

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.

Interested in growing in discipleship? 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.



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.



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.



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, so save the date!



Message: "He is Our Light"

Scriptures: 1 John 1:5-10; John 8:12-24. 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:

Devotions for the Devoted

Pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center! How amazing is it that \$23,672 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?

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	Larry Lewis	Taylor Peterson	Bob Sams
Tim McClelland	Jessica Kramer	Doug Jackson	Those impacted from flooding
Jennifer Dehnert	Heather Kusel	Paula Spark	

Outpouring of Love - April 21-27, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$41,588
General Fund Offering Budget	\$31,000
4th QTD Offering Total	\$118,008
4th QTD Budget	\$102,900
YTD Offering Total	\$1,527,945
YTD Budget	\$1,478,200

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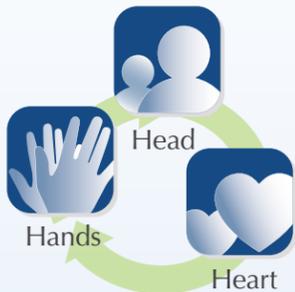
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Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 ESV

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.



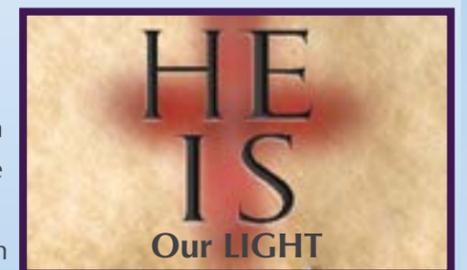
Infants-4 years old: Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

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 Light"

This week's "I AM" statement reminds us that Jesus is the light, and the light reveals not only where we are but directs us where we need to be. Jesus promises that those who have His light will never walk in darkness but always have the light of life. Sin and satan want to keep our minds, hearts and actions in the dark, but the grace, love and mercy of Jesus fill our minds, hearts, and lives with His glorious light. He is our light every day, guiding us in this world and into the next.



Leading ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ.

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Two classes begin on May 9! See inside for details.



Peak Challenge

July 25-29, 2019 Camp Hale (Near Leadville, Colorado)

All men are invited to Peak Challenge. They will be camping in ONE location again for 2019. Camp Hale has some great history and provides a great base for Peak Challenge in 2019. Registration is \$75 per person, which covers camping and some cool Peak Challenge gear!

Register at <http://www.peakchallenge.net> Informational sheets are at the Welcome Centers. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill at bill@cosnorwalk.org.



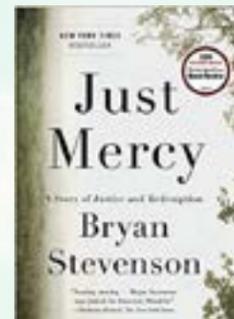
Book Recommendation

May's book of the month is from Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." In Matthew 25:35-36

Bryan Stevenson, author of an inspirational book called "Just Mercy," is doing God's work fighting for the poor, the oppressed, the voiceless, the vulnerable, the outcast, and those with no hope. Mr. Stevenson is a lawyer and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need. Stevenson first began helping death row prisoners, mostly black, who had had no legal defense of any kind. He discovered there were thousands who were completely innocent. This led him to start the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) which is still going strong to this day. In his book, Stevenson states, "The opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice." Mental illness, children tried as adults, poverty and race play a large part in many of the cases explored in this book. "Just Mercy" is an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Stevenson received the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction for his book.



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 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 for Mom2Mom! 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 meeting Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on 86th Street. If you interested, contact Lisa at scherer5127@gmail.com.

Summary from Amazon: 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?



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.



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 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 have done so much for them!



Urbandale Food Pantry

Your monthly donations are a great blessing to our community. Thank you! May's requested item is toilet paper.

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