



## Centered in Servanthood

We move this week from living in humility, to the by-product of living humbly, namely, servanthood. People who are centered on themselves, their needs, their wants, their desires cannot see the people around them and their needs. But Christianity is not only all about living in humility, but also all about humbly serving others in Jesus name. We aren't centered on ourselves, we are centered in Christ first and others second. We push pride aside in favor of pushing Jesus forward and we do so by serving others in His name and to His glory. Glorifying Jesus is why we're "Centered in Servanthood."

### Visiting today?

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here. There is a gift waiting for you at the Connection Center!

**Got children?** Awesome! We have a wonderful nursery for infant-2 years old. Please go through the "nursery" door in the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary. We also have an educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. for children ages 3-grade 5.

### Logo Updates

As we seek to share with others the Good News of Jesus, we sometimes employ earthly methods to do so. While it's from the business world, we seek to "market" and "brand" our wonderful congregation to our community. In order to be noticed by those who don't yet know Jesus, we are very excited to be able to roll out an updated logo this weekend.



In this light, we have a gift for you in the Gathering Area or FLC that can be placed on your car's rear window if you choose. We also have long sleeve t-shirts that can be purchased for \$15. *To learn about the heart behind this update, see to page 2.*

### Life Groups

**Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. & Sunday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.** Pastor Ben invites you to hear, learn, and give valuable input to the formation and upstart of a small group initiative called Life Groups. The launch of Life Groups will be happening this spring, but we want to invite all those who may be interested to attend. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ben at 777-3900 or at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).

**CORE: Beliefs** (Beliefs Class)  
**CORE: Teachings** (Discipleship Class)  
Starts Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Two classes starting Tuesday, Oct. 3 are aimed to help us become more devoted followers of Jesus.

#### CORE: Beliefs

This class is for those who are thinking about becoming a member. We will primarily dialogue about what our congregation believes about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, Baptism, the Lord's Supper and discipleship as well as Gloria Dei's vision, direction and future. If you are interested, register at [GDLC.CHURCH](http://GDLC.CHURCH) and contact Pastor Joe at [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church).

#### CORE: Teachings

Once you have completed CORE Beliefs, the new members class, everyone is invited to the CORE Teachings. It will focus on the CORE teachings of Jesus. We will look at what it means to be a disciple, which includes looking at all the aspects of the New Covenant as well as living and abiding in the identity that Christ has given us. Register today at [GDLC.CHURCH](http://GDLC.CHURCH). If you have any questions, contact Pastor Ben at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).

**Register today!**  
Go to [WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH)  
Click on "registration" on top right corner

# WEEKLY WORD

Leading ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ.

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## Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

Rick Buhrke

Augie Wright

Paul Buttenhoff

Shannon Smuck

Maddie Wright

Bob Christensen

Tim McClelland

Ken Lee

Jennifer Dehnert

Larry Lewis

Jessica Kramer

Heather Kusel

Amy Luetje (Phillips)

Mike Burdick

Sandy Foreman

Paxton Bremer

Larry Kinsey

The thousands of service workers helping in the aftermath of the hurricanes

For those impacted by Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria

For our country

For Mexico City and the surroundings

## The face and heart behind the updated logo

With a strong sense of design coupled with a special emphasis on typography, page layout and photography, Elsie Wunn excelled at many projects as a



*Elsie Wunn*

summer intern. On top of the project list was to update our fifteen-year old logo. We encouraged Elsie to create a design that had ties with the past but with an aim to use the simplicity of a contemporary design to reach those who are lost.

"Ultimately, I believe that art and design are as important in a church setting as they are anywhere else," says Elsie. "Church is such an important part of so many people's lives. The goal of art and design is to create a beautiful environment. This is important especially in a church setting. We want visitors to have a good experience in the church and feel welcome to return."

Not only is Elsie gifted in design, but her love for God and others along with her fun sense of humor and contagious laughter were a great blessing for those who worked alongside her.

Currently, Elsie has a 12-month internship at Meredith Corporation and will graduate in April with a BA in graphic design with a minor in photography.

Elsie will be in the Gathering Area this weekend to help us hand out the logo decals. Please extend a warm thank you for her labor of love at Gloria Dei.

## Tiny Treasures' Fall Children's Consignment Sale

**Friday, Oct. 20 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8-11 a.m.**

Items for sale will include children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, please pick up a registration form in the information center, preschool office or print one on-line.

## Thanks for helping us on this!

I want to thank Gloria Dei for sponsoring my Eagle Scout Leadership Project and for the congregation's generous contributions donated to make it happen. The leftover funds received for this project have been retained by Gloria Dei and I have requested that they go to the Gloria Dei Garden Club to use for further beautification of the church grounds. Thank you again for being a part of my Eagle Project. ~ Justin Hosch

## LWML

Rebecca Circle will meet Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. at the home of Amy Dutchuk, 712 NE 5th Street, Grimes.

## Gloria Dei Chorale

If you enjoy singing, join us Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and we'll make beautiful music together. If interested, please contact Nick Prenger at [nick.prenger@gdlc.church](mailto:nick.prenger@gdlc.church).

# Going Further

## From Mortgage to Mission

We are asking you to partner with us financially this year to pay down, and ultimately pay off, our current mortgage. Consider how God wants to use you in this effort and give generously as you are able. The sooner we are debt free, the sooner we can look to future missions and projects in our congregation and beyond. Online giving is available as well as 3-over-3 envelopes at the church.

## Belize Missionary to Visit

**Wednesday October 11 from 6-7:30 p.m.** Pastor Duane Meissner, the LCMS missionary to Belize, will be speaking during Pastor Meyer's Bible study. Do not miss this opportunity to deepen your "Going Further" understanding of what international mission work is like and learn something new about Belize. We will serve coffee and cookies for this event.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ~ Matthew 28:19

## Arts & Craft Show

**Saturday, October 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



This year's show will feature lots of great items, jewelry, wooden ornaments, quilts, scarves, mittens, photography, artwork and more. There will also be a baked goods table.

**Proceeds go toward: Dorothy's House, Agape Pregnancy Center and Ruth Harbor.**

- Friday, Oct. 13-Saturday, Oct. 14:** Bakers to drop off goods
- Friday, Oct. 13 from 6-8:30 p.m.:** Wrapping and pricing baked goods
- Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8-10 a.m.:** Wrapping and pricing baked goods
- Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.:** Selling and managing baked goods
- Saturday, Oct. 14 from 12-2 p.m.** Selling and managing baked goods
- Saturday, Oct. 14 from Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m.:** Selling and managing baked goods
- Saturday, Oct. 14 from 3:45-5:15 p.m.:** Clean up. We need 15 volunteer helpers (especially men) to put things back in place.



**Wednesday October 25 from 6:30-8 p.m.** We will gather for fun, food and fellowship in the Family Life Center! This is for everyone in our congregation...members and visitors alike! We will carve pumpkins together; young and old alike will get to know each other; a thoughtful devotion will be presented by Pastor Joe; pies and other desserts will be enjoyed by all! Please take time out of your busy schedules to slow down and fellowship with other GDLC Christians. **Is baking your speciality?** If so, please sign up to bring a dessert when you register at [www.gdlc.church](http://www.gdlc.church).

**Help needed!**

**Please sign up on the sheets at the display.**

# The next 9 days...

## Saturday, September 30

Lord's Prayer Confirmation Retreat  
 7:30 a.m. Laurel Village Life Skills Class  
 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Girl Scout Council First Aid Training  
 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
 5:45 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)\*  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)\*  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
 9:30 a.m. Ten Commandments Teachings (Youth)  
 9:45 a.m. Grace Place  
 10:30 a.m. Youth Trip for Summer 2018  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Financial Peace University  
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)\*  
 11:00 a.m. Ten Commandments Teachings (Youth)  
 11:15 a.m. Grace Place  
 4:00 p.m. Marriage on the Rock

## Monday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision  
 9:30 a.m. Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study  
 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study on Monday  
 4:00 p.m. Young Patriots Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision  
 6:30 p.m. Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

## Tuesday, October 3

6:15 a.m. Rise and Shine Women's Bible Study  
 9:00 a.m. XYZ Group  
 4:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group  
 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale  
 6:30 p.m. Core - Belief: New Members  
 6:30 p.m. Core - Teachings: Discipleship  
 6:30 p.m. Marriage on the Rock  
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University  
 7:00 p.m. Blended Worship Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Association Workshop  
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. ReCharge Meal, Opening & Small Groups  
 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive  
 6:30 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
 7:30 p.m. First Communion Class  
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Bell Choir

## Thursday, October 5

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers  
 6:30 p.m. Flute Ensemble  
 6:30 p.m. Grief Share  
 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Open House

## Friday, October 6

9:00 a.m. MOMs Club of West Des Moines  
 6:00 p.m. Café 923

## Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Life Group Informational Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)\*  
 5:45 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)\*  
 9:30 a.m. Ten Commandments Teachings (Youth)  
 9:45 a.m. Grace Place  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Financial Peace University  
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)  
 11:00 a.m. Ten Commandments Teachings (Youth)  
 11:15 a.m. Grace Place  
 1:00 p.m. Life Group Informational Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Girlz and Boyz of Faith  
 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troup #763  
 4:00 p.m. Marriage on the Rock  
 5:30 p.m. Senior High ReCharge Leadership

Outpouring of Love (Sept. 17-23, 2017)	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,168
General Fund Offering Budget	\$40,200
1st QTD Offering Total	\$356,212
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YTD Offering Total	\$356,212
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Please note: Our fiscal year runs mid-year (July-June)	

\* Communion is in the Sanctuary the 1st and 3rd weekend and in the FLC the 2nd and 4th weekend.

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. We encourage families to worship together before children are invited to Grace Place on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:50 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

### Children:

(Infant to age 3):

**Nursery:** Located on the lower level, the nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent. The nursery can be accessed through the door on the southwest side of the Connection Center.

### Communion:

The Lord's Supper or Communion is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26). God's Word is very clear that when we receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper we also literally/physically receive the actual body and blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:16 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-30). If you are a baptized Christian who trusts in Christ's presence, recognizes your sinfulness, and desires not only to be forgiven of those sins, but also needs strength from Jesus to amend your daily life, then you are welcome to join us! If you do not believe Christ is present, or are unsure of what you believe and want further explanation, then please feel free to speak with one of our Pastors at a convenient time. (We provide both non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray and gluten-free wafers in containers.)