### **Our Family Picture Time!**

Dear Family of Faith at Gloria Dei,

We are entering the "Heart" segment of "Head.Heart.Hands," and our focus in that segment is...each other! We are going to spend an entire cycle, September to May, growing more deeply in tune with one another in this Body of Christ which the Lord has given us. On a related subject, many have asked for a new online photo directory that showcases our friends and family at Gloria Dei. So, here is a chance to combine both aspects into one amazing venture.

LifeTouch will be taking pictures of our families and compiling not only a physical book for us to have at home, but a secure online directory as well. We need everyone to participate!

Check the schedule below and begin to formulate when you will be able to get your own family's photo taken so that we can have our "Family" photos gathered into one spot! Thank you for your cooperation with this endeavor and many blessings as you grow in love for one another! ~ Pastor Joe

Monday, Sept. 9-Thursday, Sept. 12 from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17-Thursday Sept. 19 from 2-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20-Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4-Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration will begin August 4, more information will follow.



#### **Cleaning Supplies Drive for Veterans**

Every year the Military Tribute Concert committee selects a special project focused on helping Veterans and/or their family. This year our focus is to support the Veterans moving into new housing in the Des Moines area by collecting cleaning supplies. The VA Hospital will put our items into cleaning buckets and place in Veterans new apartments and homes. We also plan to place a special message expressing our gratitude in each bucket.

We will be collecting the following items. Please do not stray from the list as the VA has limited storage and is asking for only these items:

- Liquid cleaner Spic & Span or Pine Glo (no spray disinfectant)
- Set of two fiber dish towels with abrasive back
- A dish towel
- A fiber cleaning cloth (can be found in mop isle at most stores)
- A sponge (set of two) sponge on one side and scouring pad on the other
- Dish soap (large)

Donation items or monetary gifts can be dropped off at the display by August 11. If you have questions, contact Janna Amendt 515-210-6328 or at *bjamendt@aol.com*.

Message: "Making Meaningful Moments"

**Scriptures**: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 & Genesis 12:1-2: 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: <a href="https://www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/">www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/</a>)

**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 Jackee Brienzo Those who are Larry Lewis Heather Kusel Bob Sams Taylor Peterson Roger Cling

(Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,118
General Fund Offering Budget	\$20,600
1st QTD Offering Total	\$51,582
1st QTD Budget	\$53,500
YTD Offering Total	\$51,582
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# GDLC

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.





## **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 located through the doors at the southwest corner outside the Sanctuary.

**PreK-Grade 2:** In July, we offer Summer Grace Place for children ages 3 through grade 2 on Saturdays at 5:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Starting in September, Grace Place will be available for all preschool and elementary children.



#### "Making Meaningful Moments"

Is there anything more valuable than time? Whatever we claim as priorities in life we tend to give our time to. This week Paul is

reminding us all of our primary calling as followers of Jesus. Paul is urging us to prioritize this, value this, and make time for this. How do we do that? What does



that mean for the other things we value?

#### **Back to School Outreaches**

We are gathering items for children in Des Moines and Chicago.





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#### Stephen Ministers are here for you!

Bear one another's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Loneliness? Loss of a spouse? Retirement? Unemployment? Discouragement? Childbirth? Hospitalization? Divorce? Grief?

Terminal Illness? Being shut-in?

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one caring and confidential help to those who are hurting. Each Stephen Minister from Gloria Dei has received extensive training from Stephen Ministry, a not-forprofit Christian educational organization equipping others to help those in many of life's situations.



If you are experiencing a difficult time and would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church. All conversations are confidential.

I just retired and have so many hours to fill each day. Is there something meaningful and helpful that I should be doing with all this time?

Stephen Ministers can help as they deeply listen to your thoughts about your time and passions. They are there to lend a hand and an listening ear. They have been screened and specially trained in confidential listening, reflecting, and support. Most importantly, they mirror the love of Christ in interactions with someone who is struggling with life situations. Each Stephen Minister interacts with one person at a time and will visit with their care receiver until the struggle is over.

# MILITARY TRIBUTE CONCERT



Monday, August 12 at

Join us at the Iowa State Fair as we pay tribute to our miliary.

Once again the Military Tribute Concert will be performing at the lowa State Fair. They will pay tribute to veterans, current service members, and families of the fallen. This will be their 7th year at the fair! Check out: www.militarytributeconcert.org.

If you have any guestions or would like to be involved in the concert, please contact Julie DenHerder at 515-240-1626.



#### **Taste & See Bible Event**

Thursday, July 25 | 6-8 p.m.

Women are invited to come to the table for dinner and Bible study.

We'll explore foods in the Bible as we taste and see God's goodness. This week is a stand-alone study. Registration is a must!



#### **Sweet Lemonade & Iced Tea Events**

Quilted Art | Thursday, August 8 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we create a guilted art picture. All supplies will be provided as you create an unique quilted piece of art to take home. Cost is \$15. Registration is a must.



#### Playdate @ the Park

Time to go to the park! Join us throughout the summer as we gather together for some time of fun, fellowship, and food. Please register at GDLC.Church.

Saturday, August 3 from 9-10:30 a.m. Campbell Recreation Center, 12385 Woodlands Pkwy, Clive, IA 50325

Saturday, August 17 from 9-10:30 a.m. Lions Park, 72nd & Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322



#### Thank you

Dear Gloria Dei members and staff, Thank you all so much for the prayers and continued support during Jessica's cancer reoccurrence We have been blessed with love, support, food, gift cards, and of course, prayers. We love Gloria Dei and the people. Our family appreciates your kindness! ~ The Kramer family



#### Save the Date!

Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Gridshock, a documentary on human trafficking in central Iowa will be shown in the Family Life Center during the first Wednesday of Faith Alive. Normally, we would begin our Wednesday evening Bible study at the same date as Faith Alive; however, we thought this was the best opportunity to show the documentary to the church and community. Tickets (free) will be required. More information will be forthcoming. A free-will offering will be received for Dorothy's House that will help to offset the cost of showing the documentary.



#### **Urbandale Food Pantry**

Your monthly donations are a great blessing to our community. Thank you! July's requested item is toilet paper.



Pastor Robarge and family are working with children in Chicago who need some extra help and encouragement.

Please consider donating the following items:

Backpack

- Pencil sharpeners
- Plain-colored spiral notebooks
   Rulers
- Loose leaf paper
- Blue/Black pens
- 2 pocket folders plain color
   Crayons/colored pencils
- #2-pencils

• Glue sticks

Everything will be assembled in Chicago, so no need to put items in the backpack.

If you would rather give financially, please write "Chicago Outreach" in the memo line or give online.

Please bring donations to the display by August 11.



#### **Wipe-Out-Germs Campaign**

We will partner with Moulton Elementary School in their quest to keep the school free from germs! Here is how to help: simply pick up container(s) of disinfecting wipes. Our goal is 550 containers (one per child). Thank you for your help!



# The Diaper Project

Wednesday, July 24 from 10 a.m. until noon.

The Senior Adult Ministry will have a work day to cut out the diapers and lengths of elastic and velcro to make up the kits.

Thank you for your donations and help as we provide diapers for the Dominican Republic. We are still in need of 1/4" elastic and Velcro.



#### **Cultural Presentation**

Sunday, August 11 from 12-2 p.m.

Presenters from Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (Embarc) will share on the many facets of cultures within the Burma population in Iowa. This will build on our understanding of the culture of our friends at Laurel Village. Pizza will be served!

