



Created by the Father

One of the most profound, amazing and wonderful truths comes from the First Article of the Apostle's Creed: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." Short. Sweet. To the point. God is our Father and Maker and Creator. We are indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made" by Him. We are not a product of chance or happenstance. We are a purposeful creation of the purposeful God. What implications in our world today does that truth bring for us and for those outside the Church? Today, we'll look at that truth as we remember that we are "Created by the Father!"

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.

Summer Grace Place

We are very excited to offer Summer Grace Place starting this weekend.

In order for us to provide the best experience for our children, we do need your help though. It is easy, everything is provided. All you have to do is to simply sign up for a week or two at the computer kiosks today! If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at DeAnn.McCue@gdlc.church.

Annual Meeting

June 10 at 2:30 p.m. Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting on June 10 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.

Annual Report
Please pick up the Annual Report before or after worship.

Nursery
The nursery will be available for infants-3 year olds at the Annual Meeting.

Luau on the Lawn

June 10 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for our first ever "Luau on the Lawn!" We will provide Hawaiian pulled pork sandwiches. We ask that if the first letter of your last name is A-L to please bring a dessert. If the first letter of your last name is M-Z, please bring a salad or a side dish. Please think about wearing your Hawaiian attire and bring your lawn chairs to sit in.

Please tell us you are coming by clicking the "registration" button at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Laurel Village-Summer Outreach

Sign up today! Starting June 19, we will share a community meal, worship, help with children's activities and adult English lessons on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. 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.



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

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

Our military

The Honduras team as they prepare for their trip

Flowers

Flowers on the altar

this weekend are "in celebration of the glory of God and love of Martha on our wedding anniversary."

~ Scott Raecker

Flowers on the piano are in "thanksgiving to God for all the blessings for 50 years of marriage."

~ David & Donna Maasen

Let's Meet the Governing Board Candidates

The following are the Governing Board candidates, which will be voted on at this year's Annual Meeting on June 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Martha Raecker (First-term Governing Board Candidate)

Martha and Scott Raecker have been married for 27 years. They have two children, Emily and Max, who are both Drake graduates and live and work in Des Moines. The Raeckers have been Urbandale residents since 1992 and members of Gloria Dei since 1998. Martha works as the office manager at Olmsted Elementary. Free time finds Martha golfing, walking with friends, journaling, attending Iowa football games, and enjoying as much family time as possible. Martha has served on the Building MAT and volunteered at Gloria Dei with the bell choir, and various special events where needed. She also spent several years assisting in the Tiny Treasures Preschool office. Martha's thoughts: "I am extremely excited about this opportunity to serve and honor God and Gloria Dei."



Scott Strachan (Second-term Governing Board Candidate)

Scott and Janet Strachan have been married for 38 years. They have three children: Jeremy (Megan), Andy (Hannah), Becca (Jared); and three grandchildren: Tyler, Sophia and Hunter. Scott works in technology at Casey's General Stores. He enjoys biking, camping, kayaking, Cyclone athletics and tailgating. He has been a member of Gloria Dei since 1984. In the 90's, he served on the church board and as a treasurer. In recent times, he served on the worship team, Missions MAT, Honduras mission trip and Men's Ministry. He has been honored to be the Governing Board President this past year. "I am passionate in expanding God's Kingdom in our community, and wherever I can reach," says Scott.



Brian Frantum (Second-term Governing Board Candidate)

Brian and Beth Frantum have been married for 23 years. They have four children, Olivia 13, Faith 11, Gabe 8, and Maddie 6. Brian works at Albaugh LLC as a Financial Reporting Director. He enjoys competitive shotgun shooting, hunting and fishing. Brian is passionate about spending time with his family in their numerous sports activities. He has been a member of Gloria Dei for 8 years and has served as a Worship Assistant and led Financial Peace University. "I want to share my business and financial knowledge to help Gloria Dei continue to grow," says Brian.



Donating Bibles

Recently we updated the Bibles that are in our worship spaces. We then moved those Bibles down to the children and teen ministry areas, leaving a surplus, which were donated to a church outside of Des Moines. They in turn will send the 300 Bibles to mission agencies in Trinidad and Tobago.

If you have extra Bibles that you would like to donate to a good cause, please bring them to our main office. The Word of God is powerful and effective!

Playdate @ the Park

Summer is here, so you know what that means? Time to bring your family to the park. Join us throughout the summer as we gather together for fun, fellowship, and food. We will provide the food, coffee, and treats.



In order to make sure we have enough food, please register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

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| Saturday, June 16 9:00-10:30 | Campbell Recreation Center 12385 Woodlands Pkwy Clive, IA 50325 |
| Saturday, June 30 9:00-10:30 | Walker Johnston Park 9000 Douglas Ave Urbandale, IA 50322 |
| Saturday, July 14 9:00-10:30 | Terra Park 6300 Pioneer Pkwy Johnston, IA 50131 |
| Saturday, July 28 9:00-10:30 | Lions Park (Across the street from Urbandale High School) 72nd & Aurora Ave Urbandale, IA 50322 |
| Saturday, Aug 11 9:00-10:30 | Dewey Park 5225 NW 64th Pl Johnston, IA 50131 |
| Saturday, Aug 25 9:00-10:30 | Pointe Vista Park 9612 Enfield Dr Johnston, IA 50131 |

Please register at
www.GDLC.CHURCH.



Join us for a fun summertime night out! It will be a casual evening (6:30- 8 p.m.) for women of all ages to gather. Each night will be different, with an activity or craft along with some summertime refreshments.

Wednesday, June 27:
Create Farmhouse Sign

Monday, July 30:
Purse and Accessory Swap

Thursday, August 16:
Coffee, Cake and Comedy

The cost is \$5 per evening. Registration is required at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Senior Adult
Ministry

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.

Transitions: Aging in Place

Wednesday, June 6 at 10 a.m. | We are offering our third Transitions presentation. Each month we bring in a guest speaker to help us sort out a topic. This month we are talking about Aging in Place—what you can do to stay in your home for as long as possible. We are bringing in Angie Burger who owns Accessible Home Health Care to speak to us on this topic. Come and join in the fellowship and blessing of our Transitions Class! For more information, please contact Pastor Tim at Tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

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.

Dinner and a Study (A New Offering)

Monday, June 11, 18, and 25 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Our Wednesday Dinner and a Study has reached its capacity; therefore, we are offering another dinner and a study on Monday nights. Women 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.



4th of July Hospitality Team

Wednesday, July 4 from 8-11:30 a.m.

Come be a part of our 4th of July "Hospitality Team" as we serve



the community during the morning at the 4th of July Parade! We will be handing out water, greeting, and helping those who may need to use our facilities or just get out of the sun for a little while.

Please register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

Kitchen Ministry Outreach

June 7 and 8: We are taking cookies to the Police and the Fire Stations in Des Moines, Clive, Grimes, Johnston, Norwalk, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights to express our extreme gratitude for everything they do for our community.

We need your help. Please sign up by clicking on the "registration link" at www.GDLC.CHURCH for the following:

- Frost and decorate on Thursday, June 7 or Friday, June 8 at 8 a.m.
- Deliver trays of cookies on Friday, June 8 or Saturday, June 9 anytime after 10:30 a.m.

| Outpouring of Love (May 20-26, 2018) | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$25,645 |
| General Fund Offering Budget | \$35,100 |
| 4th QTD Offering Total | \$291,879 |
| 4th QTD Budget | \$273,000 |
| YTD Offering Total | \$1,622,810 |
| YTD Budget | \$1,593,500 |
| Please note: Our fiscal year runs mid-year (July-June) | |

Urbandale Food Pantry

Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting the following:

Item for June: Shampoo

Please drop the item(s) in the bins under the coat racks. Thank you!

* 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.)