



We See God Differently

In spite of the fact that Christianity has been around for 2000 years, and in spite of the fact that the Resurrection of Jesus has changed everything in relation to God towards human beings, people still believe that the Lord can be mean, hateful and capricious (great old word...google it). He's not those things! The Death and Resurrection of Jesus proves that He's not! He's loving, generous, merciful and kind. He is long-suffering and slow-to-anger.

He proved that by sending His Son to die on the cross...for me. He proved that by raising His Son from the dead...for me. The Resurrection of Jesus changes everything...and today, we remember that it changes how we look at God!

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.

He Is Risen Indeed!

The Risen Lord definitely blessed us with an awe-inspiring Holy Week celebration! The depth, the contemplation, the beauty and the majesty of the week were a distinct blessing to us all. On top of that we had an amazing attendance of almost 2000 for Easter weekend...236 more people than last year...wow! Thank you, thank you, thank you to our dedicated volunteers, musicians and staff that made our journey from Palm Sunday to Easter so wonderful and so memorable!

~ Many blessings, Pastor Joe Meyer



The Compassion Event

1. Next weekend! April 13-16, 2018

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

2. 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.

3. Pray for the children and for the event

Imagine spending your day as a parent in a third-world country—most of your day could consist of walking miles to get water for your family, hoping there was enough food for them, let alone how to help them with school and other life circumstances. Then imagine a local community center and/or church coming alongside your child to encourage them with the love of a Savior who cares deeply for every aspect of their life, including yours.

Please keep Compassion International in your prayers as they reach out to those without a voice in this world.

SINGLE MOMS MORNING OUT

**Saturday, May 5
9 a.m. to noon**

- ✓ **Volunteer**
- ✓ **Donate**
- ✓ **Invite a Mom**
- ✓ **Host a Work Donation Drive**

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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
Shirley Voshell
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
Doug Jackson

Our country as we wrestle with solutions to the increased violence

Those who will be coming to the Compassion Event
Single moms

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 "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. 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 questions, contact Pastor Ben at ben.johnson@gdlc.church Register by clicking the "registration" link at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Joppa Outreach

Sunday, April 29 from 12:30-4 p.m.

Consider joining us as we partner with Joppa to reach out to those who are shelterless in Des Moines. As Joppa volunteers, we will visit 250-300 people living under bridges, in tents, in vehicles and recently off the streets.

We will meet at Joppa Outreach, 118 SE 4th St, Des Moines, at 12:30 p.m. Please register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Information about Joppa

Joppa's mission is to create communities of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless as we work together to prevent and ultimately end homelessness.

Tiny Treasures' Spring Children's Consignment Sale



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.

Less than a month away!

SINGLE MOMS MORNING OUT

Saturday, May 5
9 a.m. to noon

We are excited to gear up for our third year serving single moms at Gloria Dei. As of Thursday, registration has been opened for four days, and 92 Moms have registered at GDLC (75% full)! In total, for all three locations, there has been 186 moms registered (60% full)! Please pray for the single moms in our community and for this morning.

✓ Volunteer!

We need help with:

- Decorations
- Setup & clean up
- Nursery, preschool & elementary
- Valet parking
- Car care

Please go to our Web site for the volunteer sign-up link.



✓ Invite a Mom

If you're a single mom, please plan to attend. We would love to have you! And if you know a single mom, please invite her!

✓ Host a Work Donation Drive

We need lots of quality items for our blessing boutique. Consider picking up a purple donation bin for your work place.



✓ Donate

- \$10 gas gift cards
- Like new, fashionable women's clothing
- Used high-fashion jewelry and accessories
- New cosmetics
- Grab a Giving Tree Tag:
 - Gift Certificates for Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale & Financial Peace University
 - Single moms' devotions
 - Food & childcare supplies



✓ Visit a Display Today!



Family Life Center



Gathering Area

If you have any questions, contact Jenny Lappin and Penny Schramm at smmogdgc@gmail.com.

Spring Women's Event

May 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women of all ages and stages are invited to an evening where we will create, learn and study together. A light dinner will be served. The fee for this evening is \$10, which includes a take-away item, dinner and lots of laughter. Please register and pay online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Peak Challenge

July 26-30, 2018

Cost: \$200 (\$70 to register online, plus \$130 for food and travel)

Peak Challenge is an annual opportunity for men, sons (ages 13 and up), fathers, brothers and friends to get away from the everyday routines in life and to experience all that God has for them in a wild setting—the mountains of Colorado. Men are challenged physically while hiking 14,000 foot peaks, biking and white-water rafting as well as learning about the spiritual side of life.

To register, please go to www.peakchallenge.net. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill Clark at Bill@COSNORWALK.org.

Transitions: The Chair Necessities

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 10 a.m.

We will have our first session of Transitions—a series of presentations to assist our senior adult friends with various changes they are navigating.

In our first session we will talk about staying physically fit as we age. Our guest speaker will be Emily Scott, daughter of Don and Christine Scott, who has a degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science and Gerontology. Emily will teach us about basic fitness routines we can do to help us maintain our strength and mobility. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. We will meet in the FLC. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Phillips at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your support toward the youth in the Palm Sunday Breakfast. After expenses, we raised over \$4,500 for the youth to attend mission trips and spiritual growth opportunities. A another huge thank you to all the parents and teens who helped cook and clean up. We are thankful for all of you! ~ *Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth*

What's Bugging You?

During the course of two sermon series' in Fall and Winter of 2018-2019, Pastor Joe and Pastor Ben will be speaking into questions that you have about your faith, about God's Word, or about Christianity in general.

We'd like you to pose those questions now, so that we can begin developing the two series. Please help us by going to our website at www.GDLC.CHURCH, page down and tap the large, light-green button marked "Question." In the question form itself, please indicate that it's for the "Sermon Series." No question is "off limits" and thank you in advance!

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 like to receive these e-mails, please contact Jenny Lappin at jenny.lappin@gdlc.church.

Outpouring of Love (March 25-31, 2018)	
General Fund Offerings	\$26,095
General Fund Offering Budget	\$25,600
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$431,617
3rd QTD Budget	\$448,200
YTD Offering Total	\$1,330,932
YTD Budget	\$1,320,500
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 worshiping 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.)