



## Thrivent Financial Presentation

Sunday, Sept. 16 | 9:15-10:15 & 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Two Thrivent representatives will discuss the Thrivent's Generosity Program and planned giving strategies in rooms 136 and 138. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how Thrivent can help both you and Gloria Dei as we strive to steward God's resources well for His glory and Kingdom. There will also be ample time for questions. Please note: Dan Snyder's Bible study will not meet until Sept. 23.



## Wednesday Evening Bible Study: What Do We Really Know About Jesus?

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Please feel free to join us this week as we study the book of Luke. A doctor by profession, Luke 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?." Please note: Bible Studies can be watched livestream on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. or online on Thursdays at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

## Accepted the Call for Director of Children's Ministry

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Having prayerfully considered the Call you have extended, I truly believe that God



Jenn Fuller has accepted the Call.

has led me to accept the Call to serve as Director of Children's Ministry at Gloria Dei.

I am very excited to work with DeAnn McCue and the rest of the Gloria Dei staff and members to share Jesus with the children of the church and community! May our loving and gracious God bless our efforts in ministry together. ~ In Christ's Service, Jennifer L. Fuller, DCE

## Installation Service

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

We are thrilled to have Jenn on board to serve the children and parents at Gloria Dei.

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: Why Are Christians so Narrow?**

**Scriptures: Galatians 5:16-25; John 14:1-6**

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	Larry Lewis	Larry Kinsey	Doug Jackson
Shirley Voshell	Jessica Kramer	Sarah Smith	Mike Dehnert
Tim McClelland	Heather Kusel	Cooper Driscoll	Paula Spark
Jennifer Dehnert	Patty Wright	Taylor Peterson	Barb Kramer

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers this weekend are from "The Friends of Brad Peyton" to honor the glory of God as revealed through the faith and friendship of Brad Peyton.

## Baptized Into Christ



**Roman Douglas Sullivan**, born January 20, 2018 to Adam and Kelsey (nee: Kumm) Sullivan, will be baptized on Sunday, September 16 after the 11 a.m. service. Roman's spiritual sponsors are Tyler Kumm, Abby Sullivan and Ryan and Addison Bratvold.

### Outpouring of Love-Sept.2-8, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)

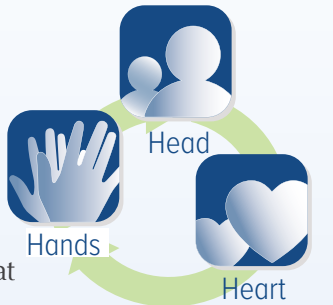
General Fund Offerings	\$35,612
General Fund Offering Budget	\$31,700
1st QTD Offering Total	\$303,090
1st QTD Budget	\$292,200
YTD Offering Total	\$303,090
YTD Budget	\$292,200

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6

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## 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 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.

**NEW Registration & check-in system!**  
Please go to the Children's check-in stations.



## Help me Understand: "Why Are Christians so Narrow-minded?"

Christians are often called "narrow-minded" and to be honest, we have to admit that we are. Now, by that we don't mean it's okay to be mean...or hateful...or obnoxious... but the Bible does call us to singular thinking when it comes to who God is and what God does and how God



operates. We hold fast to Jesus being the only way to heaven...but we do so because Jesus does. Call us "narrow" if you'd like...but Jesus remains, the only way, the only truth, and the only life and no one gets into heaven without Him. And so the good news is? Jesus has made Himself available to every person ever born and through Him they too can be born again!





### 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's Pastor's 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@gdgc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdgc.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@gdgc.church](mailto:lisa.gibson@gdgc.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@gdgc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdgc.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@gdgc.church](mailto:tim.kightlinger@gdgc.church)



### Café 6to9

Friday, Sept. 21 | 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.

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



### Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. | Sundays at 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Grace Place is a great place for preschool and elementary children to learn about Jesus. Our nursery is also available for infants-age 3.

**Haven't registered your children?** No problem. Simply go to one of the Children's Check-in stations in the Gathering Area and outside the FLC. **Check-in your children?** If you have already registered, please check-in your children at one of the Children's Check-in stations.



### Faith Alive

Wednesdays from 6:20-7:30 p.m.

**Registration is required.** Faith Alive 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 before splitting into age-appropriate groups.

### Faith Alive Meal

Wednesdays | 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.



### Single Moms Morning Out Fall Clothes Drive

Cleaning out your closets? Want to give away some of your spring and summer clothes? If so, please consider donating them now until Sept. 30 in "purple" bins outside the main office and under the coat racks. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Mellencamp at [s.mellencamp@gmail.com](mailto:s.mellencamp@gmail.com).



### Urbandale Food Pantry Monthly Request

September's requested item is soap (bars). Please put the items in the Urbandale Food Pantry underneath 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. Through embryo adoption, you can build your family by adopting and implanting a frozen embryo, and giving birth to your own adopted child. Lutheran Family Service is a partner with Snowflake Embryo Adoption, bringing this family building option to Iowa families. 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).