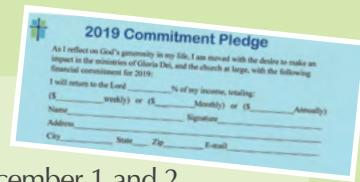


## 2019 Commitment Pledges

Please bring your pledges to worship on December 1 and 2.



### Young Adult Care Packages

We are connecting with our young adults who are off to college or in the military by putting together a care package for each of them. We are in need of a few items. If you feel God is leading you to help out, please do so by Nov. 25. We need:

- ~ 120 gift cards (\$10 value) to merchants (Target, Walmart, Casey's, etc...)
- ~ A business that can give us less expensive mail options
- ~ 120 microwave popcorn, hot chocolate packets, tea bags, etc...

There will be a box outside Tim "TK" Kightlinger's office (located across from the Youth Center) to place items in. Thank you for helping us care for our college-aged students.



### Giving Tree

Starting next week, we are very excited to provide you an incredible missions opportunity through our Christmas Giving Tree 2018! Here are this year's options:

**International \$20 Tag:** These two items will be provided for \$20: *Mama Kit:* In Uganda the women giving birth are required to have a \$5 medical kit in order to be allowed to have their baby in the hospital or clinic. No kit? No hospital! Many of them cannot afford the paltry \$5 for the kit! So, in partnership with Shining City, you can make that happen for them!

*Shoes That Grow:* All over the world children are going without shoes and even if they have them, they often grow out of them quickly ending up bare-footed after all. "The Shoe That Grows" is a ministry that provides expandable shoes for children and adults that are not only sturdy, but that also expands (forward and sideways) with the growing foot. The shoes are \$15 a pair.

So for your very small gift of just \$20 (\$5 kit and \$15 shoes) you can provide children/families two vitally important health needs this Christmas Season. Stop by the giving tree for more information and to donate your \$20...or \$200...or \$2,000 today!

**Laurel Village Food Gift Boxes:** We want to remember our friends Laurel Village by providing the items for a simple turkey dinner. Grab a tag and a box and bring the filled box to Gloria Dei on Dec. 8/9 or Dec. 15/16.

See you at the tree next weekend!

### Today's Message: "enTRUSTED" With His Resources"

**Scriptures:** Deuteronomy 8:11-18; 2 Corinthians 8:6-11

As a result of what you have received from God's Word today, what do you think He is giving you to believe or do this week?

#### Additional Notes:

### Let's pray!

**Prayer Wall:** Post your prayer requests (anonymously, if you choose) to a pastor or the online community. (Go to: [www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/](http://www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/))

**Connection Cards:** Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews.

#### Please Pray for:

Shirley Voshell	Shari Smith	Karen Seltz	The grieving family of Jordan McBride
Tim McClelland	Cooper Driscoll	Linda Trobaugh	Those impacted by the fires in California
Jennifer Dehnert	Taylor Peterson	Kevin Zehnder	
Larry Lewis	Doug Jackson	Andy Varley	
Jessica Kramer	Mike Dehnert	Jared Walter	
Heather Kusel	Paula Spark		



**Emelia Joann Fleming** born September 19, 2017 to Jonathon and Renee (nee: Pike) Fleming, will be baptized on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the FLC. Emelia's spiritual sponsors are Mara Wengryn and Jacob Pike.



**Isabella Marie Fleming** born June 14, 2015 to Jonathon and Renee (nee: Pike) Fleming, will be baptized on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the FLC. Isabella's spiritual sponsors are Mara Wengryn and Jacob Pike.



**Lance Frederick Mixdorf** born October 20, 2006 to Mark and Jeanine (nee: Lamfers) Mixdorf, will be baptized on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. in the FLC. Lance's spiritual sponsor is Jane Lamfers.

Outpouring of Love Nov. 4-10, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 - June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$41,554
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1st QTD Offering Total	\$195,832
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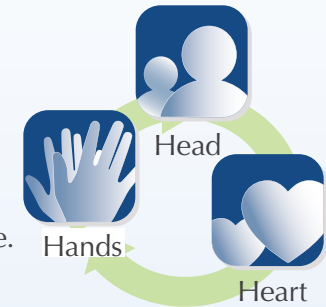
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## CONNECTIONS



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But as you excel in everything—  
in faith, in speech, in knowledge,  
in all earnestness, and in our love for you—  
see that you excel in this act of grace also.  
2 Corinthians 8:7



### Visiting Today?

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you're here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).

**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

**PreK-Elementary Children:** We would love for your children to join us during our educational time on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.



### enTRUSTed: With His Resources

We are often very focused on money and things. We are often consumed by money and things—OUR money and OUR things. Today we will remember that OUR things are not OURS at all. All that we have and all that we are...is His...is God's. We'll remember today that we are simply enTRUSTed with HIS resources.



### Thanksgiving Worship Services

Please join us to take time to remember God's lavish love towards us.

**Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

(Blended service with Communion)

**Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m.**

(Traditional service with Communion)

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.

## Wednesday, Nov. 21

Please note that all Bible studies, Grace Place and ReCharge will not meet. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. Have a great Thanksgiving!



### Advent Midweek Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
12:15 p.m. (Traditional in Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m. (Blended in Sanctuary) (Livestream)

We are looking forward to getting ready for the birth of our Savior. During Advent Worship on Wednesday evenings, children are welcome to worship with their families before being invited to Faith Alive. ReCharge will meet in the Youth Center at 6:20 p.m. Family dinner will be in the FLC at 5:45 p.m.



### Giving With Compassion

I am so thankful for the generosity of this amazing congregation! You all genuinely put your money where your faith is and I'm so thankful to Jesus for you! As you consider all of the ways you can be even more generous during this Christmas Season, why don't you consider adopting a child through Compassion International. Robin and the kids and I have been privileged to support Johana and Jose from Peru and the blessings we have received have far out-weighted the blessings we give. It's only \$38 a month per child! Go to [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com) and search for your spiritual "son" or "daughter!" Many blessings during this Holy-Day Season! Your Brother - Pastor Joe



### Senior Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 9 | 4 p.m.  
All seniors are invited to the Senior Adult Christmas Party. There will be carol singing and other Christmas activities. Register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 8 | 1-5 p.m.  
Come and lift the hearts of those who are home bound. Afterwards, we will finish by eating a meal together at church. Register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### Mt. Olive Advent Family Night

Keep the Savior in the season of Advent by coming to Mount Olive Lutheran School, 5625 Franklin Avenue in Des Moines, for a free night of family fun on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. Families are invited to participate in a variety of activities for the whole family. For more information, e-mail [chelsea.adams@molcs.org](mailto:chelsea.adams@molcs.org).



**W O M E N** | Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)



### Advent by Candlelight

Monday, Nov. 26 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
This lovely evening is open to all women to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus. You can host a table for ten or simply attend. We just desire for you to enjoy the glimpse of our Savior. Sign up at the display.



### Christmas Brunch Women's Event

Saturday, Dec. 15 | 9-11 a.m.  
Women of all ages and stages are invited to join us to celebrate Jesus, our Savior, born in a manger. We will slow down and focus on His presence as we prepare for Christmas. Together, we will enjoy fellowship, worship and a Bible study. Registration is required at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). The cost is \$5.



### Thank you

We would like to thank the congregation for their generous support with the Book Sale. Your donations of books and empty shoeboxes enabled us to raise enough money to fill 100 boxes with personal items. During September and October, Naomi Circle reached out to 100 shut-ins from Gloria Dei and other members of our community with a visit, a smile and a box! The mission not only blessed us with an opportunity to spread God's love, but also opened our eyes to another need of the community—the helpless, lonely seniors needing to know they are not forgotten. Thank you!



### November's Book Recommendation

The following is November's book recommendation from Steve Kowbel, Director of Worship Ministries.  
*"The Voice of the Psalms" - Psalms Retold by the Friends of Ecclesia Bible Society Written by Karen Moore and James F. Couch, Jr.*  
"The Voice of the Psalms" pairs the psalms with a devotional thought following the text as well as four reading plans (Advent, Lent, comfort and guidance, and praise) I have found in times when I'm lacking direction of where to land in scripture, this tool has helped give me a good frame work on where to dive back in.



### Urbandale Food Pantry

Your monthly donations are a great blessing to our community. Thank you! November's requested item is toothpaste.



**C H I L D R E N** | Contact: Jenn Fuller at [jenn.fuller@gdlc.church](mailto:jenn.fuller@gdlc.church)



### Christmas Create Family Event

Sunday, Nov. 18 | 3-5 p.m.  
If you have registered, we are ready for you! If you have not registered, please contact DeAnn at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).



### Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 1 | 10-11:30 a.m.  
Bring your family to decorate a Gingerbread House (all trimmings included) and enjoy a light lunch. We'll hear a Christmas devotion to share in the days leading up to Christmas. Registration is required at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). Cost is \$40 per family for a gingerbread house. Additional houses can be purchased for \$10.



### No Rehearsal, No Stress Christmas Program and Family Event

Sunday, Dec. 2 | 3:30-5 p.m.  
It's going to be an interactive and fun time as entire families gather to share about Jesus' birth and enjoy songs, crafts and food. This event is for all, so please invite your friends and relatives. Registration is required at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

If you are available, there will be a prep night on Wednesday, Nov. 28 to get everything ready for this event. We will meet in rooms in the education area to cut out items, draw on rocks, and much more. Please bring a savory or sweet snack to share with everyone.



### Empty Paper Towel Rolls

We need lots of empty paper towel rolls for various projects. Please drop them off in the box in front of Jenn's office. Thank you!



### Honduras Mission 2019 Informational Meeting

Sunday, November 18 | 12:15 p.m.  
Join us for this exciting opportunity to give the love of Jesus to our friends in Honduras!  
We spend a week in Honduras doing medical, dental, optical, chiropractic and evangelistic ministry. We pour concrete floors, paint houses, and set up water purification systems. Every day is a powerful spiritual experience that will strengthen your faith and give you the joy of serving. Our trip will take place June 8-15. Registration is required at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).  
If you have more questions, please contact Pastor Tim Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).