



Joining Gloria Dei

Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

If you're planning to join our congregation as we live out God's mission and vision in Urbandale and beyond, the CORE Beliefs classes begin September 5 at 6:30 p.m. CORE Beliefs is our new members' process and is comprised of five classes designed to help you understand what we believe, get to know our Senior Staff and Governing Board, and get a handle on our vision and direction. Sign-ups for this class are on line at www.gdlc.church. If you have questions you can interact with Pastor Meyer via e-mail at joe.meyer@gdlc.church.



Our Family Picture Time!

Time slots are filling up! Register today!

You are needed! We need you and your family to sign up to make our directory complete! It will be a great resource tool to help us connect names with faces. Contact information will also be in it.

Schedule an appointment today.

At church on Sunday morning: During the first three weekends of August, you'll be able to schedule your photo session in the Gathering Area.

Online:

Simply go to www.GDLC.CHURCH and click on Photo Directory in the top menu.

Photo Session Times:

Monday, Sept. 9-Thursday, Sept. 12 from 2-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17-Friday Sept. 20 from 2-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4 from 2-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

MILITARY TRIBUTE CONCERT



Monday, August 12 at 4:30 p.m.

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

The Military Tribute Concert will be performing on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage at the Iowa State Fair.

Dress Rehearsal: For those who are unable to attend this concert, join us at a full dress-rehearsal on **Sunday, August 11 at 4 p.m.** in the FLC. We look forward to honoring our current and past military veterans with you at one of these events! If you have questions, please contact us at: info@militarytributeconcert.org.

Message: "Embrace Diversity"

Scriptures: Galatians 3:23-29 & Rev 7:9-12

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:

Baptized Unto Jesus

Ainsley Alice Janel Fuller, born July 9, 2019 to Jason and Jennifer (nee: Grundmeier) Fuller, will be baptized on Sunday, August 11 at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Ainsley's spiritual sponsors are Jim and Kathy Drapp, Alex Drapp, and Holly Drapp.

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	Jessica Kramer	Jackee Brienzo	For those who are grieving
Larry Lewis	Heather Kusel	Bob Sams	
Paula Spark	Taylor Peterson	Roger Cling	

Outpouring of Love - July 28-August 3, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,123
General Fund Offering Budget	\$30,600
1st QTD Offering Total	\$165,205
1st QTD Budget	\$151,300
YTD Offering Total	\$165,205
YTD Budget	\$151,300

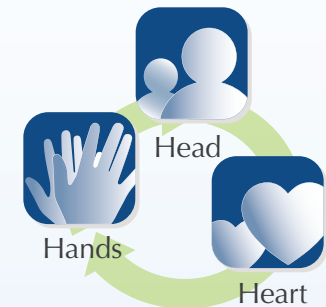
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GDLC CONNECTIONS

There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free,
there is no male and female, for you
are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

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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 5: In August, we will not offer Grace Place. Fall Grace Place will begin Sept. 7 and 8 for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.



"No Matter What: Embrace Diversity"

In Psalm 139 tells us that God is the one who formed our inward parts and every human being finds their origin in His divine imagination. Like paint strokes on a canvas God has created something that is spectacular. The sad part is that many people

do not embrace the diversity of this world and focus more on the externals than the internals. This week we are challenged and encouraged

by scripture to embrace diversity and recognize that what binds Christians together is Christ in us no matter what skin color, language, culture, nation of origin, social economic class or political party we may adhere to. The book of Revelation is clear that in the Kingdom of God there will be great diversity and no matter what we will embrace God's diversity as we are united in the worship of Jesus.



Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.

Stephen Ministers are here for you!

Interested in serving as a Stephen Minister?

Becoming a Stephen Minister: If you desire to help those who are hurting and have a nudge on your heart to serve as a Stephen Minister, please stop by the display today. Lots of Stephen Ministers will answer your questions and help you discern whether this is a path for you to pursue.



Going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers can help as they deeply listen to your thoughts. 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. All conversations are confidential.

Stop by the display or contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.



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 by going to GDLC registration link. A free-will offering will be received for Dorothy's House that will help offset the cost of showing the documentary.



Unfortunate Parking Lot Incident

A vehicle was recently broken into during the 9:30 a.m. service and a purse was stolen. This is a reminder to make sure you lock your vehicle, and if you have any valuable possessions in your vehicle, keep them out of sight. We have 14 cameras on the outside of our building, which provides very good coverage, but we still don't have a line of sight to every parking spot. If you were at the Annual Meeting in June, you know that the Safety Team has begun meeting again and security procedures are being developed. We hope to implement those plans beginning in September and we will include this incident into our policies.



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!



Upcoming Women's Events

We have lots of great events coming up in the fall. These events will be full of great Bible studies, enriching fellowship and creative projects. For a complete listing, go to the registration page on our web site.



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 17 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Lions Park, 72nd & Aurora Ave.,
Urbandale, IA 50322



The Diaper Project Workday

Wednesday, August 14 from 10 a.m. to noon

Senior Adults: We will have another work day on Wednesday, August 14 from 10 a.m. until noon when we will be working on the diapers for the Dominican Republic. We do not need any more items, except sewable Velcro and extra spools of thread. Thank you!



Urbandale Food Pantry

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



Thrivent Faith Build Home

August 13-30

Please consider joining with Thrivent to help build a home. There are lots of openings left. For specific times and to register go to <https://tinyurl.com/yy5dhdam>.



Single Moms' Morning Out Donations

The Blessing Boutique has thought of a way to streamline the many donations needed to bless our single moms. Every month, they will be asking for specific items. This will help to receive items that they fall short of in their regular SMMO donation drive in the spring.



Please bring in the requested items and place in one of the four donation bins. Please remember to mark "SMMO" on your bag or items. Thank you!

August requested items: Underwear (New), bras, sports bras, and spanks (New or gently-used). All sizes, including plus sizes. Let the shopping begin!

If you have questions, contact Brenda Plagge at plagge86@msn.com.



We Love Our Children

We love our children, so we want to send them to school with our love, support and prayers. Next weekend during each worship service, we will take time to pray for our children and to ask God for His blessings as they navigate through their school year.



Children's Ministry Needs You!

Grace Place begins Saturday, Sept. 7 & Sunday, Sept. 8

Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. & Sundays at 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this year awesome! We are in need of an Opening/Music Leader for each Grace Place time each week. Children will meet all together to begin for a short opening lesson and music time. Children will then be dismissed to their individual classrooms. Please register online where you would like to help. We are so excited to offer this opening and music time and would love for any Youth or Adult to help lead! All material will be given in advance and all supplies are provided.

Faith Alive begins Wednesday, Sept. 11 | 6:10-7:30 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help make Faith Alive awesome this year! We need individuals to help lead Games/Activities, Science/Crafts, Bible Trivia/Activities, and even help with the Bible Lesson. We are focusing on learning more about the Bible as well as the Ten Commandments. All material is provided and will be sent out via e-mail before class on Wednesday!

If interested in helping at Grace Place or Faith Alive, please contact Jenn Fuller at jenn.fuller@gdlc.church to sign up to help or with any questions! Looking forward to a fantastic year! Thank you!



Hong Kong Winter Mission Trip

Have you thought about going to Hong Kong to help with VBS? Here's your opportunity! Trip dates are late January to mid February – to be finalized soon. Trip deposit per person is \$250 and is due October 15 (non-refundable). Trip flight will be paid shortly after, about \$1,000 per person. Housing, local transportation and some meals are covered from Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Hong Kong. Our deposit pays for trip insurance, some supplies, and incidentals while in Hong Kong – some of that will be returned in Hong Kong dollars while in Hong Kong.

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church is part of the Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod, a sister synod to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which Gloria Dei is part of. Our primary purpose is to teach VBS, but we do spend time sight seeing and enjoying the culture of Hong Kong. Questions: contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church or the church office – 276-1700.