

New Worship Times starting August 31 & September 1

Sanctuary

7:30 a.m. Sunday (Traditional)
 9:00 a.m. Sunday (Traditional Blend)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday (Contemporary)

Family Life Center

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Contemporary)
 9:00 a.m. Sunday (Contemporary)

Fall Launch!

We are excited to begin our fall activities starting Sept. 7. For more information about each event as well as other classes, please see the Fall Brochure.

Saturday, Sept. 7 & Sunday, Sept. 8

Grace Place | Saturday at 5:15 p.m. | Sunday at 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.
 Children are encouraged to worship with their families before being dismissed for a special time to sing and learn about God.

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser | Sunday at 7:45-11:30 a.m.
 Let's celebrate by coming together to eat delicious breakfast with free-will donations going toward next summer's youth mission trips.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Phillips will lead this "Drive through History-Acts-Revelation." Lunch is made by the Kitchen Ministry; free-will donations are gladly accepted.

Faith Alive | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 to grade 5 are encouraged to join us in the Children's Wing for songs, study, and activities during the year.

ReCharge | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited for worship and small groups.

Gridshock | 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

Gridshock, a documentary on human trafficking in central Iowa will be shown. Tickets (free) will be required by going to GDLC registration link. A free-will offering will be received for Dorothy's House that will help offset the cost of showing the documentary.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

"Best Sermon Ever" Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center
 Join Pastor Ben as he leads a study on the Sermon on the Mount.

Women's Evening Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. | Gathering Area
 Women, come hear God speaking to us through His Word.

Thursday, Sept. 19 or Sunday, Sept. 22

Revelation: "Vision from Jesus" | 6:30 p.m. | Livestream
 Pastor Joe will lead us weekly through the amazing book of Revelation on livestream beginning Thursday, Sept. 19 or Sunday, Sept. 22.

Message: "Choose Joy"

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 15:9-17

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:

Young Patriots Club

Kick-Off Night Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Young Patriots Club, a local Christian ministry of freedom-loving K-12th graders, take the message of gratitude out into the community to share with veterans, servicemen and women, and first responders. For additional information, call Julie Dueker at 515-710-6719 or go to www.youngpatriotsclub.com.

Diaper Project

Thank you to all who have donated and for all the volunteers who have cut and assembled the diapers. In total, we have cut 610 diapers, 1220 liners from towels, 1220 elastic strips and 1830 velcro strips. We now have a total of 122 diaper kits to be sent to the Dominican Republic. We will have another workday sometime in September. Thank you! ~ Dorothy Garton

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	Jackee Brienzo	Kern Schwartz
Larry Lewis	Heather Kusel	Bob Sams	For the farmers
Paula Spark	Taylor Peterson	Roger Cling	during the harvest

Outpouring of Love - August 11-17, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,619
General Fund Offering Budget	\$37,000
1st QTD Offering Total	\$227,467
1st QTD Budget	\$222,600
YTD Offering Total	\$227,467
YTD Budget	\$222,600

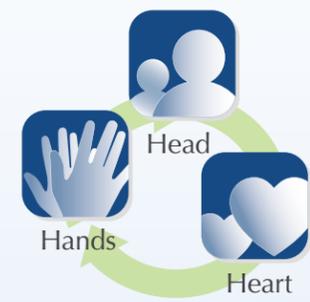
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In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes...1 Peter 1:6-7A



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 located through the doors at the southwest corner outside the Sanctuary.

PreK-Grade 5: In August, we will not offer Grace Place. Fall Grace Place will begin Sept. 7 and 8 for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

"No Matter What: Choose Joy"

I have heard it said that happiness is based on externals while joy is based on internals. Happiness can come and go based on life circumstances but joy, true joy, has the ability to be claimed every day. This week we will be encouraged to choose joy no matter what is going on in our lives. Jesus promised us in John 16:33 that in this life we have many troubles but we can take heart, we can choose joy, because Jesus has overcome the world.



Photo Directory

Schedule an appointment today. Time slots are filling up!

Simply go to www.GDLC.CHURCH and click on Photo Directory in the top menu.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



Family Life Center Renovation

We are very excitedly looking forward to performing a major renovation of our Family Life Center, Kitchen and Center Wing in Summer of 2020. Our Governing Board, at the request of Pastor Meyer, has approved the concept drawing from Tim Olson, our architect at Ethos Design Group. Our current plan is to get you more detailed drawings and cost estimates several weeks before our already scheduled Annual Meeting, October 27. We will also let you know some dates for Q&A about this renovation and the finances, prior to our October 27th meeting.

We want you to be able to make informed decisions. For now, stop by the Connection Center and pick up the concept drawing and begin praying about the renovation and praying about how your family will be financially involved.



Joining Gloria Dei

Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

If you're planning to join our congregation as we live out God's mission and vision in Urbandale and beyond, the CORE Beliefs classes begin Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. CORE Beliefs is our new members' process and is comprised of five classes designed to help you understand what we believe, get to know our Senior Staff and Governing Board, and get a handle on our vision and direction. Sign ups for this class are on line at www.gdlc.church.

If you have questions, you can interact with Pastor Meyer via e-mail at joe.meyer@gdlc.church.



Life Groups

Simply put, "we need one another." Life groups offer a place where Christians can find support, purpose and friendship as they seek to love God and love others in this world. Life Groups normally have 8-12 members. They walk through life together, grow in friendships and faith, pray for each other and serve together. Most groups meet every other week and then commit to serving together 3-4 times a year.



Life Group Launch and Brunch

Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9-10:30 a.m.

All current life groups and those who are interested in joining a Life Group are invited to a fun and lively launch and brunch. We will get to know each other better, eat delicious food and laugh a lot. Got kids? We will have childcare. Registration is a must at www.gdlc.church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ben at ben.johnson@gdlc.church.



Fall Women's Event

Thursday, Sept. 5 | 6-8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, light dinner, worship and guest presenter, Kelley Timmermann as we hear how we are "Loved Beyond Measure." Childcare is available if registered at week before the event. Register at www.gdlc.church. Cost is \$10.



Monday Women's Bible Study

Starts Monday, Sept. 9 | 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Starts Monday, Sept. 9 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

"God of Covenant." This video-based Bible study takes women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. No need to register. Please let us know if you need childcare for infants-grade 5.

Contact: Lisa Scherer at scherer5127@gmail.com.



LWML Meet and Eat

Tuesday, August 27 from 6-8 pm.

Gloria Dei's LWML is inviting all women to join us as we meet and eat. We'll talk about what each LWML group is doing to reach out, eat dinner (bring a salad or dessert to share) and hear about what's coming. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.



Young Women's LWML Group Starting

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come to an initial meeting for a LWML group for women in their 20's and 30's starting this fall. This monthly group will meet for Bible study, fellowship and service opportunities. They will meet in rooms 125/127 (a Tiny Treasures' classroom). Meeting days and times will be determined by the group. Questions? Please contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.



Marriage Class: The Good Fight

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Whether you are dating, engaged, newly married or married for decades, you can learn the practical, life-changing techniques that will show you how to turn every conflict to more intimacy and deeper respect. The cost for the book is \$20.

Contact: Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.



Marriage on the Rock

Starts Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Marriage was never designed to be entered into without God at the center. From communication to money to sex, the "Marriage on the Rock" small-group study from leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans. **Contact: Scott & Janet Strachan at j.strachan@mchsi.com.**



Children's Ministry Needs You!

Grace Place begins Saturday, Sept. 7 & Sunday, Sept. 8

Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. & Sundays at 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this year awesome! We are in need of an opening/music leader for each Grace Place time. Please register online.

Faith Alive begins Wednesday, Sept. 11 | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help make Faith Alive awesome this year. Please register online.

Please contact Jenn Fuller at jenn.fuller@gdlc.church to sign up to help or with any questions! Looking forward to a fantastic year!



Thank you

We want to thank the members of Gloria Dei for all your prayers, texts, calls and kindness since Doug's diagnosis of brain cancer in March 2018. We are so grateful for Pastor Meyer and Pastor Ben who were lifting us up in prayer, but we felt especially blessed to have had Pastor Phillips on our journey to pray, call, text and visit Doug. A major miracle happened for Doug in May 2018 plus he had many more little miracles the following 9 months as Doug continued to go to Mayo. In between Mayo visits our family took many trips that were on Doug's bucket list. The Lord took him home on May 19, 2019. Again, thank you for all your prayers and support. ~ Blessings Carol and Meredith Jackson

Meet and Greet!

Interested in serving as a Stephen Minister?

We are looking for some great people to be Stephen Ministers to walk with people of our congregation who are struggling with a crisis in their lives.

Meet & Greet | Sunday, August 25 after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. services

If you are interested in serving as a Stephen Minister, please join us for cinnamon rolls and coffee in room 131. Current Stephen Ministers will be available to share their experiences and answer questions.

Please note: Completed applications may be handed to Pastor Tim, mailed or brought to the office or to the Meet and Greet. Training classes begin on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. (room to be announced).

Meet us this Sunday, August 25!