



The Bottom Line

We all know the reality of counting the cost of the things in our lives. If we get into a relationship...what is the depth of that relationship and what will it cost us? Jesus reminds us that “the thing behind the thing” is counting the cost of our relationship with Him. Oh, the cost has been paid by Him at the cross to bring us into that relationship, but Jesus reminds us that this relationship with Him is an all in, full-time, relationship! That’s “the thing behind the thing” for us today!”

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.

Lenten Wednesday Worship

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

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

Please join us as we look at a parable at our Wednesday Lenten worship services on Wednesday, March 14. Faith Alive and ReCharge will not meet.



Ages 3-Grade 5
Spring Break
FREE!
VBS
March 12-15
9-11:30 a.m.

SHIPWRECKED
RESCUED BY JESUS

Not too late to register!
Simply go to
www.GDLC.CHURCH/VBS.

The Compassion Event

1. Save the date: April 13-16, 2018

The Compassion Experience will display the daily realities of children in extreme poverty. The sights and sounds of two children’s lives will come alive as you and your family journey from hardship to hope in this immersive experience. **Register your spot today at www.GDLC.CHURCH.**

The experience, which will be located at the west end of our parking lot is climate-controlled and covered, will feature replicas of the homes and environments of these two Compassion children. The event is free and family-friendly.

2. Volunteer at the event (Families are welcome!)

We are planning for 4,000 people to walk through this experience. Volunteers are needed for an approximate 4-hour shift. Training, orientation, snacks and an event t-shirt will be provided for all volunteers. **Register today at www.GDLC.CHURCH.**

3. Pick up a postcard and invite co-workers and friends

Invite friends and co-workers to experience another world where children are encouraged and given hope in the midst of poverty.



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 Bутtenhoff

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

Duane Haas

Doug Jackson

Teachers, helpers and children at VBS

Laurel Village moms and children who will be attending VBS

JOIN US FOR EASTER!

Saturday, March 31

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.



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.

Save the Date - Palm Sunday Breakfast



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

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

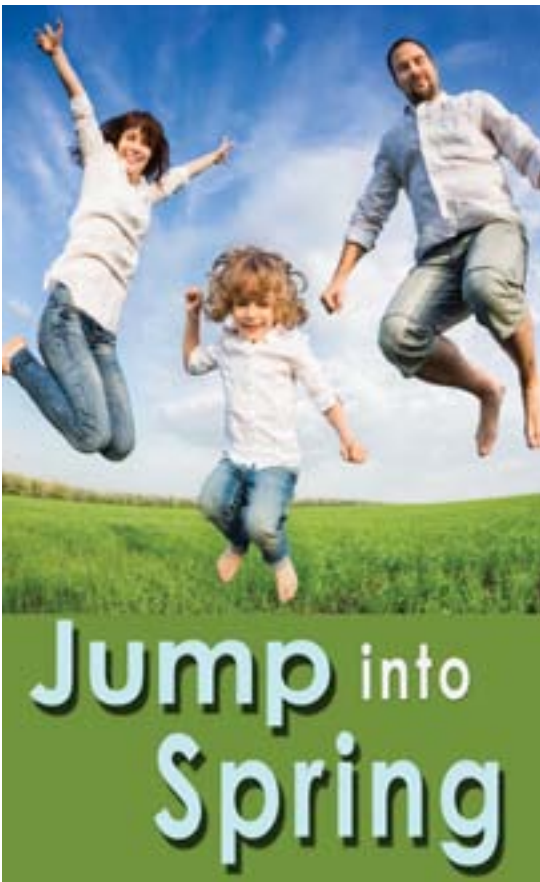
Tiny Treasures' Spring Children's Consignment Sale

Friday, April 20 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, April 21 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, you can register on-line at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Baptized Unto Jesus

Henrik Gene Nyhus born January 26, 2018 to Holden and Brittney (nee: Jurgemeyer) Nyhus will be baptized this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Henrik's spiritual sponsor are Nicholas and Jodi Korth.



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 at www.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 begin 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.

CORE: Beliefs - New Members Class

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 or at 777-3892.

Register by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

CORE: Teachings

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. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Ben at ben.johnson@gdlc.church or at 777-3900.

Register by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.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!

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2018, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity for Thrivent Financial to provide outreach funding to Gloria Dei! Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

AmazonSmile Promotion

Starts Monday, March 12: We are excited about a new AmazonSmile promotion that will launch soon. Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31.

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/42-0949558 and Amazon donates to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to make VBS in Hong Kong fabulous! The team of 17 from Iowa District West took 16 suitcases filled with supplies to Hong Kong. The 11 from Gloria Dei had 10 of those suitcases! We had supplies for crafts, Bible Story, and Science Station. We stayed at Ma Chen Duen Hey Memorial College and Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Po Lam, Hong Kong. This church and private high school are operated by the Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod, a sister synod to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Pastor Antonio (Anthony) Malan is their pastor, and our main contact.

Our team came prepared to run VBS. We had youth helpers from Amazing Grace, who also helped interpret for us. A week of intensive English is why many of the children came to VBS, many from mainland China. Because Hong Kong is 90% Buddhist, we prayed that the seeds of faith would be planted, and the Holy Spirit would cause them to grow. We shared Jesus!

A few highlights from the trip were the tastes, sights and sounds of Hong Kong, worshipping together in Cantonese and English, home visits, visiting with missionaries Rev. Carl and Chenshi Hanson, visiting with President and Mrs. Jung (President of The Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod), and oh so much more!

We are humbled by the generosity of our Gloria Dei family, and the generosity of the Amazing Grace family, and honored to have been the hands and feet of Jesus.

To Him be the glory!
~ 2018 Hong Kong Mission Team



Top: Mission Team with Amazing Grace staff and President Jung
 Bottom Left: Caleb Bowman with Pastor Anthony
 Bottom Right: Faith Spark and a VBS family

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 25-March 3, 2018)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,357
General Fund Offering Budget	\$24,000
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$294,548
3rd QTD Budget	\$315,600
YTD Offering Total	\$1,193,862
YTD Budget	\$1,187,900
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.)