

You shall love  
the **Lord** your **God**  
with all your **heart** and  
with all your **soul**  
and with all your **strength**  
and with all your **mind,**  
and your **neighbor**  
as **yourself.**

Luke 10:27

**Fall 2018**



Head



Heart



Hands

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## It's going to be a great fall!

Fall of 2018 is the kick-off point for our three-year “Head.Heart.Hands” Discipleship Strategy. We are very excited to see what the Lord Jesus is going to bring to our lives in this triennium as we dedicate ourselves to living out His greatest commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind...” Luke 10:27

We will begin the three-year emphasis by loving the Lord our God with our “mind,” or as we’re labeling it, loving Him with our “Head.” This is a year where we will be growing our minds by growing our understanding of the Lord and His Word. As a result, our Messages, Bibles studies, events and activities will challenge us to think deeply and also to inculcate what we’re learning into our everyday discipleship.

Walk slowly through this brochure and begin to pray for your pastors, your church, your family and yourself. Ask the Lord to open new doors in our hearts and minds through His living and active Word. Ask the Lord to use this time of intense study to bring faith and faithfulness in His sons and daughters. In addition, please pray that the growth we experience will bring opportunities to faithfully share our faith in Jesus. Remember, everything we do in this “Head” series is not growth for growth sake, but growth for outreach sake. Who will we be able to reach for Jesus as a result of what we’ll experience this year? The Lord knows...so ask Him to show you! ~ Pastor Joe

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Questions? Please Contact  
276-1700 | [office@GDLC.CHURCH](mailto:office@GDLC.CHURCH)

# Discipleship Opportunities

(You won't want to miss!)

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# 1

## **Sermon Series: Help Me to Understand**

**Begins Saturday, September 1 & 2:** Our sermon series during the “Head” segment will focus on deepening our understanding of God’s Word. In September, we will provide a sermon series where we will answer tough questions that have been submitted by our members. We will answer those questions, one week at a time. Starting in October, we will walk through the book of the Jonah.

# 2

## **Wednesday Evening Bible Study: What Do We Really Know About Jesus? An Eyewitness Account**

**Starts Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC**

We will be studying the book of Luke during our midweek Bible study in the Family Life Center. Luke, who was a Doctor by profession, gives us what is perhaps the most detailed Gospel account of Christ’s life and ultimately answers the question: “What do we really know about Jesus?”. He gives us an amazingly accurate, detailed answer and account of the life and times of our Lord and Savior. In saying that, please understand that an accurate and detailed account of the life of Jesus can also then help us as we seek to explain Jesus to friends and family that don’t know Him as their Savior. Grab your Bible, grab a friend, and join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of Jesus and His love!

# 3

## **Book of the Month Reading**

### **Recommendations:**

We will invite people to engage in a directed, book-reading program with books that will be vetted by the senior staff each month throughout the year. Some of the books on the list are: “The Reason I Believe” by Allen Quist and “Hole in the Gospel” by Richard Stearns. We will also make some copies of the books available, but will encourage folks to simply purchase them on their own from [cbd.com](http://cbd.com) and other sources. So, look for the recommendation in the Weekly Word starting in September!

# 4

## **Journaling Bibles and Bible Journaling:**

As part of a larger strategy to encourage our members to bring their own Bibles to worship, we will offer journaling Bibles for purchase. There will be several cover options. Along with the Bibles, we will offer a Scripture Journal which is strictly the book of Luke to coincide with our study of the same. We will encourage our members to work through Luke throughout the year whether they go to the Bible study or not. Both resources will be available for purchase in September.

# 5

## **Tech Free Zone:**

The amazing men who currently make our Faith Chests have developed a small box for our kitchen tables to place our cell phones in during meals. We also ask families to put devotional materials in or by the box. The idea behind the project will be to encourage families toward “Head-Heart-Hands” discussions when they gather for meals rather than looking at their phones. When families gather for a meal, they can swap cell phones for devotionals and to enjoy family discussions.



## CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

**Thursday, Oct. 4-Nov. 1 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

We will primarily dialogue about what our congregation believes about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, Baptism, the Lord's Supper and your discipleship expression at Gloria Dei. If you have questions, contact Pastor Joe at [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church) or at 777-3892.



## CORE: Teachings

**Thursday, Oct. 4-Nov. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Once you have completed CORE Beliefs, the new members class, everyone is invited to CORE Teachings, the second class of our discipleship process. We will look at what it means to be a disciple. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ben at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3900.



## CORE: Gifts

**Session 1: Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9-11 a.m.**

**Session 2: Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9-11 a.m.**

This two-part class will explore the unique gifts of the Holy Spirit and how God has uniquely gifted you to be a part of His work in this world. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ben at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3900.



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**Free childcare provided (infants-grade 5) for all classes.**

Choose from one of the following classes:

- ➔ **Sunday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.**
- ➔ **Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.**
- ➔ **Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

If you have questions, contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).



Enter  
"MEMBER" to  
get the discount  
to pay only \$50  
for the class.

FREE  
CHILDCARE  
(infants-grade 5)

# Special Activities

## Life Groups

Simply put, “we need one another.” God made us that way. Life groups offer a place where Christians can find support, purpose and friendship as they seek to love God and love others in this world with that same love that has been given to them by Jesus Himself. Life Groups normally have 8-12 members. They walk through life together, grow in friendships and faith, pray for each other and serve together. Most groups meet every other week and then commit to serving together 3-4 times a year. To find out how to be involved in a Life Group, contact Pastor Ben at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).



## Golf Outing

**Thursday, September 6 at noon**

The Gloria Dei Foundation invites you to participate in an event at the Beaver Creek Golf Club, 11200 NW Towner Dr., Grimes.

You can register and pay by:

1. Going to **GDLC.CHURCH**.
2. Click on the registration icon on the top right corner.
3. Fill out the online form and make an online payment.



*If you have any questions, contact Chris Thomson at [chris.thomson@gdlc.church](mailto:chris.thomson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3895.*

# Special Activities



## Marriage on the Rock

Marriage was never designed to be entered into without God at the center. From communication to money to sex, the “Marriage on the Rock” small-group study from leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans discusses practical real-life challenges and offers easy-to-understand solutions dealing with all the major issues a couple will encounter.



**Choose from one of the following 6-week classes:**

- ➔ **Sunday, Sept. 9 at 4:30-6 p.m.**
- ➔ **Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30-8 p.m.**
- ➔ **Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30-8 p.m.**

*Contact: Scott & Janet Strachan at [j.strachan@mchsi.com](mailto:j.strachan@mchsi.com)*



## Grief Share

**Starts Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

The journey of grief is best not traveled alone, so please join us during this time.

*Contact: Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church)*



## Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.**

Since we live in a broken world, one of the remedies that God commands and encourages us to do is to pray without ceasing. Therefore, the elders invite the congregation to pray in the Sanctuary for at least one 30-minute time slot. There will be prayer guides available containing prayer suggestions and ideas.

*Contact: Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church)*



# Women's Special Events



## Naomi Book Sale Fundraiser

**Saturday, August 25 & 26 (before & after worship)**

Naomi Circle will be hosting a fundraiser in rooms 136-38 before and after worship. All proceeds will go towards purchasing items to bless our elderly as well as those who are homebound.

*Contact: Tammy Scott at [hawks331@gmail.com](mailto:hawks331@gmail.com)*



## Vessels for the Master's Use: LWML Fall Kick-Off

**Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 6-8 p.m.**

All women are invited to join us for an evening of laughter, fellowship, light dinner, Bible study and special presentations by Dick Dorn and Gary Thies.

*Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)*



## Women's Fall Event

**Thursday, Sept. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Come to the Table:** An evening event for women with a time for fellowship, light dinner, service for others, and a Bible study. Bring a friend and be refreshed and renewed by God. Register by Sept. 10. Cost is \$10 per person.

*Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)*

# Women's Special Events



## Sweaters and Cider

These three evenings are designed to gather for fellowship, create some crafts and dive into God's Word. Each event is a stand alone and unique. Register soon as there are class limits.

**Window Wreath | Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Create an antique window wreath. The cost is \$25.

**Pallet Painting | Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Paint an antique Christmas sign. The cost is \$10.

**Seasons Greetings | Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Mix sugar and spice and everything nice. Cost is \$15.

*Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)*



## Dinner and a Study

**Monday, Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5 & 12 from 6-8 p.m.**

Join women of all ages and stages in this hands-on, meal prep and Bible study. Each week, we will prep and eat dinner before enjoying a Bible study. Space is limited to eight participants. Cost is \$30 for all four sessions. Register by Oct. 15.

*Contact: Janet Strachan at [j.strachan@mchsi.com](mailto:j.strachan@mchsi.com)*



## Arts and Craft Show

**Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The 26th annual Gloria Dei Arts and Craft Show, which specializes in hand-crafted items and includes a bake sale.

*Contact: Deb Timmons at [ameskids@mchsi.com](mailto:ameskids@mchsi.com)*

# Women's Bible Studies

**FREE  
CHILDCARE  
(infants-grade 5)**



**No need  
to register.  
Simply stop  
by anytime  
to check  
out one of  
the Bible  
studies.**



## **Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study**

**Starts Monday, Sept. 10 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

**Starts Monday, Sept. 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

This video-based Bible study takes women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. Please let Lisa Scherer know if you need childcare for infants-grade 5.

*Contact: Lisa Scherer at [scherer5127@gmail.com](mailto:scherer5127@gmail.com)*

## **Tuesday Rise & Shine Bible Study**

**Starts Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 6:30-7:15 a.m.**

This early morning Bible study will take women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. Coffee will be provided.

*Contact DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)*

## **Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study**

**Starts Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 7-8 p.m.**

This study is based on a book from the Bible, taking women into a deeper understanding of God's Word.

*Contact: Jane Lamfers at [janelamfers@hotmail.com](mailto:janelamfers@hotmail.com)*

# Adult/Studies and Events

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

**Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (Starts Sept. 9)**

Dan Snyder leads this group that studies various topics and books from the Bible.

*Contact Dan Snyder at [drs3011@gmail.com](mailto:drs3011@gmail.com)*

## Monday Afternoon Bible Study

**Starts Monday, Sept. 10 from 2-3 p.m.**

Stop by this fall to dive into a Life Light Bible Study on Ephesians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians led by Pastor Phillips.

*Contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).*

## Men's Bible Study

**Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.**

This early morning group meets to pray, discuss and study current subjects.

*Contact: Pastor Dan Petrak at [dgpetrak@gmail.com](mailto:dgpetrak@gmail.com)*

## Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

**Starts Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

Pastor Phillips will lead this "Drive through History-The Gospels." Lunch is made by the Kitchen Ministry starting Sept. 12. Free-will offerings for lunch are accepted.

*Contact: Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church)*

## XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)

**First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.**

Join this group for great fellowship and lively discussion at a local restaurant.

*Contact the church office at 276-1700.*



No need  
to register.  
Simply stop  
by anytime.

# Adult/Worship/Music



Lots of great ways to serve the Lord through music. Search through the selections to find the one that matches your gifts and then contact the person listed.



## Gloria Dei Bell Choir

**Starts Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

The adult handbell choir will start to ring again! Everyone is invited to join us in ringing God's praise!

*Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).*

## Gloria Dei Chorale

**Starts Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 p.m.**

We would like to extend an open invitation to singers from high school age through adult to join this multi-voice group of singers with a variety of backgrounds, skill levels and experience. We are a group of people who raise our voices to the Lord! We will sing during the 8 and 9:30 a.m. services once a month and prepare for our December Cantata scheduled for early December. Free childcare will be available for infants-grade 5.

*Contact: Nick Prenger at [nick.prenger@gdlc.church](mailto:nick.prenger@gdlc.church).*

## Flute Ensemble

**Starts Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

For those who play the flute, we have a place for you.

*Contact: Marsha Fries at [fries.monavation@gmail.com](mailto:fries.monavation@gmail.com).*

## Small Group Vocal Ensemble/Open Call

If you are interested in solo, duet or quartet worship opportunities, we are looking for people who would be able to offer special music at the traditional and blended worship services.

*Contact: Nick Prenger at [nick.prenger@gdlc.church](mailto:nick.prenger@gdlc.church).*

# Adult/Worship/Technical



**Helping on one of the tech teams is not as scary as you may think. They will train you, plus there are usually donuts available. Contact Steve for more information.**



## Tech Weekend Worship Teams

### Times and dates vary

Reach the world with the truth of the Gospel through technology when you help out our weekend tech crew. No experience necessary: we will train you. You will serve once every three weeks on screens or cameras. We specifically need help at Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. We are also looking for individuals to serve once in awhile when our regular volunteers are absent.

*Contact: Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church).*

## Livestream Services Weekend

**Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or Sunday at 11 a.m.**

We need help with our livestream services as our weekend audience has reached more than 125 participants. No experience is necessary; we will train you.

*Contact: Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church).*

## Camera Crew for Wednesday Bible Study

**Starts Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

We desire to expand our video library; one way to achieve this is to tape the Wednesday night Bible Study in the Family Life Center. No experience is necessary; we will train you.

*Contact: Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church).*

# Youth

We are excited about the upcoming year and future of the student ministry here at Gloria Dei. Our name, “ReCharge,” is taken from Isaiah 40:31: “those who hope in the Lord will renew (ReCharge) their strength...” Our goal is to provide a place, events, and opportunities for teens to grow closer to God and strengthen their faith.

Contact: *Tim Kightlinger at [tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church)*



If you  
have any  
questions,  
contact  
“TK”

## ReCharge Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)

**Wednesdays from 5:45-7:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 12)**

We will offer a meal (\$3 per person) from 5:45-6:15 p.m. We will then begin our opening worship/praise time and then break into small groups.

## First Communion/Sacraments

All students in sixth grade, or anyone who has not taken the First Communion Class, will dive into the meaning of Holy Communion and Baptism during the class or the retreat options. The students will be receiving first communion on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. Select one of the two options:

### Sacraments Class

**Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.**

This is a six-week class; a parent or guardian must accompany the student and will meet on Sundays in the Youth Center. No registration is necessary.

### Sacraments Retreat

**Friday, Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. til noon on Saturday**

This retreat will focus on the two Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. The cost is \$30 (materials, dinner, breakfast and snacks will be provided).



REGISTER & PAY at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)

# Youth



## **ReCharge Leadership and Discipleship**

**Starts Sunday, Sept. 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Our time together will focus on training as a leader and a disciple for students in grades 9-12. We will meet once a month for 7 months. The cost is \$40 (materials and lunch/dinner will be provided each meeting).

## **Fridays | Café 6 to 9**

**Fridays, Sept. 21, Oct. 26 and Nov. 16 from 6-9 p.m.**

This is a unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. Food will be available at a low cost.



## **Omaha City Plunge (Grades 7-12)**

**Saturday, Oct. 20 at 6 a.m. until Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.**

At 6 a.m., we will head over to Omaha, where we will connect with 4-5 ministries to serve alongside them. The cost is \$60 (meals, outreach, lodging, transportation). Bring a friend!



## **Junior High Youth Gathering**

**Saturday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. until Sunday, Oct. 28 at noon**

A gathering of Iowa District West teens to celebrate our faith and freedom in Jesus at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Cost is \$100.

# Children



**There is a new children's ministry sign-in. We need every family to register even if you registered last year. Simply go to gdlc. church and click on the registration link on the top menu.**

## Grace Place

**Starts Saturday, Sept. 8 at 5:45 p.m.**

**Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

Families are encouraged to worship together before children are dismissed to attend Grace Place. This weekend educational time is filled with studying God's Word (the Bible story/lesson), learning God's Word (writing Scripture on our hearts), and doing an activity relating to the lesson.

*Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)*

## Faith Alive

**Starts Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:20-7:30 p.m.**

Faith Alive is a Wednesday evening educational time where we learn to apply God's Word in our daily lives. Our time together is filled with praising God through song, studying God's Word and doing an activity or two relating to the lesson. We will begin with a lively and powerful opening in the Children's wing at 6:20 p.m. before splitting into age-appropriate groups.

## Faith Alive Meal

**Starts, Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 5:45-6:15 p.m.**

Join us in the Family Life Center for a meal that is kid friendly. The cost is \$3 per person, children under 2 eat free.

## Third Grade Bible Highlighting

**Wednesday, Sept. 12-Oct. 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

All third graders and a parent are encouraged to attend this time of discovering more about who God is through His Word. We'll spend four Wednesdays together highlighting key passages/sections of Scripture that help to tell the story of how much God loves us. Bibles are provided.

# Tiny Treasures Preschool

We are committed to nurturing little ones. Tiny Treasures recently renewed its 5-Star Rating in Iowa's Quality Rating System, which is the highest level attainable. If you have not visited, please schedule a tour today.

Contact: Jo Lynn Yeutsy at [jolynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church](mailto:jolynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church).



We still  
have a few  
openings.

If you are  
interested or  
would like a  
tour, please  
contact  
Jo Lynn.



## Parent Orientation

**Thursday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for parents to meet one another, the teachers, and to learn about the school year.

## First Day of School

**Tuesday, Sept. 4**

Tiny Treasures opens its doors for the thirteenth year.

## Open House

**Thursday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

Open House is an opportunity for preschool families to visit various places in the church where we spend our time (classroom, sanctuary, FLC, music room, playground).

## Fall Consignment Sale

**Friday, Oct. 19 & Saturday, Oct. 20**

The Consignment Sale is a community-wide event, offering great deals on children's items.



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