



We See the Church Differently

Our final message in our Easter series, “Resurrection Lenses,” is a reminder that as Christians living, moving and having our being in this world, we do so, not as individuals, but as a collective. We work for God’s glory, but we do so together. We witness to Jesus saving love, but we do so together. We pray to our Heavenly Father, but we do so together. We live in faith in the Resurrection, but we do so together. The Resurrection of Jesus has united us with Christ, but the Resurrection has also united us with one another!

We are no longer individuals only, but because of the Resurrection of Jesus we are connected, and we see the Church 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.

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. 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.)

Mother's day Out of the mouth of babes...

In celebration of Mother’s Day, we asked a few of our children from Tiny Treasures what they love most about their mothers and here are their responses:

- ♥ “She gets my back pack ready for me.” ~ Brexton R. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She buys me presents and that’s it.” ~ Sarah N. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She makes me cupcakes.” ~ Michelle N. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She takes me to the mall—it’s my favorite place to go.” ~ Harper N. (4 yrs.)
- ♥ “She plays with me.” ~ Henry W. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She writes me love notes for my lunch box.” Emma W. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She takes care of us.” ~ Liam C. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She takes me places.” ~ Abel S. (5 yrs.)
- ♥ “She gives me hugs.” Alexia A. (4 yrs.)

Spring Women’s Event

**Wednesday, May 16
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.

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
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
Ann Moylan
Merle Knuth
Syria
Urbandale Food Pantry
Our military
Praises to God for the Single Moms' Morning Out

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar this Sunday, are from Bob and Shelly Rivera in memory of their son Brandon Sturdy KIA (killed in action) in Iraq on May 13, 2004.

A Huge Thank You!

Wow, Church! We are humbled, inspired and blessed beyond measure to serve alongside you at Single Moms' Morning Out. Your prayers, donations, time, hospitality, compassion and love created an event that allowed mommas to be literally wrapped in the grace, mercy and servanthood of their Savior. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for bringing your very best. We are especially grateful for members of the event leadership team, who possess hearts of beauty and love that are unmatched.

~In His Service, Jenny & Penny

Dinner and a Study

Wednesday, June 6, 13, and 20 from 6-7:30 p.m.



Women: You are invited for three weeks in June as we prepare dinner and eat together while enjoying a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. The cost is \$15 for the three weeks. Each participant will receive the recipes from each week. Child care for children 4 and under is provided. Register and

pay at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Young Patriots Club Annual Hearts for Heroes Night

Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei

You're invited to an evening to honor God and our American heroes with patriotic music, drama, military tribute, and our 2018 Heart of a Hero award presentations. Refreshments will follow.



Want to join the next year?

In September, the Young Patriots Club (YPC) will gather for the third year. Children and youth (Kindergarten-12th grade) are invited to be involved in sharing the love of Jesus and giving gratitude for our American heroes through songs and writings. For more information, visit www.youngpatriotsclub.com or e-mail, Julie Dueker at youngpatriots1776@gmail.com.

Worship Trip to Tabor Lutheran Church

Steve Kowbel and a worship team will be heading to Tabor Lutheran Church in Chicago from May 17-20. Pastor Phil Robarge has two ministries that distribute needed items for refugees and single moms. If you would like to support this trip, please donate diapers (#4 and #5 are the most requested), and/or Walmart or Costco gift cards. Please drop them off in the main office. Thank you!

Baptized Unto Jesus

Grady William Roy Belz born October 25, 2017 to Trent and Sarah (Nee: Buchholz) Belz will be baptized this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Grady's spiritual sponsors are Derek Buchholz, Sarah Jungman and Kendra Belz.

Laurel Village-Summer Outreach

Sign-up to help today! Starting June 19, we will share a community meal, worship, children's activities, and adult English lessons on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. at Laurel Village. Each night will be a bit different, but everything will be designed to build friendships 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.

Here are a few of the openings:

- Help adults with ESL
- Read books to children
- Assist with VBS
- Prepare meals
- Deliver meals



Sign up to help!

Click on the Registration tab at GDLC.CHURCH.

The specifics of each job can be found when you register.



Senior Adult Ministry

Presentation from Matthew Sheeley

Thursday, May 24 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Matthew Sheeley, a member of Gloria Dei, and Assistant State Public Defender, will speak about the State of Iowa v. Jay Rodney Lewis. This case became known when Mr. Lewis spent 112 days in jail before he was found "not guilty" of defending himself after two men chased him down in West Des Moines.

Games, Pie and Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 3 from 2-4 p.m.

You are invited for a fellowship time with games and dessert. A variety of fun games will be followed by the serving of pie and ice cream. Please register by Wednesday, May 30 online at www.GDLC.CHURCH or call Elaine Mueller at 276-8903. No need to bring anything, just yourself. Everything is provided.

Noah's Ark and Creation Museum

September 20-23, 2018 | Registration deadline is July 20

The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a trip to Williamstown, Kentucky to see the life-sized Ark and the Creation Museum where the history of the Bible vividly comes to life. This bus tour organized by the Senior Adult Ministry through Leisure Tours, LLC, will start and end at Gloria Dei. Information sheets about the pricing and the specific 4-day itinerary can be found at the Connection Center. For more specific questions, contact Leisure Tours, LLC at 223-1468.

Pastor Tim's Israel Travelogue

Sunday, May 27

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.

Summer Grace Place

Grace Place has taken a short break while we gear up for Summer! Summer Grace Place will begin June 2 and 3!

We need teachers! Parents, can you teach for one hour this summer? Sign up at the computer kiosks today! We need you!

Honduras

June 9-16, 2018

Team prepares for trip

The Honduras Mission Team is ramping up for the June trip serving the people of Honduras. Please join them by praying for the team as well as for those they will be serving.

This year's team consists of the following: Amanda Lamb, Jessica Lamb, Lauren Snyder, Dan Snyder, Greta Mueller, Alyse Messa, Tom Driscoll, Randy Dierenfield, Jamison Haller, Nicholas Rezek, Ken Knox, Grace Phillips, Kim Phillips and Pastor Tim Phillips.

Items needed

In order to help provide the medical assistance to the impoverished in Honduras, we are in need of the following items. Please drop the items off by May 27. Thank you for your generosity.

- Children's Chewable Vitamins (non gummy)
- Pre-natal Vitamins
- Adult Vitamins
- Walking Canes
- Hair Pretties
- Ibuprofen 200mg
- Small snack bags (2x2, 2x3 & 3x4)
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) Cream
- Saline and Decongestant Nasal Sprays
- H-2 Blockers (Prilosec/Prevacid/ Ranitidine)
- Cough/Cold Tablets - Adult
- Calcium
- Pain Relief Cream (BenGay, IcyHot)
- Antifungal Cream (Lotrimin, Clotrimazole)
- Antibiotic Cream (Neosporin, Polysporin)
- Sunblock (Cream, Not Spray)
- Toothbrushes
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) Tablets
- Anti-itch/Hydrocortisone Cream
- Body Lotion (unscented)
- Antacid Tablets (Tums, Maalox)
- Cough Drops
- Vaginal Yeast Cream
- Loratadine or Cetirizine 10mg

Outpouring of Love (April 29-May 5, 2018)

General Fund Offerings	\$35,330
General Fund Offering Budget	\$28,400
4th QTD Offering Total	\$192,236
4th QTD Budget	\$169,500
YTD Offering Total	\$1,523,167
YTD Budget	\$1,490,000

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.)