



## 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 each week to encourage parents to find rest in God's Word.

Download "GDLC Audio" podcasts through Google Play or iTunes.



## 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.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

"What Do We Really Know about Jesus" continues on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center! Please note: we will not meet on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The Bible study can be seen via livestream at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. and online [gdlc.church/bible-studies/](http://gdlc.church/bible-studies/).

## Today's Message: "Ridiculous Rependence"

**Scriptures:** Jonah 3:1-10 & Acts 5:27-32

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

## Prayer Vigil

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

We have a lot of things to pray about: the aftermath of the hurricanes, the upcoming elections and our farmers. So, let's take some time, and commit to 30 minutes of prayer at Gloria Dei. Please register online at [www.GDLC.church](http://www.GDLC.church).

Outpouring of Love Oct-7-13, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,903
General Fund Offering Budget	\$31,400
1st QTD Offering Total	\$30,903
1st QTD Budget	\$31,400
YTD Offering Total	\$468,468
YTD Budget	\$446,600

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS



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And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. Jonah 3:5 (ESV)

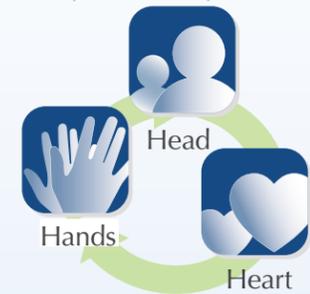


## Visiting Today?

**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 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.



## Wednesday, Oct. 31

Wednesday evening Bible study and Faith Alive will not meet. The Senior High ReCharge will meet at 6 p.m. The Bible study can be seen via livestream at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. and online at [gdlc.church/bible-studies/](http://gdlc.church/bible-studies/).



## This is Ridiculous! Ridiculous Repentance

How amazing is our God? How amazing is it that He not only rescued Jonah but brought the Ninevites to repentance through the prophet as well. Yes, God brought the Ninevites to repentance. The Bible is clear, even repentance is God's work



in and through us. And each time we repent, we're reminded that it's a ridiculous repentance because we love our sin...but each time we repent we're also reminded that it's ridiculous because God loves us so much, He gives us both repentance and grace when neither one is deserved!



## 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).



## 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



## 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](mailto:j.strachan@mchsi.com) or 515-707-7205 for more information or to schedule a time to serve.



## 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. It is a fun group. 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



## Arts & Craft Show

Thank you to all those who helped by setting up, cleaning, serving and providing baked goods for this year's Arts and Craft Show. And of course, a huge thank you for those who attended and purchased items. This year, our profits will all be donated to Mission Central to help support missionaries throughout the world. Thanks again!



**W O M E N** | Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)



## 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](http://GDLC.CHURCH).



## Sweaters & Cider - Season's 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](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). Cost is \$15.



## Advent by Candlelight - Save the Date

**Monday, Nov. 26 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Save the date!** This lovely evening is open to all women to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus. You can host a table for ten or simply attend. We just desire for you to enjoy the glimpse of our Savior. Sign up begins in November.



## 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](http://lcef.org/40month) or call 800-843-5233.



## Surviving the Holidays

**Thursday, Nov. 15 | 6-8 p.m.**

Holidays can be a tough time if you have suffered the loss of a loved one or have gone through a divorce. Don't go through it alone.

Please join us for a meal, fellowship and a presentation. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



**C H I L D R E N** | Contact: Jenn Fuller at [Jenn.Fuller@gdlc.church](mailto:Jenn.Fuller@gdlc.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?** Please check-in your children at one of the Children's Check-in stations when you arrive at church.



## Christmas Create Family Event

**Sunday, Nov. 18 | 3-5 p.m.**

Families will gather to create four gifts for kids to give to Dad, Mom, teacher and family. Additional gifts can be purchased for \$10 each. Cost is \$30. Registration is required at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



## No Rehearsal, No Stress Christmas Program and Family Event

**Sunday, Dec. 2 | 3:30-5 p.m.**

It's going to be an interactive, and fun time as entire families gather to share about Jesus' birth and enjoy songs, crafts and food. This event is for all, so please invite your friends and relatives. Registration is required at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



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