

You shall love
the **Lord** your **God**
with all your **heart** and
with all your **soul**
and with all your **strength**
and with all your **mind**
and your **neighbor**
as **yourself.**

Luke 10:27

WINTER 2020

Winter 2020

Welcome to Winter! We are so thankful that the Lord has given us such an amazing Congregation!

We are so blessed to not only be called sons and daughters of the King of kings, but also to have one another as we walk with Jesus through this world.

As winter sets in you have many opportunities to not only grow in your faith in Jesus, but also grow in your relationships here at GDLC. Take a good look at all that is available this winter and get plugged in as you are able.

Look forward to seeing you and walking hand-in-hand with you as we worship Jesus and serve Him in this place!

As always, we are here to serve you and your family, so if you have any questions you can e-mail me at joe.meyer@gdlc.church.

Many blessings!



Pastor Joe Meyer, Lead Pastor

Potluck Fellowship Opportunity!

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 6:00 p.m.

We will gather in the Family Life Center to share both a warm meal and a time of fellowship. Gloria Dei is such a large congregation and these opportunities give us time to pause and get to know one another better!

If your last name starts with A-H, please bring some type of soup to share; I-P please bring chili or stew; and Q-Z please bring desserts. Breads, bowls and drinks will be provided. Pizza will be available for children. Please register online at www.gdlc.church.

Sermon Series & Bible Studies

Sermon Series: “One Voice”

Starts Saturday, Jan. 4 & Sunday, Jan. 5

Our Epiphany Series—“One Voice”—begins the first weekend in January. Throughout scripture there are many images that are used to describe the unity of God’s people. Scripture says we are Jesus’ body on earth (1 Cor 12:27), we are the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5), we are together a Holy Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 2:5) and many other images that teach and remind us that we are One People with One Voice as God’s People. In this series we will look at different elements of our worship services that are intended to unite us as believers in One Voice as we give worship to our God and receive His gifts as His people!

- Jan. 4-5: “One In Prayer”
- Jan. 11-12: “One In Faith”
- Jan. 18-19: “One In Confession”
- Jan. 25-26: “One In God’s Blessings”
- Feb. 1-2: “One In Song”
- Feb. 8-9: “One In the Word”
- Feb. 15-16: “One In Jesus”
- Feb. 22-23: “One In Glory”

CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

Starts Thursday, May 7 | 6:30 p.m.

If you are hoping to become a member of Gloria Dei and have yet to go through our New Member process called CORE Beliefs, then go to our website and sign up today! We will begin the first Thursday in May and carry through for five Thursdays in a row for one-hour sessions. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail Pastor Joe at joe.meyer@gdlc.church. We look forward to having you in our faith family!

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE!
Registration is a must!

CORE

CORE Teachings

Scripture says that “The Word of God is living and active” which means that as we read scripture that same scripture is also reading us. Scripture is at the core of who we are as a people of God and so it is vital that we are learning and growing in the Word together. This winter, there will be two Core teachings offered as shown below:

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: “Revelation”

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Joe will be leading the second half of his study on the Revelation. Take time to grow in your discipleship in Jesus as you immerse yourself in that wonderful book known as the Bible! If you have questions or just want to connect with Pastor Joe, please reach him at joe.meyer@gdlc.church.

Online Bible Study “Book of Daniel”

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 15 | anytime

Pastor Ben will be leading an online study that will be walking through the book of Daniel. In this Core Teachings class, you will be brought into many stories of incredible faith, promises of God being fulfilled, and visions of what was (and is) to come for this world. 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.

Congregational Care

Loss of a Spouse

Thursday, Jan. 9 | 6:30-8 p.m.

This evening session helps those who have experienced the loss of a spouse.



GriefShare

Starts Thursday, Jan. 16 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

GriefShare is designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.



Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 14-March 10 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Live financially sound! Financial Peace University will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Each class will

be made up of small groups of people and is a great way

to share ideas, be encouraged, and stay motivated. The cost

per family is \$100, which includes membership for the entire family and materials. Childcare is provided. Register today.



For more information about these classes, contact Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdgc.church or at 515-777-3890

Congregational Care

Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 14 | 5:30-9:30 p.m. & Saturday, Feb. 15 | 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

You and your spouse are invited for a two-day experience, along with thousands of other couples around the world, that provides expert marriage advice and practical teachings to help couples navigate their marriage journey. As part of your \$30 registration fee, you'll be treated to a lovely Valentine's dinner and a delicious continental breakfast. Please note: childcare is not available for this event. For more information on this event, contact Scott & Janet Strachan, Certified Marriage on the Rock Small Group Leaders, at j.strachan@mchsi.com.



Footsteps of Paul's Trip

Pastor Tim is leading a 10-day trip to Greece following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. The trip includes visits to Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala, Meteora, Athens Piraeus, Delphi and Corinth as well as a three-day cruise to the Greek Islands and Ephesus. An optional extension to Rome is also available. The trip dates are October 4-13, 2021. Please see Pastor Tim for a brochure with more details.

Pastor Tim's Travelogue

Starts Sunday, Jan. 26 at noon

As a preview to the Footsteps of Paul's trip, Pastor Tim and his team are covering a day of their itinerary each month starting January 26 at noon. We will gather every month on the last Sunday at noon.

Worship/Music and Tech

Gloria Dei Chorale

Tuesdays | 6:00 p.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 7)

We would like to extend an open invitation to singers from high school age through adult to join this multi-voice group of singers with a variety of backgrounds, skill levels and experience. For more information, contact James Thompson at james.thompson@gdlc.church.

Tech Teams

Times and dates vary

Reach the world with the truth of the Gospel through technology. You will serve once every three weeks on everything from screens to cameras. We specifically need help at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. If you would like to get involved, contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.

Livestream Services Weekend

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. or Sundays | 9:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m.

We reach a weekend audience of more than 125 worshippers. If you would like to help behind the scenes, contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.

Guitars, Keys, Drums, Bass

If you are new to Gloria Dei and would like to audition for the worship band, we have openings in all the instrumental spots. If you would like to get involved, contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.

Vocalists for Contemporary & Blend Services

If you would like to audition for the vocal rotation for either the Blend or Contemporary Service, please contact Steve Kowbel at steve.kowbel@gdlc.church.

Adult Studies and Classes

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Starts Sunday, Jan. 5 | 8:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Dan Snyder leads this group that studies various topics and books from the Bible. For more information, contact Dan Snyder at drs3011@gmail.com.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study

Starts Monday, Jan. 6 | 2:00 -3:00 p.m.

Stop in this winter to read and study a variety of topics led by Pastor Phillips. For more information, please contact Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

This fun, ongoing group meets to study various subjects. Another bonus is a lunch made by the Kitchen Ministry. Free-will offerings for lunch are accepted. For more information, please contact the office at 276-1700.

XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)

First Tuesday of each month | 9:00 a.m.

Join this group for great fellowship and lively discussion at a local restaurant. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.

Women

“Finding God Faithful” Bible Study

Starts Monday, Jan. 6 | 9:30 a.m. | 6:30 p.m.

Our next Bible study will be “Finding God Faithful” by Kelly Minter. This study will focus on the life of Joseph. From the back cover it says it will remind us of God’s faithfulness through Joseph’s story. His presence is constant; His provision is enough; and His purposes are unstoppable. If you would like to order a study guide (approximately \$16), please let Lisa Scherer know at scherer5127@gmail.com.

Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study

Starts, Tuesday, Jan. 7 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This study is based on a book from the Bible, taking women into a deeper understanding of God’s Word. To register or for information, contact *Jane Lamfers* at janelamfers@hotmail.com.

“When Grace Walks In” Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Feb. 19 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Gathering Place for “When Grace Walks in” by Stacey Thacker. We know God’s grace is absolutely necessary for our lives—but what does grace look like shining in and through us? While your kids are at Faith Alive or Recharge, take time to refresh and renew through God’s Word. No registration is needed.

“Is Jesus Worth It” Tuesday Facebook Study

Tuesday, March 3-April 7 | 8:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Stay home and join us on Facebook as we study Stacey Thacker, “Is Jesus Worth It?” This study of the book of Hebrews will explore the refreshment awaiting every weary soul. No registration is needed.

Women

Snowflakes & Lattes Women's Events

Reclaimed Wood Clock | Thursday, Jan. 9 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Women are invited to create a beautiful reclaimed wood clock. We'll hear what God says in His Word about new beginnings and then create together. Cost is \$15. Registration is required by Jan. 7. Childcare is available upon request.

Book Wreath | Sunday, Jan. 19 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we create a beautiful wreath from the pages of a book. We'll begin our time in God's Word and then create this wreath. Cost is \$15 and registration is required.

Freezer Cooking | Thursday, Feb. 6 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We will create four meals to put in our freezers and make later. We'll hear from God through His Word, taste samples, and create four delicious entrée to take home. Cost is \$25. Registration is required. Childcare is available upon request.

Dominican Republic Diaper Project Service Night

Thursday, Jan. 16 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to help us create cloth diapers to send with the mission team going to Dominican Republic. This hands-on service time will be filled with laughter, fellowship, and the blessing of being a blessing. This event will have a big impact. Please register so that we know how many will be helping. Contact DeAnn McCue with questions at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.

Women

Mom & Me

Mom & Me is designed for Moms (and Grandmas) and kids ages 4 to 10 to come together for a time of fellowship, Bible study, and creativity. Cost for each family is \$10. Registration is a must. Please note: when registering, register one person from the family and then enter “number attending” when prompted.

[Des Moines Silhouette](#) | **Sunday, Jan. 12 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

You are invited to create a piece of artwork that has the silhouette of Des Moines. This artwork will be a great reminder to pray for our city.

[Wood Heart](#) | **Sunday, Feb. 9 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Come and create a unique wooden heart to remind us how much we are loved by God.

Mom2Mom

Mom2Mom is for Moms of all ages to come together for a time of fellowship, Bible study, and creativity.

[Personal Care Homemade Items](#) | **Saturday, Jan. 18 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

Join us as we create a lotion bar, hand soap, lip balm, and sugar scrub. A light breakfast and hot coffee will be served as we begin our time together with Bible study. Cost is \$10. Registration is required by Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is available upon request.

[Soup Mixes](#) | **Saturday, Feb. 22 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

Moms are invited to join us as we create soup mixes to keep or give. A light breakfast will be served along with hot coffee. We'll begin our time with Bible study. Cost is \$10. Registration is required. Childcare is available upon request.

[Reclaimed Wood Cross](#) | **Saturday, March 7 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

All moms are invited to join us for a light breakfast, Bible study, and creating a reclaimed wood cross. Cost is \$10. Registration is required by March 4. Childcare is available upon request.

Women

Anna's Sisters

Mondays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, April 13 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Women who are widows are invited to join us as we fellowship, pray with one another, have dinner together and study God's Word. Each person is asked to bring a dish to share for dinner. Registration is not required for this event.

Creative Arts Fellowship Project Night

Shelf Sign | Friday, Jan. 10 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Women are invited for fellowship as we create a cute shelf sign with buffalo plaid and paint. The cost is \$5. The fun begins at 6 p.m. Registration is a must. Childcare is available upon request.

Frame Ribbon Cross | Friday, Feb. 14 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We'll craft a ribbon cross on a wood frame. Cost is \$5, registration is required. Childcare is available upon request.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 7, April 18 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come join us as we quilt for a variety of projects whether it is our own or for missions. For information, contact Karen Hoff at karenhoff@hotmail.com.

LWML Circles

Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. For current times, locations, studies and projects of all the Circles. Contact: Donna Maasen at donnandavem@msn.com.

Youth

ReCharge Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

We will offer a light dinner (\$3 per person) at 5:30 p.m. At 6:10 p.m. we will begin our opening worship/praise time and then break into small groups.

Friday | Café 6to9

Fridays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 6, April 3 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This is a unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. Food will be available at a low cost. Bring a friend!

Confirmation Retreat-10 Commandments

Friday, Feb. 7 at 5:15 p.m. until Saturday, Feb. 8 at noon

Our Confirmation ministry consists of retreats and classroom teaching. These opportunities will allow us to totally focus our efforts toward the catechism teaching and preparing your child to make their public proclamation of their faith. The Teachings/Retreats are spread over a 2-year period. The 10 Commandments Retreat is one of the required teachings of this process. Cost of the retreat is \$30.



Confirmation Sunday Teaching-Lord's Prayer

Starts Sunday, Jan. 5 | 9 or 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's prayer will be offered via a six-week instruction in the Youth Center.

If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Tim Kightlinger at tim.kightlinger@gdgc.church.

Family Event

Sunday, Jan. 5 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Families of all ages and stages are invited to join us as we celebrate all that God has done and will do as we enter 2020. This free event will include a time of worship, a bounce house, a light dinner, and a lot of fellowship! If you collected food pantry items during Advent, bring those items. Each family is asked to bring non-perishable food items (one item per person attending). Registration is a must, but the event is free!



Children

We want our children (ages 2 through grade 5) to explore God's Word in ways that will be transforming and life-changing. For more information, contact Jenn Fuller at jenn.fuller@gdlc.church.

Grace Place

Starts Saturday, Jan. 4 | 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5 | 9:15 a.m. | 10:45 a.m.

Families are encouraged to worship together before children are dismissed to attend Grace Place. This weekend educational time is filled with studying God's Word (the Bible story/lesson), learning God's Word (writing Scripture on our hearts), and doing an activity relating to the lesson.

Faith Alive

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Faith Alive is a Wednesday evening educational time where we learn to apply God's Word in our daily lives. Our time together is filled with studying God's Word and doing an activity or two relating to the lesson.

Tiny Treasures Preschool

We are committed to nurturing little ones. In fact, we love children and we love to show them God's amazing love. For more information, contact *Jo Lynn Yeutsy* at jollynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church.

2020/21 Registration

Tiny Treasures opens up their registration for the 2020/21 school year for children ages 2-5. For a complete listing of the classes, please go to WWW.GDLC.CHURCH/tiny-treasures/.

Current families: Monday, Jan. 6 | 8:00 a.m.

Gloria Dei families: Friday, Jan. 10 | 8:00 a.m.

Public: Monday, Jan. 13 | 8:00 a.m.

Open House

Thursday, Jan. 9 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Open House is an opportunity for preschool families to visit various places in the church where we spend our time (classroom, sanctuary, FLC, music room, playground).

Parents! Take Note Concerning Childcare

We strive to offer age appropriate childcare for worship and events at Gloria Dei from infants to grade 5.

Weekends during worship: Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under in the nursery. In addition, Grace Place and Faith Alive serve children ages 2 and up.

Childcare for events: Childcare is available for infants and children up to grade 5. Please note: in order for us to be prepared, we need your child to be registered. This can be easily accomplished when you are registering for a specific event at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

A Few Upcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday

February 26

Confirmation

Saturday, March 28 at 3 p.m.

Easter

Sunday, April 12

Single Moms' Morning Out

Saturday, May 2



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