



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.

Cinnamon Rolls! Kitchen Countertop Fundraiser

Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7

Indulge and enjoy the sweetness of cinnamon rolls in the FLC Saturday or the Center Wing this Sunday. Free-will donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the new countertops.

Today's Message: "Ridiculous Request"

Scriptures: Jonah 1:1-5; Matthew 5:43-48.

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



The Young Patriots, led by Julie Dueker, performed at the Senior Adult Ministry dinner. Prior to the performance, Julie gave many thanks to Gloria Dei for allowing them to use the church to practice as they honor Jesus, our nation and our Veterans.

Outpouring of Love-Sept.23-29, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)

General Fund Offerings	\$26,969
General Fund Offering Budget	\$23,000
1st QTD Offering Total	\$402,116
1st QTD Budget	\$384,300
YTD Offering Total	\$402,116
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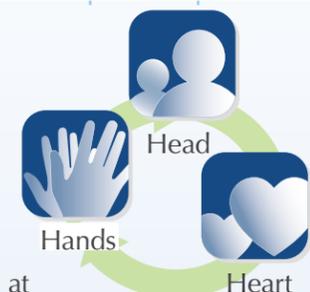
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"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.
Jonah 1:2-3a (ESV)

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.

Help Needed

We need an hour of your time at the Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, look inside.



This is Ridiculous! Ridiculous Request

In this first message from Jonah's first chapter, we come across one of the hallmarks of our Christian faith...namely, we love our enemies. Jonah's reticence to go to Nineveh was because the Ninevites were sworn enemies of Israel and were



furthermore horrible, heinous and violent people. But God redeems those horrible, heinous and violent people and makes them His own. He's not looking for perfect people to be in His kingdom because

there are none...He's instead looking for, searching out, seeking diligently for sinners who need His grace. And He calls all of us, just like Jonah, to be ambassadors of His grace every day. God is all about ridiculous requests, especially when salvation, love and forgiveness is on the line.

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.



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.



Craft Fair Help Needed! Sign up at the display to help

Do you love to bake? We need your help before Oct. 13.

You can bake and deliver your items on Friday, October 12.

Do you have an hour free to help clean up? You can help clean up after the Craft Fair for 1 hour. Many hands make light work.

High school students: Do you need Silver Cord hours? We have a job for you on Oct. 13. Come and help from 10:30 a.m.-noon and/or from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Please sign up today or contact Donna Maasen at donnanddavam@msn.com or DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlic.church.



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



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.



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



Transition Class: Time to Serve

Wednesday, Oct. 10 | 10-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Phillips will lead a discussion about using our gifts to serve Jesus. Lunch is made by the Kitchen Ministry; free-will donations accepted.



WOMEN | Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlic.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.



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 GDLC.CHURCH. Cost is \$15.



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.



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@gdlic.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@gdlic.church



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. 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.

Please pray and give.
Indonesia and those impacted by the recent hurricanes, are in great need. Please consider donating to the relief effort at www.LCMS.ORG.



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 in the Birdland Area Pocket Neighborhood. Contact Derek Trobaugh, Community Engagement Leader with Thrivent Financial, at 515-343-6427 or derek.trobaugh@thrivent.com.