



## We See Death Differently

We've considered that the Resurrection causes us to look at sin differently, but now we must consider that the resurrection causes us to look at death differently...the by-product of sin. Seems obvious, right? His Resurrection ensures our resurrection! And yet, we nonetheless struggle with death, don't we? But the Resurrection moves us to look at death, not as a positive, but as "the portal to eternal life" as the funeral rite rightly calls it. More than that, however, the Resurrection of Jesus moves us to remember that some day all flesh will be raised from the dead and those of us who believe in Jesus will be "raised to eternal life." Through the Resurrection of Jesus we see death differently!

### 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.

We have a wonderful nursery for infants-3 years olds. 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.

### Joppa Outreach

**Sunday, April 29 from 12:30-4 p.m.** If you have signed up, please meet us at Joppa Outreach, 118 SE 4th St., Des Moines, on Sunday.

**Continue in prayer.** Please pray for our Joppa team as they will visit 250-300 people living under bridges, in tents, in vehicles and recently off the streets.

### 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.

### Contact

If you have any questions, please e-mail Mark Moeller at [mark.moeller@joppa.org](mailto:mark.moeller@joppa.org).

**Saturday,  
May 5**



**9 a.m. to  
noon**

Less than a week away, we will be serving our single Moms. There are still plenty of opportunities where you can help.

**Drop off all items by Tuesday, May 1.**

### ➔ Volunteers ←

- **Children's Area (teens and adults)**

Lots of helpers are needed to assist with easy tasks or helping with special needs children. We also need one game leader.

- **Car Care (teens and adults)**

Join us outside as we take care of the Moms by cleaning their cars. Lots of spots are still open.

### ➔ Donate ←

- \$10 gas gift cards (for moms' gift bags)
- Consignment sale & Financial Peace gift certificates

### ➔ Loan an item ←

- Shop vacs
- Air compressors

**Register to volunteer  
at [gdlc.church/single-moms](http://gdlc.church/single-moms)**

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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  
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  
Single moms  
Ann Moylan  
Godfred Manteaw  
Merle Knuth  
Kathy Brammeier  
Children throughout the world  
Joppa Outreach  
Single Moms Morning Out  
Syria

*Show us your steadfast  
love, O Lord, and grant us  
your salvation.*

*Psalm 85:7*

## Save the Date! - June 10

### Annual Meeting (2:30 p.m.) and Luau on the Lawn (4:00 p.m.)

Please put our Annual Meeting on your calendar as it is now set for June 10th at 2:30 p.m. At this meeting, besides voting on the budget and the new Governing Board members, we will also hear Pastor Meyer's comprehensive discipleship strategy for the next three years. Don't miss out on this important Annual Meeting, especially because right after the meeting, we will enjoy Hawaiian pulled pork and potluck dishes at our first ever "Luau on the Lawn!" More details on the Luau are to come but get it on your calendar now! (Luau will begin at 4 p.m.)

## 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](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

## Extra Years of Zest (XYZ)

### Tuesday, May 1 at 9 a.m.

All senior adults are invited to a fun and lively discussion at Cozy Cafe in Johnston. Gather with friends, eat a great breakfast and enjoy the fellowship around the table. If you have any questions, contact Carol Dickey at 707-3975.

## Ruth Harbor 13th Annual Walk for Life

### Saturday, May 12 | Registration at 9 a.m. | Walk at 9:30 a.m.

Ruth Harbor invites you to their annual walk (1.2 miles) fundraising event. The event starts at Embassy Suites Downtown, 101 East Locust Street.

Ruth Harbor is a Christ-centered home for young moms who are facing unplanned pregnancies or parenting young children.

Ruth Harbor is a 6-8 resident home. The residents live much like a family—cooking, cleaning and caring for one another according to their physical abilities. Young moms who come to Ruth Harbor receive support in decision-making and life skills, and are encouraged to continue their education. Their ultimate goal is for these young moms and their children to experience positive life change.

If you are interested in participating or donating to the house, please go to [www.ruthharbor.org](http://www.ruthharbor.org) or call 515-279-4661.



# It's sunny and warm!

The children at Tiny Treasures have had their share of indoor gym, but not this week! They were able to play outside every day this week.



## Laurel Village-Summer Outreach

Last year, we were blessed to continue our friendship with Laurel Village through daily lunches as well as our weekly VBS and English tutoring classes—all held outside at Laurel Village.

Recently, we asked some key community leaders at Laurel Village what is needed for their community this summer and how Gloria Dei could assist. Through many translations and questions, we came up with the following plan:

Starting June 12, we will share a community meal, worship, children's activities, and adult English lessons on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at Laurel Village. Each night will be a bit different but everything will be designed to build friendships that come alongside to empower and to encourage those living at Laurel Village.

There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer and to donate items for our summer activities at Laurel Village. Sign-ups will be available in May.

**Want to plug in today?** We are looking for key leaders to help with meals, children, and the adults. If you would like to take a lead in one of these areas, please contact Pastor Tim at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church), DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church), or Karen Kennedy at [karen.kennedy@gdlc.church](mailto:karen.kennedy@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.

To register, please go to [www.peakchallenge.net](http://www.peakchallenge.net). If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill Clark at [Bill@COSNORWALK.org](mailto:Bill@COSNORWALK.org).

Outpouring of Love (April 15-21, 2018)	
General Fund Offerings	\$41,479
General Fund Offering Budget	\$34,900
4th QTD Offering Total	\$131,144
4th QTD Budget	\$109,500
YTD Offering Total	\$1,462,076
YTD Budget	\$1,430,000
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.)