



## Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 8 | 7-9:30 p.m. {appetizers served}

Saturday, Feb. 9 | 9-11:30 a.m. {continental breakfast served}

Gloria Dei will be joining with over 500 churches from around the world in hosting the simulcast XO Conference. The XO Conference is the largest marriage conference of its kind, designed to enhance intimacy, renew passion, and refresh your relationship.

The cost is \$25 per couple. Please note: childcare is not available for this event. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

Escape the Ordinary  
XO  
MARRIAGE CONFERENCE 2019  
FEBRUARY 8-9, 2019  
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Check out the display today!

FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN

JIMMY EVANS  
MarriageToday Founder & CEO

TIM ROSS  
Senior Pastor at Embassy City Church

DAVE & ASHLEY WILLIS  
MarriageToday Speakers and Authors of The Naked Marriage

DR. LES PARROTT  
Bestselling Author & Creator of Synbia

BIANCA OLTHOFF  
Speaker & Author



## Work as Worship Retreat

Friday, Feb. 22 | 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at GDLC

Join thousands of Christian business professionals across the country for a one-day livestream event to hear from experts on connecting your faith and work. For Christians, who also happen to be business professionals, faith and work don't often intersect. The connection between faith and work is not always obvious, but it is a God-given calling to make them connect.

WORK AS WORSHIP RETREAT  
Friday, Feb. 22  
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. @ GDLC

FRANCIS CHONG  
Church Planter and Business Executive

JOHN ADAMS  
High Tech Visual Business Executive

WELLS MITCHELL  
Developer of Synbia, Author of Synbia

SHARON BERRY  
CEO, Entrepreneur, Pastor, and Author

WELSH BUCHANAN  
Entrepreneur and Author

JERRY WOODS  
CEO, Pastor

STEVE GREEN  
Pastor of Synbia Church

TERRY PATTON  
CEO, Pastor, and Author

Register at GDLC.CHURCH

Register by Feb. 18 at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). The cost is \$30; lunch is included. Please note: childcare is not available for this event. For more information, please contact Chris Thomson at [chris.thomson@gdgc.church](mailto:chris.thomson@gdgc.church).

### Message: "What Does Heaven Look Like?"

Scriptures: Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27 and Revelation 7:9-1-31

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.gdgc.church/prayer-wall/](http://www.gdgc.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	Doug Jackson	Our federal workers
Tim McClelland	Paula Spark	Our government
Jennifer Dehnert	Linda Trobaugh	
Larry Lewis	For those who are grieving	
Jessica Kramer	The Hong Kong team as they prepare for their trip	
Heather Kusel		
Shari Smith		
Taylor Peterson		

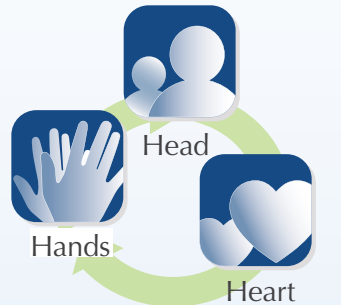
Outpouring of Love Jan. 13-19 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$46,213
General Fund Offering Budget	\$39,900
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$87,948
3rd QTD Budget	\$77,800
YTD Offering Total	\$1,041,692
YTD Budget	\$1,013,200

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS



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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place[a] of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.[c] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."  
Revelation 21:3-4 (ESV)

### Visiting Today?

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you're here.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or feel free to contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or [ben.johnson@gdgc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdgc.church).

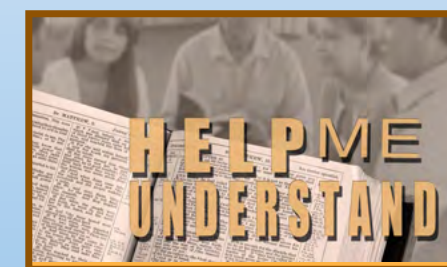
**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

**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.



### "Help Me Understand: What Does Heaven Look Like?"

We are curious, aren't we? We want to know what it's going to look like...not just in appearance but also in terms of what we'll be doing when we're there. Are we going to "hang



out" like a never-ending vacation? Are we going to eat and drink and be merry? Are we going to know everything and everyone? Are we going to be the same person we were when we die? And

that's just the tip of the iceberg! What does heaven look like for us? We know this with certainty...we will be with Jesus...we will be with our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we will so forever! What more do we need to know?

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



## Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "Walking as Children of the Light"

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will look at the book of 1 John. John reminds us that we are God's children by faith in Jesus!

### Can't attend on Wednesday?

No problem, you can livestream the study at 6:30 p.m. or watch it on our Web site ([www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH)) or on our App.



## Sunday's Bible Study

Sundays 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

You are invited to a video-Bible study and discussion for the next several weeks. Nabeel Qureshi, the author of "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" shares on his experience being raised in a loving Muslim family before finding Jesus. If you have questions, contact Dan Snyder at [drs301@msn.com](mailto:drs301@msn.com).



## Food for Our Federal Friends

Maybe you're wondering how you could help our friends and family members who are also Federal workers? We felt that an easy way for us to help would be to provide food to the Urbandale Food Pantry. This way we can bless members of our faith community and members of our greater Des Moines community, also. So, for the next four weeks we'll be gathering food for the food pantry in the Gathering Area. Thank you! At the end of the food drive we'll need to box up, collate and deliver the food, so stay tuned for how you can further help when the drive is over.



## Men: Are You Ready to Fight the Elements?

Thursday, July 25 - Monday, July 29

Peak Challenge invites men to a mountain-top experience where they are challenged to stand strong and lead courageously to engage the world with the power of Jesus Christ. The cost is \$225, which includes registration, food at the camp and some travel expenses. For more information, visit to [www.peakchallenge.net](http://www.peakchallenge.net) or contact Pastor Bill Clark at [Bill@cosnorwalk.org](mailto:Bill@cosnorwalk.org) or pick up a informational sheet at the Connection Center.



## Tutors Needed

If you have a love for children and a desire to give them a running start in life, please consider helping a group from GDLC with tutoring a Laurel Village student. We meet at Moulton Elementary School, 1541 8th St, Des Moines, on Wednesdays from 1:15-2:15 p.m. No experience is necessary, only a desire to help a child with reading and math. If interested, contact Karen Kennedy at [karen.kennedy@gdlc.church](mailto:karen.kennedy@gdlc.church).



**W O M E N** | Contact: DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church)  
Visit [GDLC.Church](http://GDLC.Church) to register and to pay for each event.  
\*Childcare is available if the child is registered a week before the event.



## Hints for Prayerful Pause Women's Event

Tuesday, Feb. 19 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Take time to create a stone bead bracelet to remind us to pause and pray during our day. We will hear what God has to say about prayer, create a prayer journal and how to practice a pause. Childcare is available\*



## Mom2Mom Events

Moms of any stage and age are invited to join us to Mom2Mom!

We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Each month will be different. Sign up for one or all three! Registration is a must! Cost per event is \$10. Childcare is available\*



Saturday, February 16 | 8-9:30 a.m. | Reclaimed Wood Heart

Saturday, March 9 | 8-9:30 a.m. | Leather Bracelet

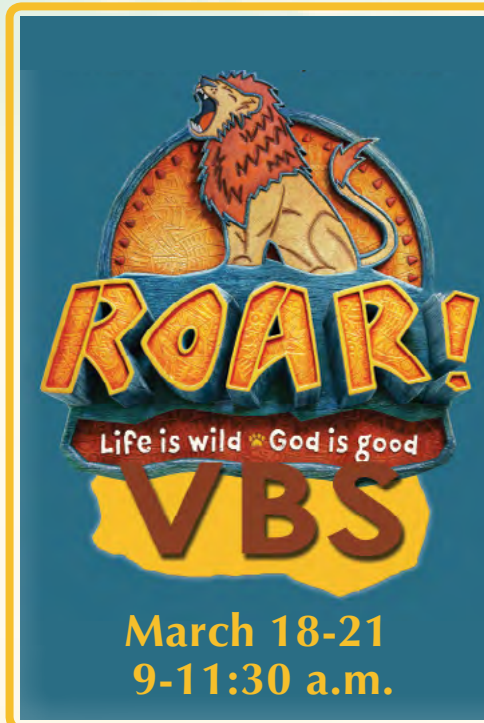
Saturday, April 27 | 8-9:30 a.m. | Reclaimed Wood Sign



## Reverse Canvas Women's Event

Thursday, February 28 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we create a reverse canvas. All supplies will be provided as we create a unique work of art to take home. Cost is \$15. Registration is a must. Childcare is available\*



## Spring Break Vacation Bible School

Children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited to our spring break VBS! Each child will learn that "life is wild" and "God is good."

### Register your children today!

Please visit [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) or click "Register Now" on our App.

**Volunteers needed:** We need lots of volunteers to help with our children. For a complete listing of where you are needed, click on the "registration" link at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

## Parents! Childcare is Available!

We strive to offer age appropriate childcare for worship and events at Gloria Dei for infants to grade 5.

**Weekends during worship:** Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under in the nursery. In addition, Grace Place and Faith Alive serves children ages 2 and up.

**Childcare for events:** Childcare is available for infants and children up to grade 5. Please note: that in order for us to be prepared, we need your child to be registered. This can be easily accomplished when registering for a specific event at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) a week before the event.



## Sign up for The Lutheran Witness Magazine

The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and offers church news, feature articles, a Bible study, and much more. The Lutheran Witness is published 11 times a year—monthly, with a combined June/July issue. When subscribing through Gloria Dei, each issue also includes a newsletter from Iowa District West with local news and updates.

Subscription rate, including the district newsletter, is \$22.68 per year. Pick up a form at the Connection Center and return it before March 1. For questions, please contact Jenny Lappin at [jenny.lappin@gdlc.church](mailto:jenny.lappin@gdlc.church).



## Agape Pregnancy Center Update

Agape Pregnancy Center has served teens in the Des Moines area for over 30 years with accurate information to help them make an informed choice about their pregnancy. Currently, Agape is planning to purchase a house for \$350,000 and are a third of the way there. To learn more about helping or a house tour, please contact Steve Siemens at [director@agapedsm.com](mailto:director@agapedsm.com).

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