



## Lenten and Easter Worship Times

We are very excited about the upcoming Lenten Sermon Series, "The Tapestry of Christian Living" from Romans chapter twelve! We will explore all the facets of the Christian life woven together in our lives and how, as we display them in our world, we can bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus.

### Ash Wednesday Worship Services

March 6 (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

March 6 (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

### Lenten Midweek Worship Services

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, & 10 in the Sanctuary at 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

(Please note: ReCharge and Faith Alive will not meet on March 6, March 20 and Holy Week.)

### Holy Week Worship Services

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Worship Services

Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)



## Loved Bible Event

Tuesday, March 5 | 6:30-8 p.m.

We will highlight key verses and write notes of encouragement to moms attending Single Moms Morning Out. We need your help!

We will highlight over 100 Bibles! No cost; but registration is a must at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



## Thank You

I wanted to personally thank you for your most generous and kind gifts to our LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces to provide Lutheran spiritual support to all those who serve or have served our nation in uniform. Thank you! You are truly a blessing!

As I write this, I just saw an update that we now have eight of our LCMS chaplains deployed overseas and in harm's way to provide support and pastoral care to our brave men and women who selflessly serve our nation. We will never forget all those who sacrifice so much to serve to protect those freedoms we enjoy.

In Christ's Service, Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, CAPT, CHC, USN (Ret), Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces

### Message: "The Metamorphosis"

**Scriptures:** Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-36

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.

**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	Jessica Kramer	Frank Leu
Dennis Mellencamp	Heather Kusel	Safe travels and meaningful experiences for the group going to Israel
Tim McClelland	Taylor Peterson	
Jennifer Dehnert	Doug Jackson	
Larry Lewis	Paula Spark	



## Tiny Treasures' Spring Children's Consignment Sale

Friday, April 12 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, April 13 | 8-11 a.m.

Tiny Treasures' Spring Children's Consignment Sale is coming up! Items for sale will include children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, you can register on-line at [www.gdlc.church](http://www.gdlc.church).



## Urbandale Food Pantry Request

Recently, we have discovered that the food pantry needs canned soups like chicken noodle, tomato and beef vegetable, etc.

Outpouring of Love - Feb. 17-23 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,632
General Fund Offering Budget	\$36,300
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$241,937
3rd QTD Budget	\$237,600
YTD Offering Total	\$1,195,681
YTD Budget	\$1,173,000

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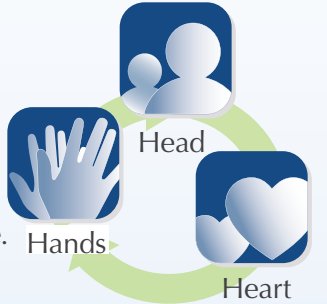
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And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. Luke 9:35-36 (ESV)



## 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@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.



## "The Metamorphosis"

Today we will remember, consider and celebrate the amazing event in Christ's earthly life known as "The Transfiguration." Amazingly Jesus was completely transformed in the presence of the disciples and in the presence of two Old Testament figures, Moses and Elijah. Notice that while Peter, James and John were fearful and amazed, Moses and Elijah seem to have taken Christ's changed appearance in stride. So, as you consider that truth, what does this event tell us about Jesus? What does it furthermore tell us about our faith in Jesus?



## Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten series will kick off March 6 with Ash Wednesday services at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will receive the ashes on our foreheads and hands to remind us of our fallen nature and partake in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins. Mark March 6th on your calendar and make it a priority to grow in your faith again this year!

Faith Alive & ReCharge will not meet and dinner will not be served on March 6, 20 and during Holy Week.



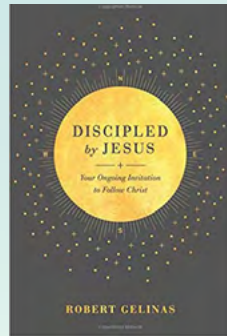


## Book Recommendation

March's book of the month recommendation, "Discipled by Jesus" by Robert Gelinas, is from Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry.

One of the main teachings of "Discipled by Jesus" is that we need a reformation in our understanding of discipleship. Gelinas makes this case, suggesting that our definition is incomplete.

Gelinas issues a call for us to connect – in real-time – with the risen Christ, who is alive and inviting us to enroll in his school of ongoing discipleship.



He also states that we are transformed when we are truly open to Christ's teaching. As Gelinas says, "the call of the shepherd comes with a new identity." Even though Jesus is resurrected, he hasn't stopped teaching. Throughout the Bible, the experiences of the Apostles demonstrate what life should be like for us. The Holy Spirit is a gift of the Father so we can know him better and see more clearly.

How do we increasingly become like Jesus? How can we be led, loved, and taught by Jesus even though he is not physically present with us? That's the role of the Holy Spirit.

A very thought-provoking book that will challenge what you thought you knew about discipleship.



## Senior Adult Ministry St. Patrick's Day Party

**Sunday, March 17 | 4 p.m. in the Youth Center**

Please join the senior adults for a real St. Patrick's Day party with corned beef and cabbage. Guests are asked to bring a "Green" food item to donate to the Urbandale Food Pantry.

Reservations must be in by Wednesday, March 13. Please register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) (Click on "registration" at the top of the page.) or call Elaine Mueller at 515-276-8903.



## Men's Softball

It's time to hit the diamond, men! Gloria Dei men's softball team is forming and we need you to join us. No experience needed, but if you're young, athletic, and enjoy playing ball, we need you! Cost will be \$30 for the season (14 games plus tournament). We will play on Monday nights at Campbell fields in Clive, beginning in mid-April.

Contact TK, [tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church), for more information or to sign up as soon as you can.



## 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).

**Register your children today!**  
**Visit [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.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.



## Mom2Mom Events

Moms of any stage and age are invited to join us at Mom2Mom! We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Registration is a must! Cost per event is \$10. Childcare is available\*



**Saturday, March 9 | 8-9:30 a.m. | Leather Bracelet & Heart**  
**Saturday, April 27 | 8-9:30 a.m. | Reclaimed Wood Sign**



## Walk the Talk

**Tuesday, March 12 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Women are invited to join us as we create a custom t-shirt. We talk about our faith, but do we walk what we talk? Our t-shirts will be a reflection of what we believe. All supplies will be provided as you create a unique t-shirt to wear. Cost is \$15. Registration is a must.



## Reclaimed Wood Cross

**Thursday, April 4 | 6:30-8 p.m.**

Women are invited to join us as we create a reclaimed wood cross. All supplies will be provided as you create a unique work of art to take home. Cost is \$20. Registration is a must.



\*Childcare is available if the child is registered a week before the event.

## Important VBS Announcements

1. There will be a VBS leader/helper training on Monday, March 11 from 6-7 p.m. in room 112/114 in the Children's Wing.
2. There will be a VBS kids' worship team meeting/rehearsal on Sunday, March 10 from 12-1 p.m. and Sunday, March 17 from 1-3 p.m. (if needed) both in the FLC.
3. Items are needed for VBS – please see the display in the Gathering Area or the FLC. Please take a tag or two or as many as you like and purchase the items and return them to the display area as soon as possible or by Sunday, March 17.

For questions, please contact Jenn Fuller at [jenn.fuller@gdlc.church](mailto:jenn.fuller@gdlc.church).

## "Unplanned" Coming to Theaters on March 29

WHAT SHE SAW  
CHANGED  
EVERYTHING

Previews around March 29 (times tbd):  
**B & B (Ankeny) & Century 20 (Jordan Creek)**

The movie, "UnPlanned" shows the transformation of Abby Johnson, the youngest director of Planned Parenthood. Her life took a radical turn from being a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood to becoming one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

At this point, B & B (Ankeny) and Century 20 (Jordan Creek) will be showing the movies. Specific movie times will be posted closer to the event. For more details, visit [unplanned.com](http://unplanned.com).

## Help Habitat for Humanity in Marshalltown

**Tuesday, April 23-Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

It's Marshalltown's first blitz event! Join Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild Marshalltown after the storm. Volunteer opportunities include home repairs, landscaping, handing out lunch, etc.

**No construction experience?** No problem. You don't need any experience.

Interested in volunteering? E-mail [volunteer@iowahabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@iowahabitat.org) or call 515-266-6886. Please note: a group from Gloria Dei will be heading to Marshalltown on Saturday, April 27. More information to follow.

