



The Big Idea: The Depth of the Plan

When thinking about our Christian faith, we tend to think about getting people into heaven through faith in Jesus. And yes...that's the master plan of our Lord and Savior. But God's big idea is much bigger than just heaven itself. Bigger than heaven itself? Yes. The Lord's big idea includes bringing heavenly moments, points of God's love, to people hurting in our world every day. God brings His plan through His heavenly love to the people around us as we intervene in their lives with acts of mercy and compassion. That's "The Depth of the Plan."

Visiting today?

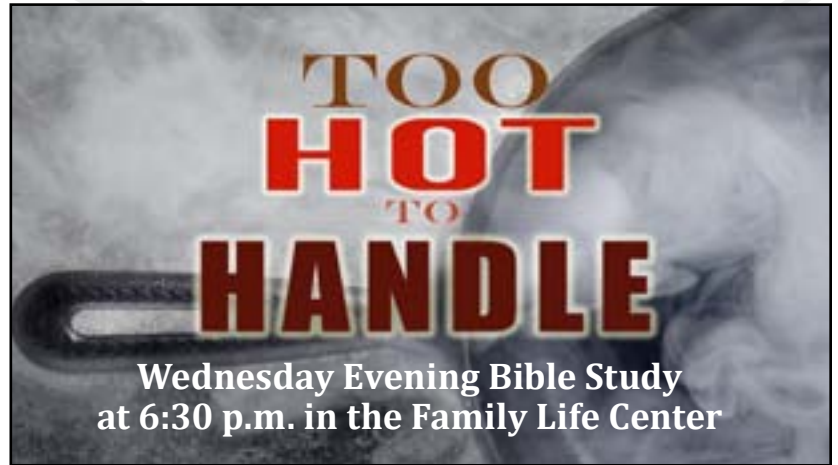
Welcome! We are glad you are here. There is a gift waiting for you at the Connection Center!

Got children? Awesome! We have a wonderful nursery for infant-3 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.

Got questions? Please stop by the Connection Center where there will be a friendly person to assist you.

Back by Popular Demand: T-shirts

We have long-sleeved t-shirts in various sizes for sale in the Gathering Area. Please pick one up, place your \$15 in the envelope provided and drop it in the offering plate or in the office.



Life Groups Informational Meetings

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. & Sunday, Feb. 4 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. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ben at 777-3900 or at ben.johnson@gdlc.church.

Marriage Conference

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

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

(Optional: 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.



Register at WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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

Paul Buttenhoff

Shannon Smuck

Maddie Wright

Bob Christensen

Tim McClelland

Ken Lee

Dan DeVries

Jennifer Dehnert

Larry Lewis

Jessica Kramer

Heather Kusel

Mike Burdick

Sandy Foreman

Larry Kinsey

Sarah Smith

Julie Bowie

Cooper Driscoll

*For the Lord your God is
God of gods and Lord of lords...*

*He executes justice for
the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the sojourner,
giving him food and clothing.*

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (ESV)

Hong Kong Mission Team

by DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry

A team of 17 from Iowa District West (11 are from Gloria Dei!) will be traveling to Hong Kong to teach VBS from February 15-26. We work with the pastor and the staff at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, which is part of the Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod (a sister synod to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod).

The church and school graciously host us by providing rooms for sleeping, breakfast, a stipend for lunch and supper each day, as well as a stipend for mass transit. Because only 10 percent of the people in Hong Kong are Christian, our job is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, speak English, and to lead VBS for about 150 Chinese students ranging in age from 4-12. Many children will travel from mainland China to attend because English is spoken and used (and we get to share the Good News of Jesus in a fun and interactive manner!).

We will also take time to experience the foods and culture of Hong Kong, which will be celebrating the Lunar New Year while we are there. Because of the British ruling for so many years, most signs are in English and Cantonese, and English is still taught in elementary schools. We hope to connect with LCMS missionary Rev. Carl Hanson (Des Moines native) and his family.

Pray for our team as we finalize plans for VBS, the students who we will be teaching, the people whom we will meet, and our safety. We will take the supplies needed for the week. As plans are finalized, we will request specific supplies and help with prep of the supplies. Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue at DeAnn.Mccue@gdlc.church or stop in at church to visit.



From left: Luke Murano, Hannah McCue, DeAnn McCue, Alexia Murano, Susan Knutzen, Steve Knutzen, Sarah Hester, Adam Pedersen, Paula Spark, Rich Hester, Tonya Bowman, Chris Bowman, Faith Spark

Missing: Kathryn Sprecher, Traci Murano, Danielle Bowman, Caleb Bowman

Baptized Unto Jesus

Addy Sue Stover born November 17, 2017 to Justin and Kira (nee: Matthias) Stover will be baptized this Sunday at noon. Addy's spiritual sponsors are Chelsey Pederson and Fallon Savage.

Post Card

Pastor Tim's Israel Travelogue

Sunday, Jan. 28 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Travel with Pastor Tim on a monthly tour through the Holy Land. The first stop will be Caesarea, Megiddo, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana and Galilee in room 130-32. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Urbandale/Iowa State Singers Concert

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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.*

Men's Conference Opportunity

Saturday, January 27 from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Altoona United Methodist will be hosting its Second Annual Men's Conference. Guest speakers include Gary Rosberg, who wrote "Guard Your Heart," and leads CrossTrainers ministry here in Des Moines. Chris Barr, who supports men's ministry at Valley Church and is the chaplain for Valley Varsity Football FCA, will also speak. The cost of the event is \$25 and you can register at <http://www.altoonaumc.org/guard-your-heart>. If you have any questions, you can contact Dan Petrak at dan.petrak@gdlc.church.

Spring Break VBS

March 12-15 from 9-11:30 a.m.

VBS is right around the corner! Registration is open!

Leaders and helpers are needed! Sign up today by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Help for a day or all four days, or help set up or tear down. Leader and helper training will be Monday, March 5 from 6-7 p.m.

Kids' worship team members are needed! Talk to DeAnn! All ages welcome to help lead opening and closing during VBS. Rehearsals will be Sunday, March 4 from noon-1 p.m. and Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - noon in the FLC.

Paint and Praise Women's Event

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

Women of all ages and stages are invited to join us for an evening of painting with a lot of praise mixed in! We'll work on a wood and string project together and, if time, work on string art or paint on wood independently. We'll fellowship, snack, paint and praise! Cost is \$12 per person, and registration is a must! Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue in the church office at deann.mccue@gdlc.church or by phone: (515) 276-1700.

E-mail Newsletters

On Friday mornings, we send out an e-mail newsletter that highlights the weekly activities at Gloria Dei. From that digital newsletter, there are lots of links that will make it easier to register or to catch a message online. We also send out a mid-week boost that contains Pastor Joe's 10.27 podcast along with a few other reminders.

If you do not receive these e-mails and would like to, please contact Jenny Lappin at Jenny.Lappin@gdlc.church.

Charlie's Book Drive

On February 25, 2017, the Corkrean family, suffered the loss of their son and brother, Charles Joseph Corkrean, as a still born baby. In honor of Charlie's first birthday in heaven, Alex and Allie plan to collect books for the children at Blank Children's Hospital. Please consider helping them and bring new or gently used books to the Gathering Place now through February 18.



Allie and Alex are collecting books in honor and memory of their baby brother, Charlie.

Hey! Who moved the calendar?

In order to provide the most up-to-date calendar information as well as the ability to access the information from any mobile device, we have moved the calendar. All calendar events can be found at www.GDLC.Church. Simply click on the "Calendar" link on the top of the page. Each day will show the event, time and room number. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kennedy at karen.kennedy@gdlc.church.

New Facilities Manager Hired

With Bill Clark now a full-time pastor at Christ Our Savior in Norwalk, we are pleased to announce that we have hired Greg McDaniel, a member of Gloria Dei for 10 years, as our new Facilities Manager. Greg and his wife Stephanie have two children, Mikayla Ruth, 6, and Elijah, 1.

Initially, we looked for candidates with a love of our church, a servant heart and a strong work ethic. We believe he embodies all three and are blessed to have him as part of our team. Greg will be responsible for cleaning, maintaining and improving our facility both inside and out. He will handle the set up and tear down requirements for various events and will work with vendors to ensure we are getting the best value for our facility dollars.

Greg is excited to "keep the church vibrant" and to encourage volunteers from all ages to take ownership in our beautiful facility. He is also passionate about the holding onto the doctrine that he has been taught since a child by his parents, Howard and Cheri McDaniel, who are members of Gloria Dei. "I especially love to help people have "ah-hah" moments," especially when it has something to do with God," says Greg.

When asked about his first few days on the job, Greg smiles and says, "Everyone here is very open and understanding! Caring for the church is more than I could have hoped for."

Greg graduated with a bachelors in accounting from William Penn University, but soon gravitated to more hands-on work, such as auto mechanics, electrical work, simple household fixes,



Greg McDaniel is our new Facility Manager.

and carpentry, which he still enjoys. When not spending time with his family, Greg also delights in music, playing Xbox, and cooking.

Please take some time to introduce yourself to Greg and warmly welcome him to his new role at Gloria Dei. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at greg.mcdaniel@gdlc.church.

| Outpouring of Love (Jan. 7-Jan. 13, 2017) | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$37,065 |
| General Fund Offering Budget | \$37,700 |
| 3rd QTD Offering Total | \$69,454 |
| 3rd QTD Budget | \$92,800 |
| YTD Offering Total | \$968,768 |
| YTD Budget | \$965,100 |
| 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 4):

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.)