

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 have been so blessed with the donations of popcorn, hot chocolate, etc. The only items we need are:

120 gift cards (\$10 value) to merchants (Target, Walmart, Casey's, etc...)

There will be a box outside Tim "TK" Kightlinger's office (located across from the Youth Center) to place the gift cards in. Please note that we have extended the deadline until Tuesday, Nov. 27. Thank you for helping us care for our college-aged students.



Giving Tree

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 Donation Outreach:

These two items are what \$20 will provide:

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 at 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 this weekend!

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

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Matthew 28:16-20

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/)

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

Phone Calls: Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

Please Pray for:

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



Vivienne Rose Morrison born August 29, 2018 to Ben and Kayla (nee: Gathercole) Morrison, will be baptized on Sunday, Nov. 25 after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Vivienne's spiritual sponsors are Mike and Nicole Gathercole.

Outpouring of Love Nov. 11-17, 2018 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$40,624
General Fund Offering Budget	\$36,400
1st QTD Offering Total	\$236,455
1st QTD Budget	\$201,600
YTD Offering Total	\$673,870
YTD Budget	\$616,800

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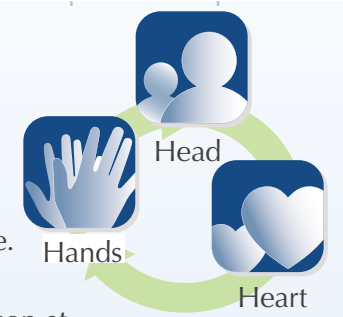
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All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19



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.

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: Please note that we are not offering Grace Place this weekend. We will resume on December 1 and 2.



enTRUSTed: With His Message

This is an "outreach" subject...an "each-one-reach-one" kinda message...not stewardship! And yet, today we'll remember that when we talk about the stewardship of our time, talents and treasures, reaching out is part and parcel of using what God has enTRUSTed you with to HIS glory. We will remember today that we are not "on a mission from God" but that God is in fact on a mission through us as we are enTRUSTed with HIS message!



Advent Midweek Worship Services

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 & 19

12:15 p.m. (Traditional in Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. (Blended in Sanctuary)

Please note: During worship, 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 meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. Nursery will be opened from 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



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-weighed the blessings we give. It's only \$38 a month per child! Go to www.compassion.com and search for your spiritual "son" or "daughter!" Many blessings during this Holy-Day Season! Your Brother - Pastor Joe



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.



Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 8 | 1-5 p.m.

Come and lift the hearts of those who are home bound. Please meet at church at 1 p.m. Afterwards, we will finish by eating a meal together at church. Register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



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.



ReCharge Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, Dec. 16 | 8 a.m. to noon

Join us for a delicious hot breakfast lovingly made by our youth and their parents. All profits will help support the Youth Ministry and mission trips. The delectable menu is:

- Omelets (Cheese, Meat & Cheese, Veggie & Cheese) • Bacon
- Pancakes • Fresh Fruit • Baked goods • Drinks (OJ, milk, coffee)



Urbandale Food Pantry

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



W O M E N | Contact: DeAnn McCue at 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. Please contact DeAnn if you have not registered. Please make sure that you arrive early as the program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.



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. The cost is \$5.



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 framework on where to dive back in.

You won't have to be a songwriter to enjoy the songs of the ancients. This book will help continue the work of the living Word of God in your life. I pray that it brings inspiration and comfort as you continue to pursue and discover God.



Embryo Adoption Webinar

Learn about a special family building opportunity and alternative to in-vitro fertilization called Embryo Adoption. Through embryo adoption, you can build your family by adopting and implanting a frozen embryo, and giving birth to your own adopted child. Lutheran Family Service will be hosting a free Embryo Adoption Webinar on Wednesday, December 12 from 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Anyone interested will need to register online at LutheranFamilyService.org/events. You may also contact Kim Laube with any questions at klaube@LFSiowa.org.



C H I L D R E N | Contact: Jenn Fuller at jenn.fuller@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. Cost is \$40 per family for a gingerbread house. Additional houses can be purchased for \$10 each.



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. Please bring a savory or sweet snack to share with everyone.

Registration is required at 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.



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!



Christmas Gifts for Military Families

For the 6th year, Operation Barnabas of Des Moines (OBDM) is partnering with the Freedom Alliance's Presents for Patriots Program (<https://freedomalliance.org/programs/presents-for-patriots>). This program helps provide Christmas gifts to the children of military families, with very limited resources, who are struggling with combat wounds and other service-related injuries.

OBDM is adopting military families and collecting Walmart or Target gift cards to give to the parents. Monetary donations are also being accepted for the purchase of gift cards. The cards will be divided among the families, providing the parents with the opportunity and pleasure of purchasing gifts for their children.

Donations can be mailed to: Linn Hayden, Operation Barnabas, 405 NW Sturbridge, Ankeny, IA 50023. Please note "Presents for Patriots." All donations are tax deductible and must be received by Wednesday, December 12. For more additional information, contact Linn at 515-664-7359.