



Big Debt—Big Love

This is a parable that we can relate to all too well. All of us understand the reality of debt. But we also understand that if we were to have that debt forgiven...well...we will then be indebted in a whole new way, right? If we had a debt forgiven...we would be forever indebted to the one who forgave it. The larger the debt...the larger the forgiveness...the larger the indebtedness. So “the thing behind the thing” today is a reminder of just how big a debt has been forgiven in our lives as Christians, and as a result, we love our Lord all the more!

Visiting today?

Welcome! We are glad you're here. There is a gift 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 a friendly person will assist you.

Focus Group Help

In the coming months our Ministry Action Team for Futures Planning will be surveying the entire congregation on various areas of ministry e.g., worship, staffing, facilities. Our hoped-for outcome is ultimately to produce a three-to-five-year strategic plan. Before we get to the survey for the entire congregation, we'd like to form and solicit information from small focus groups of about ten members per group. We'll only meet two to three times over the next nine months beginning after Easter, April 1, and each meeting would only last about two hours. If you'd like to be part of one of those groups we'd love for you to sign up at our website www.gdlc.church under the registration tab and we'll get in touch with you when we are ready. Thank you in advance!

Lenten Wednesday Worship

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Blended Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Youth-led Worship at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Please join us as we look at different parables in our Wednesday Lenten worship services. **Please note:** Faith Alive and ReCharge will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 28. We encourage our younger children to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary before being excused for Faith Alive.

From Mortgage to Mission

As we enter the second half of our Phase 3 Capital Campaign, we wanted to let you know the progress we have made with our “From Mortgage to Mission” endeavor. Through the end of January, we have received \$134,696 in member contributions. When combined with the \$50,000 that Gloria Dei has put toward this effort along with our usual monthly payments, we have seen our mortgage decrease over \$200,000 to a current balance of \$703,379. Keep in mind that Gloria Dei will contribute another \$50,000 at the end of this campaign. Our goal is to make as big a dent as possible, so that we may allocate more of our resources to ministry and mission priorities. Thank you for partnering with us!

Life Groups

March 3 from 9:30-11:00 in the Family Life Center.

Come and enjoy some food, fun and meet your Life Group. We will be sharing what a Life Group is all about, sharing some food and fun together, and planning for the launches of the Life Groups. Can't wait to see you there!

If you have not signed up to be involved in a Life Group, there is still time; simply go to www.gdlc.church/life-groups/.

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
Shirley Voshell
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
Taylor Peterson
Terry Gosch
Hong Kong Team
The Lord's work at
Laurel Village

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are in memory of Charlie Corkrean from Peter and Jolynn Corkrean and Alex and Allie

Holy Week and Easter Worship Times

Holy Week

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday (Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday (Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday (Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

Easter

Saturday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC- Contemporary)

Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)

Meet Greg and Clean our Church!

Saturday, March 3 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

You are invited to spend some time meeting our new Facility Director, Greg McDaniel, while helping prepare our church for our VBS and Easter guests. Greg has identified some areas that could use a good cleaning including chairs, tables and walls. We will make breakfast and lunch available to all of our wonderful volunteers. Please send Greg an e-mail or call if you are able to come by on that Saturday, even if it's just for a short time. He can be reached at 515-783-8338 or at greg.mcdaniel@gdlc.church. Thanks for helping us beautify our church!

Men's Softball Team

Attention all men regardless of age and ability! We need you to join our softball team! Games are on Monday nights (double headers) and begin April 9. If you are interested in playing or have any questions, please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church to sign up. Hope to see you on the diamond!

Save the Date-Palm Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday, March 25 from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

The youth will be cooking some breakfast on Palm Sunday. So, mark the date. Donations will help our teens share God's message of love through mission trips and spiritual growth opportunities.

Baptized Unto Jesus

Lucille Jo Harris born November 28, 2017 to Josh and Angie (nee: Becker) Harris will be baptized this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Lucille's spiritual sponsors are Ryan and Suzie Morrison.



Spring Break VBS

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

VBS is right around the corner! Registration is open! Simply go to www.GDLC.CHURCH/VBS and click on the VBS link in the menu bar.

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:

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. Contact DeAnn at DeAnn.McCue@gdlc.church.

Jump into Spring

Sunday, March 18 from 2-4 p.m.

Families are invited to end spring break with a bang at this hands-on family event. We'll bounce, rock and roll, jump, twist, create, eat, laugh and have fellowship. Registration is required by going to www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Boys and Girls of Faith

Sunday, March 4 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Boys and Girls of Faith for kids in grades 3-5 will meet for Bible study, games, snacks and lots of goofy-ness! Bring your own Bible.

Mt. Olive School Display on Feb. 24-25

February 24-25 before and after worship

Please stop by the Mt. Olive School display table after worship in the Family Life Center and the Gathering Area. There will be a representative who will gladly answer any questions you may have about registering your child in this quality, private school.

News from Houston

Recently, members Roger and Sandy Ploeger traveled to Houston, Texas to help with "Heart for Texas," a newly formed ministry from two LCMS churches who are committed to help at least 150 families rebuild their homes.

While the Ploegers were in Houston, they were able to visit the home of Eddie and Rachel. If you recall, Eddie and Rachel's house was severely damage by the floods in Houston. As a church, we generously responded by helping them financially. With the funds received, they were able to pay for an air-conditioner, and some plumbing and electrical work. Rachel expressed how extremely thankful they are to Gloria Dei. They hope to move back into their house in a few weeks.



(left) Rachel takes time to show the Ploegers the work that has been done to their house. (right) Roger, Sandy, Rachel and Eddie enjoy getting to know each other.



Senior Adult Ministry Updates

We have a vibrant Senior Adult Ministry that loves to live out their faith and serve others. If you are 60 years and older, please check them out. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Don Boeschon at don.boeschon@gdlc.church or Pastor Curt Foreman at cforeman@q.com.

Find Ways to Help the Senior Adult Ministry

You are needed! The Senior Adult Ministry Action Team is looking for individuals who would like to invest their time and energy to help with one of the following groups:

- Fellowship
- Service
- Growth
- Learning and Travel

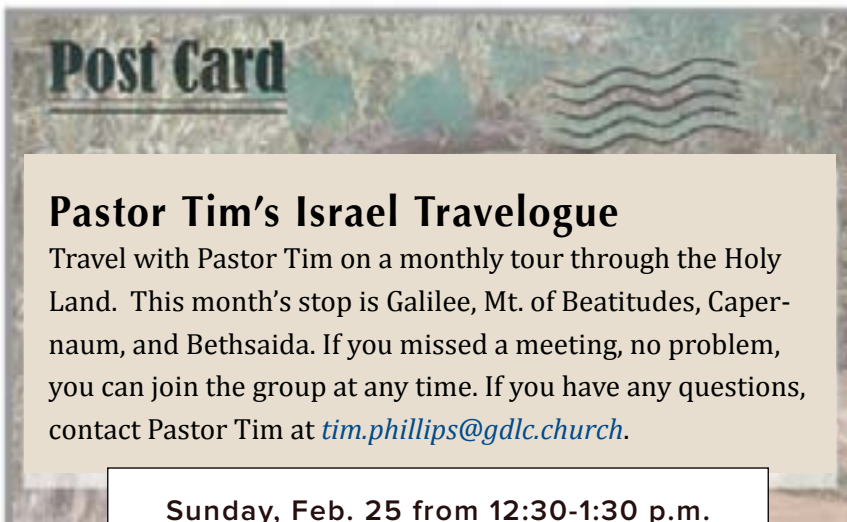
Please pray and consider assisting in one of these groups. For more information, contact Pastor Don Boeschon at don.boeschon@gdlc.church or Pastor Curt Foreman at curt.foreman@gdlc.church.

St. Patrick’s Day Brunch

Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Senior adults are invited to a St. Patrick’s Day Brunch in the Youth Center. Coffee and fellowship begins at 10:30 a.m. Brunch will be served at 11 a.m. Come and bring a friend.

Please register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH (Click on “registration” at the top of the page.). If you have any difficulties registering online, contact Lisa Gibson at lisa.gibson@gdlc.church or 276-1700.



Pastor Tim’s Israel Travelogue
 Travel with Pastor Tim on a monthly tour through the Holy Land. This month’s stop is Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Capernaum, and Bethsaida. If you missed a meeting, no problem, you can join the group at any time. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Sunday, Feb. 25 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 11-17, 2018)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,483
General Fund Offering Budget	\$31,400
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$236,058
3rd QTD Budget	\$253,900
YTD Offering Total	\$1,135,372
YTD Budget	\$1,126,200
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.)