



Governing Board Members

The three Governing Board Members who will be on the ballot for the October 27th meeting are Greg Carstensen, Ruth Ebke and Kurt Kromminga. Greg, Ruth and Kurt are currently serving and have agreed to another term.



Greg Carstensen



Ruth Ebke



Kurt Kromminga



Pick up a Jug for the Clean-Water Initiative

Thank you! To date, approximately 100 jugs have found homes to help raise funds to equip a congregation in the Dominican Republic with water filtration equipment for their own community. But there are lots more jugs to be picked up.

If you have not asked your family or your workplace to be involved in this endeavor, please consider grabbing a jug today.

Return jugs in December: Also, we desire to give ample time to raise funds, so we will ask for the jugs (please convert your coins to dollar bills) to be returned in December. What happens if your jug is already full? No problem, take the change to the bank, and then place the money in an envelope, put it in a safe place and return it to church in December. And then start all over again! Remember, we want to raise at least \$60,000, so all your change is important!



Men's Fall Event -18 years and older!

Sunday, Nov. 3 from 2-8 p.m.

Register today! Bring your own guns and ammo. It's going to be a blast, so please remember to bring your own shooting glasses and hearing protection. Don't have a gun? No problem, we have extra 12 gauge shotguns so just bring your own 12 gauge target ammo. Not sure you want to shoot? That's okay, just come for the fun, food and fellowship. Registration is required at www.GDLC.CHURCH. For questions, contact Mike Martens at mike.martens@gdlc.church.

Location: The farm of David and Vicki Giesselmann
7700 SW 112th St, West Des Moines, IA 50061



LifeTouch Photos at Connection Center

If you had your photo taken, and have not received your free 8 x 10, please check at the display in the Gathering Area today.

Message: "Family Sticks Together"

Scriptures: Ruth 1:6-18 & John 14:15-21

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/)

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	Kern Schwartz	Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
Larry Lewis	Taylor Peterson	Sandra Jackson	
Paula Spark	Bob Sams	Lou Schroedel	
Jessica Kramer	Roger Cling	Farmers during the harvest	

Outpouring of Love - Oct. 6-13, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$44,232
General Fund Offering Budget	\$32,900
1st QTD Offering Total	\$44,232
1st QTD Budget	\$32,900
YTD Offering Total	\$491,455
YTD Budget	\$472,500

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GDLC CONNECTIONS

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Ruth 1:16

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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.



"Better Together: Family Sticks Together"

The story of Ruth and Naomi is really a tender story of what loyal-family-love looks like. Naomi lost everything and therefore begged Ruth to leave her and find a better life...but Ruth stuck with Naomi and loved her through the hard times. The Greek word for this kind of love is "storge" and it refers to the kind of love that exists in a familial relationship. Even greater than Ruth's love for Naomi is the tender and loyal love that our Heavenly Father has for us. Jesus promised that He would never leave us or forsake us no matter what we go through or what our attitude is in those moments. The wonderful truth about the church is, while we have our "loyal" Heavenly Father always by our side, we also have one another as well. We are "family" in and through the Lord Jesus Christ and our loyalty extends to one another no matter what.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Please join us for the Annual Meeting. All are invited, but only those members 18 years and older can vote. For more details, turn the page.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Our newly slotted Fall Annual Meeting is coming up on October 27 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss and approve the 2020 Budget, elect Governing Board Members, and decide whether or not to move forward with the FLC/Kitchen Renovation. If you have any questions you can either e-mail Pastor Joe at joe.meyer@gdlc.church or our President, Scott Strachan, at gdlc.president@gdlc.church.



Absentee Ballot FLC/Kitchen Reno

The Governing Board would like to invite you to vote absentee if you are unable to make the October 27 Annual Meeting. Your absentee ballot can be picked up at the Connection Center. It is only for the renovation process, which includes the request to borrow the needed funds, up to \$1.9 million. Please prayerfully and carefully consider before voting, and if you haven't had time to view the presentation, please do so at www.gdlc.church.

Please note that all mailed ballots must be received at church no later than Saturday, Oct. 26 or bring your ballot to the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions you can e-mail Pastor Meyer at joe.meyer@gdlc.church and he will direct you to the staff person or Governing Board Member who can best answer your question. Thanks so much!



Christmas with a Cause

Saturday, Nov. 9 (9 AM- 2 PM) & Sunday, Nov. 10 (9 AM- 2 PM)

We all know that we will buy Christmas gifts for our family and friends. But what would it look like if the gifts that we purchased helped to support organizations and people locally and globally? It is in this light, that we invite you to Christmas with a Cause. It is locally and around the world.

We currently have 22 participants whose proceeds will help individuals in Africa, South America, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Malawi, Honduras, Swaziland, Hong Kong, Ethiopia, Haiti, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and right here in Iowa! Their products are as varied as the non-profits that they represent. Handbags, paintings, leather bags, coffee, crochet and knit items, baskets, pottery, batiks, baked goods, wooden signage, mugs, and much more will be showcased. Admission is free. Please note that not all participants accept credit cards.

Volunteers are needed! There are lots of meaningful ways to serve, plus light breakfast and lunch will be available both days. Register at www.gdlc.church.



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



Sweaters and Cider

These evenings are designed to gather for fellowship, create some crafts and dive into God's Word. Each event is a stand-alone and unique. Registration is a must.

Wooden Lantern | Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 6:30-8 p.m.

We will create a wood lantern, and add a flameless candle for decoration. Cost is \$15.

Names of Jesus Ornaments | Thursday, Oct. 24 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us as we create 6 unique ornaments and an ornament display "tree." Cost is \$12.

Wooden Signs | Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 6:30-8 p.m.

All women are invited to join us for a free wood sign event. Signs will be various sizes. Registration is a must. Childcare is provided upon request.

Project Night | Friday, Nov. 1 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we use up and create crafts from past events. Cost is \$10. Registration is a must.

Reclaimed Wood Trees | Thursday, Nov. 7 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we create a reclaimed wood tree. Cost is \$15.



Mom2Mom

Moms of any stage are invited to join us for Mom@Mom! We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Each month will be different.

Saturday, Nov. 2 | 8-9:30 a.m. This is a chance to create anything we've made in 2019 with left over supplies. Cost is \$10.



Women Serving As Worship Assistants

Do you have an interest in serving our congregation as a Worship Assistant? We are seeking women who are

- Spiritually mature
- Faithful in worship
- A member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
- Supportive of our vision

Your commitment would include training, serving once or twice a month and attendance at our quarterly meetings. If you are interested in serving as a Worship Assistant or would like more information, please contact Pastor Tim at tim.phillips@gdlc.church.

Register today! **\$15/family**

FALL Family Festival

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

Register at www.gdlc.church

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.



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. **Octobers requested items:** leggings, jeggings and yoga pants. If you have questions, contact Brenda Plagge at PLAGGE86@msn.com.



Parents of Junior & Senior High Youth

Attention parents of junior and senior high youth! Want to stay up-to-date on current and upcoming youth events? We send out a monthly e-mail newsletter and mid-week text updates. If you are not currently receiving these updates and would like to, please e-mail Jenny Lappin at jenny.lappin@gdlc.church.



Current Addresses for College-aged Adults

Attention all college-aged young adults (and families). If you can contact TK at tim.kightlinger@gdlc.church, with your current school/military address that would be greatly appreciated. We desire to stay in contact with you, and who knows, you may receive a "care package."



Urbandale Food Pantry

During this time of year, the Urbandale Food Pantry is in need of lots of items, such as canned goods. In addition, they are also requesting facial tissues for the month of October. Please drop the items in one of the four bins. If you have any questions, contact Faith Spark at dfpctspark@yahoo.com.