



## 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 Sept. 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](http://www.gdlc.church). If you have questions you can interact with Pastor Meyer via e-mail at [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church).



## Our Family Picture Time!

Schedule an appointment today. Time slots are filling up!

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. Individual contact information will also be in it (if you consent to it being published).

**At church on Sunday morning:** Stop by the display to register.

### Online:

Simply go to [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://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.

## Please Note: Time Changes

Starting August 31 and September 1, all of our worship times will be 30 minutes earlier. Please note that Grace Place and other studies will reflect the change.

### Worship Times starting August 31 & September 1

#### Sanctuary

7:30 a.m. Sunday (Traditional)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday (Traditional Blend)  
10:30 a.m. Sunday (Contemporary)

#### Family Life Center

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Contemporary)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday (Contemporary)

### Grace Place starting September 7 & 8

5:15 p.m. Saturday | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday

### Message: "Run with Endurance"

**Scriptures:** Philippians 3:7-16; Matthew 24:9-14

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:

## Flowers on the Altar

There are two flower arrangements on the altar this weekend:

The peach-color flower arrangement is in celebration of Tom and Joyce Westby's 50th wedding anniversary.

The plant and daisy arrangement is in memory of Bob Christensen on his 68th birthday from his family.

## 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	Heather Kusel	Tim and Ronda Mueller in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary	Terry Woolman and family, who are grieving the loss of Terry's mother
Larry Lewis	Taylor Peterson		
Paula Spark	Jackee Brienza		
Jessica Kramer	Bob Sams		
	Roger Cling		

Outpouring of Love - August 4-10, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$34,542
General Fund Offering Budget	\$34,300
1st QTD Offering Total	\$199,848
1st QTD Budget	\$185,600
YTD Offering Total	\$199,848
YTD Budget	\$185,600

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# GDLC CONNECTIONS

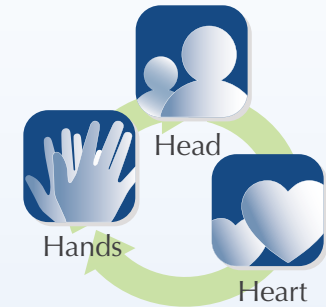
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Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12



## 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](mailto: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: Run with Endurance"

A life lived for Jesus is definitely more of a marathon than a sprint. To make it to the end will take determination, it will take great faith and it will take endurance. Paul encourages us all to run our race of faith, not with our own strength, but with the strength that comes from God Himself. In this life, we will face many obstacles, we will endure many heartbreaks, we will have times when our faith wavers but thank be to God that the one who called us is faithful and will never leave us or forsake us.



## Fall Brochure

We have lots of great studies and events heading our way! Read all about it in the Fall Brochure.

## Meet and Greet Us!

### Interested in serving as a Stephen Minister?

We are looking for some great people to be Stephen Ministers to walk with people of our congregation who are struggling with a crisis in their lives.

### Meet & Greet | Sunday, August 25 after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. services

If you are interested about serving as a Stephen Minister, please join us for cinnamon rolls and coffee in room 131. Current Stephen Ministers will be available to share their experiences and answer questions.

Please note: Completed applications may be handed to Pastor Tim, mailed or brought to the office or to the Meet and Greet. Training classes begin on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. (room to be announced).

**Need to talk with someone?** 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.



## Life Groups

Simply put, “we need one another.” Life groups offer a place where Christians can find support, purpose and friendship as they seek to love God and love others in this world. Life Groups normally have 8-12 members. They walk through life together, grow in friendships and faith, pray for each other and serve together. Most groups meet every other week and then commit to serving together 3-4 times a year.



## Life Group Launch and Brunch

**Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9-10:30 a.m.**

All current life groups and those who are interested in joining a Life Group are invited to a fun and lively launch and brunch. We will get to know each other better, eat delicious food and laugh a lot. Got kids? We will have childcare. Registration is a must at [www.gdlc.church](http://www.gdlc.church). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ben at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).



## 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>.



## Fall Women’s Event

**Thursday, Sept. 5 | 6-8 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of fellowship, light dinner, worship and guest presenter, Kelley Timmermann as we hear how we are “Loved Beyond Measure.” Childcare is available if registered at week before the event. Register at [www.gdlc.church](http://www.gdlc.church). Cost is \$10.



## Young Patriots Club

**Our Kick-Off Night Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

Young Patriots Club, a local Christian ministry of freedom-loving K-12th graders, is on a mission to honor God and uplift American heroes. They take the message of gratitude out into the community to share with veterans, servicemen and women, and first responders. At practices they build new relationships, grow through discipleship, learn Christian and patriotic pieces to share, and use their individual gifts—all while developing skills in leadership, service and performance. If your family has a heart for this ministry and has room in your schedule for Monday afternoon practices and year-round performances, they would love for your children to join them. For additional information, call Julie Dueker at 515-710-6719 or go to [www.youngpatriotsclub.com](http://www.youngpatriotsclub.com).



## Single Moms’ Morning Out Donations

The Blessing Boutique would have thought of a way to streamline the many donations needed to bless our single moms. Every month, they will be asking for specific items. Please bring the items and place in one of the four donation bins. Please remember to mark “SMMMO” on your bag or items.



**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 [PIAGGE86@msn.com](mailto:PIAGGE86@msn.com).



## Get Your Tickets Now!

**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.



## 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. 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 the preschool class (which meets separately from the elementary students), elementary 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. All supplies are provided as well.

If interested in helping at Grace Place or Faith Alive, please contact Jenn Fuller at [jenn.fuller@gdlc.church](mailto: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, around \$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](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church) or the church office at 276-1700.