



## Book of the Month Recommendation

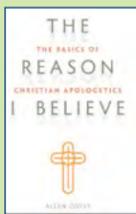
Each month throughout the year, senior staff will recommend a book that has been impactful to their lives. We pray that these recommendations will broaden our minds and deepen our faith. Enjoy!

### September's Recommendation by Pastor Joe:

#### "The Reason I Believe" by Allen Quist

This book is a super solid look at why we believe what we believe about our faith in Jesus. Do you want to shore up your own faith and strengthen your ability to shore up others? This may be the book for you.

While it's definitely different from other apologetics or in defense of the faith books I've read before, it's published by Concordia Publishing; therefore, follows our LCMS Doctrine closely and accurately. It will be a challenging read but, if you take your time and process it slowly, there is much that can be used in your every day conversations about Jesus with your circle of influence. Let me know if you have any questions: [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church).



## Joppa Outreach

**Sunday, September 30 from 12:30-5:00 p.m.**

Consider joining us as we partner with Joppa to reach out to those who are shelterless in Des Moines. As Joppa volunteers, we will visit 250-300 people living under bridges, in tents, vehicles and recently off the streets. We will meet at Joppa Outreach, 118 SE 4th Street, Des Moines.. Please register today at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



## Tech Free Zone Boxes

The amazing men who currently make our Faith Chests have developed a small box for our kitchen tables in which to place our cell phones during meals. The idea is to encourage all of us toward "Head-Heart-Hands" discussions when we gather for meals rather than looking at our phones. Please visit the display today. If you would like, we are accepting free-will donations; this is optional.

## Installation Service

**Sunday, Sept. 30 at the 9:30 a.m. service**

We are thrilled to have Jenn Fuller on board to serve the children and parents at Gloria Dei as Director of Children's Ministry.

In addition, because DeAnn McCue will be changing her responsibilities from Director of Family and Children's Ministry to Director of Family Ministry and Women's Ministry, she will also be installed during the 9:30 a.m. service on Sept. 30.

**Reception:** After each worship service on Sept. 29-30, we will have refreshments and an opportunity to meet Jenn and talk with DeAnn.

**Today's Message: "Don't Hypocritical Christians Invalidate Christianity?"**

**Scriptures: Romans 7:14-18; 1 John 1:5-10**

As a result of what you have received from God's Word today, what do you think He is giving you to believe or do this week?

### Additional Notes:

## Let's pray!

**Prayer Wall:** Post your prayer requests (anonymously, if you choose) to a pastor or the online community. (Go to: [www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/](http://www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/))

**Connection Cards:** Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews.

**Phone Calls:** Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

### Please Pray for:

Rick Buhrke	Jessica Kramer	Cooper Driscoll	Barb Kramer
Shirley Voshell	Heather Kusel	Taylor Peterson	Irma Queck
Tim McClelland	Patty Wright	Doug Jackson	Kevin Zehnder
Jennifer Dehnert	Larry Kinsey	Mike Dehnert	Those who have been impacted by the hurricanes
Larry Lewis	Sarah Smith	Paula Spark	

## Baptized Into Christ



**Nolan Bradley Schultz**, born June 18, 2018 to Kellen and Anna (nee: Moeller) Schultz, will be baptized on Sunday, September 23 at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Nolan's spiritual sponsors are Michael and Rachel Moeller.

Outpouring of Love-Sept.9-15, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$24,290
General Fund Offering Budget	\$31,300
1st QTD Offering Total	\$327,379
1st QTD Budget	\$323,500
YTD Offering Total	\$327,379
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# GDLC CONNECTIONS



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...God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 1:5b-6 (ESV)

## Visiting today?

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you're here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).



**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed "nursery" is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

**PreK-Elementary Children: Starts today!** We have an educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

**LCMS Hurricane Relief**  
Please consider donating to the relief effort at [www.LCMS.ORG](http://www.LCMS.ORG) or [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com).



## Help me Understand: "Don't Hypocritical Christians Invalidate Christianity?"

"Christians are hypocrites!" You hear that kind of thing a lot.



While most think we'd object to such a claim, we actually embrace it. Christians are hypocrites and liars and thieves and adulterers and prejudiced and angry and addicted... and, well, you fill in the

blank with your "things." We are and fully admit to being...broken. Doesn't that invalidate Christianity? Nope. Christianity isn't dependent on good people; Christianity is dependent on a good God...who takes us, forgives us, molds us, shapes us, changes us, works with us...and puts it on "repeat" as He forgives our shortcomings over and over again.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ



### CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

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

We will dialogue about what our congregation believes about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, Baptism, the Lord's Supper and your discipleship expression at GDLC. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### 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. We will look at what it means to be a disciple. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### 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. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### Temporary Nursery Help Needed

Gloria Dei is once again hosting our District Pastors' Conference this year on Monday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. We are in need of adults to help staff the nursery during these times. This is an opportunity to not only make some extra dollars but to bless pastors and their families as they attend this conference. Please contact Jolynn Corkrean at [jjrobe76@hotmail.com](mailto:jjrobe76@hotmail.com) if you are able to help us. Thank you.



### 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 specializes in hand-crafted items and includes a bake sale. Proceeds this year go towards Mission Central, a ministry that supports hundreds of missionaries throughout the world.

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



## SENIOR ADULTS | Contact: Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church)



### Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays | 10-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Phillips will lead this "Drive through History-The Gospels." Lunch is made by the Kitchen Ministry; free-will donations accepted.



### Senior Adult Social

Sunday, Sept. 30 from 4-6 p.m. at 2831 SW Westview Lane, Ankeny  
Each guest is asked to bring an appetizer to share with the group. For more information or to RSVP contact Lisa at [lisa.gibson@gdlc.church](mailto:lisa.gibson@gdlc.church) or Elaine Mueller at 515-276-8903 no later than September 26.

We will plan to meet at the church (north parking lot) by 3:15 p.m. and carpool to Ankeny, leaving the church promptly at 3:30 p.m.. Guests will need to tell Lisa or Elaine if they are planning to drive themselves or would like to ride with someone else.

The Young Patriots, directed by Julie Dueker, will provide entertainment along with lots of appetizers, conversation and fellowship with others.

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



### Sweaters & Cider - Window Wreath

Tuesday, Sept. 25 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for the first of three evenings designed to gather for fellowship, create some crafts and dive into God's Word. We will create a window wreath (window is included). Limited to 25 women, so register early at [GDLC.CHURCH](http://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; cost is \$30 for all four sessions. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) by Oct. 15. Contact: Janet Strachan at [j.strachan@mchsi.com](mailto:j.strachan@mchsi.com).

## TEENS | Contact: TK at [tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church)



### ReCharge Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays starting at 5:45 p.m. All teens are invited to our opening worship/praise time and small groups. We will offer a meal (\$3 per person) from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Another small group time has been added from 7:30-8:15 p.m. in the Youth Center.

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



### Let's Get to Know Jenn Fuller

After meeting Jenn, it is evident that she is passionate about life, specifically, working with people. She graduated as a Director of Christian Education from Concordia University, Nebraska and has served three congregations before coming to GDLC. She enjoys working with families, youth and children. She also loves to be a part of so many things, including her family.

Jenn's parents, Joel and Alice Grundmeier, raised her and brother, John in the LCMS church in Lakeside, Iowa. As a family, they loved to travel throughout the United States. In fact, she and her mother still plan lots of road trips despite the recent sad loss of Jenn's father.

After a long friendship with Jason Fuller, they fell in love and married a few months ago. Jason works for Iowa District West.

She enjoys hiking, gardening and "anything outdoors." As an avid reader, she enjoys all types of books: fiction, non fiction and travel-oriented. One of her favorite verses is Psalm 27:1: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

"I'm so excited to work with DeAnn and the children of Gloria Dei! I love what GDLC offers for their children and families and I'm excited to be a part of helping families share Jesus with their kids," says Jenn.

So, please welcome Jenn and Jason to our wonderful family at Gloria Dei.



### Polk County Jail Ministry Banquet

Tuesday, Oct 2 from 6-7:30 p.m.

"The Value of a Soul." You are invited to a banquet, music and testimonies at Grace Church, 4200 E. 25th Street., Des Moines. Please RSVP at 875-5711 by Sept. 25.



### Single Moms Morning Out Fall Clothes Drive

Fall clothes drive ends Sept. 30. Want to give away some of your spring and summer clothes? If so, please consider donating them in "purple" bins outside the main office and under the coat racks.



### Embryo Adoption Seminar

Thursday, Oct. 11 at 12 p.m. or Sunday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. or Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

Join one of our upcoming webinars to learn about an alternative to IFV - embryo adoption. Lutheran Family Service is a partner with Snowflake Embryo Adoption. Seats are limited, so register at: [www.LFSiowa.org/events](http://www.LFSiowa.org/events). Contact Kim Laube at [klaube@LFSiowa.org](mailto:klaube@LFSiowa.org).