



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

April 10 in the Sanctuary at 12:15 & 6:30 p.m. (nursery available)

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. (nursery available)

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

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

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

Easter Worship Services

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

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

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

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

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



Devotions for the Devoted

Pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center! 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 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? Make sure you have 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 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. Thanks again!! You are a blessing! In Christ's Service, Chaplain Craig G. Muehler



Old Band Instruments Needed

Do you have an old band instrument in your closet? Julie DenHerder is collecting band instruments in any condition for Ames Christian School. A new band program has been initiated at the school and instruments are needed for school children. If you have questions, please contact Julie at 515-240-1626 or at Julie@livingmysong.com.

Message: "Blessing Persecutors"

Scriptures: Romans 12:14, Romans 12:17-21; Luke 6:27-36. 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/)

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	Jeremy Miller

Urbandale Food Pantry

Your monthly donations are a great blessing to our community. Thank you! April's requested item is laundry soap.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the wedding of Dave Ewald and Claudia Peyton.

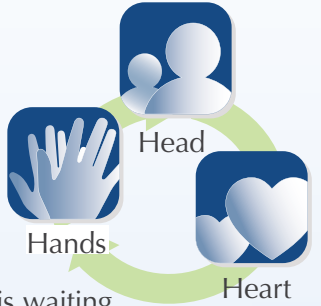
Outpouring of Love - March 24-30, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$26,203
General Fund Offering Budget	\$25,900
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$409,285
3rd QTD Budget	\$397,400
YTD Offering Total	\$1,363,029
YTD Budget	\$1,332,800

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Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.
Romans 12:14 (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 contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or 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.



"Blessing Persecutors"

Today we come to a mark of the Christian life that sets us apart from what people believe is "normal behavior." Most people will tell you "If someone hurts you...hurt them back." "If someone takes advantage of you...write them off." "If someone persecutes you... never speak to them again." But today we're reminded that Christians don't act that way. We're reminded that Christians don't hurt, write off or ignore those that persecute them, but we actually "bless" them instead. Blessing a persecutor? Yes...



we remember today that blessing persecutors is God's will for our lives and is one piece in the beautiful tapestry of the Christian life!

Midweek Lenten Worship, April 10: "Being There"

Join us this Wednesday at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. as we look closer at Romans 12:15.

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



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

Currently our registration for single moms is closed as we have all the spots filled at both locations! Please take some time to consider other ways to be involved.

Volunteer

We need help to vacuum cars, assist with set up and clean up, work with the children, help with valet parking 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

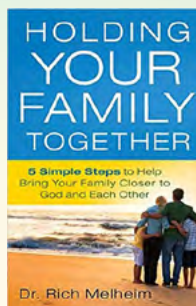
Please pray for the moms, their children and all the volunteers.



Book Recommendation

April’s book of the month recommendation, “Holding Your Family Together - 5 Simple Steps to Help Bring Your Family Closer to God and Each Other” 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.



Prayer Vigil

Saturday, April 27 | 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Please join as we take time from our busy schedules to pray for each other, missionaries, our communities, upcoming events, world events, and much more. We will have 30-minute time slots available for prayer. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

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. If you have questions 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. 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.



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*



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.

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



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 or call 515-279-4661.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.