



## Lenten Worship and Resources

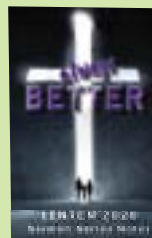
**Weekend Worship:** Saturdays | 5 p.m. & Sundays | 7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Midweek Worship:** Wednesdays | 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

We pray that you join us for the weekend and midweek services throughout the Lenten season as we explore the scriptures through the "Always Better" sermon series. We will take a close look at areas where we fall short in order to be forgiven and be empowered to hate sin and love God even more.

### Lenten Sermon Series Notes

Please pick an "Always Better" sermon note booklet. These booklets will be a great place to take sermon notes during each of the Lenten midweek and weekend services.



**Women's Devotion:** Stop by the Women's Ministry display to pick up a Lenten Devotion written by our own Penny Schramm. This devotion will take women on a Lenten journey to help them declutter their homes and make more time and space for friends, family and Jesus!

**Lutheran Hour Ministries:** We have Lenten devotions in small and large print that will add further depth to personal devotion time.



## Easter and Holy Week Worship Times

This is a great time to decide who we want to invite to celebrate our risen Lord! Who is on your invite list?

### Holy Week Worship Services

April 9 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 9 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Worship Services

Saturday, April 11 at 5:00 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 12 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional with Communion)

Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)



## Stephen Ministers

This Sunday, we welcome seven new Stephen Ministers to serve our congregation and community. These individuals have gone through extensive Stephen Ministry training and are excited to walk alongside those who are hurting. Please take some time this weekend to talk with our new Stephen Ministers.



## Urbandale Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of the following items: canned goods, mashed potato flakes, hamburger helper, Ramen noodle soup, and mac and cheese. Thank you!

**Message:** "Always Better: Craving Recognition"

**Scriptures:** Daniel 4:28-33; Mark 10:35-45

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 Unto Jesus

**Hutchins Michael McKenna** born September 10, 2019 to Patrick and Jackie (Swim) McKenna will be baptized on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 1 p.m. Hutchins' spiritual sponsors are Ryan McKenna and Sarah McKenna.

**Gavin William Nyhus** born January 23, 2020 to Holden and Brittany (Jurgemeyer) Nyhus will be baptized on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. Gavin's spiritual sponsors are Heidi Fedders, and Eric and Felicia Johnson.

## 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.

Shirley Voshell	Bob Sams	Anna Shoup	Mike Dehnert
Larry Lewis	Greta Cling	Cherie Rohrbeck	Intervention with the Coronavirus
Paula Spark	Sandra Jackson	JoAnn Hamel	
Jessica Kramer	Lou Schroedel	Cooper Driscoll	
Taylor Peterson	Ginny Swift		

Outpouring of Love 2/22 -2/28, 2020 (Calendar year Jan.-Dec. 2020)	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,925
General Fund Offering Budget	\$27,900
1st QTD Offering Total	\$288,471
1st QTD Budget	\$291,161
YTD Offering Total	\$288,471
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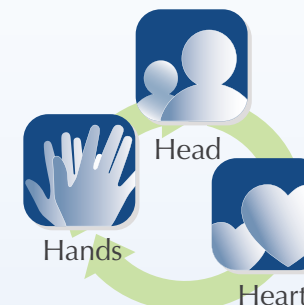
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## CONNECTIONS

But it shall not be so among you.  
But whoever would be great  
among you must be your servant,  
and whoever would be first  
among you must be slave of all. Mark 10:43-44

March 7-8 | 2020



## 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 777-3903 or [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).

**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed nursery is located through the doors at the southwest corner outside the Sanctuary.

**Cry Room:** We have a room outside the Sanctuary designated for parents and young children where the service can be seen and heard.

**PreK-Grade 5:** Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to join us on Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.



## "Always Better - Craving Recognition"

Sadly, our society has a propensity for "Craving Recognition" if not outright grabbing at recognition. We want to be noticed; we want to receive accolades; we want people to pay attention to us! But what the Lord has for us is "Always Better" and what the Lord has for us in this arena is honoring, praising, and glorifying Him and His holy name and not our own. Today we remember that pointing to Jesus instead of ourselves is "Always Better" and always will be!



## COMPASSION DISPLAY

### SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY!

Make a difference in a child's life. Stop by the display today to see the children who need to be sponsored.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



## My Five Friends

In a congregation the size of Gloria Dei, it's easy to be anonymous or to have your little enclave of friends, never to reach outside your "circle" to anyone new. We want to encourage you, in the months of March, April and May, to make five new friends here at Gloria Dei! Perhaps you'd exchange cell numbers and have coffee? Perhaps you'd agree to meet at worship for a couple weeks to sit together? Perhaps you'd just make a concerted effort to greet your new found friends each week, touching base and checking in before you worship Jesus? Be creative...but also be assertive...step out of your comfort zone and connect with My Five Friends starting today!



## Honduras Mission Trip 2020

Please consider joining the Mission Team serving in Honduras from July 25-August 1. The team will serve in the following ways: optical, dental and medical; concrete and painting; pharmacy; children; and evangelism. For more information, pick up a brochure at the Connection Center. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, March 8 at noon**



## New! Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

**Starts Tuesday, April 7 | 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

**Men:** You are invited to a Bible Study on 1 and 2 Thessalonians by N. T. Wright. The following is a description of the study:

"First impressions stick with us. Paul's first impression of the Thessalonian Christians was an especially powerful one: The gospel message he preached grasped their hearts and minds and transformed their lives. That memory moves Paul to write to the young church that's bubbling with a sense of the power of the living God. These studies seek to open our lives to that God who leaves a lasting impression also on us."

Registration is a must. Books will be provided at no cost. Register today online at [www.gdlc.church](http://www.gdlc.church). If you have any questions, please contact Mike Martens at [mike.martens@gdlc.church](mailto:mike.martens@gdlc.church).



## Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2020 to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Thank you for helping support Gloria Dei in this way!



## Anna's Sisters

**Monday, March 9 | 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.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)



## Spring Fever! Throw Pillows

**Thursday, March 12 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we create a spring throw pillow to liven up any space in our home. We'll begin our time with Bible Study and then create. Cost is \$15. Childcare is provided upon request a week before the event. Registration is required.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)



## Spring Fever! Glass Art

**Thursday, April 2 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Join us to create a unique canvas using resin, glass pieces, and vinyl. Cost is \$10. Registration is required. Childcare is provided upon request a week before the event. Registration is required.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)



## Creative Fellowship: Wood Cross

**Friday, April 3 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Women are invited to join us to create a beautiful wood cross using reclaimed and remnants of wood from an old fence at Gloria Dei. We will design, glue, staple, and cut the wood to create an open cross in wood. Cost is \$5, but space is limited. Registration is a must. Childcare is provided upon request.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)



## Mom2Mom - Door Hanger

**Saturday, April 4 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

Moms of any age and stage are invited to join us for brunch, Bible Study and creating a fun door hanger. Cost is \$10. Childcare is provided and registration is required.

REGISTER at  
[WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)



## Mom & Mom - Stacked Wood Cross

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

Moms and kids ages 4-12 are invited to join us as we spend time together in God's Word and create a stacked cross to take home. Families will work together to create one project to take home. Cost is \$10 per family. Registration is required.



## Thank you

The last 10 years have been incredible. It has been a joy watching the church grow, and our faith has grown beyond our comprehension. We are so thankful to have belonged to an active church with wonderful friends who have loved us like family. Thank you for everything. You will be sorely missed. ~ Jonathan, Jennifer & Violet Jaschen

**SINGLE MOMS' MORNING OUT** **Save the Date!**  
**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**  
**STARTS MARCH 28!**  
**Saturday, May 02**

**Requested Items:**  
 Full size haircare items ( shampoo, conditioner, styling products) hand and body lotions, shower gels (not hotel size), cosmetics, cosmetic bags and skincare items. Example: Clinique bonus items. Please place items in one of the four donation bins.

**LET'S START CELEBRATING EASTER!**  
**EASTER FAMILY EVENT**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 4-6 PM**

Register today at [www.gdlc.church](http://www.gdlc.church).

**CALLING ALL FAMILIES!**  
**Food! Crafts! Bounce House! Family Activities! Games!**  
 We'll have lots of hands-on activities for families to do together. A light dinner will be served. This event is free! Invite friends!

## Mama Kits

Our congregation was extremely generous last Christmas by donating 382 mama kits for women in Uganda. The following is a letter expressing their thankfulness:

Beloved friends at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Thank you for the rich blessings of your generosity to support our women and families in the Kikandwa (Uganda) community.

We understand from our partners at the Shining City Foundation that you continue to hold us close in prayer in addition to your most generous money support to provide our expectant ladies their needed mama kits. The kits are given to



our mamas so they can have a healthy birthing. Without your love so much given we would not have the healthy babies we have now. We also have joy in the richly blessed community micro-loan monies that come from you to help our families grow our production and needs. We pay back the funds in joy to our good God and to you. Our God and Lord Jesus are so good! Please know our love and prayers flow back to you. The Kikandwa Community Clinic Committee and all of Kikandwa