



It's All Spiritual - My Family

Of the subjects we've looked at thus far, this is probably the easiest one to understand in terms of the spiritual. We know that the Lord gives us our family. We know that the Lord brought us our spouse. We know that the Lord gave us our children. Even if we're not married, we know that the Lord has given us a family who surrounds us. If that's true, if God has given us a family, how does that change how we look at them on a daily basis? We'll answer that question this week!

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-4 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.

We need you for two hours

The staff as well as the Christmas MAT are working on plans to create an environment where members and visitors can celebrate the birth of our Savior.

We need you for two hours. Simply sign up at the Connection Center or online to work for two hours now until Dec. 1 for Christmas decorating. No heavy lifting or ladder work, only simple decorating. Families are welcomed! And remember, expect Christmas music, cookies, great fellowship and lots of laughter.

"Until He Returns" Musical Concert

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The entire church is invited to a special concert from Randy "Doc" McCaulley, a keyboardist and vocalist. The concert will consist of a blend of contemporary Christian music, including several of his originals and stories of personal faith from his life. This fast-paced program is one for the entire family. There is no cost for admission. A free-will offering will be collected.



**Thanksgiving Worship
in the Sanctuary**
Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9:00 a.m.
*Give thanks unto
the Lord!*

Urbandale Food Pantry Ingathering

As you might expect at this time of year, we will be gathering non-perishable food for the **Urbandale Food Pantry**...but there's a twist this year. We intend to gather the food (see list below) all of November and all of December, too. The twist is...we won't deliver the food until after the first of the year! Doing it that way should prove to be a huge blessing to their efforts as we will bring the food to them after the Holiday rush when most food pantries are hurting for stock. So, carefully check the list below and bring your items to the center of the Gathering Place off of the Sanctuary right away!

(Healthy and Unexpired Items Only)

- cereal
- beans
- rice
- pasta
- peanut butter
- canned fruit (in water or 100% juice)
- canned vegetables
- canned tomatoes
- canned soup
- tuna (in water)
- canned chicken (in water)
- diapers
- baby wipes

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

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

Sarah Smith

Julie Bowie

Pastor Ben Dose

Those traveling during the holidays

Our world

Our children and youth

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in celebration of Glenn and Joyce Larson's 50th wedding anniversary.

Facilities Manager Needed

With Pastor Bill Clark moving to full-time interim pastor at Christ Our Savior at the beginning of 2018, we are in need of a new Facilities Manager. This is a key full-time position that is responsible for the maintenance of church buildings, grounds and equipment. We are looking for someone who has strong organizational and maintenance skills combined with a passion for the ministry and mission of Gloria Dei. If you have an interest or want to learn more, please contact Chris Thomson and he can provide a job description and answer any questions you may have. Chris can be reached at chris.thomson@gdlc.church or at 777-3895.

Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon

Please consider a mission trip to Honduras from June 9-16, 2018. Pastor Tim and Kim Phillips have led a team to help the impoverished in Honduras for more than 10 years. The team will help provide medical clinics, wash children's hair, and share the Gospel. Medical experience is not needed, only a desire to love those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Monday's Women's Bible Study

Here are a few studies to include in your fall and Advent lineup:

Monday, Nov. 20 (time to be determined) If you would like to watch "The War Room" with a small group of women, please contact Lisa Scherer at scherer5127@gmail.com.

Monday, Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Join a group of women for an hour discussion on "In the Shadow of Jezebel" by Mesu Andrews.

Marriage on the Rock Class

Begins Thursday, Jan. 11 through March 1

Whether you've been married for years or just preparing for the journey, Marriage on the Rock will transform your relationship. Discover God's design for your dream marriage. More information will follow.

Save the date! Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 9 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon

(Optional sessions: Friday, Feb. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4 p.m.)

Gloria Dei will be joining with over 500 churches from around the world in hosting the simulcast *XO Conference*. The *XO Conference* is the largest marriage conference of its kind, designed to enhance intimacy, renew passion, and refresh your relationship. No matter where you are on your journey of marriage, come and encounter God's dream for your future. The cost is \$25 per couple. More information will follow.

Christmas 2017

Advent by Candlelight Sign-ups

Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.



Advent by Candlelight is a time for women to gather and reflect on the birth of Jesus. Women can host a table and invite others to join them. Please stop at the display to sign up to host a table. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.

Advent Worship

We look forward to deepening our discipleship with our Advent midweek services on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Our youth-led worship services will be the same days but held at 6:45 p.m. in the FLC

Advent Worship Celebration on Dec. 10

On Sunday, December 10 at the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services in the Sanctuary, we will be blessed with Scripture, a message and special music anticipating and celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus! You don't want to miss experiencing the amazing musical talents that the Lord has given to our members as they sing and play and rejoice in God our Savior.

We will maintain our normal weekend worship service times, but the 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary will be filled with special music. There will be Grace Place on Saturday but not on Sunday.

Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.

We invite children and families to be involved in our Christmas program. It is a great chance to learn about the events leading up to the birth of



Jesus. It also helps children to become bolder in their faith while meeting new friends.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30 p.m. A meal will be served from 5:15-5:45 p.m. for \$2 per person. Please e-mail DeAnn at

deann.mccue@gdlc.church to let her know that you are coming.



Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10-noon

Bring your family to decorate a Gingerbread House (all trimmings included) and enjoy a light lunch. We'll hear a Christmas devotion and take home a Christmas devotion to share in the days leading up to Christmas.

Tickets are \$40 per family. (Additional houses are \$10 each.)

Registration is a must. Go to GDLC.CHURCH & click on "Registration" on top right corner.

Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party

All seniors are invited to the Senior Adult Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10, at 4:30 p.m. There will be carol singing and other Christmas activities. Barbecue sandwiches, salads and desserts will be provided. You are invited to bring a nativity scene for a display for the evening. Please RSVP to the church office at office@gdlc.church by Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The next 9 days...

Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating
- 10:00 a.m. Girl Scout Troop #236
- 1:00 p.m. Church Decorating
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)*
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)*
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 9:45 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)*
- 11:15 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Honduras Informational Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Church Decorating
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Glen Oaks Memory Loss Care Center
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806

Monday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating
- 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 9:30 a.m. Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Church Decorating
- 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study on Monday
- 6:00 p.m. Anna Circle Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Church Decorating
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating
- 1:00 p.m. Church Decorating
- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating
- 1:00 p.m. Church Decorating

Thursday, November 23

- 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship

Friday, November 24

- 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating
- 12:00 p.m. Church Decorating

Saturday, November 25

- 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating
- 12:00 p.m. Church Decorating
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)*

Sunday, November 26

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (FLC)*
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Church Decorating

Outpouring of Love (Nov. 5-11, 2017)	
General Fund Offerings	59,755
General Fund Offering Budget	\$38,500
2nd QTD Offering Total	\$237,516
2nd QTD Budget	\$213,300
YTD Offering Total	\$593,727
YTD Budget	\$572,200
Please note: Our fiscal year runs mid-year (July-June)	



GIVING TREE

Let's give!

1. Pick up a tag.
2. Purchase the item.
3. Drop off the item.

Visit the Giving Tree today!

This year we are giving food items to families at Laurel Village. We will also have tags for household items for a few families who have great need. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdlc.church or DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.

* 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.)