

You shall love
the **Lord** your **God**
with all your **heart** and
with all your **soul**
and with all your **strength**
and with all your **mind**,
and your **neighbor**
as **yourself**.

Luke 10:27

WINTER 2019

Winter 2019

It might be cold. It might be snowing.

And it will be dark before dinner.

*So, come in from those elements and experience
the unconditional love and warmth of our Savior.*

*And while you are at it, grab a chair and invite a friend, and
find an event that will fuel you through these winter months.*

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Sermon Series & Bible Studies

Sermon Series: “Help me to Understand”

Starts Saturday, Dec. 29 & Sunday, Dec. 30

In the fall, we provided a sermon series where we will answer tough questions that have been submitted by our members. We will continue this sermon series to answer some more tough questions in the next few weeks.

Dec. 29-30: “Is Jesus God or the Son of God?”

Jan. 5-6: “How Much Sin Can I Get Away With?”

Jan. 12-13: “What About People Who Have Never Heard?”

Jan. 19-20: “Are We Living in the End Times?”

Jan. 26-27: “What is the AntiChrist?”

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: “Walking as Children of the Light”

Wednesday, Jan. 9-Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Beginning January 9th and running for approximately eight weeks, our midweek, Wednesday evening Bible Study will look at the book of 1 John. John reminds us that we are God’s children by faith in Jesus! John reminds us that we are forgiven and free through Christ’s blood shed for us. But John also reminds us that because of that truth, we live and move and have our being in Jesus every day. John reminds us that we are “Children of the Light” and as such we should live and act and speak as if that were true. Join us each Wednesday in January and February at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a time of fellowship and friendship as well as the study of God’s Word!

CORE



FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE!
Registration is a must!

CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

Thursday, May 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

We will primarily dialogue about what our congregation believes about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, Baptism, the Lord’s Supper and your discipleship expression at Gloria Dei.

We also want you to know about our congregation—its vision, direction and future. If you have questions about the process or just want to connect with Pastor Meyer, please reach him at 777-3892 or at joe.meyer@gdlc.church.



CORE: Teachings

Thursday, May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6 and 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Once you have completed CORE Beliefs, the New Members Class, everyone is invited to CORE Teachings, the second class of our discipleship process. It will focus on the CORE teachings of Jesus. We will look at what it means to be a disciple, which includes looking at all the aspects of the New Covenant as well as living and abiding in the identity that Christ has given us. If you have questions about the process or just want to connect with Pastor Ben, please reach him at ben.johnson@gdlc.church or at 777-3900.



Childcare for Worship and Events

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Money Management Classes



GET PEACE IN YOUR FINANCES.
Learn how to handle money God's way!

Tell your money where to go.

It's your story. Rewrite the script.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

REGISTER at WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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Financial Peace University

Sunday, Jan. 13-March 10 | 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Live financially sound! Financial Peace University will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Each class will be made up of small groups of people and is a great way to share ideas, be encouraged, and stay motivated. One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need to get started in a class. Childcare is provided if registered a week before the event at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Marriage Classes & Conference

Marriage on the Rock

Thursday, Jan. 10-Feb 7 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Whether you've been married for years or just preparing for the journey, Marriage on the Rock will transform your relationship. From communication to money to sex, the "Marriage on the Rock" small-group study from leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans discusses practical real-life challenges and offers easy to understand solutions for major issues a couple will encounter.

Childcare is provided if registered a week before the class at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 8 | 7-9:30 p.m. & Saturday, Feb. 9 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Gloria Dei will be joining with over 500 churches from around the world in hosting the simulcast XO Conference. The XO Conference is the largest marriage conference of its kind, designed to enhance intimacy, renew passion, and refresh your relationship. No matter where you are on your journey of marriage, register today. The cost is \$25 per couple. Please note: childcare is not available for this event.



For more information on these events, contact Scott & Janet Strachan, Certified Marriage on the Rock Small Group Leaders, at j.strachan@mchsi.com.

Work as Worship Retreat



WORK AS WORSHIP RETREAT

SPEAKERS

 FRANCIS CHAN Church Planter and Bestselling Author	 JON ACUFF New York Times Bestselling Author	 HELEN MITCHELL Director for Faith, Work, and Economics at Biola University	 ANDREW WEXLER CEO, Herschend Family Entertainment
 MEGAN ALEXANDER Correspondent at Inside Edition	 JEFFREY WRIGHT Esq., MBA CEO, UMI	 STEVE GREEN President of Hobby Lobby	 CHRIS PATTON CEO, His Way At Work & Partner, Mike Patton Auto Family

Friday, Feb. 22
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. @ GDLC

On February 22, join thousands of Christian business professionals across the country for a one-day livestream event to hear from experts on connecting your faith and work. For Christians who also happen to be business professionals, faith and work don't often intersect. The connection between faith and work is not always obvious, but it is a God-given calling to make them connect. Register by Feb. 15 at www.GDLC.CHURCH. The cost is \$30; lunch is included. Please note: childcare is not available for this event.



For more information, contact
Chris Thomson, at chris.thomson@GDLC.CHURCH.

Congregational Care



Prayer Vigil

Saturday, Jan. 12 and April 6 | 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Since we live in a broken world, one of the remedies that God commands and encourages us to do is to pray without ceasing. Therefore, the elders invite the congregation to pray in the Sanctuary for at least one 30-minute time slot. There will be prayer guides available containing prayer suggestions and ideas. You can sign up at the Connection Center.



Loss of a Spouse

Thursday, January 10 | 6:30-8 p.m.

This evening session helps those who have experienced the loss of a spouse.



Grief Share

Starts Thursday, January 17 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Grief Share is a 9-week program, designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.



For more information about these classes, contact
Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdgc.church or at 515-777-3890

Adult/Worship/Music and Tech

Gloria Dei Chorale

Tuesdays | 6:00 p.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 8)

We would like to extend an open invitation to singers from high school age through adult to join this multi-voice group of singers with a variety of backgrounds, skill levels and experience. *For more information, contact Nick Prenger at nick.prenger@gdlc.church.*

Flute Ensemble

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. (Starts Thursday, Jan. 10)

For those who love to play the flute, we have a place for you. *For information, contact Marsha Fries at fries.monavation@gmail.com.*

Tech Weekend Worship Teams

Times and dates vary

Reach the world with the truth of the Gospel through technology. You will serve once every three weeks on everything from screens to cameras. We specifically need help at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. *If you would like to get involved, please contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.*

Livestream Services Weekend

Saturdays | 5:30 p.m. or Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.

We have reached a weekend audience of more than 125 worshippers. *If you would like to get involved, please contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.*

Camera Crew for Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6:30-7:45 p.m. (Starts Jan. 9)

We desire to expand our video library; one way to achieve this is to tape the Wednesday night Bible Study in the Family Life Center. No experience is necessary; we will train you. *If you would like to get involved, please contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.*

Adult/Studies and Classes

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays | 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. (Starts Jan. 6)

Dan Snyder leads this group that studies various topics and books from the Bible. *For more information, contact Dan Snyder at drs3011@gmail.com.*

Monday Afternoon Bible Study

Mondays | 2-3 p.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 7)

Stop in this winter to read and study a variety of topics led by Pastor Phillips. *For more information, please contact Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.*

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays | 10-11:30 a.m. (Starts Jan. 9)

This fun, ongoing group meets to study various subjects. Another bonus is a lunch made by the Kitchen Ministry. Free-will offerings for lunch are accepted. *For more information, please contact the office at 276-1700.*

XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)

First Tuesday of each month | 9 a.m.

Join this group for great fellowship and lively discussion at a local restaurant. Please note that they will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8 and not Jan. 1. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.

Adult/Women

Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study

Mondays | 9:30 a.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 14)

Mondays | 6:30 p.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 14)

Join us for Jen Wilkin's study of "God of Creation." This 10-week study will teach us fundamental truths about God from the opening lines and chapters of Genesis. We watch Him bring light after darkness, order after chaos, and rest after toil—all through the power of His Word. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Childcare is available if registration is received a week before the study. Books will be available for purchase the first day of the study.



Rise and Shine Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:15 a.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 8)

Start your Tuesdays off with a group of women contemplating on "Jesus, Light of the Nations," a study on the book of Acts. Each week is a stand alone, so there is no need to register, just show up! To register or for information, contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdgc.church.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 7-8 p.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 8)

This study is based on a book from the Bible, taking women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. To register or for information, contact Jane Lamfers at janelamfers@hotmail.com.

Adult/Women

"Seamless" Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 9 - February 20 | 6:35 - 7:25 p.m.

All women are invited to join us Wednesday evenings in the Gathering Place for a Bible Study that will help us understand the Bible as a whole, connect the promises of God, and discover a Biblical context that reshapes and brings to life stories from the Old and New Testaments. While your kids are at Faith alive or Recharge Small Groups take time to refresh and renew through God's Word.



Bible Journaling Women's Event

Thursday, January 17 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Join us for a time for women to dig into God's Word as we write, highlight, draw in our Bibles or journals. Participants will receive 2 pens that will not bleed through Bible pages and a Bible highlighter. Journaling Bibles can be purchased at the event. Supplies are limited. If you prefer to write in a journal, please bring your favorite one.



Hints for Prayerful Pause Women's Event

Tuesday, Feb. 19 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Take time to gather together to create a stone bead bracelet to remind us to pause and pray during our day. We will also hear what God has to say about prayer, create a prayer journal and how to practice a pause.



Adult/Women

Scrapbooking Fellowship

Friday, Jan. 11 and Saturday, Jan. 12 | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Join a group of women who love to scrapbook. We will have tables set up so that you can spread your project out or bring your laptop to work on your digital project. It is a great time to work on projects while enjoying the fun conversation of other crafters. No need to register, just come and leave when your schedule permits. *For information, contact Jenny Lappin at jenny.lappin@gdlc.church.*

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Jan. 12 | 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9 | 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join us as we quilt for a variety of projects whether it is our own or for missions. *For information, contact Karen Hoff at karenhoff@hotmail.com.*

LWML Circles

Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. Monthly meetings are held by each group or Circle. For current times, locations, studies and projects of all the Circles, contact *Donna Maasen at donnandavem@msn.com.*

Youth

We are excited about the upcoming year and future of the student ministry here at Gloria Dei. Our name, "ReCharge," is taken from Isaiah 40:31: "those who hope in the Lord will renew (ReCharge) their strength..." Our goal is to provide a place, events, and opportunities for teens to grow closer to God and strengthen their faith. *For more information, contact Tim Kightlinger at tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church.*

ReCharge Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays | 5:45-7:30 p.m. (Starts Jan. 9)

We will offer a light dinner (\$3 per person) at 5:45 p.m. At 6:10 p.m. we will begin our opening worship/praise time and then break into small groups.

Fridays | Café 6to9

Fridays, January 11, Feb. 22, March 8 | 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. Bring a friend!

Junior High Chaos Retreat

Friday, Feb. 15 & Saturday, Feb. 16 at Camp Okoboji



Join us for an overnight fun time at Camp Okoboji. We'll join with other jr. high teens from around Iowa and learn how we are bound together to love and serve Jesus. Sign up by February 1; cost is \$40.

Alive Conference

Friday, Feb. 1 & Saturday, Feb. 2



Open to students in grades 8-12. We will join hundreds of other teens at New Hope in Urbandale. Register online; cost is \$20.

Parents! Take Note Concerning Childcare

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Children

We want our children (ages 2 through grade 5) to explore God's Word in ways that will be transforming and life-changing. *For more information, contact Jenn Fuller at jenn.fuller@gdlc.church.*

Grace Place (Starts Jan. 5 & 6)

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



Families are encouraged to worship together before children are dismissed to attend Grace Place. This weekend educational time is filled with studying God's Word (the Bible story/lesson), learning God's Word (writing Scripture on our hearts), and doing an activity relating to the lesson.

Faith Alive (Starts Jan. 9)

Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Faith Alive is a Wednesday evening educational time where we learn to apply God's Word in our daily lives. Our time together is filled with studying God's Word and doing an activity or two relating to the lesson.



Spring Break VBS

March 18-21 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Stay in town and save the date! It is going to be a "roaring" great time for children through grade 5 during spring break.

Children will build friendship with children their own age as they gather for worship, crafts, snacks, Bible lessons and games in a safe, fun and loving environment. It's a bit wild, but loads of fun. There is no charge for this wild and fun time; however registration is a must. Visit our Web site at www.GDLC.Church in early January for registration information.

Tiny Treasures

We are committed to nurturing little ones. In fact, we love children and we love to show them God's amazing love. *For more information, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at jolynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church.*

2018/19 Registration

Tiny Treasures opens up their registration for the 2018/19 school year for children ages 2-5. For a complete listing of the classes, please go to WWW.GDLC.CHURCH/tiny-treasures/.

Current families: Monday, Jan. 7 | 8 a.m.

Gloria Dei families: Friday, Jan. 11 | 8 a.m.

Public: Monday, Jan. 14 | 8 a.m.

Open House

Thursday, Jan. 10 | 6-7 p.m.

Open House is an opportunity for preschool families to visit various places in the church where we spend our time (classroom, sanctuary, FLC, music room, playground).

A Few Upcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday

March 6

Vacation Bible School

March 18-21

Confirmation

Saturday, April 13 at 3 p.m.

Easter

Sunday, April 21

Single Moms' Morning Out

Saturday, May 4



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