



## Honduras Mission

A team from Gloria Dei will reach out with the love of Jesus to those impoverished in Honduras from June-8-15, 2019. They will be able to show God's heart by helping Hondurans receive optical, dental, medical care as well as sharing the Gospel. The team will also show the children love of Jesus by washing their hair for lice, giving lots of hugs and sharing the gospel with them.

The team is in need of supplies. Please check the display for the complete list and bring them to church by May 26. Thank you!



## 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.



## New Place for Donations!



We are thrilled to have four beautiful donation bins designed and crafted by our very own Steve Junge. These bins were not only designed to be beautiful but functional as well, allowing us more flexibility as we collect donations for those in need. They are located inside the wooden door entrances and in the east entrance of the FLC.



## Taste and See Women's Bible Study\*

Thursday, June 6, 13, 27 | 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!

REGISTER at  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH



## The Giving Plate Women's Event\*

Wednesday, June 12 | 6-8 p.m.

Women are invited to come and learn how to throw pottery as we create a one-of-a-kind plate (a giving plate) to fill and give away. Retired art teacher, Dick Dorn, will teach us how to throw pottery, and help us create. A follow-up time will be scheduled the night of the event so pieces can be glazed and fired again. Cost is \$15 for supplies. Registration is a must!

REGISTER at  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH



## Mom2Mom Women's Event\*

Saturday, June 15 | 8-9:30 a.m.

Moms of any stage are invited to join us at Mom2Mom! We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Each month will be different. June's event is an expression of faith t-shirt and a stainless travel mug. Registration is a must. Cost per event is \$10.

REGISTER at  
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## Sewing Workshop Servant Event\*

Tuesday, June 18 | 6-8 p.m.

Come and learn how to sew a cute fabric basket! These one-of-a-kind baskets are given to new moms. We'll learn how easy they are to create. Make one to give and one to keep! Registration is a must! Cost is \$10. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it with you to use.

REGISTER at  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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



## Urbandale Food Pantry

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



## Help Prep for an Eagle Scout Project

**Change of date.** Come help prep for an Eagle Scout Project! The project will bless Tiny Treasures by helping build a new fence for the playground. But first Gloria Dei Facilities needs help with the preparing the ground. We need volunteers for 2 different shifts on Saturday, June 12 at 8-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. We plan to remove the old fence and place the new posts. Register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



## Deliver Cookies to the Fire and Police

We want to show our appreciation to those in our community who protect and are on the front-lines. So, please consider signing up for the following:

**Thursday, June 6 & Friday, June 7 | 8 a.m.**

Frost and Decorate cookies in the kitchen

**Friday, June 7 & Saturday, June 8 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

(You choose the time, anywhere from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

If you are interested, please go to the kitchen to sign up for this exciting opportunity.



## Camp Okobojo Summer Programs

Camp Okobojo offers lots of fun overnight camps during the summer for children grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 8-12. In addition, there are camps for special needs participants and family retreats. Campers will participate in age-appropriate Bible studies, activities, such as swimming, canoeing, and games. For specific details, contact Jenn Fuller at [jenn.fuller@gdgc.church](mailto:jenn.fuller@gdgc.church) or visit [www.campokobojo.org](http://www.campokobojo.org).



## Senior Adult Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 9 | 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Join the Senior Adult Ministry for an afternoon of games, pie and an ice cream social. Please register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) or contact Elaine Mueller at 276-8903. Register deadline is June 2.



## Cultural Presentation

Sunday, June 23 | 12-2 p.m.

Presenters from Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (Embarc) will share on the many facets of cultures within the Burma population in Iowa. This will build on our understanding of the culture of our friends at Laurel Village. Pizza will be served! Register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



## Hong Kong Pastor Visits at Gloria Dei

Tuesday, June 4 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Pastor Anthony Huang, the pastor from Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Hong Kong, will be at Gloria Dei for a potluck and presentation. Come enjoy fellowship and great food with members of the team who have traveled to Hong Kong to work with Pastor Anthony, and hear his passion for reaching the lost in Hong Kong. Please bring a dish to share (we'd like Pastor Anthony to experience a good Midwestern potluck!) Register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



Pastor Anthony interacting with an elementary student.

## Online Store Opens!

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



**Online Store:** Our online store is open for purchasing GDLC apparel and gear can be purchased. There will be lots of selections and sizes for all. If you did not receive the e-mail, visit [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). 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.

**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.

## 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 (2 co-teachers)

**Sunday at 9:30 a.m.:** Preschool/Kindergarten (4 co-teachers);

1st-2nd Grade (4 co-teachers); & 3rd-5th grade (4 co-teachers)

**Sunday at 11 a.m.:** Preschool (4 co-teachers) & Elementary (4 co-teachers)

If you are interested, please register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.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](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

Save the date!

Sunday, June 2 | 12-4

**Message: "He Is Our Connection"**

**Scriptures:** I John 2:21-25; John 15:5-11. 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:**

## 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](mailto:jolynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church) or 515-777-3902. Thank you!

## 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	The grieving family of Doug Jackson
Tim McClelland	Heather Kusel	Jackee Brienzo	
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson	Bob Sams	The grieving family of Marv Vinsand
Larry Lewis	Les Davis		

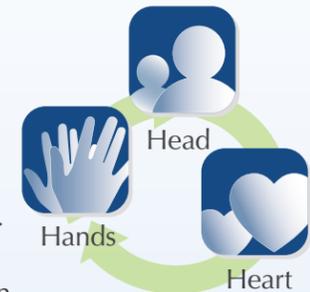
Outpouring of Love - May 12-18, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,562
General Fund Offering Budget	\$31,400
4th QTD Offering Total	\$241,714
4th QTD Budget	\$202,800
YTD Offering Total	\$1,651,651
YTD Budget	\$1,578,100

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS

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I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him,  
he it is that bears much fruit,  
for apart from me  
you can do nothing. ~ John 15:5



## 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:** During the month of May, we will not host Grace Place, we will begin in June.

## Sermon "He Is Our Connection"

This week we look at the last "I AM" statement in the book of John. In chapter 15, Jesus not only presents Himself as the one true vine, but also reveals there are basically two kinds of branches: those that are living and bearing fruit and those that are withering, dying and fruitless. The difference between the two is one is abiding in the Vine, connected to Jesus, and the other is not. The question everyone must answer is, "Are you connected to the Vine, connected to Jesus, or not?" The answer to this question makes all the difference in the world because He is our Connection...our Connection to God, to forgiveness of sins and to eternal life.



## Memorial Day

This Monday is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for our country. We are thankful for those who have given their lives and the freedom we enjoy.