a sanctuary for young kids to not only get off the street, but to give them an outlet where they can engage in healthy activities," says Dustin. "Treye's story will be visible to them as well, and my hope is that they can take the lessons of Treye's death (how we treat others and speak to others can have profound implications) and learn from that in a positive way. The gym is also part of the Christian school, so my hope is every child that enters that gym hears the gospel as well."

After the dedication, the team will be involved in working with several non-profit organizations as well as a surprise construction project for Juanito, a man who works at the school and raises two small children alone. Last year, the team built a one-bedroom and a one-bathroom home on a piece of land that Juanito proudly purchased. Since more funds were raised than needed for the gymnasium, Bill and the team plan to surprise Juanito with the resources and labor to complete the house by adding another bedroom, kitchen and living room.

"Our contacts in Dominican know our plans, and they promised not to tell Juanito," smiles Bill.

Since Project 52 will continue to rally to "help the least of these," they plan to spend the next 52 weeks after their February trip to raise additional funds to furnish the gymnasium with cardiovascular machines.

"I think the gym will honor Treye's legacy in the same way he died. Treye laid down his life for someone he barely knew—yet in his death he has impacted so many," says Treye's father. "This gym will be an extension of that, as his name and his memory will be on a gym for kids he has never met. I hope it inspires the kids in that community to achieve great things—and when they are able, to give back to others."



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*- Matt Banzhaf, Treye's high school friend.*

- For several years, teams have served by helping with several community projects.
- Construction on the gymnasium.
- Juanito works with the team building his house.
- Side view of Juanito's house

For more information or to find ways to help Project 52 Treye Blythe Gymnasium, go to [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) and click on the "Project 52" link.



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

### Senior high (9-12)

#### Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

**Feb 5:** Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: Son of God."

#### The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us Wednesdays in January as we discuss the theme "Relate." This theme will focus on how to relate to the opposite sex and the Bible.

### Life hurts...God heals (Grief support)

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. in Youth Center.  
Open to all teens in grades 6-12 and their friends.

### Junior high (6-8)

#### Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Feb.5:** Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: Son of God."

**Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.** Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

**Café 923- Feb. 17 from 6-9 p.m.** Join us for fun, fellowship and food.

**Confirmation Retreat - Feb. 24-25** Sign up for the Confirmation retreat centering around the 10 Commandments.

## Midweek meal

### Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

**Feb. 8: Hot Dog/Chili Dog  
Dog in a Sweater**

## Mount Olive Lutheran School

Mt. Olive offers a top-notch quality education in a Christ-centered learning environment that is accredited by the state of Iowa and the National Lutheran School Accreditation Commission and is currently enrolling students for the 2012/13 academic year. If you would like to receive more information, contact the office at 277-8349 or e-mail the principal Cory Emily at cory.emily@molcs.org.

## Does God Really Hear Me? (2nd Grade)

### Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 from 1-2 p.m.

All second graders and a parent are invited to attend this lively event focused on prayer! We'll play games and have a blast learning how to pray and be reminded that God always hears us! Space limited to 12 families.

## The Wave

### Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 from 3-4:30 p.m.

We're going bowling! We'll meet at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall from 3-4:30 p.m. to bowl a couple of games, eat pizza and have a blast

## DivorceCare for children

### Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children whose parents are going through a divorce are invited to DC4K (DivorceCare for kids) from Feb. 23-March 29. They are also invited to join the Care Night meal at 6 p.m. To register, call the church office at 276-1700 or e-mail Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

## Spring break VBS

### Monday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 21

Join us for three mornings of Vacation Bible School during spring break! We'll meet for non-stop fun and learning. Monday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. No cost for this fun time. Appropriate for ages 3-11.

# Week of February 4-11, 2012

## Saturday, February 4

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, February 5

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Does God Really Hear Me? Second Grade Event
- 6:00 p.m. BoyZ of Faith

## Monday, February 6

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept. of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

## Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

Worship (Jan. 28-29)	Attendance
Northwind	200
7:45 a.m.	99
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	253
9 a.m. (FLC)	29
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	279
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>956</b>

## February 7 (continued)

- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study
- 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

## Wednesday, February 8

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Love and Respect Study
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

## Thursday, February 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, February 10

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

## Saturday, February 11

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 28-Feb. 4)	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,611
3rd QTD Offering	\$133,691
3rd QTD Budget	\$159,000

# Week of February 11-18, 2012

## Saturday, February 11

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, February 12

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 659
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806

## Monday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

## Tuesday, February 14

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training

## Tuesday, February 14 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

## Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Love and Respect Study
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

## Thursday, February 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, February 17

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Café 923

## Saturday, February 18

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	8	17	27	21
Elementary	28	38	54	86
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>107</b>

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

**Educational time.** We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center**

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

## **7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **9 a.m. Sunday Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

## **10:30 a.m. H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

## **10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

## **Other important items**

**Nursery:** Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access 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.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - Mark 1:1-4, 9-11 (NIV)**

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"— "a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. "

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**If you have any questions, please ask one of our members  
or stop by the Welcome Centers.**

## **Education times**

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

### **Grace Place**

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.  
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

### **Faith Alive**

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

### **Youth** (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

### **Adults**

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

## **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. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.