



The Friendly Visitor

Grace Lutheran Church

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We act in faith, not in blind faith

There is a story my Dad told me once regarding an experience with his uncle, Wally. The story involves Wally having something happen to his eyes and is left unable to see clearly if at all. The only problem is that Wally insisted on driving home through downtown Denver. My Dad was in the passenger seat making sure Wally knew when to speed up, slow down, or stop, when to turn, which direction, and how sharply to do so. It was a faith experience.

We act in faith, not in blind faith. These are the words that kept resonating in my heart as we gathered in our Annual Meeting this last Sunday. We gathered together for a meal, time of fellowship, and for a meeting filled with joys and concerns. In the midst of this we heard about various ministries happening at Grace, accepted reports, and then moved into the process of adopting a budget.

This is where faith comes in. Our budget this year leaves most in the room, myself included, a little uncomfortable. In short, we adopted a budget with a projected deficit of just over \$26,000. It is ok if that seems startling to you. It should be. That is a startling number, and one that lays out a big challenge as we plan for the future of God's ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Adopting the budget was not done without hesitation and discussion. There was reservation about doing so. That is a good thing. Yet, in the midst of our concerns, the response was one centered in faith.

Sometimes people make decisions in blind faith, rooted not in any sort of prior knowledge, but off of a gut feeling. Sometimes it works out very well and inspires others to try the same. I think about the story of my great-uncle. Wally could manage the assisted navigation mainly because he ran one of the leading road construction companies in the whole state and many of the roads were designed and built by his company. That experience ended well, but imagine if he tried it without someone in the passenger seat to tell him where to go! That is blind faith.

Our actions Sunday, as we adopted the budget are not done out of blind faith, but instead are rooted in history and knowledge of this community of faith. It is a decision that is rooted in confidence in the staff team that has been built here. It is a decision that is rooted in faith in this community. It is rooted in faith in a God who has guided this congregation for nearly 90, and continues to do so.

Things are coming into focus here. The Grace 2020 Team is actively working on our plan for the future. There is great work being done preparing for an evangelism effort following our 90th Anniversary Celebration on June 11th. It is exciting. We are navigating through downtown traffic with the One who created this ministry guiding our path. We proceed by faith, until the time when we, too, can clearly see where we are headed. We act in faith.

One common theme throughout the budget discussion was faith in both God's ministry here at Grace and the people of Grace. There is a strong belief that together we can carry this budget through a combination of giving and inviting. For example if every pledge gave an additional month of offering, or a "13th" month, the deficit would be erased. If we gained 10 new families who all pledged, the deficit could be erased.

God is up to something here, and it is very exciting. As we step forward in faith, might you consider an additional pledge, invite someone to church, or another way to move forward together?

In Christ,
Pastor Mike

Happy February Birthday

- 1 - Larry Cramer
Sophia Royster
- 2 - Dick Johansen
Kathlina Roat
- 3 - Joplin Hutton
Jennie Elliff Johnson
William Marberry
Jolene Wiegmann
- 5 - Todd Ringgenberg
Andrew Trentmann
- 6 - Karri Brandsfield
James Hoffman
Larry Nordeen
- 8 - Leonard Larsen
Joshua Shortell
- 9 - Adam Christensen
Virginia Naney
- 10 - LeRoi Beers
Eric Oberg
Nancy Robbins
Carol Rudisill
Bonnie Swanson
- 11 - Kent Weaver
- 12 - Lenora Iverson
Tyler Peeler
- 13 - Jessica Christensen
Timothy Hummel
- 15 - Diane Heid
Isaac McCleary
- 16 - Heather Ashton
- 17 - Gail Peterson
- 18 - Kristen Marberry
Max Palmer
Nicole Vernon
- 19 - Ellen Mumm
- 20 - Jessica Flannery
Brianna Huisman
Max Ringgenberg
- 21 - Judy Cramer
Neal Meyer
Allison Olson
- 22 - Barb Kallestad
Julie Stuckle
- 23 - Barry Briggs
Jenie Schmidt
- 24 - Barbara Burley
Leigh Harmon
Sharyn Nelson
Jonathan Rudisill
- 25 - Shane Artzer
Melissa Young
- 26 - Angela Collins
Gayle Olson
- 27 - Jerry Westercamp
- 28 - Dana Johnson



Happy February Anniversary

- 14 - Virginia and Jay Wangerin
- 15 - Mary and John Donnenwerth
- 17 - Deanna and Michael Hummel
- 19 - Linda and Jim Rundle
- 20 - Janet and Norman Trentmann
- 22 - Charlotte and Marlin Nielsen
- 24 - Sally and Paul Thielking
- 25 - Karen and Harold Mann



Our Sympathies are with:

the family of Lillian Prickett

the family of Pat McCleary
(Brother of Tom McCleary)

the family of Carol Wonderlin
(Ellen Wonderlin's sister-in-law)



1,000 Acts of Grace

A collection of random acts of kindness

"At Grace Lutheran Church, we bring God's Word to life by showing kindness to all people. One small act can make the world a better place."

Together, we can heal the divides and hurt of this world with small, meaningful actions. During the month of February we are doing our part to share God's love.

How to Participate

- ▶ Take a slip from the "I can" board. There are many suggestions, as well as blank slips for your own ideas.
- ▶ Complete the act of kindness
- ▶ Write a short statement about the experience
- ▶ Pin the slip back up on the "I did" board. Several slips have already been moved!
- ▶ Help us move ALL 1,000 slips to the "I did" board and make an impact in our community by sharing God's Love.
- ▶ Invite a friend or neighbor to participate.

One Year Bible Discussion

Sundays 9:45 in the Gathering Hall.

Are you reading along with the One-Year Bible Plan? Are you just catching up, or joining in? Bring your questions, comments, and discoveries on Sunday mornings, or just listen to the discussion. No need to sign-up, attendance will vary.

The January-February reading plan is posted on our website, in the office and at www.oneyearbibleonline.com. The March-April reading plan will be provided in the March Friendly Visitor.

Spotlight on: Chuck Denton



On a typical Sunday morning, you can find me at the first service running the audio/visual system in the back of the church. I am just one of the volunteers running the sound booth, Paul Nelson and Jon Rissman also help manage the sound on Sunday mornings.

Besides helping operate the sound system, I enjoy working around the church on various projects and repairs. Some people say that I spend a lot of hours working around the church, but I enjoy spending my time and using my talents to help the church look nice and save money.

I have been a part of the property committee for several years and there is always a repair that needs to be worked on. This past year I lead a big project to install a new sound and video system in Grace Hall I & II. This project funded by memorial funds has allowed the church to use Grace Hall in various ways with sound and video presentation options. It has been used mostly for adult education hour, but a few groups around the church have been able to use the equipment for videos, presentations, and movies. One project I need to work on is creating a set of instruction for the system so it can be used by all.

I also attend the Men's work group on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The group gathers for breakfast, fellowship and project time. This group spends a couple of hours every month working on large and small projects around the church. I enjoy working with wood and will be helping with some projects at the church in the near future. One project will be to build a frame for the large painting in the Gathering Hall created by Pastor Paul Omen. The other project will be to help a project team build more space for the photo wall. I was part of the volunteer group that built the original photo wall a couple years ago, and it is time to add more space for photos.



Chuck cleaning the windows on a Saturday morning



John Justice and Chuck running additional security camera cable on a Saturday morning. The Saturday morning Men's Group hinted they were playing a carnival fishing game instead...



Chuck helping to clean the gutters on a fall morning. He has also been active with the youth groups in the past – you might find photos of the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in the library too!

DMARC Donation of the Month - Diapers

Infant, toddler, and adult sizes. Think about families who may be taking care of disabled children or adults – this would be a large chunk of their budget.

Grace Church Council Meeting Minutes –

Present: Members: Mary Jo McCleary, Pastor Mike Schmidt, Don Peterson, John Roehrick, Matt Jordahl, Brad Lint, Dave Gronert, Jay Wangerin, Lori Fry, Eric Weber, Cathy Barks. Nonmember: Kevin Krause

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Brad Lint. It was MSP to adopt the meeting agenda. Pastor Mike led devotions based on Mr. Rogers: What is essential is invisible to the eyes.
It was MSP to approve the consent agenda items including previous meeting minutes and reports.

A work session was conducted for the 2017 church budget, and Grace Kids Care finances, facilitated by Kevin Krause and Pastor Mike. It was MSP to present the budgets as written to the congregation at the upcoming annual meeting on January 22, 2017. There will be a budget discussion open to the congregation at the January 15 Adult Forum at 9:30 AM.

Church council elections were discussed, and a nominating committee was formed to fill three open council positions. The committee will include Don, Cathy, Eric, and Brad.

Updates were given on the work of the Malmin Task force, the Grace 20/20 team, Pastor Mike's community listening post plans, and the upcoming Day Trip to Minneapolis to visit the Martin Luther exhibit at the Museum of Art on January 7.

The next council meeting will be January 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM, with a meal at 5:45.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Barks, Secretary

Finance Report – is included in the Annual Report.

The annual report can be found on the Links page at www.gracedm.org
Copies which include the budget can be picked up in the office or by request.



Are you a “Church Elf”? Please tell us!

There is a children's book that tells the story of a cobbler who has too large of a workload, and elves who sneak in to help him when he is sleeping. There are days that it feels like we have a lot of “church elves” who come in and do things without others ever knowing. This can be a beautiful thing.

As we continue to grieve the loss of Jackie Holmes, the reality of church elves comes to the forefront. Jackie was here as Administrator for over a decade and carried with her a great deal of institutional knowledge. She knew who was volunteering to do different things around the church, and took pride in working with all of those who volunteered in a variety of ways. With her sudden retirement and inability to communicate well almost immediately upon retirement, none of that information was passed on. Recently, we even inadvertently “stepped on the toes” of someone who has faithfully helped in the sanctuary for a long time. And for that, the staff is truly sorry. We want to both know what all is happening, and be able to offer thanks for all of the work.

In short, we need to know who all of the elves are! If you volunteer at Grace in ANY WAY, please let the office know. We are so thankful for all of the work that is done here, and want to serve you all as best we can.

Thank You!
The Grace Lutheran Church Staff

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noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

Faith and Family Fun Night Iowa Energy Basketball Game Sunday, March 5, 3 P.M.

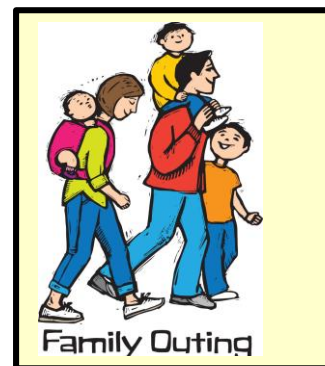
Grace has a block of seats reserved – for ALL members of the Grace Lutheran Church Family! Tickets are \$10.71 and include the game, a food voucher, and a post-game concert.

Tickets MUST be ordered in advance.

There is an easy link for ordering online, <http://Groupmatics.Events/GLCMarch5> which will automatically place you in our block of seats. Or, you can call the number on the poster (Madeline Pavlik at 515-564-8559) to place your order and avoid online fees

Friends and family are welcome and encouraged!

Find more information on the Youth and Families Bulletin Board.



Men in Mission of Grace Lutheran Church

It was decided at our last meeting to disband Men in Mission.

Please consider attending the other Men's group of Grace which meets every month on the second Saturday. There can be a lot of networking which can be done there also with that program. Eric Weber heads that group and would welcome anyone interested in joining them. Any funds remaining in the Men In Mission account will be transferred to the Saturday Men's Group.

I have relayed a message to Immanuel Methodist Church letting them know we will not be meeting in the future, and thanked them for their great fellowship in the past. I really enjoyed those meetings.

Thanks for you support, Len Ringgenberg

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 1

Wednesday Evening March 1- April 12

5:00 p.m. Soup Suppers

6:15 p.m. Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Worship with Dramas – bringing Biblical characters to life

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Discussion after Worship

Soup Supper Sign-ups will soon be available in the Gathering Hall.

Dates available are: March 1, 15, 22, 29 & April 5

The Hunger Team will be serving on March 8



Lenten Devotions

You are invited to sign up to write devotions that will be shared with the congregation during Lent. Sign-ups and readings for each day will be in the Gathering Hall in early February. You can be anonymous if you wish. Devotions will be available in printed form in the Gathering Hall each Sunday, by e-mail, (a separate sign-up will also be available just for devotions), and on our Facebook page each day.



"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

January 25 – February 5

No matter which team you will be cheering for, you can be a big winner by participating in "Souper Bowl" Sunday in support of Hope Ministries. Each month, Hope Ministries serves more than 14,600 meals to men, women, and children who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted. This year Hope Ministries is requesting donations of BEEF STEW or CHILI. Please bring your donations through February 5. Let's fill the barrel in the Gathering Hall!

Central Iowa Shelter and Services

On the evening of February 5, members of Grace will be preparing and serving a meal for CIS. Members have donated ingredients, desserts and drinks, and will be serving over 300 people.

Youth Ministry and Sunday Mornings

Youth 0-5th grade

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School hour begins with groups for all ages:

Frolic: Ages 0-3 and parents meet in room 103. Frolic is the program used for this age group, run by parents every other week. Alternate weeks are for social and play time.

Preschool – 5th Grade begins in room 101, with Bible Skills, and a variety of Drama, Art, Library, & Cooking rotations. Volunteers who would like to lead a rotation for a few weeks are always welcome!

Vacation Bible School!

Yes, Really!

Planning has begun on our end, and we know some of you are already eyeing your summer calendars for vacation getaways and quiet family staycations. (So are we!)



So block these dates off, and watch for registration later this Spring, because we're excited about VBS!

Ages 3-5: June 6-10 (mornings only)

Grades K-5 (completed): June 26-30 (morning and afternoon)

Youth Activity Calendar *Be the Church for the youth of Grace*

Thank you to all the families who listed their activities on the bulletin board in January!

The February Calendar is now up and ready for families of **middle and high school** youth to post on. Look at all the things that Grace Youth are involved in and, if you feel so moved, pray for these students and/or attend one of these activities

Families: please post **activities or events** that others can attend, or pray for. Be sure to list time and location of the event. Thank you!

Peace,
Ellen Rothweiler
Minister for Youth and Families

Middle and High School

Confirmation

Wednesday Evening Classes

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., room 301

February 22 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Grace Hall for a Service Learning Project

Confest

Sunday, Feb. 19 from 1-6 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny

This event will supplement our Confirmation program with interaction with other Confirmation students in the synod and will expose our youth to hunger issues of the wider church.

Lutheran Lakeside Confirmation Camp

Sunday, July 16 - Friday, July 21

Camp is an expectation of our Confirmation program and we encourage students to go to camp at least once while they are in 6th-8th grade. We have a good group that could go this summer and would be a lot of fun if it worked out for all of you! **Will this year be your year?**

Gatherings!

Ellen has been busy in Louisville with Gathering Synod Coordinators (see photo on page 9) getting ready for the **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering**.

At press time, a small group of Grace High School students are waiting to hear if they will be moved off the waiting list for **Rooted**, a Southeastern Iowa Synod journey to the Grand Canyon Synod for a week of service learning together in June.

Which means it is time for Parents and students to watch for information on helping with:

Cinnamon Roll Sunday

Sunday, February 12

Come ready to enjoy the warm sweet cinnamon rolls prepared by our youth. Free will offerings will be accepted for plates of 4 rolls. Funds received will sponsor youth trips.

Plant Sale Orders

Order forms will be available in March – share them with neighbors, friends, and family!

The Garage, Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday May 6 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This is the day those plant orders arrive at 6:45 a.m. to be sorted. And we'll need your help sorting donations the week before the sale, as well as helping shoppers on May 6, and cleaning up after.

All funds raised go toward Youth Trips.

Adult Education

Tuesday Adult Bible Study

8:45 a.m., Tuesdays in Grace Hall. Led by Pastor Mike.

Centering Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Upper Room, led by Julie Honsey.

Sunday Education Hour Presentations

Sundays, 9:30, Grace Hall

February 5 The Pet Project, 4th Annual Multigenerational Event

Any **small pets** that have a mobile home (transportable container) and are well behaved in a place with other pets and lots of people, are welcome. Pets need to stay in carriers while you attend church services. With the new carpet in Grace Hall, please be prepared to clean up after your pets. People will be in Grace Hall during both services, so nobody will be lonely. We are going to help people in need with their animals by making simple pet toys putting together pet meals for Meals On Wheels recipients.

February 12, 19 and 26:

The Enneagram with Julie Honsey

From a spiritual perspective, our work in this lifetime is to experience the love of God. The Enneagram is a practical and useful means for facilitating this work. It helps us to discern the path to live a balanced life and leads us into a deeper understanding of being human. It represents 9 distinct strategies of relating to oneself, others and the world. The focus of the Enneagram is what motivates a person to think, feel and react the way they do and how that motivation prompts them to pay attention to some things and avoid others. Gaining an understanding of oneself and others from the point of view of motivation rather than behavior heightens trust and helps develop positive relationships through understanding. If you are interested in learning more join us during the education hour in February as Julie Honsey, Professional in the Enneagram Narrative Tradition, presents the Enneagram as a tool for personal and spiritual development.

Religious Study Group

Wednesdays, led by The Rev. Ro Zimany

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

February 1: Why Were People (and you) Attracted to Jesus?

February 8: (led by Bill Kallestad)
Deut. 30:15-20; Matt. 5:21-37; I Cor. 3:1-9

February 15: Experiencing God

February 22: Why and How Jesus' Followers Became an Organized Church

Calendar

February 1

9:30 a.m. – Willing Workers

4:30 p.m. – Daycare Drama Tykes Performance – GH II

6:30 p.m. - Confirmation, Grace Brass, Religious Discussion Group

6:45 p.m. - Grace Bells

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

February 2 –

- 9:00 a.m. – Quilters, Msindo Hall

- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends

- 6:30 p.m. 56th Street Neighborhood meeting – GH

February 5, 9:30 a.m. Pet Project during Adult Education Hour

February 7, 6:30-9:30 – Knitters Guild, Grace Hall I

February 8 – Willing Workers, Confirmation, Grace Brass, Religious Discussion, Grace Bells, Chancel Choir

February 9, 9:00 a.m. – Quilters, Msindo Hall

February 11, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Men's Group Breakfast and church projects

February 12 – Cinnamon Roll Sunday Youth Fundraiser!

February 15 – Willing Workers, Confirmation, Grace Brass, Religious Discussion, Grace Bells, Chancel Choir

February 16 –

- 9:00 a.m. – Quilters, Msindo Hall

- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends

February 17 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – LSI event, Grace Hall

February 18, 9:30 a.m. - Altar Guild coffee and meeting offsite

February 19, 1:00 6:00 p.m. – ConFEST Confirmation Festival (Ankeny)

February 22 – Willing Workers, Grace Brass, Religious Discussion, Grace Bells, Chancel Choir

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation in Grace Hall for service learning

February 22 – Friendly Visitor Submission Deadline

February 23, 9:00 a.m. – Quilters, Msindo Hall

February 26, 1:00 p.m. – New Member Class, Grace Hall

March 4 – Hope for the Hungry/Feed Greater Des Moines Conference, Grace Hall

March 5 – Iowa Energy Grace Faith and Family Night

April 30 – First Communion

May 5 - Grace Youth Annual Garage, Plant, and Bake Sale 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, June 11, 2017- Grace Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary Celebration

Crock Pot Drive

On behalf of the Pray, Eat, Live Healthy Program, an 8 week class sponsored by Iowa State Extension and Outreach, the Grace Hunger Team is sponsoring a crockpot collection. The program is an established and successful program that uses crockpots as the vehicle to provide knowledge and skills for making healthy food choices to individuals with tight budgets. All those who complete the program receive a crockpot.

New and Gently used crockpots can be placed on a table in the entryway to the Gathering Hall throughout the month of February.

The 8th Annual Feed Greater Des Moines Conference

Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Join us for the 8th Annual Feed Greater Des Moines Conference. Come learn from top hunger fighting and local food organizations in Greater Des Moines about how they are combining efforts to make a difference. Choose 2 workshops to attend, and learn how you can volunteer, donate, and advocate for positive change.

Posters, brochures, schedule, speakers, and Registration materials can be found on the Staff bulletin board across from the office, or at www.feedDSM.org



Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners of both individuals and congregations who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in refugee farmers who share their love of the land with the Des Moines community, in struggling parents who learn positive ways to build love and trust with their children and in so many other moments of hope every day. Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Building Brighter Futures

Learning new things can always be difficult. Especially when you're learning to be a first-time parent.

Sarah's first son, Mark, was a happy baby. But as he grew into his toddler years, Sarah was unsure how to handle his behavioral changes. When he started acting out at home, she felt herself growing more frustrated. Sarah knew she needed help. That's when she turned to LSI's Parents as Teachers program.

Parents as Teachers provides free and voluntary parent education and support for families in Boone and Story County, with children up to age 5.

The program was with Sarah every step of the way, providing home visits, introducing her to community support groups, and teaching her how to adjust to Mark's developmental stages.

"With help from Parents as Teachers, I learned his behavior was just a phase, and they told me it was normal," Sarah says. "Before, I thought there was a problem with me, or that I wasn't a good parent."

Mark, now 3, entered preschool last fall, and Sarah is proud to see how much progress he has made. He's meeting new friends and at home, he's become the best big brother to his baby sister, Hannah.

Learning how to handle Mark's developmental stages has made Sarah more confident in raising Hannah. She knows what to expect as Hannah grows up, and she's ready to face each day and create the brightest future for her children.

"Parents as Teachers helped me so much with my parenting," Sarah says. "The program is the best thing I have."



Ellen with the 2018 ELCA Gathering Synod Coordinators in Louisville, January 2017



The OWL (Our Whole Lives) Class group comprised of high school youth from St. John's and Grace Lutheran Church, planned a winter break outing to see a movie together. January 2017

Here we come 2017!



January 7, 2017, Minneapolis.
25 members of Grace Lutheran Church and family members travelled by charter bus for the chance to enjoy the Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation Exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.
Pictured are Don Rothweiler, Michael Moran, Steve Strock, Mary Helt, and Jayme Rothweiler



Denny, Sage, Sam, Rich, Cal standing to the left of the Ark during their visit to Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Confirmation students in 8th grade along with their mentors attended services at different places of worship in January 2017.



The Annual Congregational Meeting and luncheon, January 22, 2017.

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Thank you to everyone involved in the gift bag of interesting gifts and the beautiful poinsettia at Christmas time. Thanks to Carol Krause for her visit to deliver them. Moe and Charlotte

Grace, Thank you so much for the Poinsettia plant and all the other nice things.

Martha Mertens

I want to thank the Grace Congregation for the Poinsettia Plant, book, and card. I appreciate it very much.

Thank you again, Arnold Johansen

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and visits, and for the beautiful throw. May God Bless everyone, Love Ardis

Thank you for the lovely Poinsettia,

Tory Henderson

Dear friends at Grace, Thank you for remembering me at Christmas. I enjoyed the beautiful Poinsettia, candle, ornaments, calendar, devotional book, and cards. I especially liked the card from the children.

May you experience God's Blessings, Grace, and Love. Dorothy Duleepsingh

Grace Lutheran Church, Thank you for the lovely Poinsettia you gave me for Christmas. Also Thanks for the other gifts.

Helen Fanning

To our friends at Grace Lutheran, Thank you so much for providing Christmas gifts for so many of the people we serve! Because of your generosity, everyone had at least one (though many of you provided more!) things under the tree, and we are so grateful for your partnership in our mission.

Have a blessed 2017. Mosaic in Central Iowa

We want to thank all of our Grace friends for the lovely Poinsettia we received at Christmas. We are blessed by your thoughtfulness.

Delores and Leonard Larson

Hospitalized?

We do receive notice from the hospitals when you give them permission, but not always right away. While they are following privacy laws and putting you first, we often find out after you have gone home.

If you would like a visit from the pastor, assistance from the Member Care team, or to be added to the prayer list, have someone call us at 515-276-6873. The answering machine prompt will get you to the Pastors voice mail after hours - just dial option 1 when prompted. We're here for you!



New Baby Announcements, Roses, and Splash Cradle Roll!

If you have a newborn, you are more than welcome to request a rose for the Altar, and have an announcement placed in the weekly bulletin. We are sensitive to the fact that not everyone wants this information publicized, so we will not share until requested.

If you would like a rose, an announcement, or both, simply call the office at 515-276-6873, with your request and information. Requests placed by Wednesday evening will be placed in that week's bulletin, with the rose on the Altar that week. Requests placed after Wednesday will be ordered for the following week. The rose is yours to take home after the services on the day of the announcement.

Splash is the Cradle Roll Faith Formation program written specifically for families of children ages 0-3 and provided free by Grace. You do not need to wait until Baptism to begin - simply call Gail Petersen at 224-4514 or the office at 276-6873 to enroll.