

Grace Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome!

Lenten Communion Services - Wednesdays

February 27 and
March 6, 13, 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week Worship

Maunder Thursday

March 28

Holy Communion Service
11:00 a.m.

Luncheon served by
Grace Women to follow

Holy Communion Service
with First Communion
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday

March 31

Holy Communion Services
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.

Men in Mission
Easter Breakfast served
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Children's Easter
activities - 9:30 a.m.

Regular Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion at both
Education Hour &
Adult Forum at 9:30 a.m.

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St. Valentine's and Ashes

It is not very often that Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day fall this close together. *For those of you now curious, the last time it occurred on St. Valentine's Day was in 1945 and will again in 2018.* At first glance, it would seem that the two should be mutually exclusive. One has become known as a time to remember our own mortality and a call for penitence, while the other is a time spent in the embrace of love and loved ones.

The two collided for me around 4 in the afternoon on Ash Wednesday. It was then that I realized that I had yet to buy a Valentine's card for Jenie. Although I thought I was running a bit late for a very important date, I found quickly that according Greenwich Dude Time, I was right on schedule. The aisle was full of gentlemen looking at cards...more accurately for most of them, hurriedly grabbing a card and then off to the chocolates. One gentleman actually walked next to me, reached past me, opened a card and exclaimed, "that's mushy enough" and headed cheerfully for the register. That's mushy enough?!?! I wanted to say, "You're acknowledging love, not making mashed potatoes." And... Ash Wednesday and Valentine's collided.

It made me think a lot about Ash Wednesday. The way these gentlemen, many of whom are probably incredibly caring, fly through to try to fulfill obligations, made me ponder a lot about the way many view Ash Wednesday and Lent. In a culture where some pastors bring ashes to busy streets so that people can simply stop the car and get receive the imposition of ashes, has it become only an obligation? Has all of Lent become that way? Are we the people in the card aisle, frantically trying to appear mushy, or in this case penitent or pious? Are we running late...for a very important date?

Stop. Pause. Breathe. God loves you. Period. Amen. Tiggers. Fernando. What we have in Scripture is God's love story, for you. It begins with the very Spirit or breath of God moving over the waters (the same topic in Ash Wednesday's devotional), and continues through blessing and covenant, the prophets, Christ's death and resurrection, for you, and for all.

The very ashes on our foreheads are reminders of this love. They are not only signs of our mortality, but signs of promise in baptism. Ash is used in soap, and at times replaces it. These ashes become visible signs of that promise, that covenant, that love for you. These ashes, with the liturgy and introduction to Lent, function as a reminder of that love God has for us. And, like many, God is not seeking the one day a year marked with a card and chocolates, and maybe a nice dinner. God is not interested in fancy packaging, or whether someone else's words are mushy enough. God wants you, just the way you are. God wants you to think about God at times other than Sundays and during Lent. Have you ever thought of it that way? If God is love, maybe we should look at it that way.

Maybe it would be good to view Ash Wednesday as similar to St. Valentine's Day. Maybe we should view it as a day that highlights God's love for us, and calls us to remember our love for God. Maybe Ash Wednesday is a day when we "get it right", like Valentine's, with the prayers and imposition of ashes, similarly to a card and dinner, and also use it as a reminder for the rest of the year. What does it look like to give God a random card or flowers? What might it look like to surprise God with a note in the lunchbox, or a nice dinner just because? What might our faith journey look like if we look at our relationship with God as just that, a relationship? Instead of looking for that which is mushy enough or the minimum, what might it be like to celebrate **this** love...a Lent of love, which may just lead to a life of love? That sounds good to me. I hope it sounds good to you too.

Pastor Mike

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to You!

March 1	Mary Johansen Rebecca Sonius Kristen Snyder
2	Donald York
3	Renee Mulvihill Matthew Heid
4	Kimberly Carballo Sarah Merkwan
5	Brent Culp Katherine Scholl
6	Pressly Reha
7	LaVonne Mitchell
10	Patty Flannery Nadine Garcia
11	Tammy Hagerty
12	Jacquelyn Holmes Andrew Keller Rachael Bigg
13	Lathrop Preston Hilary Woodhouse-Farver
14	Sally Niffenegger
15	Bill Jensen Evelyn Knudsen Ann Warren Lydia McCleary
17	Kathy Bowermaster Beth Flannery Melissa Swanson Benjamin Honsey
18	Joann Jensen Thomas Selander Robert Sauerman Emma Ashton
19	Cleone Oberg Diane Westercamp Haley Turner
20	Karen Taylor
21	Janet Kjellberg Susan Miller Angela Allen
22	Louie Anderson
23	Rick Harmon
24	Mary Jo McCleary Beau Brindley
25	Arlene Janson Ryan Nordeen
27	Stephanie Johnson Sierra Carney Zara Preston
29	Sharon Schwemler
30	Kristin Medhurst Curtis Chenoweth
31	Daniel Gutmann Amy Ziska



Anniversaries

February 20 Norman & Janet Trentmann

March 5 Gus & Kari Berven
7 Paul & Diana Johnson
15 Sonny & Kristina Hutton
18 Jeffrey & Anne Farrell
20 Edward & Jane Ridnour
24 Randy & Karen Taylor



Happy Anniversary to You!

Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House is a local "home away from home" for families of children undergoing medical care at local hospitals. Its benefits include not only a place to stay, but a home atmosphere. The local house has a large living room, kitchen, playroom with toys and games, quiet areas and laundry much like any home would have. The House raises money in many different ways and one is the collection of pop tabs. The tabs are collected and sold to recycling centers. This simple tab adds up and becomes a large part of their needed income.

You can help contribute your pop tabs and bring them to Grace. A Ronald McDonald House pull tab box is on the counter by the pop machine. Larger quantities can be left in plastic bags or containers on the counter and will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House. Please pull your tab before you recycle!



Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans™

Direct Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have designated Choice Dollars

If you haven't already done so, be sure to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31. After that date, any undirected Choice Dollars will expire.

For members who selected recurring direction in 2012, please note that recurring direction, the "set it and forget it" method of directing Choice Dollars, is no longer an option. To direct your Choice Dollars in 2013 please visit thrivent.com and select "Get Started" or talk with a representative by calling 800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice."

Don't miss this opportunity to support First Circle of Friends and the Companion Congregation Committee at Grace in 2013. Your designated Choice Dollars will be used to help with these two ministries. Thank you for your consideration and support going forward.

Next newsletter deadline

Special plans are in the works for an Easter edition of the Friendly Visitor in mid-March. The deadline for articles is **March 7**. It will be available for distribution on March 12.

The monthly newsletter for March will have a deadline for articles on **March 22** and be ready for distribution on March 26.

Where can I pick up my Friendly Visitor?

Look for the "Friendly Visitor" sign in the church's main entryway and also in the hallway outside of the office. Extra copies of the Volunteer Schedule are also available.



Youth Service Sunday

On February 3, the youth of Grace led worship, serving as ushers, lectors, communion assistants, liturgists, and also providing special music. Jessica Rissman, McKenzie Carney and Bailey Woodruff presented the children's sermon. Worship was greatly enriched by all their contributions. Shown singing a special song: Leslie Denton, Donna Jordan, Natasha Voelker, Tanner Peeler, Mike Flannery, Adam Dostalík, Christina Anderson, Kelley Marks, Jessica Russell, McKenzie Carney, and Riley Mortenson.

Thank You

Dearest Members of Grace,
God's Peace to you all! Wow, what an experience I'm having...and what an experience Deanna & Laynne are having. It's not easy doing either job, mainly because of the separation, but I think we are both doing OK and often feel God's peace – without that it would be an entirely different experience.

I wanted to thank all of you who have thought of us, prayed for us, written letters to us, or had kind words and open ears for Deanna and Laynne since I left. My unit has received a crazy amount of packages and letters from people all over the country who want to show their support. It's touched me and rekindled my faith in the American people. In fact, I want to find a way to share this story with our VFWs and American Legions to let them know that their efforts to ensure today's Service Members aren't treated poorly and have made a huge difference and to thank them.

God bless you all & thank you,
Eric Weber

Church Council Officers for 2013

Grace's Congregational Council met briefly after the Annual Meeting to elect officers.

Serving for 2013 are:

Rich Snyder, President
Jay Wangerin, Vice President
Karri Brandsfield, Secretary

Finance Report – January Results

Financial results for January YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$31,271, Budget \$36,117
- Other Income – Actual \$982, Budget \$1,529
- Expenses – Actual \$37,761, Budget \$42,061
- Net activity – Actual (\$5,418), Budget (\$4,416)

Actual net activity was unfavorable to budget. This was due to offerings below budget. Favorable expense activity is the result of certain expense activity that was budgeted but the actual expense has yet to occur. Additionally, savings was achieved due to lack of the property position in January.

Library Committee Request

The Library Committee will be sending monthly reminders of overdue books. If you would like to continue to read a book you have selected, please stop in the library during Education Hour and speak with Bev or Marion, or call one of us. Library books are borrowed for one month at a time.



**A Passion
for Changing Lives**

National Social Work Month is a time to celebrate social workers and the services they provide to children, families and individuals. The men and women in this field of work are unsung heroes in our society. They bring hope to people in their darkest times and help make our communities better places to live, one person, one child and one family at a time. Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is proud to have so many dedicated workers who bring life-changing services to people in need. Without the dedication, passion and commitment of its social workers, LSI could not carry out its mission of responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. Your valued partnership through support and prayer is what ensures LSI and its devoted employees can continue to help change lives for the better.

For more information on LSI, visit www.LSIowa.org
Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa

Grace Fellowship Features a Railroad Theme

Grace Fellowship will kick off the first meeting of the year with a look at Iowa railroad history. Sunday evening, March 3 at 5:00 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.

Men in Mission Program March 14, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Please note time change. All meetings from now forward will be held at 6:00 p.m.

The program for the joint meeting with Immanuel United Methodist Men and Grace Men in Mission for March will be presented by David Burrier of Hope Ministries. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

**Plan to attend
Men in Mission's
Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast
Grace Hall, 7:00-10:00 a.m.**

The Youth Garage, Plant, and Bake Sale is on! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Look for Plant Sale order forms - coming to you in March and available on the website now. Orders will be due March 31, Easter Sunday and plants will be available for pickup at the garage sale.
- Start saving your garage sale items - anyone can donate! Books, tools, small furniture, toys, clothes, housewares, etc...clean and in good condition. Start saving now and look for details in April.

The middle and high school youth and families are hosting this sale to raise money for the 2015 National Youth Gathering and Trip Funds. Students who are currently in 7th -10th grade will be eligible for the 2015 National Youth Gathering, and other trips Grace Youth may plan, and we would love a few hours of your help.



Team Grace Rides Again!

This year RAGBRAI comes right through Des Moines and Team Grace would like to be part of it. Young or old, experienced or not, this will be a great opportunity for some fellowship and exercise. Ride all week or just a few days; let's put together a BIG team. Even if you don't ride a bike, drivers are an important piece of the team. Registration deadline is **April 1** so don't delay. If you are interested, contact Jon Rissman at 205-8930.

Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School

**VBS Preschool week: June 10-14, 2013
9:00 a.m.-noon
Ages 3-5**

**VBS Elementary week: June 24-28, 2013
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
After care offered until 5:30 p.m.
Grades K-5 (completed)**



NCAA Bracket Pool

March Madness is approaching! Selection Sunday is none other than St. Patrick's Day, March 17. So, do you feel lucky? Local and regional charities hope so! We will hold the church pool again this year. There will be a \$5 entry fee and the winner will choose which charity will receive the pool monies.

Last year, Matt Farrell won and was able to give the \$250 pool to the Animal Rescue League. **Brackets will need to be turned in between March 17 and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21.** There will be more information on scoring and available closer to the start date.

Thank You for Your Years of Service to Grace

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 writing a letter or card to Luis and/or Ernestina, please bring it to church between now and February 27. 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.

New in the Church Library

The Story, The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People

with foreword by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee.
The story of the Bible in its own words with events, characters, and teachings of the Bible arranged chronologically. Selections from the NIV Bible texts are used.

For Love of Eli by Loree Lough

When unspeakable tragedy leaves young Eli an orphan, two families are devastated. But Taylor, Eli's legal guardian and aunt, vows to help him remember his parents by creating a memory quilt. As she begins piecing together the moments of his parents' lives, the story of the young family begins to emerge and Taylor and Eli begin to heal. This is a beautiful fictional story.

The Moses Quilt by Kathi Macias

This fictional love story is a contemporary story that focuses on two people who must find a way to bridge the racial and generational divide that stands between them. It is an intricate patchwork of history, lost love, and hope found. The Moses Quilt spans generations and secrets to blanket all in God's grace. The story both entertains and challenges readers to look at their own prejudices.

Hymnal Companion: Evangelical Lutheran Worship

donated by the Worship and Music Committee is the companion to our hymnal. It details the composer, hymn author and background of each hymn. Thank you Worship and Music.

Beyond Maintenance to Mission; A Theology of the Congregation by Craig Nesson. "A powerful and pertinent guide for congregations wanting to move away from 'maintenance thinking' to powerful creative engagement with the world."

This book was read by our church council and is a new addition.

Also available for check out are DVDs of Sunday worship services called **Church Service to Go**. Each Sunday the service is recorded and a copy is placed on the bookcase labeled "New Books".



Member Connection: As a faith-based organization, we're called to serve more people

Extending our common bond will allow us to help more Christians be wise with money and live generously. Members of a fraternal benefit society, like Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, share something significant – a connection, such as ethnicity, occupation or religion. It's called a common bond, and it's one of the requirements to being a fraternal benefit society. Today, our common bond is Lutheran. ***This spring benefit members can vote on extending that common bond to Christian.***

Vote on Common Bond March 1 through April 30

Thrivent Financial is membership owned, so benefit members get to make this decision (generally, benefit members are those 16 and older who own a Thrivent Financial insurance or annuity product). You have a voice in the future direction of Thrivent Financial. From March 1 through April 30, benefit members have three easy ways to vote on this issue:

- Online
- By mail
- By phone

Learn More

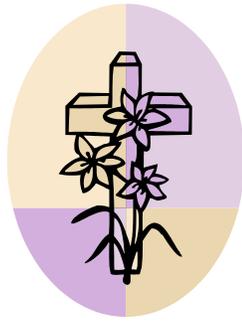
Hear from other members, see the rationale behind extending the common bond and get answers to frequently asked questions. All are available at Thrivent.com/vote.

From: Two Rivers Chapter News-Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Daylight Savings Time is coming, and so is Cinnamon Roll Sunday!

You might not be able to sleep in on Sunday March 10, but you can count on us for a toasty warm fragrant cinnamon roll during coffee hour on **Sunday March 10!** Plates of 4 cinnamon rolls will be available. Proceeds will go for the 2015 National Youth Gathering trip to Detroit, and High School Summer Trips.





This Easter, celebrate the joyous good news of Christ's resurrection by purchasing an Easter lily to decorate the altar. Lilies are \$10.00 each. The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 11. Order forms will be available in the church office, the bulletins on March 3 and March 10, and the February Friendly Visitor.

Indicate on the order form if you would like the plant delivered to a homebound member. Otherwise, you may pick up your lily after the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter.

2013 Easter Flowers

This Easter, celebrate the joyous good news of Christ's resurrection by decorating the altar with Easter lilies. Lilies are \$10.00 each

The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 11.

Please make my order

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

(Quantity) _____ Lily @ \$10.00 each

Given by _____

Your phone number _____

Check this box if you want your lily delivered to a homebound member.

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IMPORTANT: THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED

Method of Payment: Check Cash

Amount of payment _____ Check number _____

Please make your check to Grace Lutheran Church. Payment must accompany the order. Place order in the offering plate or mail to the church office.
Please pick up your plant following the 10:45 Easter service.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MONDAY, MARCH 11.

Come, Study Jesus Parables

Where? Chapel

When? Sunday Morning Education Hour
March 10, 17, and 24

Who? All are welcome

The class is taught by
Rev. William Kallestad

What? The study is written by
Rev. Harry Wendt, founder of
Crossways International.

The study covers parables such as the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the prodigal son. In the study Wendt uses a method of understanding the culture of that time. Then he applies the teaching of the parable to our situation and our time. Welcome!

Stewardship Message for March 2013

God has given all of us many gifts in areas we may not frequently consider. Other than the physical things we own (or have on credit), we are all given our personalities, our attitudes toward our fellow creatures here on earth, our abilities.

Good stewardship entails these gifts being applied in our daily lives, not keeping them hidden from view. Simple things like sharing a friendly smile, being concerned about the health and happiness of others, being willing to lend a helping hand on tasks and projects - the list can go on and on, but it all adds up to being good stewards of our gifts.

Our available time is limited only by our priorities, and our talents are many - some still waiting to be discovered, all just needing us to find the courage to share them with others. Be bold - join a committee or group new to you, lend a hand where there's a need, be surprised at what God can do with the gifts you've been given.
Your Stewardship Committee.

Remember to set your clocks ahead when you go to bed Saturday, March 9. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10.



First Circle Friends has started!

We are excited to announce that Grace and Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) have partnered together to serve the people of the community in a wonderful, new way. First Circle Friends is a day of food, fellowship, and fun for people with early to mid stage memory loss. It is a social model where the focus is laughter and friendship. First Circle Friends is a way for people experiencing memory loss to keep their minds moving and for caregivers to have a day of rejuvenation. First Circle Friends meets twice a month, here at Grace, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The person experiencing memory loss is matched with a trained volunteer, and they remain together all day. In a group setting volunteers and participants enjoy activities such as music, games, light exercise, painting and discussion groups that reminisce on past events, sports, or history.

There are many ways for Grace members to become involved in First Circle Friends. Do you have a friend, spouse, or relative who could benefit from First Circle Friends? If so, have them contact Cannady Fritzjunker at 515-271-7408 or Cannady.fritzjunker@lsiowa.org for more information. If you are able to contribute supplies or snacks, have talents to share such as baking, making crafts, or a hobby to discuss with the group, or if you would like to sponsor a participant, please contact Stephanie at 515-276-6873. First Circle Friends is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and make a difference. We are looking for individuals who know how to have fun and share their gifts with others.

Here's what some of our volunteers and participants have to say:

"The First Circle Friends program opens doors and fills our hearts." – Participant

"Betty' (name changed) has been telling everyone such wonderful things about FCF that she has several people who are interested in signing up. It certainly speaks of her confidence and joy in the FCF program at Grace!! Nice work. I am so excited by the momentum we are gaining." – Cannady Fritzjunker, FCF Coordinator (LSI)

"It was such fun getting to know everyone. It's a great team!" – Ardis Schmelzer

"I was kind of nervous before we started and it turned out to be a delightful day. I hope we have additional new friends join us. We all like each other and believe in the program. I think it shows." – Mary Freimuth Helt

"DITTO! The day was a great start! Thanks." – Valerie Culp

Iowa State Fraternity Scholarships

Beta Sigma Psi, a Lutheran fraternity at ISU, helps keep students connected to the church during their academic career. Three \$1,500 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 three scholarships. More information can be found on the bulletin board across from the library or by going to www.epsilon.betasigmapi.org. Applicants need not join the fraternity in order to receive the award.



First Communion Classes

It's time for First Communion classes! This exciting opportunity is available for all children kindergarten age and older who would like to begin receiving Holy Communion. See the details below, and contact Stephanie Johnson at 276-6873 or stephaniejohnson@q.com to let us know if you will be joining us this year. We do ask that at least one parent attend the session with your child.

**When: Wednesdays, March 13 and 20
from 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

Where: Esperanza Chapel

Optional enrichment activity: Decorate a chalice at Whatta Dish ceramic studio in Valley Junction, 509 Elm St., West Des Moines (279-4916), on Sunday, March 17 from 1-2:30 p.m. (or at an alternate time arranged by you). Cost is \$16/person, and scholarships are available.

First Communion Celebration: March 28, Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.



Tour Alaska with Lutheran Lakeside Camp

AUGUST 18-27, 2013

10 exquisite days visiting:

- Denali National Park: see grizzly bears, otters, salmon.
- Mount McKinley
- Kenai Fjords: narrated boat tour to see glaciers, whales.
- Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward
- Round trip by air
- Registration deadline: April 1, 2013
- Contact: Z at 712-336-2109 or z@lutheranlakeside.com



Helpful Scheduling Reminder

Grace is a busy place, especially on Sunday mornings. With several groups and Bible studies that take place, please remember to contact the office before scheduling your activity, class, or meeting for Sundays or during the week. This keeps us informed with what is going on and also enables us to determine an available space for you. We may be aware of things occurring that might conflict with your activity. Please contact Jackie Holmes at 276-6873 or graceluth5@msn.com. Thank you for your help with this important communication piece.



Are you wondering why there are mosquito-netted barrels in the Gathering Hall and Grace Hall? We're glad you asked! At Grace, we have committed ourselves to taking part in the ELCA initiative to raise \$15 million by 2015 to help eradicate deaths by malaria. More details about our campaign will be coming soon, but starting now and continuing through the year, we encourage you to bring in your clean, non-alcoholic bottles and cans and drop them off in one of our "Nickels for Nets" barrels. Proceeds from the refunds will go directly toward the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Malaria is a totally curable disease, but left untreated, it causes death. It causes more death in sub-Saharan Africa than war or malnutrition. Each year 200-300 million people become infected. 655,000 people die from it – one every 45 seconds - and 9 out of 10 of those people live in Africa. Most are young children.

How can you help?

- Learn about malaria and its effects. Go to www.elca.org/malaria.
- Participate in the various activities we will have during the campaign.
- Prayerfully consider how you would like to contribute.
- Encourage others to participate.

Grace's SWAT Team members are Cathy Barks, Mary Freimuth Helt, Stephanie Johnson, Melissa Kallenbach, Brad Lint, and Carol Woodruff.

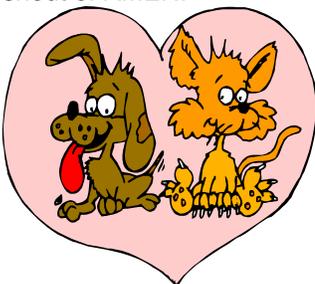
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THANK YOU ALL from the Social Ministry Committee. Grace Lutheran Church came alive with laughter and warm fuzzies and featheries at the January 13 Animal Ministry Event.

At the event, we made over 300 pet toys for dogs and cats and close to 50 fleece mats. These were blessed and donated to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. Also at the January 13 event, 30 aniMEALS were created, ready to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients with pets.

Now don't think when I report that we made 30 aniMEALS that that equals 30 meals. No, no, no, NOT from THIS church! Each aniMEAL bag was packed with enough food for a medium sized dog to eat for a week and for a cat to eat for one month. In addition, the Grace congregation donated 72 pounds of dry cat food, 33.5 ounces canned cat food, 67 pounds of kitty litter, and 88 pounds of dry dog food. All of the food and supplies were blessed and given to the Pet Project of the Midwest for people in need to feed their beloved pets.

In short, you the people of Grace have provide 352 dog meals and 288 cat meals. Well done everyone, you've earned a giant tail wag and a very loud purr, and a shout of AMEN!



CPR Class held in Grace Hall on February 17.

