



FLC/Kitchen Renovations

We want to say a big “thank you” to everyone who took time to vote regarding the renovation process. Your participation in your congregation is so important, not only on a week-to-week basis as you volunteer, but also when we have big items that require congregational approval. We had a total of 258 votes cast and there were 227 “yes” votes and 31 “no” votes. As the project moves forward in the next few months, we’ll keep you informed!



Thanksgiving Worship Services

Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. (Blended service with Communion)
Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9 a.m. (Traditional service with Communion)
Join us in the Sanctuary as we thank the Lord for all His wonderful provisions.



Pick up a Jug for the Clean-Water Initiative

Thank you! To date, approximately 150 jugs have found homes to help raise funds to equip a congregation in the Dominican Republic with water filtration equipment for their own community. 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!



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.



Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 21 | 6-8 p.m.
Holidays can be a tough time if you have suffered the loss of a loved one or have gone through a divorce. Don’t go through it alone. Please join us for a meal, fellowship and a presentation. Register at www.GDLC.CHURCH.



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 tooth paste for the month of November. Please drop the items in one of the four bins. Please contact Faith Spark at dfpctspark@yahoo.com with any questions.

Message: “Mercy”

Scriptures: Psalm 25:1-7; Matthew 18:21-35.

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

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the wedding of Holly Darr to Jarred Adams.

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	Taylor Peterson	Pastor Tim and family as they gather for his father’s memorial service in Michigan	Farmers during the harvest
Larry Lewis	Bob Sams		
Paula Spark	Roger Cling		
Jessica Kramer	Sandra Jackson		
Heather Kusel	Lou Schroedel		

Outpouring of Love - Oct. 20-26, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,561
General Fund Offering Budget	\$28,900
2nd QTD Offering Total	\$107,863
2nd QTD Budget	\$100,200
YTD Offering Total	\$555,086
YTD Budget	\$539,800

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GDLC CONNECTIONS

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Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:21-22



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.



“From God For Others - Mercy”

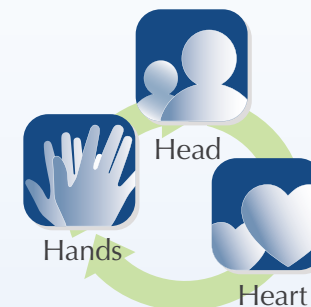
Today, we will look at mercy. When Christians learn about and grow in the subject of mercy, the “The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant” comes to mind. Granted, this parable approaches the subject from someone who did not have mercy, but it reminds us just how important mercy is to our Lord and Savior. The Lord freely gives us His mercy and He does so in order that we can not only have our place in His kingdom, but so that we can give mercy to those around us. We receive mercy from God and we are then to, in turn, give mercy to others! Mercy...From God—For Others!



Christmas with a Cause

Saturday, Nov. 9 & Sunday, Nov. 10 | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

It is almost here! And we couldn’t be more excited. Please spread the “cause” by inviting your friends, family and neighbors! (Turn the page for more information.)



Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.



Christmas with a Cause

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

We invite you to Christmas with a Cause. 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.

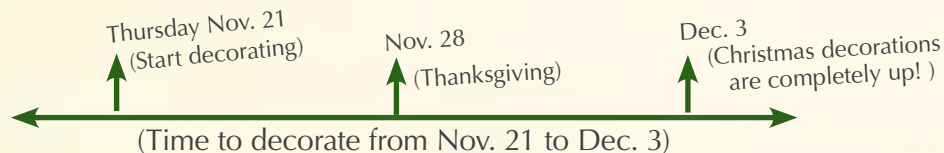
We strongly believe that this will be an enriching experience to purchase beautiful items and gain an understanding of what is happening throughout the world to help those in need.



Deck the Halls

Starting Thursday, Nov. 21-Dec. Tuesday, Dec. 3, we will have lots of opportunities to decorate our church for Christmas. Due to Thanksgiving being later in the month, the turnaround for Advent is a few days! So, please consider helping, especially the few days before and after Thanksgiving. At least 100 hands are needed. Sign up at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Thank you!

- Thursday, Nov. 21: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Friday, Nov. 22: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Saturday, Nov. 23: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Sunday, Nov. 24: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Monday, Nov. 25: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 5 volunteers)
- Tuesday, Nov. 26: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Wednesday, Nov. 27: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 5 volunteers)
- Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving
- Friday, Nov. 29: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 20 volunteers)
- Saturday, Nov. 30: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Monday, Dec. 2: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 10 volunteers)
- Tuesday, Dec. 3: 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. (need 5 volunteers)



Women's Ministry

These evenings and mornings 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. Childcare is provided if requested a week before the event.

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at deann.mccue@gdlc.church.



Creative Arts Fellowship

Friday, Nov. 15 | 6-8 p.m.

Join us as we work on and/or create a fun potholder with a saying and fill it with homemade brownie mix or a seasoning mix. We'll stamp pillowcases for kids and write encouraging notes on them to be sent to Case for Smiles, an organization that delivers pillowcases to kids in hospitals. We'll also write a note of encouragement in a homemade card for our first responders locally. Cost is \$5 for the make-n-take.

Saturday, Nov. 16 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Join us all day on Saturday as we work on our individual projects at church or quilt with the Gloria Dei Quilters.



Advent by Candlelight

This lovely evening is open to all women to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus. You can host a table for ten or simply attend. We only desire for you to prepare to see the Savior. Sign up at the display.



Save the Date - XO Marriage Conference

Save the Date...for a date with your spouse on Valentine's Day! The 2020 XO Marriage Conference simulcast at Gloria Dei will be Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15. There's no better gift for your spouse than to show him/her that your marriage is a priority! More information to come.



Diana's Angels Tiny Feet Bracelet Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church - 3857 E. 42nd Street Des Moines, IA 50317

Diana's Angels mission is to serve Christ and be faithful witnesses by providing appropriate burial clothing for premature infants who die and by offering Christian support and comfort to their grieving families. We believe even the tiniest person should be cared for with love, respect and dignity.

At the workshop we will be stringing beads for our Tiny Feet Bracelets. These precious bracelets are given to mothers who have suffered a 1st trimester miscarriage. No experience required! For questions contact Kelly Buttery at 963-1232.

Children's program & family event Celebrate the Savior



Practice begins this Sunday!

**Sunday, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.
in the Children's Wing**

Children ages 3 to grade 5 will practice songs and speaking parts during the 30-minute time frame to prepare for the Christmas Program to be held on December 8 from 4-5:30 p.m.



First Communion

Students beginning their confirmation process have taken a class focused on the Lord's Supper. Upon completion of this class they have met with our youth director, Tim "TK" Kightlinger, and articulated their faith and their understanding of the Lord's Supper. We are privileged to witness these students receive their first communion during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 3. We pray that God's promised blessings will be with them as they begin to receive our savior's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and the strengthening of their faith and life.



Did you know?

We are in the middle of our fall CORE teachings? The Revelation online study on Thursdays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. and The Sermon on the Mount study in the Family Life Center on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. are both livestreamed at www.gdlc.church. All those teachings can also be accessed a few days after the livestream on our app (Media Library/ Bible Studies) and on our Web site at (www.gdlc.church/bible-studies/). Enjoy the depth of these studies throughout the year and beyond!

Please note: The Revelation Bible Study will not be livestreamed on Sunday, Nov. 3. Previous studies can be accessed online.

