



## Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 8 | 7-9:30 p.m. {appetizers served}

Saturday, Feb. 9 | 9-11:30 a.m. {continental breakfast served}

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.

The cost is \$25 per couple. Please note: childcare is not available for this event. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



Check out the display today!



## Work as Worship Retreat

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

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. 18 at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). The cost is \$30; lunch is included. Please note: childcare is not available for this event. For more information, please contact Chris Thomson at [chris.thomson@gdgc.church](mailto:chris.thomson@gdgc.church).

**Message: "Are We Living in the End Times?"**

**Scriptures:** 1 John 2:15-18; Matthew 24:21-31

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/](http://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:

Shirley Voshell	Heather Kusel	Linda Trobaugh	The Hong Kong team as they prepare for their trip
Tim McClelland	Shari Smith	Maxine Petersen, mother of Peg Riddle	
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson		
Larry Lewis	Doug Jackson		
Jessica Kramer	Paula Spark	For those who are grieving	

### Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Glenn and Joyce Larson.

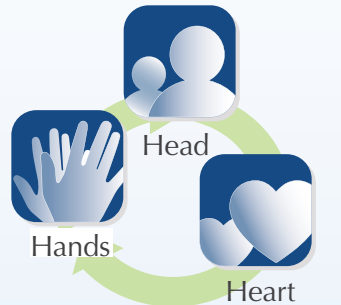
Outpouring of Love Jan. 6-13 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,288
General Fund Offering Budget	\$37,900
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$36,288
3rd QTD Budget	\$37,900
YTD Offering Total	\$990,032
YTD Budget	\$973,300

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS



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Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.  
1 John 2:15-16 (ESV)

### Visiting Today?

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you're here.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or feel free to contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or [ben.johnson@gdgc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdgc.church).

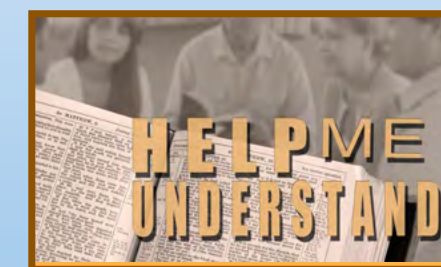
**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

**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 Me Understand: Are We Living in the End Times?"

Everyone wants to know about the end times. Admittedly, some don't want to know the details of the end times because the details bring fear...but all want to know...are we about to



see Jesus on the clouds and are we on the edge of Judgment Day? Anyone who's seriously studied the Bible knows that you cannot know the exact date, but they also know that the Bible doesn't leave

us without clues. So, are we living in the end times or last days? We'll seek understanding of that difficult question today as we remember that no matter what era or epoch we're living in, we live in and with and under the rule and reign of the King of kings!

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.





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

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Our 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.

### Can’t attend on Wednesday?

No problem, you can livestream the study at 6:30 p.m. or watch it on our Web site ([www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH)) or on our App.



## Hong Kong Mission Trip

In February, a team of 20 Iowa missionaries will head to an LCMS sister congregation, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, in Hong Kong. The Schramm Family, Chris Bowman, and DeAnn and Hannah McCue will represent Gloria Dei. The team will reach 700 children with the Gospel through an energetic and Jesus-filled week of Vacation Bible School. While most of the Hong Kong parents will send their children to be immersed in the English language, the kids will be sent home with a lot more than better fluency. The VBS ministry is an important part of community outreach in a geographic area where only 11 percent of the population is Christian.

For the VBS projects, the team needs the following items:

- (30) Cedar 6-foot picket fence boards -5/8 inch
- (500) paper dinner plates (medium heavy, not thin white ones)
- (6) rolls aluminum foil
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers red acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers orange acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers yellow acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers green acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers blue acrylic paint
- (2) 16 fluid oz containers purple acrylic paint
- (200) one-inch sponge paintbrushes
- Plastic disposable rectangle table cloths (any color)
- Large roll duct tape
- (4) 1.5 lb containers colored craft sand (bright colors)
- (12) 12-inch mixing bowls

Please drop off these items in the “Hong Kong” bins outside the Gathering Area and in the FLC before Jan. 25. If you would like to make a financial donation to the team, please contact Alena Naberhaus at [alena.naberhaus@gdgc.church](mailto:alena.naberhaus@gdgc.church).



## VBS Volunteers Needed



March 18-21 from 9-11:30 a.m. We need lots of volunteers to help with our Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through grade 5. For a complete listing of where you are needed, click on the “registration” link at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

In addition, if you would like to register your child for VBS, please visit [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) or click “Register Now” on our App.



## 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.



## Women’s Bible Studies

### Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study

Mondays | 9:30 a.m. & | 6:30 p.m.

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.

### Rise and Shine Women’s Bible Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:15 a.m.

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! For information contact DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdgc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdgc.church).

### Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study

Tuesdays | 7-8 p.m.

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](mailto:janelamfers@hotmail.com).

### “Seamless” Women’s Bible Study

Wednesdays from 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.

## Parents! Childcare is Available!

We strive to offer age appropriate childcare for worship and events at Gloria Dei for infants to grade 5.

**Weekends during worship:** Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under in the nursery. In addition, Grace Place and Faith Alive serves children ages 2 and up.

**Childcare for events:** Childcare is available for infants and children up to grade 5. Please note: that in order for us to be prepared, we need your child to be registered. This can be easily accomplished when registering for a specific event at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) a week before the event.



## January’s Book Recommendation

January’s book recommendation from Pastor Ben Johnson is “The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in its Proper Place” by Andy Crouch.

Making conscientious choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen time limits for our children. It’s about developing wisdom, character, and courage in the way we use digital media rather than accepting technology’s promises of ease, instant gratification, and the world’s knowledge at our fingertips. And it’s definitely not just about the kids.

Drawing on in-depth original research from the Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows readers that the choices we make about technology have consequences we may never have considered. He takes readers beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when and instead challenges them to answer provocative questions like, Who do we want to be as a family? and How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away from that goal? Anyone who has felt their family relationships suffer or their time slip away amid technology’s distractions will find in this book a path forward to reclaiming their real life in a world of devices.

~ Amazon Review



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