

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018!



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Eadie Bewyer	Sheridan Gilster	Henry Loch	Erik Mitchell	Brett Schroeder
Emma Christiansen	Elise Hubbard	Brayden Lumley	Reese Monson	William Sheeley
Samuel Clausen	Cody Iwig	Tyler Martin	Faith Nelson	Allison Soderberg
Alivia Cronk	William Jacobson	Elise McDowell	Brandon Ness	Brandon Sullivan
Nathan Fageroos	Lucas James	Jared Meyer	Kaylin Petrak	Kennedy Tooman
Ronnie Fleming	Grace Johnson	Spencer Meyer	Megan Sawyer	Carter Woollums
Nicholas Froscheiser	Abigail Kramer	Brandon Meyeraan	Nolan Scherer	
Braeden Gierstorf	Caeden Kropf	Elizabeth Mitchell		

Visiting today?

Welcome to worship! We are glad you're here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center where a friendly person will assist you.

If you are visiting on Saturday night or Sunday morning, 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.

April 14-15 | 2018 [Third Sunday of Easter]



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 confirmands and their families

Children throughout the world

Single moms

Syria

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of our confirmands.

The Compassion Event

1. Visit the Compassion Experience in the parking lot now through Monday

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.** Walk-ins are also invited—you may just need to wait in line a bit.

2. Stop by the Display in the Gathering Area and Family Life Center

Stop by one of the displays to explore the possibilities of sponsoring a child. You will be able to gather more information and ask any questions of the trained Compassion International staff.



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.

Tiny Treasures' Spring Children's Consignment Sale



Friday, April 20

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

from 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.

Baptized Unto Jesus

Charles Mark Moeller born January 13, 2018 to Mark and Michelle (nee: Isaacson) Moeller will be baptized this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Charles' spiritual sponsor is Nathan Moeller.

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. In the second week of registration, GDLC and Prairie Ridge are completely full, the other church is almost 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.



✓ Pray for the Moms

Please commit to pray for the moms and their children.

✓ 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.



Register at WWW.GDLC.CHURCH

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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.

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.

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.

Pastor Tim's Israel Travelogue

Sunday, April 22 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Travel with Pastor Tim on a monthly tour through the Holy Land. If you missed a meeting, no problem, you can join the group at any time. If you have questions, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Prayer Vigil



Saturday, April 21 from 6 a.m. to 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, please join us to pray in the Sanctuary for at least one 30-minute time slot. Sign up today at the Connection Center.

Outpouring of Love (April 1-7, 2018)

General Fund Offerings	\$64,024
General Fund Offering Budget	\$37,300
4th QTD Offering Total	\$64,024
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YTD Offering Total	\$1,394,956
YTD Budget	\$1,357,800

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.)