



## Easter and Holy Week Worship Times

We are very excited as we continue our Lenten sermon series, "The Tapestry of Christian Living," from Romans chapter twelve!

### Lenten Midweek Worship Services

March 20 & 27, April 3 & 10 in the Sanctuary at 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

### Holy Week Worship Services

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Worship Services

Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)



## Devotions for the Devoted

How amazing is it that \$20,705 has been donated to our Military Devotions, over and above all of the general fund money you've already given to our Congregation! Way to go Gloria Dei! Praise be to God! We are so close to our over-all goal of \$26,000 that we're asking that you help us finish this year's endeavor strong! Can you donate to this effort now so that we can complete this project and fulfill our promise of paying for devotionals for 15,000 service men and women this year? Make sure you read Chaplain Muehler's thank you note and hear me say "thank you" too for your generous hearts and hands! Blessings! Pastor Joe

I wanted to thank you again for you and your congregation's efforts to help us ensure we got the "Ministry by Mail" program funded this year. In fact, I immediately thought of you as I received a phone call from a Vietnam Veteran who was in the hospital. He picked up one of the Portals of Prayers that one of our service members left in the Hospital for others. He read it and was so excited and appreciated it. He saw our address and phone number on the back and immediately called us to thank us. He was very depressed and when he read the Portals of Prayer, he was blessed and he called me this morning and wanted to get on our continued mailing ministry. Just one 'anecdote', but thought about you all and how blessed we are at Ministry to the Armed Forces to have folks like you who so graciously support us. Thanks again!! You are a blessing! In Christ's Service, Chaplain Craig G. Muehler



## Gridshock Premiere

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. (7 p.m. doors open)

The screening premiere of Gridshock will be held at the Des Moines Civic Center. Tickets are at [www.dorothyshouse.org](http://www.dorothyshouse.org) Ticket proceeds will benefit Dorothy's House.

### Message: "Being Patient in Trials"

**Scriptures:** Romans 12:12, Romans 8:31-39 & John 16:29-33. 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:

Shirley Voshell	Jessica Kramer	Paula Spark
Tim McClelland	Heather Kusel	Frank Leu
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson	Bob Sams
Larry Lewis	Doug Jackson	

## Joppa Outreach

Sunday, March 31 from 12:30-4 p.m.

Join us as we serve those who are shelterless. If interested, register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) or contact Mark Moeller at [mark.moeller@joppa.org](mailto:mark.moeller@joppa.org).

## Tiny Treasures' Spring Consignment Sale

Friday, April 12 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, April 13 | 8-11 a.m.

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](http://www.gdlc.church).

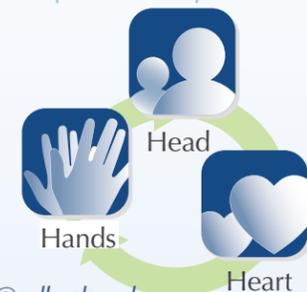
Outpouring of Love - March 10-16, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$42,708
General Fund Offering Budget	\$34,300
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$350,674
3rd QTD Budget	\$337,500
YTD Offering Total	\$1,304,418
YTD Budget	\$1,272,900

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS

Rejoice in hope,  
be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.  
Romans 12:12 (ESV)

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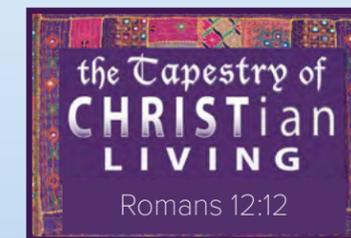


## Visiting Today?

**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@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).

## "Being Patient in Trials"

Patience isn't typically a human strong-suit. Patience isn't something we human beings are very good at. We're impatient when we're young and not much changes as we age! And this is particularly true when it comes to suffering. When we suffer trials and tribulations brought on by this world, we want the Lord to fix our situation and we want Him to fix it now! But we're reminded today that being patient in all circumstances, but in particular, being patient in trials, is God's will in our lives and is one piece in the beautiful tapestry of the Christian life!



**Midweek Lenten Worship, March 27: "Being Constant in Prayer"**  
Join us this Wednesday at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. as we look closer at Romans 12:12.

**Single Moms' Morning Out**  
**Volunteers Needed! Register today!**

Turn page.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



**Saturday, May 4 | 9 a.m. to noon**

As we begin hosting this event for the fourth year, we are amazed how God works to love and encourage these moms. We are forever thankful to join Him in His pursuit to love them.

The following are some more excerpts from last year's event:

*"Feeling appreciated by everyone involved."*

*"Feeling loved and appreciated for all that we do, as single moms."*

*"God knew what my soul needed that morning—driving in and seeing the "Mom you are loved" sign about put me into tears; followed by worship and a message that hit home; the applause was touching and something that each one of us needs; the clothes were amazing; the massage was exactly what my neck needed; the haircut was beyond beautiful by Jacob; and let me not forget the make-up by Betsi was stunning! Thank you!"*

### Ways to Get Involved:

#### Volunteer

We need an army of volunteers to help bless our moms.

We need help to wash cars, serve in the kitchen, pray with the moms, assist with set up and clean up, work with the children, and lots more.

**Sign up by clicking on the "registration tab" on our Web site or App.**

#### Donate

Grab a tag from the display in the Gathering Area this week.

Host a donation drive at your work. (See display)

#### Pray

Please pray for the moms, their children and all the volunteers at all locations.

#### Invite a Single Mom

Grab a postcard from the display and invite a mom.

Registration is opened at [Life1071.com](http://Life1071.com).



### Me to We Workshop

If you're planning to get married soon or have been recently married, join us and learn about the tools to achieve financial goals. Create your financial future together when you discover how to establish a solid financial foundation and partnership for your marriage. You'll learn how to identify your values and attitudes about money, and how to set goals. Register by March 29 at [www.GDLC.Church](http://www.GDLC.Church).

**Choose from one of the following times:**

**Sunday, March 31 in room 130-32 from 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday, March 31 in room 130-32 from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 2 in room 137-39 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**



### Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available 2018 Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. To learn more, go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



### Reclaimed Wood Cross

**Thursday, April 4 | 6:30-8 p.m.**

Women are invited to join us as we create a reclaimed wood cross. All supplies will be provided as you create a unique work of art to take home. Cost is \$20. Registration is a must.



### Mom2Mom Events

**Saturday, April 27 | 8-9:30 a.m.**

Moms of any stage and age are invited to join us at Mom2Mom! We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Registration is a must! Cost per event is \$10. Childcare is available\*



\*Childcare is available if the child is registered a week before the event.



### LWML Des Moines West Spring Rally

**Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m. (Registration begins at 1:30)**

You are invited to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church to hear Deb Koelln speak about the ministry to the elderly in Haiti. Registration fee is \$3.00. For the ingathering, please bring clothing and medicinal supplies for Haiti. such as used clothing for an orphanage, aspirin, Aleve, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Ben Gay, antibiotic cream, cortisone cream and anything you might use in your own home.

### Rev. Petrak's Installation

You are invited to Rev. Dan Petrak's Installation, at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2180 NW 142nd, Clive 50325 on Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

### Book Recommendation

March's book of the month recommendation, "Discipled by Jesus" by Robert Gelinas, is from Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry.

One of the main teachings of "Discipled by Jesus" is that we need a reformation in our understanding of discipleship. Gelinas makes this case, suggesting that our definition is incomplete. Gelinas issues a call for us to connect – in real-time – with the risen Christ, who is alive and inviting us to enroll in his school of ongoing discipleship. He also states that we are transformed when we are truly open to Christ's teaching. As Gelinas says, "the call of the shepherd comes with a new identity." Even though Jesus is resurrected, he hasn't stopped teaching. Throughout the Bible, the experiences of the Apostles demonstrate what life should be like for us. The Holy Spirit is a gift of the Father so we can know him better and see more clearly.

### Help with Flood Relief

We desire to help those who are in need. Here are two faith-filled efforts to help those impacted by the recent floods in the Midwest.

**LCMS Disaster Relief Fund:** As residents of the Midwestern United States continue to confront the effects of last week's "bomb cyclone" weather event, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is taking steps to assess and respond to the situation. To find out how to help or to give, please go to [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).

**Orphan Grain Train:** They are accepting donations for the relief of families devastated by the flood waters in Nebraska. The devastation is widespread with numerous towns, farms and homes engulfed with water. You can click on the donate button and choose your donation to go to Nebraska Floods or mail your donation to: Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702.

Monetary donations will go toward purchasing water, food, flood relief supplies, building materials and other items for flood victims.

### Help Habitat for Humanity in Marshalltown

**Tuesday, April 23-Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

It's Marshalltown's first blitz event! Join Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild Marshalltown after the storm. Volunteer opportunities include home repairs, landscaping, handing out lunch, etc. **No construction experience?** No problem. You don't need any experience.

Interested in volunteering? E-mail [volunteer@iowahabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@iowahabitat.org) or call 515-266-6886. Please note: a group from Gloria Dei will be heading to Marshalltown on Saturday, April 27. More information to follow.