



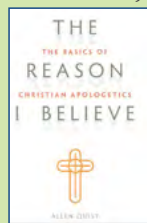
## Book of the Month Recommendation

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).



## 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.



## Thank you!

A huge thanks to our Gardening Group, who takes care of our grounds on Thursday mornings. Rain, snow, heat, nor wind never stops them. Through their diligence, they transform all of our outdoor plants and flowers into beautiful landscape.

## Installation Service

**Sunday, Sept. 30 at the 9:30 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary  
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. DeAnn 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: "Did God Create Evil?"

**Scriptures: James 1:12-15; John 8:42-44**

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

## Baptized Into Christ



**Makayla Jo McMahon**, born June 22, 2018 to Mark and Abagayle (nee: Schwartz) McMahon, will be baptized on Sunday, September 30 at the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Makayla's spiritual sponsors are Sara Stephenson and Keegan Schwartz.

**Molly Jayne Gabrilson**, will be baptized on Sunday, September 30 at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary.

### Outpouring of Love-Sept.16-22, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)

General Fund Offerings	\$47,769
General Fund Offering Budget	\$37,800
1st QTD Offering Total	\$375,148
1st QTD Budget	\$361,300
YTD Offering Total	\$375,148
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# G D L C CONNECTIONS

Jesus said to them,  
"If God were your Father,  
you would love me,  
for I came from God and I am here.  
I came not of my own accord, but he sent me."  
John 8:42 (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:** We have an educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

## Installation and Reception

The Installation service for Jenn Fuller and DeAnn McCue will be at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Please join us at the reception after each worship service Saturday and Sunday.



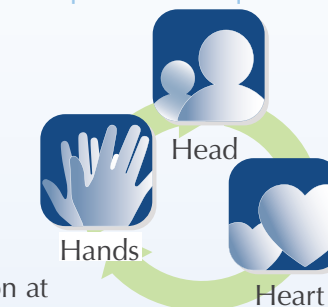
## Help me Understand: "Did God Create Evil?"

This is a tough one for most people. They look around the world and see the suffering and pain. They recognize the evil that's present in everyone's heart..and presume, "If God created everything, then God created evil too." Today we'll remember that evil is in the world because this world is infected with the disease of sin. But we'll also remember that God never wanted it that way.



God created the world to live and to live forever in the perfection and sinlessness of the Garden of Eden. But satan introduced the idea...and we, specifically Adam and Eve, took matters into our own hands. Thankfully, God also took matters into His own hands...the hands of Jesus nailed to the cross.

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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).



### 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)



### Leaves!! Leaves!! Leaves!!

We could use some extra hands this fall raking and picking up all the leaves on the church property. Please consider joining us on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. We usually work 1-1 1/2 hours. If you can't be there at 9 a.m, please come when you can. It is a fun group and it is great fellowshiping. Please feel free to bring a rake and/or a leaf blower. No experience necessary! If you have any questions, call Meri Mohr at 515-480-9834. ~ Thank you, The Gardening Group

**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.

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.

**W O M E N** | 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; 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).

**W O R S H I P** | Contact: Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church)



### Calling Men and Women

**Brothers in Glory**

We are looking for a group of men to sing "Do you Hear What I Hear?" at the Cantata. Rehearsals will be Tuesday, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 from 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If interested, contact Janna Amendt at [bjamendt@aol.com](mailto:bjamendt@aol.com).



**Sisters In Song**

Consider joining a group of women who will gather during the Advent season to sing His praises at the Advent by Candlelight and the Cantata. We will rehearse two songs on Tuesday, Nov. 6 and 13 from 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If interested, contact Janna Amendt at [bjamendt@aol.com](mailto:bjamendt@aol.com).

**C H I L D R E N** | 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.



### Consignment Sale

Friday, Oct. 19 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, Oct. 20 | 8-11 a.m.

Tell all your friends about Tiny Treasures' Fall Children's Consignment Sale. Items for sale will include children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, you can register on-line at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### 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).

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