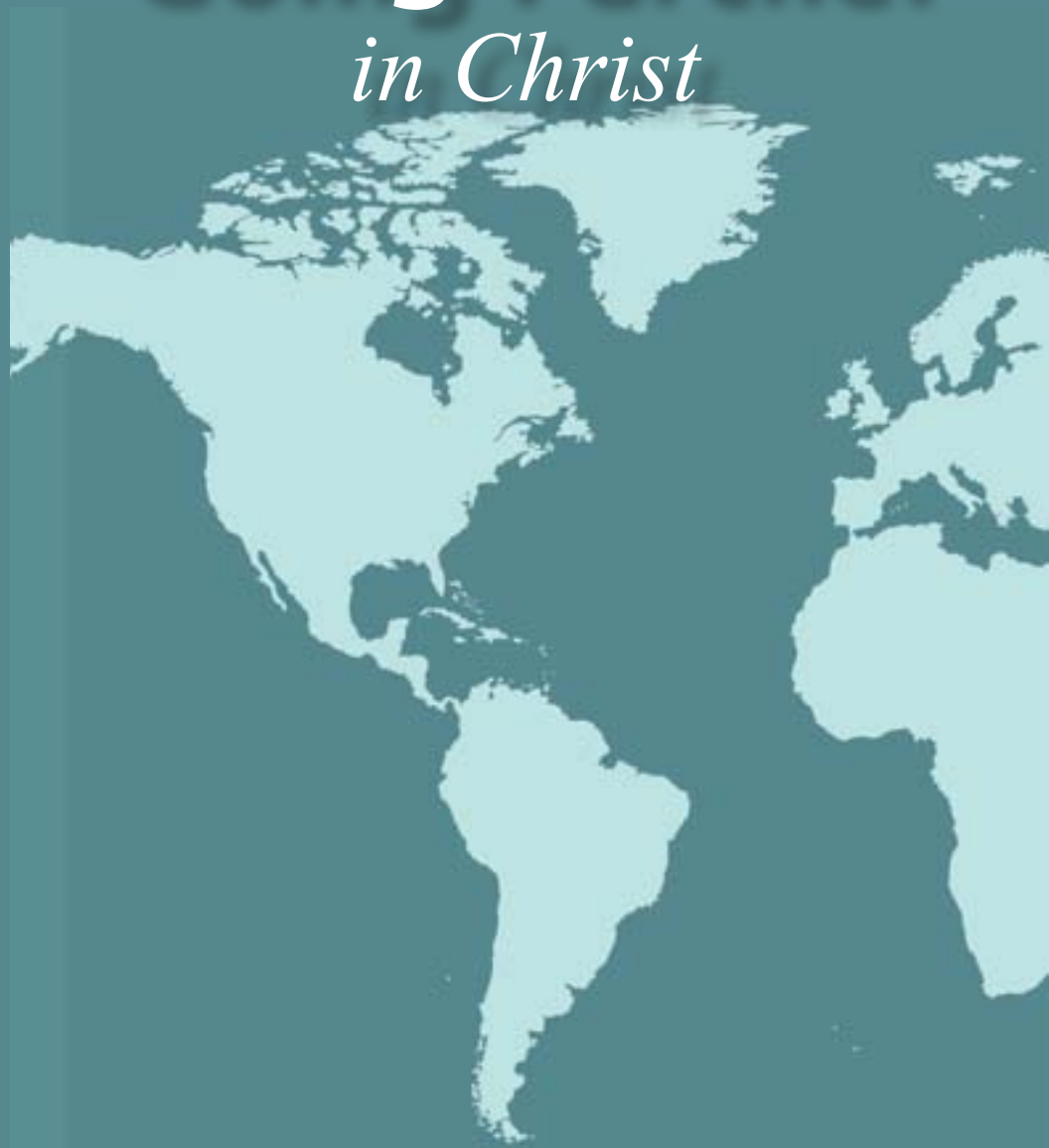


# Going Further

*in Christ*



**Winter 2018**

## Winter 2018

*It might be cold. It might be snowing. And it will be dark before dinner.*

*So, come in from those elements and experience  
the unconditional love and warmth of our Savior.*

*And while you are at it, grab a chair and invite a friend, and  
find an event that will fuel you through these winter months.*

### New! Registration Made Easy



1. Go to [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH)
2. Click on “Registrations”
3. Select the event 
4. Register (and pay, if applicable.)
5. Look for the confirmation e-mail



Questions? Please Contact

276-1700 | [office@GDLC.CHURCH](mailto:office@GDLC.CHURCH)

## Message Series & Bible Studies

### Message Series: The Big Idea

Starts Saturday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 7

Our sermon series for the season of Epiphany is called “The Big Idea.” We’re reminded each year in Epiphany that the Lord had an amazingly “Big Idea” for humanity; an amazingly big plan for the whole world. He began His “Big Idea” with one man, Abraham, and that promise was extended so that all of Abraham’s descendants would be as numerous as sand and stars. Abraham’s descendants would in fact be far bigger than Abraham could have ever even thought, since his descendants would be the sons and daughters of God! His descendants would be every single believer in Jesus! That was God’s plan; that was God’s “Big Idea” and it’s a big deal...because His “Big Idea” involves you. The Lord was all about saving the whole world; but remember, that means He was all about saving you! You will be blessed and challenged by this sermon series as you consider your own salvation and the salvation of the person next to you, too, since all of us are part and parcel of “The Big Idea.”

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study: “Too Hot to Handle”

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Family Life Center

In his January and February Bible Study, Pastor Joe will take on subjects that many find too hot to handle in our politically correct society. Subjects like “Abortion and Euthanasia,” “God’s View of Sexuality,” “Nationalism and Faith,” and “Immigration and Refugees.” We will meet Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for an hour together in the Family Life Center. Make time to deepen your discipleship and your understanding of how God’s Word directs everything in our faith and life.

## CORE



### CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

REGISTER AT  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30 p.m.

We will primarily dialogue about what our congregation believes about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, Baptism, the Lord’s Supper and your discipleship expression at Gloria Dei. We also want you to know about our congregation—its vision, direction and future. If you have questions about the process or just want to connect with Pastor Meyer, please reach him at [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church) or at 777-3892.

### CORE: Teachings

REGISTER AT  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Once you have completed CORE Beliefs, the New Members Class, everyone is invited to CORE Teachings, the second class of our discipleship process. 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.

We know life is busy, so our prayer at Gloria Dei is that all of us will engage in the conversation of what it means to live for Jesus and not ourselves. If you have questions about the process or just want to connect with Pastor Ben, please reach him at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3900.

## Money Management Classes



### Financial Peace University (2 classes to select from)

Sunday, Jan. 7-March 6 from 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9-March 22 from 6:30-8 p.m.

REGISTER AT  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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. One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need to get started in a class. Nursery for children 3 and under is provided.

*For more information, contact:*

Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church)

Brian Frantum at [brian.frantum@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.frantum@yahoo.com)

Craig Weatherall at [craig.weatherall@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:craig.weatherall@wdm.iowa.gov)

## Marriage Classes

### Marriage on the Rock (2 classes to select from)

Thursday, Jan. 11-March 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. or

Thursday, Feb. 15-April 26 from 6:30-8 p.m.

REGISTER AT  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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.

From communication to money to sex, the "Marriage on the Rock" small-group study from leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans discusses practical real-life challenges and offers easy to understand solutions dealing with all the

major issues a couple will encounter. Whether you feel your relationship is mediocre, full of frustration and disappointment, or disillusioned and divorce-bound, "Marriage on the Rock" can turn any marriage into a satisfying dream relationship. Nursery for children 3 and under is provided. Registration is required. *For more information, contact Scott & Janet Strachan, Certified Marriage on the Rock Small Group Leaders, at [j.strachan@mchsi.com](mailto:j.strachan@mchsi.com)*



### Pre-Marriage Classes

Tuesday, Jan. 9-Feb. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m.

REGISTER AT  
WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

This 6-week class prepares couples to create a marriage that honors and glorifies God and encourages each other. Pastor Tim covers five key areas of relationships and guides couples to a faith-based relationship. *For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).*

## Marriage Conference



### Marriage Conference

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

**Friday, Feb. 9 from 7-9:30 p.m.**

**& Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

*(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. Register is required.

## Special Events



### Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, January 13 and April 7 from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.**

Since we live in a broken world, one of the remedies that God commands and encourages us to do is to pray without ceasing. Therefore, the elders invite the congregation to pray in the Sanctuary for at least one 30-minute time slot.

There will be prayer guides available containing prayer suggestions and ideas. You can sign up at the Connection Center. *For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).*

### Urbandale Singers/Iowa State Singers Concert

**Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 7:30-8:45 p.m.**

You are invited to a shared concert with Iowa's top high school and college choirs. It is a great way to enjoy great music and encourage these talented young men and women. *For more information, contact Nick Prenger at [nick.prenger@gdlc.church](mailto:nick.prenger@gdlc.church).*

## Adult/Worship/Music

### Gloria Dei Bell Choir

**Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Starts Jan. 10)**

The adult handbell choir will start to ring again! Everyone is invited to try your hand at ringing! *For more information, contact DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).*

### Gloria Dei Chorale

**Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 9)**

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. The chorale is a great opportunity to be involved in worship as well as to connect and form community within the congregation. We are a group of people who raise our voices to the Lord! *For more information, contact Nick Prenger at [nick.prenger@gdlc.church](mailto:nick.prenger@gdlc.church).*

### Flute Ensemble

**Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (Starts Thursday, Jan. 11)**

For those who love to play the flute, we have a place for you. *For more information, contact Marsha Fries at [fries.monavation@gmail.com](mailto:fries.monavation@gmail.com).*

### Small Group Vocal Ensemble/Open Call

If you are interested in solo, duet or quartet worship opportunities, we are looking for people who would be able to offer special music at the traditional and blended worship services.

*For more information, contact Nick Prenger at [nick.prenger@gdlc.church](mailto:nick.prenger@gdlc.church).*

### Gifts for the King

All Gloria Dei kindergarten through college age students who take instrumental or vocal lessons or are part of their school bands and choirs, are invited to share your gifts in worship on Sunday mornings. If you're interested, call to set up a time to perform a piece and discuss scheduling for worship. *For piano playing, contact Julie Dueker at [jdueker69@gmail.com](mailto:jdueker69@gmail.com). For all other instruments, contact Marsha Fries at [fries.monavation@gmail.com](mailto:fries.monavation@gmail.com).*

## Adult/Worship/Technical

### Tech Weekend Worship Teams

**Times and dates vary**

Reach the world with the truth of the Gospel through technology when you help out our weekend tech crew. You will serve once every three weeks on screens to cameras. We specifically need help at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. It is a fun and meaningful way to serve during the weekends, and we will train you. *For more information, contact Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church).*

### Livestream Services Weekend

**Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., or Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m.**

We have reached a weekend audience of more than 125 worshippers. If you would like to get involved in providing this worship experience, please *contact Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church).*

### Camera Crew for Wednesday Bible Study

**Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. (Starts Jan. 10)**

We desire to expand our video library; one way to achieve this is to tape the Wednesday night Bible Study in the Family Life Center. No experience is necessary; we will train you. *For more information, contact Steve Kowbel at [steve.kowbel@gdlc.church](mailto:steve.kowbel@gdlc.church).*



## Adult/Studies and Classes

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (Starts Jan. 7)

Dan Snyder leads this group that studies various topics and books from the Bible. *For more information, contact Dan Snyder at [drs3011@gmail.com](mailto:drs3011@gmail.com).*

### Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study on Mondays

Mondays 2-3 p.m. (Start Jan. 8)

Stop in this winter to read and study a variety of topics led by Pastor Phillips. *For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).*

### Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. (Starts Jan. 4)

This early morning group meets to pray, discuss and study current subjects. *For more information, contact Pastor Dan Petrak at [dgpetrak@gmail.com](mailto:dgpetrak@gmail.com).*

### Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. (Starts Jan. 10)

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, contact the office at 276-1700.*

### Every Man's Battle Group Study

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Men are in a tough position. We live in a culture awash with sexuality and sensual images. It is virtually impossible to avoid such temptations but, thankfully with the help of God, not impossible to rise above them. Please join us for a small group study of the book "Every Man's Battle." Author Fred Stoeker shares his story of how he escaped the traps of sexual immorality and offers a Gospel-centered, practical plan for any man desiring to re-align his eyes, mind, and heart with God's standard for sexuality. Cost is \$10 for the book; registration is required. *For more information, contact Pastor Dan Petrak at [dan.petrak@gdlc.church](mailto:dan.petrak@gdlc.church).*

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

## Adult/Women

### Monday Digging Deeper Bible Study

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 8)

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 8)

This video-based Bible study takes women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. *To register or for information, contact Lisa Scherer at [scherer5127@gmail.com](mailto:scherer5127@gmail.com).*

### Monday Evening Bible Study

Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. (Starts Monday, Jan. 8)

This book-based Bible study takes women through a current, topical book study. *For information, contact Paula Spark at [paulajspark@gmail.com](mailto:paulajspark@gmail.com).*

### Rise and Shine Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15 a.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 9)

This early morning Bible study will take women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. Coffee will be provided. *To register or for information, contact DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).*

### Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. (Starts Tuesday, Jan. 9)

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](mailto:janelamfers@hotmail.com).*

## Women/Fellowship Groups

### Scrapbooking Fellowship

Friday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Come to room 131 and join a group of women who love to scrapbook. There will be tables set up, so that you can spread out stuff around and work diligently or bring your laptop and work on your digital project. It is a great time to work on projects while enjoying the fun conversation of other crafters. No need to register, just come and leave when your schedule permits. *For information, contact Jenny Lappin at [jenny.lappin@gdlc.church](mailto:jenny.lappin@gdlc.church).*

### Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Jan. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 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 [karenrhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:karenrhoff@hotmail.com).*



## Adult/Studies and Classes

### GriefShare

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

Starts Thursday, Jan. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m.

If you are facing the loss of a loved one, don't go through it alone. These sessions will equip you with the support and knowledge to help you go through this tough season in your life. *For information, contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).*

### Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) Circles

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 and locations, contact Donna Maasen at [donnandavem@msn.com](mailto:donnandavem@msn.com).*

### XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)

First Tuesday of each month at 9 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.*





## Youth

We are excited about the upcoming year and future of the student ministry here at Gloria Dei. Our name, “ReCharge,” is taken from Isaiah 40:31: “those who hope in the Lord will renew (ReCharge) their strength...”

Our goal is to provide a place, events, and opportunities for teens to grow closer to God and strengthen their faith. *For more information, contact Tim Kightlinger at [tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church).*

### ReCharge Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)

**Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30 p.m. (Starts Jan. 10)**

We will offer a light dinner (\$3 per person) at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. we will begin our opening worship/praise time and then break into small groups.

### Ten Commandments Retreat

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

**Starts Friday, Jan. 19 from 5:30 p.m.-Saturday, Jan. 20 to 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.

### Lord’s Prayer Class (two classes to choose from)

**Starts Sunday, Jan. 7 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Starts Sunday, Jan. 7 from 11:00-12:00 p.m.**

Our Confirmation students and their parents are required to attend this six-week class where we will explore the depth of the Lord’s Prayer.

### Fridays | Café 923

**Fridays, January 12 and Feb. 16 from 6-9 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!

## 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 DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).*

### Grace Place (Starts Jan. 6 & 7)

**Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 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 Jan. 10)

**Wednesdays from 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.

### Frozen Pirate Family Event

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

**Sunday, Jan. 14 from 4-5:30 p.m.**

Families with young children, princesses, and pirates are invited to an afternoon of fun in the cold of the winter. We’ll eat and create, and hear a truth from the Word of God. We’ll bounce and cheer to help chase the winter blahs away. Join us. Registration is a must at [WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH).

### Girlz of Faith and Boyz of Faith

**Sunday, Jan. 7 from 1-2:30 p.m.**

Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to join the fun as we study God’s Word, pray together, play together, and fellowship together. Girls and boys will meet separately for Bible study, but join together for fellowship and food. This active group is open to all students in grades 3-5. We will meet once a month throughout the year. No registration is required.

# Tiny Treasures

We are committed to nurturing little ones. Tiny Treasures is the first stand-alone preschool in Iowa District West to have received National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. In addition, we have been awarded a 5-Star Rating in Iowa's Quality Rating System, which is the highest level attainable. *For more information, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at [joynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church](mailto:joynn.yeutsy@gdlc.church).*

## Tiny Treasures Classes Resume

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**

Christmas break is over, and our teachers are excited to welcome the children back to Tiny Treasures.

## 2018/19 Registration

Tiny Treasures opens up their registration for the 2018/19 school year.



**Current families:** Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m.

**Gloria Dei families:** Friday, Jan. 5 at 8 a.m.

**Public:** Monday, Jan. 8 at 8 a.m.

## Open House

**Thursday, Jan. 4 at 6:00 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).

## A Few Upcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday  
February 14

Vacation Bible School  
March 12-15

Easter  
Sunday, April 1

Confirmation  
Saturday, April 14

Single Moms' Morning Out  
Saturday, May 5





**Gloria Dei**  
Lutheran Church

8301 Aurora Ave. | Urbandale, Iowa 50322  
276-1700 | **GDLC.CHURCH**