

Shop GDLC for great items

We have lots of fun items that are available now as well as in the future.



GDLC Tumblers: Through the month of May, GDLC tumblers will be available for a suggested donation of \$5. These donations will help fund the tumblers for visitors starting in June.

Online Store: We will have an online store where GDLC apparel and gear can be purchased. There will be lots of selections and sizes for all. When the store opens (projected date - May 18), we will send an e-mail with a live link. Please note that this store will only be open for a short time, so purchase your items as soon as you receive the link.

If this store is met with enthusiasm, we will open another one in the fall that will highlight winter wear.

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.



Pastor Tim's 30th Anniversary of Ordination

June 1 and June 2 after worship

The Governing Board invites the congregation to join them in celebrating Pastor Tim's 30th anniversary of his ordination. Join Pastor Tim for food, coffee and fellowship and to thank him personally for his love and service. More information will be coming.

Church Picnic!

We will gather to eat, play games and fellowship. We will provide the meat. Those with last names A-L: Please bring side or salad dishes
M-Z: Please bring a dessert.

Register today through the App (under the Registration tab) or online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Save the date!
Sunday, June 2 | 12-4

Message: "He Is Our Leader-Defender-Protector"

Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16; John 10:14-18. 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:

Baptized Into Jesus

James Lee Thompson, born June 01, 2017 to Jeremy and Shae Thompson (nee: Fandel), will be baptized on Sunday, May 12 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. James' spiritual sponsor is Sydney Umburger.

Jack Ernest Thompson, born June 01, 2017 to Jeremy and Shae Thompson (nee: Fandel), will be baptized on Sunday, May 12 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Jack's spiritual sponsor is Sydney Umburger.

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	Jackee Brienzo
Tim McClelland	Jessica Kramer	Doug Jackson	Bob Sams
Jennifer Dehnert	Heather Kusel	Paula Spark	The grieving family of John Linn

Outpouring of Love - April 28-May 4, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$40,482
General Fund Offering Budget	\$29,900
4th QTD Offering Total	\$158,489
4th QTD Budget	\$132,800
YTD Offering Total	\$1,568,426
YTD Budget	\$1,508,100

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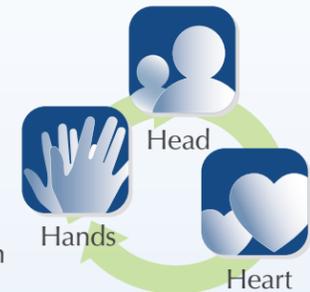
GDLC CONNECTIONS

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I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15 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.

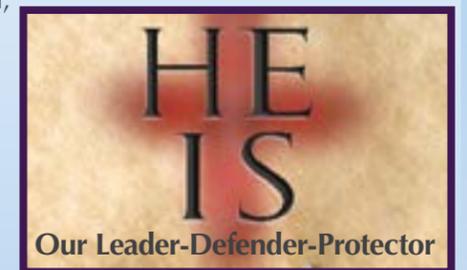


Infants-4 years old: Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

PreK-Elementary Children: During the month of May, we will not host Grace Place, we will begin in June.

Sermon "He Is Our Leader-Defender-Protector"

Phone? Texts? E-mails? Social media? Meetings? Appointments? Do you hear the voices in our world calling for your attention? Have we lost our ability to hear the voice of our Shepherd? He is our caretaker, provider, sustainer, defender, protector and friend. He calls us by name, leads us to still waters and restores our souls. This week's "I AM" statement, "I am the Good Shepherd," begs the question "Do you hear Him?" Or have the sounds of the world deafened us to His still small voice? Is Jesus leading, guiding, defending and protecting us or are we going this all alone? This week He challenges us to lay aside the distractions of this world in pursuit of the One who provides true peace, sustainment and fulfillment, because He is our Leader-Defender-Protector.



Happy Mother's Day

Today is the day set aside to show appreciation for the immense job of raising a child. We are so thankful for your lives today and everyday.



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.

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.



Talk to the Governing Board members

This weekend we invite you to talk and to pose questions to the Governing Board members after worship. They will then take those questions back to their monthly meetings. You can also send questions to Scott Strachan at GLDC.President@gdlc.church or Kurt Kromminga at GDLC.VicePresident@gdlc.church.



Help with Eagle Scout project

One of our very own Eagle scouts is blessing Tiny Treasures by building a new fence for the playground. But first the Facilities need help with the preparation. We need volunteers for 2 different shifts, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-2 p.m., on Saturday, May 25. We plan to remove the old fence and place the new posts. Please register online!



Tiny Treasures Teacher Opening

Tiny Treasures Preschool is looking for a new teacher in our 2-year-old classroom! If you or someone you know has preschool teaching experience and loves kids, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at jolynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church or 515-777-3902. Thank you!



Living Loved: Spring Women's Event

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

Women are invited to join us for 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.



Taste and See Women's Bible Study

Thursday, June 6 | 6-8 p.m.

Women are invited to come to the table for dinner and Bible study. We'll explore foods in the Bible as we taste and see God's goodness. Each week is a stand alone study. Free. Registration is a must! There's a place for You! *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?



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!

Single Mom's Morning Out-What a blessing!

Wow! The Gloria Dei family is amazing! What an awesome morning of blessings for single moms! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, prayed, and loaned items for the event. It was another year of sharing the love of Jesus with the community around us. We are so grateful for you! ~ the Single Moms' Morning Out Team



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