

## Interested in membership? CORE: Beliefs

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. If you have questions or just want to connect with Pastor Meyer, please reach him at 777-3892 or at [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church).

## Interested in growing in discipleship? CORE: Teachings

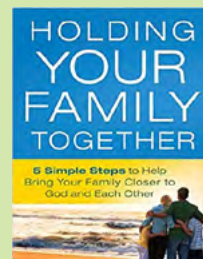
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Once you have completed CORE Beliefs, the New Members Class, everyone is invited to CORE Teachings, the second class of our discipleship process. It will focus on the CORE teachings of Jesus. If you have questions about the process or just want to connect with Pastor Ben, please reach him at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3900.



## Book Recommendation

April's book of the month recommendation "Holding Your Family Together" by Dr. Rich Melheim is from DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry and Women's Ministry. Imagine a home where every person feels loved, valued, and heard. Imagine a family that seeks God's wisdom, will, and Word together. Imagine an intimate, affectionate community where every night is an experience of caring, sharing, comfort, and peace.



This can really happen in your home! It does take planning and working through a simple nightly routine to share, read, talk, pray and bless.



## Devotions for the Devoted

**Pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center!** How amazing is it that \$21,705 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 overall 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?

## Church Picnic!

You won't want to miss this picnic! We will gather to eat, play games and fellowship. We will provide the meat and ask for side dishes. More information to follow.



**Message: "He is Our Contentment"**

**Scriptures:** Philippians 4:10-13; John 6:35-40. 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	Bob Sams
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson	The grieving family of Frank Leu
Larry Lewis	Doug Jackson	

## Baptized Unto Jesus

**Brooks Harold Aspenson**, born January 03, 2019 to Drew and Megan Aspenson (nee: Brunk), will be baptized on Sunday, April 28 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Brook's spiritual sponsor is Amanda Ault.

**Mae Carolynn Egge**, born February 6, 2019 to Brett and Sarah Egge (nee: Ally), will be baptized on Sunday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Mae's spiritual sponsors are Justin and Suzie Egge, Amy and PJ Keene, and Susan Ally.

**Owen Tony Kray**, born May 11, 2018 to Jared and Abby Kray (nee: Thompson), will be baptized on Saturday, April 27. Owen's spiritual sponsor is Maddie Kray.

Outpouring of Love - April 14-20, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$35,659
General Fund Offering Budget	\$36,400
4th QTD Offering Total	\$75,995
4th QTD Budget	\$71,900
YTD Offering Total	\$1,485,932
YTD Budget	\$1,447,200

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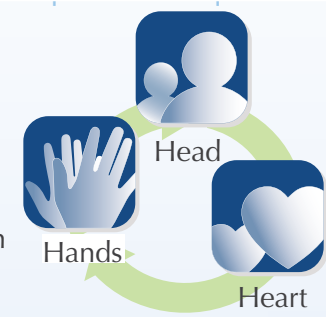
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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35 ESV



## 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.



## Sermon Series: "He is Our Contentment"

Throughout the book of John, Jesus compares something physical to something spiritual by saying "I AM the bread of life" in John 6. Jesus lets the crowd know He can provide so much more than the thing they crave and seek, namely, physical things, physical bread. Jesus wanted them to know that He is the only one who can truly satisfy and sustain their lives and that they must turn toward Him for everything and in every situation. Unfortunately, we aren't too different than these crowds... We regularly turn toward everything else but Jesus, when ultimately Jesus is all we need because He is our true food.



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

Please keep next Saturday in your prayers as we lovingly host more than 100 Moms and their children. A few more volunteer spots, loaner board items and \$10 gas gift cards are still needed. See inside page for more details. **Please drop off all donations before Wednesday, May 1.**

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.





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**Please bring all donations to the church by Wednesday May 1.**

### A few Volunteer spots still needed

We need help with: car washing & vacuuming, nursery, valet drivers and cleanup crew

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

### Loaner Board

Shop vacs, portable air compressors, extension cords and a few other items are needed!

### Donations

We need lots of \$10 gas gift cards!

### Help with the Blessing Boutique

Got some free time? Join us in the Youth Center to organize and sort clothes. No registration needed.

- Sunday, April 28, 1:00-3:00
- Monday, April 29 - Thursday, May 2, 6:30-8:30
- Friday, May 3, 9:00-5:00



### Walk to Change the Lives of Moms & Babies

**Saturday, May 11 | 9:30 a.m.**

Ruth Harbor Ministries is hosting their Walk for a Life walk. This event is to raise money for the two homes that Ruth Harbor supports. These homes provide young moms and their babies with counseling, education support, life-skills training, quality health care, spiritual guidance, parenting training and/or adoption assistance. If you would like to walk or be a sponsor, please register at [www.RuthHarbor.org](http://www.RuthHarbor.org) or call 515-279-4661.



### Tutors Needed

If you would like to make a huge impact in a child's life, please consider helping a child learn basic reading and math skills at Moulton Elementary School during the summer on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No prior teaching experience is needed, just a desire to encourage and love a child whose parents do not speak English. For more information, contact Karen Kennedy at [karen.kennedy@GDLC.CHURCH](mailto:karen.kennedy@GDLC.CHURCH) or call 777-3901.



### Walk the Talk Event

**Thursday, May 9 | 6:30-9 p.m.**

Women are invited to join us as we create an expression of faith t-shirt. When registering, please indicate your t-shirt size and color choice. We will do our best to find the color of shirt you request. Registration will close 3 days prior to this event. Cost is \$15. Registration is a must.



### Living Loved: Spring Women's Event

**Wednesday, May 15 | 6-8 p.m.**

Women are invited to join us as we hear what “Living Loved” means to us as we hear from Life 107.1's Jen Green. A light dinner will be served. Cost \$10. Registration is a must.



### Mom2Mom Events

**Saturday, May 18 | 8-9:30 a.m.**

Moms of any stage are invited to join us to Mom@Mom! We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Each month will be different. May's craft item is a leather necklace with a sea pottery pendant. Registration is a must. Cost per event is \$10.

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



### Read a book with us this summer

If you would like to read a book at your own pace and then meet up with a group of women to discuss it, then read on.

Lisa Scherer, who leads Monday morning and evening Bible studies during the school year, invites women to read “Of Fire and Lions” by Mesu Andrews. Lisa plans on possibly meeting Monday, May 20 and June 10. If you interested, contact Lisa at [scherer5127@gmail.com](mailto:scherer5127@gmail.com).

Summary from Amazon: The Old Testament book of Daniel comes to life in this novel for readers of Lynn Austin's “Chronicles of the Kings” series or Francine Rivers' “Mark of the Lion” series.

Survival. A Hebrew girl first tasted it when she escaped death nearly seventy years ago as the Babylonians ransacked Jerusalem and took their finest as captives. Now, as Daniel's wife and a septuagenarian matriarch, Belili thinks she's safe and she can live out her days in Babylon without fear--until the night Daniel is escorted to Belshazzar's palace to interpret mysterious handwriting on a wall. What will the reign of Darius mean for Daniel, a man who prays to Yahweh alone?



### A youthful and heartfelt thank you

Thank you for supporting the youth ministry during our Palm Sunday breakfast. We appreciate your encouragement, help and financial support. Together you supported the youth ministry with more than \$3,500. You rock! ~ The Youth from ReCharge Student Ministry



### Holy Land Trip Presentation

**Sunday, May 5 | 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center**

Please join Pastor Tim and the rest of the team who recently traveled to the Holy Land. They will share their amazing experience along with photos.



### Holy Land Trip

Pastor Bill Clark, long-time former member, went on a trip to Israel in January 2019 and found it to be a memorable experience when the history and the words of the Bible came to life when visiting the Holy Land.

Pastor Bill and his wife Lesli will be leading a 10-day trip to Israel in 2020 and would love to have you come with them to experience it. If a trip to Israel and the Holy Land is something that has been on your bucket list, this is your chance to check it off your list! If you would like additional information, contact Pastor Bill at [Bill@cosnorwalk.org](mailto:Bill@cosnorwalk.org) or call 515-491-8543.



### Suicide Prevention Seminar

**Sunday, May 5 from 6-8 p.m.**

This seminar at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave., Des Moines, is open to everyone to learn how to address issues surrounding suicide and its prevention.



### Young Patriots Club

**Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary**

Young Patriots Club would be honored if you would join them for an evening of uplifting and thanking our American heroes at their Third Annual Hearts for Heroes Program, on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. Two local heroes will be presented the 2019 Heart of a Hero Award. Young patriots will offer a special tribute to our armed forces and first responders as well. Refreshments will follow. Spread the word. The hearts of these young patriots are full, and they're excited to share this program honoring those who've done so much for them!



### Summer Grace Place

In order to plan for the summer, we are looking for individuals to commit to a few weeks in June and July. You will not have to teach every week but only on the weeks you are available. We will provide all that you need. All that is required is your love for children in the classroom.

**Saturday:** Preschool (2 co-teachers) & Elementary (co-teachers)

**Sunday at 9:30 a.m.:** Preschool/Kindergarten (2 co-teachers); 1st-2nd Grade (2 co-teachers); & 3rd-5th grade (2 co-teachers)

**Sunday at 11 a.m.:** Preschool (2 co-teachers) & Elementary (2 co-teachers)

If interested, contact Jenn Fuller at [jenn.fuller@gdlc.church](mailto:jenn.fuller@gdlc.church).