



Family Life Center Renovation

We are excitedly looking forward to performing a major renovation of our Family Life Center, Kitchen and Center Wing in Summer of 2020. Our Governing Board, at the request of Pastor Meyer, has approved the concept drawing from Tim Olson, our architect at Ethos Design Group. Our current plan is to get you more detailed drawings and cost estimates several weeks before our already scheduled Annual Meeting, October 27. We will also let you know some dates for Q&A about this renovation and the finances prior to our October 27th meeting.

We want you to be able to make informed decisions. For now, stop by the Connection Center and pick up the concept drawing and begin praying about the renovation and praying about how your family will be financially involved.



Fall Men's Event

Sunday, September 29 | 2-4 p.m. | Big Creek Lake Marina in Polk City
Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship kayaking/canoeing on Big Creek Lake. No worries if you do not have your own kayak or canoe, the marina provides rentals. A single kayak or canoe is \$14/hour and a double kayak is \$18/hour. Following our adventure on the water, we will be doing a fire pit, s'mores and yard games at Mike Martens' home, 1382 S. 46th St., West Des Moines. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.
Contact: Mike Martens at mike.martens@gdlc.church.



Senior Adult Event

Sunday, September 29 | 4-6 p.m. | Villas at Stonewater Clubhouse
Come for fellowship and an opportunity to get to know others! Guests do not need to bring anything but themselves. Heavy appetizers and beverages will be provided. Registrations are a must at www.gdlc.church or calling Elaine Mueller at 515-577-1271 by Wednesday, Sept. 25. For anyone not wanting to drive to Ankeny, please let Elaine know you are in need of a ride.



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Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Please join us as we build relationships with those that are shelterless or struggling in central Iowa. If interested, register at www.gdlc.church.



Thank you

It takes a village, to raise a child. And it takes a village to plan and develop a Stephen Ministry training program for seven people. We, the leaders of Stephen Ministry, want to thank these people in our village, Pastor Tim, Pastor Joe, Pastor Ben, Lisa Gibson, Karen Kennedy and Elaine Klinefelter. Their assistance has been invaluable. ~ Sincerely, Marilyn Carlson, Jim Miles, Monica Parsch, Norma Rohn and Fred Spath

Message: "Growing Together"

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:10-16; Matthew 16:24-27

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:

Urbandale Food Pantry

Your monthly donations are a great blessing to our community. Thank you! September's requested item is bars of soap.

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	Bob Sams	Sandra Jackson
Larry Lewis	Heather Kusel	Roger Cling	Lou Schroedel
Paula Spark	Taylor Peterson	Kern Schwartz	

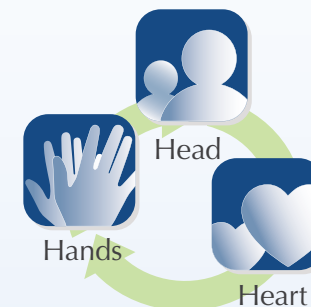
Outpouring of Love - Sept. 1-7, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,835
General Fund Offering Budget	\$33,900
1st QTD Offering Total	\$320,432
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YTD Offering Total	\$320,432
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Then Jesus told his disciples,
"If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and
take up his cross
and follow me. Matthew 16:24

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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: Fall Grace Place is available for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.



"Living Koinonia Lives: Growing Together"

As we have discovered thus far, we are, by faith in Jesus Christ and baptism into His name, brothers and sisters in Christ. We are de facto unified in the koinonia lifestyle as children of the King of kings and Lord of lords. But we are more than sons and daughters, we are also disciples or followers. The Lord didn't bring us into a relationship with Himself just to sit by and enjoy being His kids. He also brought us into a relationship to be His followers, His students, His disciples. Deep discipleship is His desire for our lives but deep-unified-discipleship is also His desire for our lives together in the Church. Today we explore God's Word to discover God's desire of "Growing Together." What would Gloria Dei look like if we lived this truth?



2 Core Teachings begin this week

"Best Sermon Ever" taught by Pastor Ben will be held this Wednesday, Sept. 18 in the FLC. Pastor Joe will start the Revelation study online Thursday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 21 online at 6:30 p.m.

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



Wednesday Night Core Teachings: "Best Sermon Ever"

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

The Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew chapters 5-7) begins with the Beatitudes, and their call to humility, peacemaking, purity, and righteousness, and continues onto sharp condemnations of anger, lust, revenge, and hypocrisy, and then to the beautiful example of the Lord's Prayer. Join us in the FLC or on live-stream.



Online Core Teachings: Revelation: "Vision From Jesus"

Starts Thursday, Sept. 19 or Sunday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Joe will lead us weekly through this amazing book of the Bible on live-stream. So many people want to know what the Revelation means, both in its original context and in our lives today. Jesus begs us to step into the "deep end of the Bible" as revealed in Revelation 1:3: "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." By studying and yes, reading aloud the words of the Revelation, you will be blessed! More than that however, you will gain understanding and will "learn to swim" in the "deep end of the Bible."



Clean-Water Initiative

We are very excited about our clean-water initiative. The World Health Organization says "that every year more than 3.4 million people die as a result of water-related diseases, making it the leading cause of disease and death around the world. ... Cholera, typhoid fever and hepatitis A are caused by bacteria, and are among the most common diarrheal diseases (voanews.com)." The sad part about that statistic? It's ten years old. The problem is worse today. The problem is massive. The need is now.

So, during the next two years, we intend to raise \$60,000 to equip a congregation in the Dominican Republic with water filtration equipment for their own community. With Compassion International's guidance and direction, this local congregation will then "sell" the water, very inexpensively, not only supporting their ministry but also providing clean water to those who are getting sick, diseased, and in some cases dying from drinking the water in the Dominican Republic.

Please pick up a "water jug" from the display this weekend. This jug can be used at home and/or in the workplace as a way to raise support to provide clean water for an entire community.

W O M E N | Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church



Monday Women's Bible Study

Mondays | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

"God of Covenant," a video-based Bible study takes women into a deeper understanding of God's Word. No need to register. Please let us know if you need childcare for infants-grade 5.

Contact: Lisa Scherer at scherer5127@gmail.com



Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 7-8 p.m.

We'll be working on the Women of Faith Series titled "Living in Jesus" by Christa Kinde. We will work on the study during the meetings, so there is no "homework." No need to register. Please let us know if you need childcare for infants-grade 5. Contact:

Jane Lamfers at janelamfers@hotmail.com



Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 18 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This study is based on a book from the Bible for at times life becomes overwhelming and our joy seems diminished. Join us as we hear God speaking to us through His Word. Contact: DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.



Creative Arts Fellowship-Quilts for Missions

Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we sew quilts for missions. Sew-ers, please bring a machine. Want to learn to sew a quilt, please come! Non-sew-ers, we need your help tying quilts to finish them. All quilting supplies will be provided. Please bring sewing machine and threads. Registration is a must at www.gdlc.church.



Sugars and Spices

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 6:30-8 p.m.

We will feature new mixings and a few favorites from last year. These make great gifts! Cost is \$20. It will be a sweet time to dive into the Bible, fellowship and mix things up for great gifts. Register at www.gdlc.church.



Single Moms' Morning Out Donations

Every month, we will ask for specific items for our Single Moms' Morning Out event in the spring. Please bring the items and place in one of the four donation bins. Please remember to mark "SMMO" on your bag or items. **September requested items:** Casual plus sizes clothing and larger sized shoes 9-10 and up. If you have questions, contact Brenda Plagge at PIAGGE86@msn.com.

C H I L D R E N | Contact: Jenn Fuller at Jenn.Fuller@gdlc.church



Fall Family Festival

Sunday, October 27 | 4-5:30 p.m.

Families are welcome to meet in the FLC to carve pumpkins, create their own caramel-covered apples, and many other fall activities. Food will be provided. Cost is \$15 per family and each family will need to bring their own pumpkin carving tools.

Please register at www.GDLC.CHURCH



Consignment Sale

Friday, Oct. 18 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19 | 8-11 a.m.

Tell all your friends about Tiny Treasures' Fall Children's Consignment Sale. Items for sale will include children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture.

Lots of Great Things Happening at GDLC!



Our facility has been bursting with activities. Tiny Treasures heads into their second week. Our midweek programming began with a Wednesday morning Bible study, an evening meal, Faith Alive, ReCharge, and Gridshock.