

2019 Contribution Deadline

Tuesday, December 31 will be the last offering taken for 2019 income tax purposes. All items mailed must be postmarked by December 31 to receive credit for 2019. All items received or postmarked after December 31 will be credited to 2020 even if the date is written for 2019. Thank you for your support.

2020 Offering Envelopes Available

The 2020 offering envelopes can be picked up in the Gathering Area next weekend (Dec. 14-15). They are arranged alphabetically on the tables and should not be used until January first. Each family has a new offering envelope number, so please destroy all old envelopes. If you do not find a box with your name on it, contact Alena in the office or by e-mail at alena.naberhaus@gdlc.church.

Water Project “Jugs-O-Coins”

We want to say a HUGE thank you to all the families that took the plastic jugs in support of the clean water initiative. We want to not only make this easy for our accounting department, but we also want to provide the most tangible learning experience for your family. So, here’s what we need you to do:

- Before the end of December, as a family, take the coins to your bank and ask them to count/sort the coins for you. (We’ve found that most banks will do this no charge...and you can tell them about this amazing project while you’re at it.)
- Let your kids know (if you have children) how much you were able to raise by just dropping spare change into the jug.. Explore other ways on how to be generous with others.
- Spend time as a family talking about clean water and how privileged we are to have it, but also about reaching out towards those that have less than we have.
- Either write a check to Gloria Dei for the amount of the coins, with “Clean Water” in the memo, or donate through the Gloria Dei App or Website under “Clean Water Initiative” fund.

Thank you for all that you do for God’s Kingdom!

Advent Midweek Worship Services

Wednesday, Dec. 11 & 18

12:15 p.m. (Traditional in Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. (Blended in Sanctuary)

Please note: During worship, children are welcome to worship with their families before being invited to Faith Alive. ReCharge will meet in the Youth Center at 6:10 p.m. Family meal will be served from 5:30-6 p.m. Nursery will be open from 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Message: “God’s Light Pre-Figured”

Scriptures: Genesis 22:1-14 & John 3:16-22

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:

Save the Date

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 6 p.m.

From your Fellowship Ministry Action Team: Wednesday, January 8th will be a church-wide potluck with chili, soup and stew at 6 p.m. Get it on your calendar now!

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.

Shirley Voshell	Bob Sams	Anna Shoup	Glenn and Joyce Larson, who are grieving the loss of Joyce’s sister, Gayle
Larry Lewis	Roger Cling	Bob and Jane Heinsen who are grieving the loss of Jane’s brother, Les Yaeger	
Paula Spark	Sandra Jackson		
Jessica Kramer	Lou Schroedel		
Heather Kusel	Ginny Swift		
Taylor Peterson			

Outpouring of Love November 24-30, 2019 (Fiscal year July-Dec, 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,692
General Fund Offering Budget	\$29,200
2nd QTD Offering Total	\$299,115
2nd QTD Budget	\$281,400
YTD Offering Total	\$746,465
YTD Budget	\$721,000

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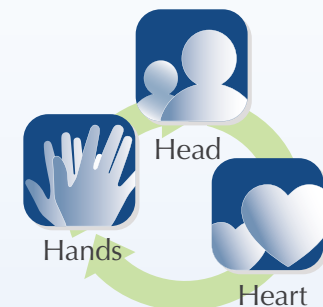
But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

John 3:21



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.



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“God’s Light Pre-Figured”

This weekend we’ll look into the Old Testament and be reminded that the Lord not only promised to send His Son, but He also gave clue after clue as to what “sending His Son,” the “Light of the World,” meant for the world. In Genesis 22 we’re reminded of the incredible sacrifice that Abraham was asked to make of his one and only son. But the words should be a tell-tale sign that this was no mere test for our father in the faith, Abraham. In the darkness of death this story was a pre-figuring of what God the Father would do with His Only Begotten Son. Is the pre-figured Christ then Isaac? Or...is there another? There is another indeed as we remember again “God’s Light Pre-Figured.”



JOIN US FOR THE CHILDREN’S PROGRAM THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday, December 8 from 4-5:30 p.m

Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.

Giving Tree

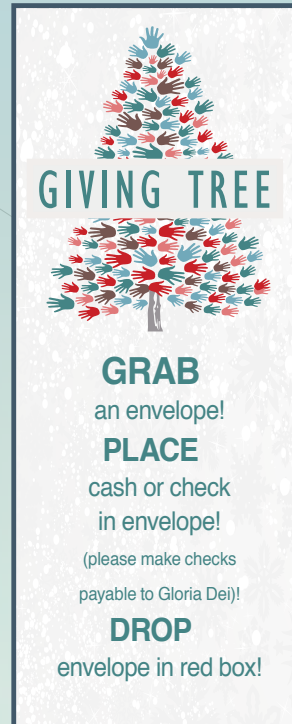
We are very excited to provide you an incredible missions opportunity through our Christmas Giving Tree 2019!

International \$25 Donation Outreach:

These two items are what \$25 will provide:

Mama Kit: In Uganda the women giving birth are required to have a \$5 medical kit in order to be allowed to have their baby in the hospital or clinic. No kit? No hospital! Many of them cannot afford the paltry \$5 for the kit! So, in partnership with Shining City, you can make that happen for them!

Shoes That Grow: All over the world children are going without shoes and even if they have them, they often grow out of them quickly ending up bare-footed after all. "The Shoe That Grows" is a ministry that provides expandable shoes for children and adults that are not only sturdy, but that also expand (forward and sideways) with the growing foot. The shoes are \$20 a pair.



Christmas Eve

Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you as we worship the birth of our Savior!

Tuesday, December 24 in the Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. (Traditional)

2:00 p.m. (Traditional – Nursery*)

4:00 p.m. (Traditional – Livestream – Nursery*)

6:00 p.m. (Traditional)

8:00 p.m. (Acoustic with Strings)

Tuesday, December 24 in the Family Life Center

2:00 p.m. (Acoustic with Strings – Nursery*)

4:00 p.m. (Acoustic with Strings – Nursery*)

6:00 p.m. (Acoustic with Strings)

*Nursery: Children 4 and under: We will provide a safe and loving place for your young children on Christmas Eve. The nursery will be open for the 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. worship services (1:45-5:15 p.m.)

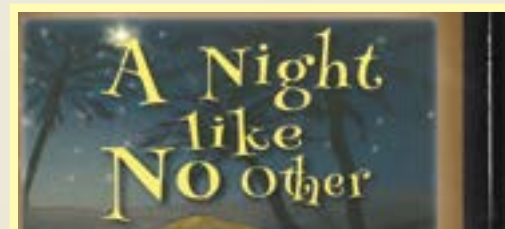
Worship Schedule Change

Saturday, Dec. 28

Saturday evening worship service will not be held.

Feel free to join us on Sunday, at 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 in the Sanctuary, and 9:00 in the Family Life Center.

It is a full Christmas season at GDLC!



Christmas Brunch Women's Event

Saturday, Dec. 14 | 9-11 a.m.

Join us for a time for women of all ages and stages to come together to celebrate Jesus, our Savior, born in a manger. This event will help us slow down and focus on His presence as we prepare for Christmas. We eat, have fellowship, worship, and have a time of Bible study. Register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH..

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 14 | 1-5 p.m.

Come and lift the hearts of those who are home bound. Please meet at church at 1 p.m. Afterwards, we will finish by eating a meal together at church. Register online at www.GDLC.CHURCH.

ReCharge Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, Dec. 15 | 8 a.m. to noon

Join us for a delicious hot breakfast. All profits will help support the Youth Ministry and mission trips.

The delectable menu is: • French Toast • Ham • Eggs • Baked Goods • Fresh Fruit

• Drinks (OJ, milk, coffee)

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 15 | 3 p.m.

Hear the musical telling of the nativity story in the Sanctuary delivered by a variety of Gloria Dei's voices and instruments.

Senior Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 15 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of games, caroling, a devotion and a delicious chicken dinner for you to enjoy!

Bring a White Elephant gift or a purchased gift costing no more than \$5 to exchange. Reserve your spot no later than Wednesday, Dec. 11 by calling Elaine Mueller at 515-276-8903 or registering online at www.GDLC.CHURCH. Anyone desiring a ride to or from the party, please call Elaine Mueller.

Tiny Treasures' Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 19 | 6 p.m.

Come and experience the Christmas story through the eyes of our preschool children.