



Listen to Podcasts during the Week!

We all need some encouragement through the week. Here are two podcasts that could breathe new life into your week.



Pastor Joe covers various topics every week in 10 minutes 27 seconds.



Pastor Ben takes a few minutes every week to encourage parents to find rest in God's Word.

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Book of the Month Recommendation

Each month throughout the year, senior staff will recommend a book that has impacted their lives.

October's Recommendation by Chris Thomson "The Imperfect Disciple" by Jared C. Wilson



Too many discipleship books are written for clean, perfect people who know all the right Sunday school answers.

"The Imperfect Disciple" is for the rest of us—people who mess up, who are weary, and wondering if it's safe to say what they're really thinking. Let's face it...we are messy, life is messy, and we can get lost in the tension between self-condemnation and God's amazing grace.

With incisive wit, warm humor, and moving stories, Jared Wilson shows readers how the gospel works in them and in their lives when:

- they can't get their act together
- they think God is giving them the silent treatment
- they think church would be better without all the people
- they're not happy with the person in the mirror
- and much more

Wilson frees readers from the self-doubt and even the misplaced self-confidence they may feel as they walk with Jesus down the often difficult road of life. The result is a faith that weathers storms, lifts burdens, and goes forth to make more imperfect disciples.

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.

Today's Message: "Ridiculous Redemption"

Scriptures: Jonah 1:17-2:10; & John 3:16,17

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.gdgc.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 Hurricane Michael
Tim McClelland	Larry Kinsey	Mike Dehnert	Indonesia
Jennifer Dehnert	Sarah Smith	Paula Spark	
Larry Lewis	Cooper Driscoll	Barb Kramer	

Baptized Into Christ



Emma Lee McKenzie, born July 5, 2018 to Shawn and Mindy (nee: Peck) McKenzie, will be baptized on Sunday, October 14 at the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Emma's spiritual sponsors are Cody and Amy Peck.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dennis and Joyce Trollope.

Outpouring of Love-Sept.30-Oct. 6, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$35,132
General Fund Offering Budget	\$30,900
1st QTD Offering Total	\$437,565
1st QTD Budget	\$415,200
YTD Offering Total	\$437,565
YTD Budget	\$415,200

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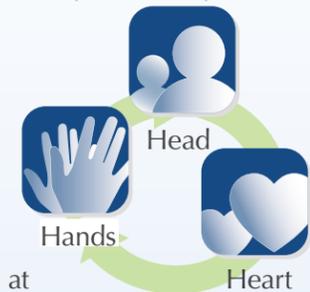
"I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.."

Jonah 2:2b (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@gdgc.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 would love for your children to join us during our educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale

Friday, Oct. 19 & Saturday, Oct. 20

It is a great sale. See inside for more information.



This is Ridiculous! Ridiculous Redemption

As we turn the page to the second chapter of Jonah, we realize that the Lord was all about saving the Ninevites. He was also about saving Jonah too. Did Jonah deserve to be saved? No! Did Jonah deserve to die in that body of water? Yes! But God



had mercy on Jonah and sent a fish...a fish that would swallow him and then three days later, spit him up on the beach. Hmmm...three days later salvation was brought to sinners? Sound familiar? It should! God is all about ridiculous rescues and has done so for the world through His Son's death and resurrection on the third day!

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



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.



Take Time to Appreciate your Pastors & Staff

Fall is in full swing filled with a lot of activities...including that October is Pastor Appreciation month. Yes, God has blessed Gloria Dei with wonderful, Christ-centered pastors and we as God's people are blessed in return. But God's blessings overflow as we are also unbelievably fortunate to have church staff who are second to none. So please take time this month to personally thank and show appreciation to Gloria Dei's staff who tirelessly serve our needs.

If you're looking for an idea to show your appreciation, the Governing Board encourages you to financially support the initiative to provide devotions and bibles to our military men and women... "Devotions for the Devoted." We know our pastors and staff will feel your love as you support this cause. On behalf of the Gloria Dei Governing Board, thank you for supporting the work of God's kingdom.

~ God's Blessings, Scott Strachan, Governing Board President



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



Freedom for Youth Meals

Looking for families or small groups to prepare and serve a meal for the Freedom for Youth Whiz Kidz (elementary students) for the first Monday of the month during the school year. Please contact Janet Strachan at j.strachan@mchsi.com or 515-707-7205 for more information or to schedule a time to serve.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for all your support at the cinnamon roll fundraiser. We raised more than \$1,700 to fund the kitchen countertops. Your generosity and kind words were such a blessing. Thanks again! ~ The Kitchen Ministry



SENIOR ADULTS | Contact: Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdgc.church



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays | 10-11:30 a.m.

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



WOMEN | Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdgc.church



Sweaters & Cider - Pallet Painting

Tuesday, Oct. 16 | 6:30-8 p.m.

It's going to be an evening of fun as we gather together for a devotion and snacks as we paint a pallet. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH. The cost is \$10.



How-to Workshop - Making Quilts for Mission

Saturday Nov. 10 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Want to learn how to quilt? Already know how to quilt? Join us for a time of quilt-making for missions. All quilts will be donated to missions. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. All materials will be provided. Register at GDLC.CHURCH.



Sweaters & Cider - Seasons Greetings

Tuesday, Nov. 13 | 6:30-8 p.m.

We will mix a few spices for cooking and use sugars and scents to make a sugar scrub, lip balm, etc. for personal use. Items will be packaged decoratively for giving or keeping.

Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Cost is \$15.



Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Over the last 40 years, investors have made it possible for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to support the work of tens of thousands of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod individuals and ministries through loans and ministry support services.

To help support growing ministry opportunities, they need to raise an additional \$100 million. Which is why they invite you to a special, limited-time investment opportunity: 40-month, 40th anniversary note at 4%.

Summary:

- 4% fixed rate
- 40-month term note
- Limit one per tax ID
- \$500 minimum to open
- \$40,000 maximum per note
- New money only

To find out more information, visit lcef.org/40month or call 800-843-5233.



CHILDREN | Contact: Jenn Fuller at Jenn.Fuller@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.



WORSHIP | Contact: Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdgc.church



Sisters in Song

Consider joining a group of women who will gather during the Advent season to sing His praises at Advent by Candlelight. 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.



Choir and Chorus

Come join us as we rehearse together a wide variety of music on Tuesday nights in the Sanctuary from 6-7 p.m. Never been in our choir or chorus? Take heart! We will make sure you have what you need to be a vital part of our team. If you have any questions, contact Nick Prenger at nick.prenger@gdgc.church.



Prayer Vigil

Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There are always things to pray about. But in recent weeks, there seems to be even more—the floods, tsunamis and earthquakes, our political environment as well as those who are sick among us. So, let's take some time, and commit to 30 minutes of prayer at Gloria Dei. Please register online at www.GDLC.church.



Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity

Since 2005, Thrivent Financial, through its mission partnership with Habitat for Humanity, has helped thousands of families realize their dream – to live in and own a decent, affordable home. Please join them on Tuesday, Oct. 16 or Tuesday, Oct. 30th from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 2442 Saylor Road in Des Moines to help build a new home. Contact Derek Trobaugh, Community Engagement Leader with Thrivent Financial, at 515-343-6427 or derek.trobaugh@thrivent.com.