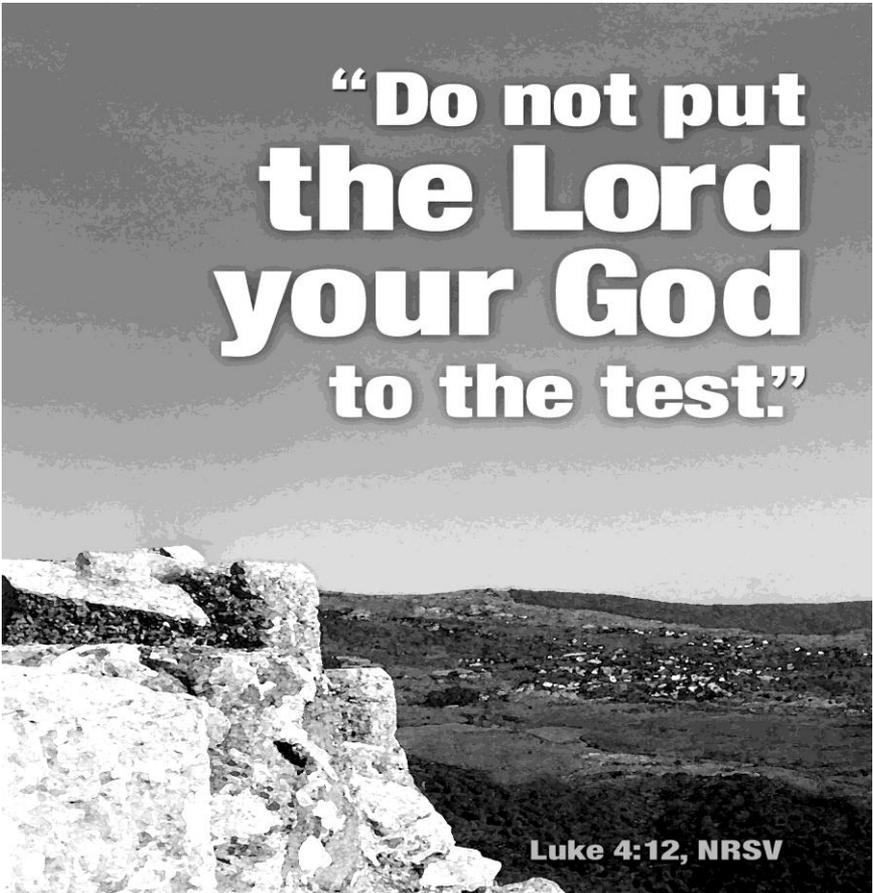


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



**“Do not put
the Lord
your God
to the test.”**

Luke 4:12, NRSV

The First Sunday in Lent

February 17, 2013

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

Prelude

“In the Shadow of the Cross” by Brian Glyncannon

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



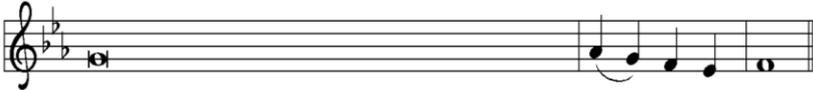
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



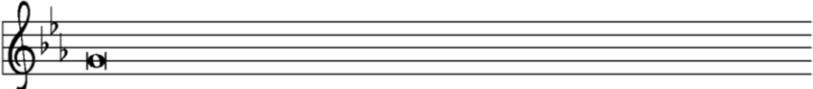
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



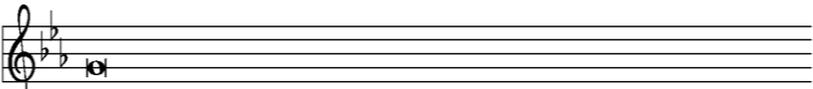
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshippers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors

to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: the Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

Psalms 91:1–2, 9–16

R God will give the an gels
 charge o ver you, to guard you in all your ways.

R: ¹You who dwell in the shelter of ¹the Most High, who abide in the shadow of ¹the Almighty—
²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge ¹and my stronghold, my God in whom I ¹put my trust." **R**
⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge, and the Most High your ¹habitation,
¹⁰no evil ¹will befall you, nor shall affliction come ¹near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me; I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation. R**

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b–13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Vent begins

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



C Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fourth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: : Luke 4:1–13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

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Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us.
Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send
us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

“A Lenten Psalm”

by Wihla Hutson

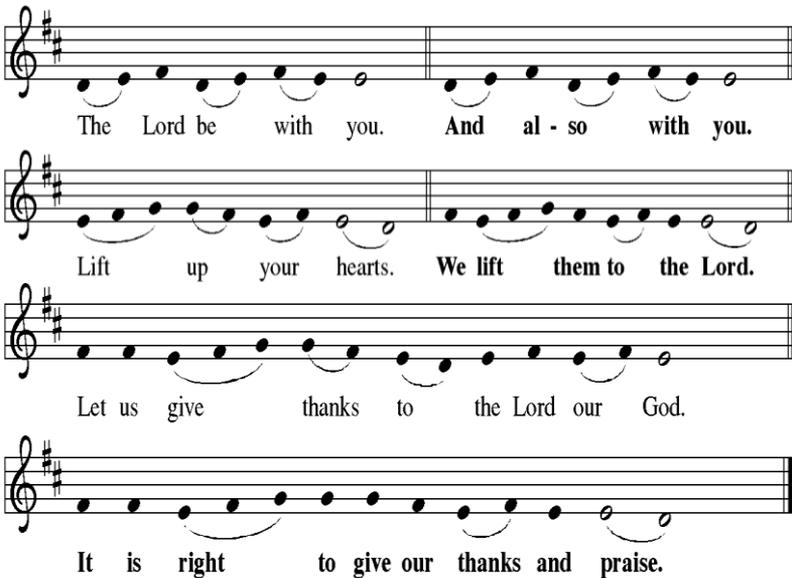
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Offering Prayer

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

Please be seated

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 666, 608, 808

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our

way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

by Helmut Walcha



Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements and Calendar

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Diane Jessen, and the others we name before you...

Quarters placed in the offering plate this and every third Sunday are for the Food Pantry.

A Stephen Minister is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

Adult Forum February 17 – Pastor Mike speaking on Lent

Adult Forum February 24 - ELCA Missionary Presentation – Rev. Eric Carlson

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Pastor Mike leads both studies.

Wednesday night schedule changes

We won't hold Thursday night worship - join us for soup supper at 5 p.m. and informal worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday to: Gail Peterson, Max Palmer, Nicole Vernon, Kristen Marberry, Ellen Mumm Frances Engquist, Gerald Dockum, Jessica Flannery Max Ringgenberg, Judy Cramer, Neal Meyer Allison Olson, Julie Stuckle, Barb Kallestad, Barry Briggs, Jenie Schmidt



Happy Anniversary to: Michael & Deanna Hummel Norm and Janet Trentmann, Marlin & Charlotte Nielsen

Grace Fellowship Features a railroad theme

The Grace Fellowship group will kick off the first meeting of the year with a look at Iowa railroad history. Sunday evening, March 3 at 5 p.m. we'll gather in Grace Hall for a light meal. Then Denny Rehder will share stories and music from his 18 years performing "Grass Between the Rails" as a "Roads" scholar for Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the food.

Calling all parents of Confirmation and High school students! Come to a Garage and Plant Sale meeting TODAY at 9:30, in the conference room. Proceeds from both the garage and plant sale help send the Youth to National Youth Gathering every three years, and occasional fun trips in between. We need to know if we have enough help to hold the garage sale this year – please attend the meeting if you can.



TODAY from noon – 12:45 p.m. in Grace Hall. Would you know what to do if a loved one or friend had a heart attack? Come and learn Friends and Family CPR. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Hall. Also learn how to use our new Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Hope to see you there!

Luis Reaza, our custodian for the last few years, will be missed. He was a very hard worker and a friend and fellow Christian who served our community in many ways. Several people have expressed a need to tell him how much they appreciated him and Ernestina and their kindnesses while they were with us.

If you are interested in sending a letter or card to Luis and/or Ernestina, please bring it to church between now and Feb. 28, and place it in the basket in the Gathering Hall. If you are interested in leaving a gift it would be best to drop that off at the church office so that the gifts can be kept safely until delivery. These cards and gifts will be delivered to Luis and Ernestina after February 28.

Nickels for Nets: Are you wondering why there are mosquito-netted barrels in the Gathering Hall and Grace Hall? We are launching a fundraising effort for the ELCA Malaria Campaign and are inviting everyone's participation. More details will be unveiled in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, we are collecting clean, non-alcoholic bottles and cans and donating the refunds from them to the campaign over the coming year. Think of all the time you'll save by not standing at the recycling center! Thanks ahead of time for your participation.

Keep up with all the news at Grace! Are you receiving the weekly email newsletter? If not, please write your email address in the pew registration pad so we can add you to the list, or send a quick email to kbowerma@hotmail.com. And remember that you can *always* find current and past Sunday bulletins and Friendly Visitor newsletters online at gracedm.org.

Iowa State fraternity scholarships: Beta Sigma Psi, a Lutheran fraternity at ISU, helps keep students connected to the church during their academic career. Three \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to Lutheran men who will be freshmen at ISU during the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are accepted through May 31, but those received before February 22 are eligible for all 3 scholarships. More information can be found on the bulletin board across from the library or by going to www.epsilon.betasigmapsi.org. Applicants need not join the fraternity in order to receive the award.

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers –8:15 Bruce Bergman, Larry Nordeen, Dave Gronert

10:45 Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin, Barb Burley, Bill Jensen

Liturgist – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Mary Freimuth Helt

Lector – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer 10:45 Charlotte Nielsen

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – 10:45 Amy Schmelzer, Carol Woodruff, Carla Peterman, Stephanie Johnson

Acolytes – 8:15 Kyler Medhurst, Kayleigh Medhurst 10:45 Isaac McCleary

Altar Guild – Sue Anderson, Alice Kulzer

Counters – 8:15 Chris Lawson, Carter Woodruff 10:45 Mark Stumme, Chuck Denton



SUNDAY, February 17

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice

9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Chapel

9:30 a.m. – Youth Garage and Plant Sale meeting – Conference Room

9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room

10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

Noon - 12:45 p.m. - CPR Class

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Mid-Iowa Cactus & Succulent Society (MICSS)

Meeting in Cafe

MONDAY, February 18 – Newsletter deadline!

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00-10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

6:00 p.m. – Stephen Supervision

TUESDAY, February 19

8:30 a.m. -Morning Prayer

8:45 a.m. - Bible Study

10:30 a.m. – Text Study – conference room

6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall

6:00 p.m. – Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Cafe

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

WEDNESDAY, February 20

9:00 a.m. - Willing Workers

5:00-6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion

5:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

5:40-6:10 p.m. -- Youth Bells

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service

7:15 p.m. – Brass Practice
7:15-8:00 p.m. – Grace Bells

THURSDAY, February 21

9:00 a.m. – Quilters
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – First Circle Friends
6:45-9:00 p.m. - Embroidery Guild

SUNDAY, February 24

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall
9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice
9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room
10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

During Wednesday’s Lenten worship services, Pastor Mike will be doing a special sermon series:

February 20	Making your way in the world today
February 27	Taking a break from all your worries
March 6	Wouldn’t you like to get away?
March 13	Our troubles are all the same
March 20	Where everybody knows your name



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