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### Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Hour and coffee at 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Education at 10:15 a.m.

### Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship Service 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Worship Service 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.  
Easter Worship Services 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Breakfast 7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Activities 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

### True Liberation in Christ

The season of Lent is a time when I often dive into the words of prophets. The Rev. Drs. Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr. are often among the voices toward which I bend my ear during these forty days. This year, Bishop Oscar Romero has been where I have turned. He found himself in a deeply divided country, San Salvador, that had resorted to violence in response to the division and disagreements. The church itself was under attack and many priests were killed (he too would be martyred during Mass two years later). He proclaimed a message of love for others that is still relevant today as we face the realities of divisive actions and rhetoric. During Holy Week forty years ago, Bishop Romero had these fitting words to share:

*"Holy Week is a call to follow Christ's austerities, the only legitimate violence, the violence he does to himself and that he invites us to do to ourselves. 'Let those who would follow me deny themselves' be violent to themselves, repress in themselves the outpours of pride, kill in their hearts the outward bursts of greed, of avarice, of conceit, of arrogance. Let them kill it in their hearts. This is what must be killed, this is the violence that must be done, so that out of it a new person may arise, the only one who can build a new civilization: a civilization of love... We must overturn so many idols, the idol of self first of all, so that we can be humble, and only from our humility can learn to be redeemers, can learn to work together in the way the world really needs. Liberation that raises a cry against others is no true liberation. Liberation that means revolutions of hate and violence and takes the lives of others or abases the dignity of others cannot be true liberty."*

God loved the world in such a way that Jesus became incarnate and dwelt among us. This was done out of love, a love that God has for all. Christ did not become human so that we could claim Jesus as if we are picking sides for a recess game of basketball. Christ came near so that we could see what love looked like and learn to live into that love in the world around us. Christ died for us, taking on our sin to free us from the bondage to sin. It was a calculated move done out of love for all the world. God raised Christ from the dead and also raises us to new life in Christ.

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### Happy April Birthday

- 1 - Easton Ziska
- 2 - Michael Heid  
Rev. Bill Kallestad
- 3 - Ellen Batten  
Dolores Johnson  
Colleen McKinney
- 4 - Darlene Johnson  
Kevin Stinn
- 7 - Carolyn Andersen  
Bradley Moon  
John Nelson  
Maya Uehling Lint  
Emily Woodruff
- 8 - Jennie Wonderlin
- 9 - Kelley Bowermaster
- 10 - Brett Brindley  
Matt Hagerty  
Lanette Kennebeck  
Jared Nelson  
Cherie Rissman  
Mark Stumme  
DeVee Tricklel
- 11 - Mira Voelker
- 12 - Vanessa Bloomberg  
Alex Davik  
Kyler Medhurst
- 13 - Mary McCann  
Mark Meyer
- 14 - Prudence Campbell  
Denise Friesth
- 15 - Michael Flannery  
Matt Speck  
Erin Warren
- 16 - Ernest Weatherington
- 17 - Alton Calahan  
Cynthia Gronert
- 18 - Mary Donnenwerth  
Justin Fenimore
- 19 - Kerrie Gutmann  
Emma Stammer
- 20 - Kevin French  
Cody Gebauer  
Jenny Rehder
- 24 - Eric Nelson  
Charla Preston
- 25 - Amy Wonderlin
- 26 - Aden Artzer  
Mike Carney  
Howard Kulzer  
Nathan Scholl



April  
BIRTHDAYS

### Happy April Anniversary

- 7 - Kathy Piltingsrud and Paul Nelson
- 10 - Deanna and Eric Weber
- 12 - Sandra and Barry Briggs
- 21 - Carol and Mark Mattes
- 24 - Andrea and Matthew Harbaugh
- 29 - Curt and Kathy Johansen



### Birthdays Continued

- 27 - Cathy Watson  
Bill Jensen  
Gladys Peterson  
Fletcher Reynolds
- 28 - David Gronert  
Abbey Nelson  
Anna Shae
- 29 - Kathy Piltingsrud
- 30 - Alysse Adams  
Kylie Radmermacher

### Our Sympathies are with:

The family of Glenda Fontanini, Mother of Dana Roby

The family of Barb Mixdorf, Mother of Karri Brandsfield

The family of Deb Bradwell  
Mother of Jason Bradwell

The family of Pauline Flannery  
Mother of Don Flannery

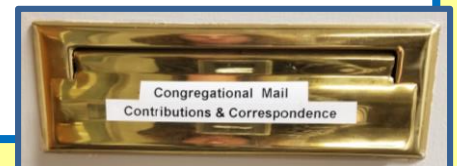
The family of Wallace (Buzz) Adams  
Father of Felicia Adams



### Secure Office Drop Box

The office wants to make sure you are aware of the handy dandy mail slot just outside the office door. It leads to a secure locked box. Unless you are handing a check or cash to Denise during the week, or to one of the counters on Sunday morning, please use this slot. It's the wise and safe thing to do. It protects all of us from theft such as during the recent break-in. Thank you for your understanding! Use it for:

- Sunday school offering
- Coffee time, soup supper, or other meal offerings
- Regular offering
- Fundraiser donations  
(Plant sale, Skillet, NCAA pool fundraiser, etc.)
- Holiday flower orders
- Daycare payments
- VBS, Youth travel fees
- More!





## Online Giving and the new Grace My Church App

Online Giving is something new to Grace, and we're excited to be able to offer this option that has been asked about for several years now. Of course we'll continue to accept contributions and offerings in the methods familiar to Grace members. The My Church App will allow you to stay connected to Grace, receive notifications about information YOU choose to subscribe to, and access our website through a smart phone even if you choose not to use the giving option. We'll cover those options in a later newsletter as we continue to build out the App and link it to the website.

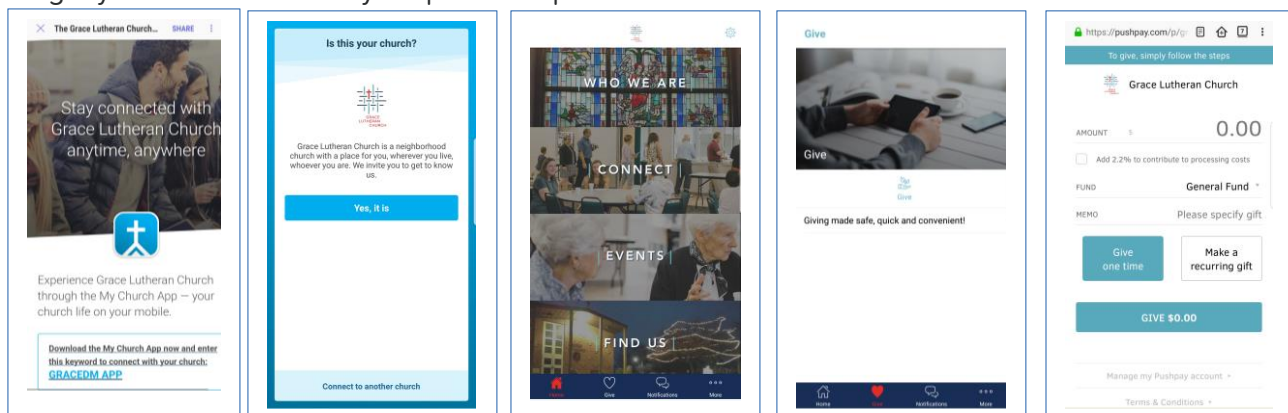
On the "GIVE" page of our beautiful new website, are the following words:

*Why Give? "Come to be fed, leave to feed others." This is one of the guiding principles of Grace Lutheran Church. Ours is a pledging church. Each of our program budgets are based on pledged income. As Lutherans, we believe that Christian giving is about worship and action. It's important for us all to do our part.*

At the bottom of that page, beneath facts about the many programs your contributions support, is a Donate Button. This button takes you to our secure donation platform website with PushPay. This has been tested by members over the past few months, and more recently you have been offered – and used - the ability to pay for Easter Lilies, Food Pantry Donations, Memorials, and Other items online. Thanks for taking us up on that! You'll notice more opportunities to choose online giving, such as during the upcoming Lutheran World Relief drive. Giving online can also be handy when you are travelling, prefer to give once a month – or yearly – instead of weekly, or simply left your checkbook at home.

## The My Church Phone App (it's free!)

Members and staff have also tested smartphone giving, and our App is now available for download. It takes just a minute or two when using wifi. How? **Text 'GRACEDM APP' to 77977.** You will receive a message that says: *"Pushpay: Thanks! Click to download the app. (Msg&Data Rates Apply.)* with a link. Click on the link to go to the first screen shown below. Note: each screen shown here will look slightly different based on your particular phone. Follow the directions on each screen.



The middle photo above shows what our App looks like. If you see this, you are ready to use the App.

To Give for the first time (website or App), you will need 5-10 minutes, your email address, and a credit card, debit card, or bank routing information to set up your account and verify who you are. In the App, begin by clicking on the heart icon at the bottom of the home screen. In the Give section (photo 4 above), click on the blue "give" icon in the middle of your screen. The next screen is the payment: choose the amount, whether you want to add 2.2% to help cover processing costs, and which fund you want it to go to. If "Other", use the memo line to name a specific account, such as Easter Lily, Lutheran World Relief, etc. You may make a one-time payment, or set up recurring payments. Your total amount will appear in the Blue "Give \$0.00 line". After you press that button, your payment will go through, or you will be prompted to set up your account with Push Pay. Grace will receive a notification of your contribution, and you will receive an email receipt. It's that easy!

### **Pastor Mike's message, continued from page 1**

We live in a divisive world. We live in a fractured world. We must do better. In Holy Week, God gives us a clear picture of the world in which we live. We find ourselves living with division, fears, greed, and death. In the Resurrection of Our Lord, God gives us a glimpse of the new life that we will all have in Christ. The work of the resurrection does not have to reside solely in the future. We can live differently in Christ. We can live differently here and now, today, and begin to pave the way for a better tomorrow. I do not know of anyone who looks around and says "this is exactly the kind of world I hoped my children and grandchildren would live in." We can do better. We must do better.

I pray we all lean into the unconditional love of God this Holy Week and season of Easter.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike

### **New Information Cards in the Sanctuary**

Have you ever forgotten to sign in on the pew pads? Have you ever been anxious about who sees that information? Have you ever noticed that the sheets are usually almost empty? Have you ever wondered how best to let people know of a prayer concern or change in contact information?

If you said "yes" to any of these questions you are not alone. The staff has spent considerable time talking about these topics and the sensitivity of some of the information gathered. We have developed cards that will be placed with the envelopes in each pew.

One side will be for **prayer concerns**. A person can list a prayer concern and who s/he would like to know about the concern. The other side is for giving the office **contact information** and **requesting information**. If someone moves or is a guest, it provides a more confidential way of sharing this information. Just **fill out the card, fold it, and place in the offering plate**. It is that simple. These cards will be placed in a private envelope for the pastor to go through on Monday morning. Information that is not confidential will be passed to the appropriate people.

### **Finance Report – February Results**

Financial results for February YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$64,359, Budget \$65,042
- Other Income – Actual \$4,562, Budget \$4,750
- Expenses – Actual \$78,997, Budget \$76,442
- Net activity – Actual (\$10,077), Budget (\$6,650)



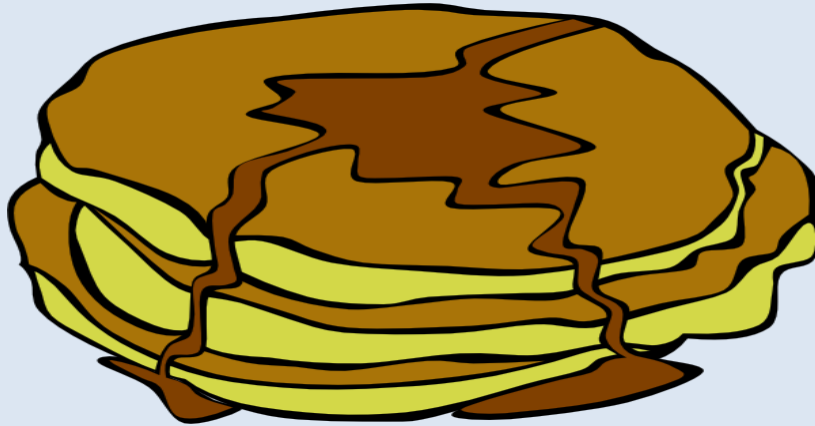
Actual net activity was unfavorable to budget primarily due to expenses for repairs to the south entrance and to the boiler.



### **Lenten Noisy Offering Update**

The noisy happens when loose change is tossed in the small buckets the ushers pass. Our purpose is to show how easily our loose change can add up: for you to use toward your own financial security or to make a difference in the lives of others. As of March 18 we have collected \$265, which will fund two woman owned small business loans. The Financial Well-Being Team has identified World Visions small business loans for Women as the intended recipient for this money. You can find more information at <https://donate.worldvision.org>.

**Grace Lutheran Church  
Prayer Breakfast  
Easter Sunday**



**Menu**

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage fruit milk, Juice, tea and coffee**

**Time: Easter Morning**

**Serving from 7:00 to 10:30 AM**

There is a Prayer quilt committee that puts together prayer quilts for those people of our congregation that need an extra boost in their life. After the quilts are put together they are displayed in the sanctuary for all members to go and tie and say a prayer for that person to let them know they are thought of.

Breakfast proceeds go to the Prayer Quilt fund of Grace Lutheran Church.

Please come and support the prayer quilt committee.

Questions or last minute volunteers? Len Ringgenberg 255-2395 or Ross Peeler 223-9440

**NCAA Bracket Fundraiser Charities**

For a \$5 entry fee, the winner of our annual fundraiser chooses which charity will receive the pool monies. This year, 29 members are competing for bragging rights and to benefit their chosen charity. So far we have given away a total of almost \$1500 due to this annual fundraiser!

Current Standings can be found listed opposite the photo gallery in hallway outside the office, in the weekly announcements and on our Facebook and website pages.

The charities this year include:

Animal Rescue League	Michael J Fox Foundation/Parkinsons
Jimmy V Foundation	Hope Ministries
Marfan Foundation	Count the Kicks
Hope Ministries	Johnston Band Parents
Engineers Without Borders	Transgender Law Center
Des Moines Host Lions Foundation	Arthritis Foundation
Zero Prostate Cancer	Mercy Hospice in Johnston
UNI Lutheran Student Center	DMARC
Scleroderma Foundation	The Ehlers Danlos Society



**Spring Youth Ministry**  
Contact [ellen@gracedm.org](mailto:ellen@gracedm.org)

**Sunday School 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

We continue to meet with

**Frolic – age 0-3** with their parents in room 104. No need to sign-up, come join us when you are here.

**Ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade** begin in room 101 for rotations in music, library, and the classroom.

**First Communion Class Schedule-**

Our first grade students have been meeting to prepare to receive First Communion. Here at Grace this process involves three lessons, a Seder meal and the crafting of their own chalice with the help and guidance of Marion Nehmer. They will use their chalice when they receive Communion in worship on Sunday, April 29. Please pray for these students as they prepare for this milestone in their life of faith.



**Spring Confirmation- Prayer & Service**

After Easter, our sixth and seventh grade Confirmation students, along with their parent leaders, will spend some time practicing prayer. As with any important thing in life, prayer takes practice, so as a group and as individuals we will take some time to explore different ways that we can connect with God, and engage our heart in our daily lives. As we pray, we will listen to what God is calling us into, and from that discovery we will respond in action and find ways to serve our neighbors. My hope is that prayer can become a more natural thing that we see as a way life, not just something that we do with words at church.

As we explore this practice of prayer, we will consider the truth of the following statements-  
Prayer is important  
There is a right way to pray  
Prayer changes things  
Prayer changes God

In order to increase familiarity and comfort with prayer, students will also have the opportunity to try several ways of praying including; contemplative prayer, body prayer, coloring mandalas, writing prayers, prayer doodle, word prayer, service and more.

We invite your prayers for these students as they dive deeper into this key expression of faith.

Peace,  
Ellen Rothweiler

**VBS: Save the date!**

We'll be looking for volunteers as well as participants! Announcements will be going out soon, on our website, Facebook page, and in printed publications. If you want to help out, let Ellen know when you are available, and make sure your medical information is up to date. The medical form can be found on the website Resources page <https://gracedm.org/resources/>.

**VBS Preschool June 4-8**

**VBS Elementary: June 18-22**

**The Annual Youth Garage and Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

We're bringing back the cinnamon rolls too!

**To all:** You may begin dropping off your items on Tuesday, May 1 in the afternoon.

**To Middle and High School Families:**

We need help all week, beginning with the set-up of Grace Hall on Tuesday, May 1, to unpacking and sorting donated items through the week (no pricing, yay!), unloading the plant truck at 6:45 a.m. Saturday morning, helping throughout the sale, and cleaning up at 1 p.m. It's fun, it helps others, we work together, and it's the only youth fundraiser we do. Join us! Sign up for shifts (this link works online too) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aaeac2eaaf3-grace>

**Every Week (not listed in calendar at right)**

**Sundays**

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in the Gathering Hall



10:00 a.m. – Sunday School – see page 6

Easter Sunday: No Sunday School. Join us in Grace Hall for breakfast from 7:00 – 10:30 a.m. and Children's Activities from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Adult Education in Grace Hall – bring your coffee and donuts.

- 04/01 No Adult Education – Easter Sunday
- 04/08 LWR Kit Packing
- 04/15 Well-Being Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter focus is on Physical Well-Being. Mary Krisco will present on Healthy Eating and Nutrition
- 04/22 IRMS Series: Life of Apostle Peter Video. Join us to learn more about Apostle Peter, the ordinary businessman who became one of Christianity's most influential figures. Peter took great risks and witnessed amazing things as a follower of Jesus. We all can learn from Peter's life and examples as Rick Steve's, PBS host and travel guide leads us through this interesting video.
- 04/29 IRMS Series

**Tuesdays NO BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, April 3**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Bible Study, Grace Hall

Led by Pastor Mike

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Upper room, Led by Julie Honsey

11:30 a.m. Staff meeting, library

**Wednesdays No music rehearsals April 4**

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Middle School Room

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, middle school room

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Grace Bells, Music Room

7:30 -8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

**Thursdays**

9:00 a.m. Quilters, Msindo Hall

**Grace Fellowship Meeting** May 6 @ 5:00 PM  
Light Luncheon & Program by Molly and Kevin Cooney.

**April Calendar**

1 – Easter Activities:

Worship at 6:30, 8:15, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast 7:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Activities 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

2 – Office Closed

3 – No Bible Study

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild GH II

4 – 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. First Communion Class

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

*No Music Rehearsals*

5– 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends

7 – LWR Set-up

8 – Junior Grace Players Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
LWR Kit Packing

10:00 a.m. First Communion Seder Meal & Chalice Glazing, Msindo

10 – 6:30 Executive Committee

11 – 5:30 p.m. GKC Director Support Mtg, Library

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. GKC Parent Board, Library

12 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Grace Stitching group

14 – 8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group –  
Breakfast, Fellowship, and Church Projects

17 – 6:00 p.m. Lydia Circle – GH I & Kitchen

7:00 p.m. Hunger Team, conf. room

19– 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends,  
GHI & II

21 – 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild, offsite for coffee

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. GKC Parent Night Out –  
GH, Gym

22 – 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Swahili Group GH &  
Kitchen

24 – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

26– 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Martha Circle, GH

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Grace Stitching group

7:00 p.m. Grace Kids Care Spring Concert,  
Sanctuary

27 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. LSI, GH II

29 – First Communion Sunday

Graduation Recognition Sunday

**May 1 -5 – Garage Sale Set-up in Grace Hall  
after Bible Study! Grace Hall will be  
occupied all week.**

May

1 – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild,  
Gathering Hall?

2 – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. GKC Staff Meeting – Café

6:30 p.m. GKC Parent Board – Library

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

5 – 6:45 – 8:00 a.m. Plant Sale order sorting

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grace Youth Garage and  
Plant Sale

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Garage Sale Cleanup



### **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,892 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2016. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2017, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 15,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

*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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **Building a Stronger Family**

Stacy's daughter, Danikah, was a happy and playful toddler. But things began to change when her baby brother, Parker, was born. She was happy to see him in the hospital at first, but she struggled to adjust to a new child at home, especially when it came to sharing a room with Parker.

Stacy found LSI's New Parent Program shortly after Parker was born, and she hoped it could help her daughter adjust to the changes at home. The free, voluntary program provides support and education to families during and after pregnancy. Through the program, Stacy gets to meet other families in her community, and Danikah gets to interact with other children who have siblings. Danikah is learning how other siblings share their toys and interact. Meanwhile, Stacy is learning to adjust to her children's developmental stages. Through the program, she has learned to potty train Danikah and manage her daughter's temper tantrums.

At home, Stacy and her children receive regular visits from their LSI team. Each week, the team brings creative new crafts Stacy can make from materials around the house. Danikah, now 5, is always eager to learn a new activity from her LSI worker during each visit. She's even starting to share her homemade toys with Parker.



**DMARC Food Pantry Network** Requested Donation of the Month:  
**Through March:** Peanut Butter  
**April:** Healthy Canned Goods





### Ladies Night Out Events

Join us – open to all women looking for friends, laughter, and fun.

#### Game Night Rescheduled!

Sunday, March 25th. Time is 5:30. Bring your favorite beverage. Snacks provided.

Cathy Watson's. Receive address and directions when you call to RSVP. 515-490-7407



#### April 13, Dinner and Gallery Night, Valley Junction

Meet for dinner between 5:30 & 6:00 p.m. Restaurant to be named in future announcements. After dinner, visit the shops and Galleries – they are open until 9 p.m.



### Electric Skillet Drive through Easter

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Grace Hunger Team is working with the Extension service to collect lightly used and new electric skillets to help those who may not have a working stove or kitchen where they live. If you prefer to write a check, a new electric skillet costs \$24. Please place donation in a clearly marked envelope in the offering plate or the office drop box.



#### Plant Sale extended through Easter!

This sale is a major fundraiser for our youth, especially for those traveling to this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. All orders will be available for pickup on Saturday May 5, 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If online, [Click here to find a downloadable, printable order form!](#)

Return your orders to the church by mail, or drop them (with check) in the locked office drop box. Questions? Please contact [Michelle@Gracedm.org](mailto:Michelle@Gracedm.org)



### Lutheran World Relief Event

We will have an intergenerational Sunday School event in Grace Hall on April 8 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited! We will make:

- personal care kits
- baby care kits
- tie quilts and fleece blankets

for Lutheran World Relief. This will kick off a fundraising drive for LWR that will run through the month until April 29. Please join us!



### Grand View University Choir 2018 Spring Tour

April 8, 3:00 p.m. Luther Memorial Church 1201 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa  
[www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu)



### Beaverdale Fall Festival September 14-15

Saturday, September 15 will be the **Beaverdale Parade**.

Once upon a time Grace used to participate with a contingent of walkers, riders, and singers in the Parade, and the Evangelism Committee is interested in seeing if we can participate again.

The 2017 parade had many neighborhood churches involved: some provided meals, snacks, activities; some walked and handed out candy, some rode in trucks and sang or had music, some passed out little things like frisbees, many handed out inserts listing worship times and services offered. It is a fun, low stress way to be a visible part of the neighborhood.

The Evangelism Committee can sponsor the event, and is looking for participants, fun ideas, and people who can help organize. If you have ideas or would like to be involved, contact the office, Mary Helt, or Karla Swanson.



### Calling all 2018 Graduates!

We will be recognizing all of our Graduates during worship on Sunday, April 29. We would love to be able to include a bio of what you plan to do after graduation, and a photo if possible! Thank you, and congratulations!



### Thank you to all who lovingly fed us during the Lenten Season!

Your Soup Suppers were delicious and greatly appreciated! A round of applause for: Martha Circle, Lydia Circle, Willing Workers, Cathy & Dean Watson, Dave and Joie Gronert, Altar Guild.



### Thank you to our amazing woodworkers:

The Photo Wall has been expanded by Mike Peterman and Chuck Denton! We now have 8 panels instead of 5 to hold all of the photos we currently have, with room to add yours too! Soon there will be additional bulletin and magnetic boards on the opposite wall, which will allow us to expand the photo wall as needed in the future! Please call the office to speak to Michelle if you would like to update your photo, or add a photo! We can arrange to have your photo taken, or you can submit any 4x6 (as long as you don't expect it back). Make sure we have your full names, and if you wish, list some favorite activities.



### Mike and Carla Peterman have begun the planned transition of Grace Garden by installing these two

beautiful raised beds. Gardening together at Grace and for the Food Pantry makes each of us happy in our own way, and as we look toward growing older we want to make it easy on our backs and knees! We have had great success with the smaller raised beds outside the garden. This will eliminate the need for tilling, reduce weeding, and help with watering and moisture control. YOU will also have an easier time going out to walk, or sit at the lovely bench for some quiet time if you would like. If you are interested in helping the garden committee even in a small way, contact Michelle in the office, or Carla Peterman, Julie Honsey, or Marion Nehmer. We are gathering seeds, watching for a time to fill the boxes with soil and compost, and waiting for a dry time to set up trellises for peas, cucumbers, squashes and more!



### Easter Lily Pickup!



You may pick up your Easter Lilies after the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship service. There will be a few Easter Lilies available for delivery to members who cannot make it to church. If you are inclined to help, or will be visiting someone who would enjoy a Lily, please let the office know. Any lilies not claimed by Saturday, April 7, will be composted for our Grace garden.

### Online Directory



You can now access the Online Member Directory at the Grace website <https://gracedm.org/> from the Resources page. When you click on the link, you'll be asked to enter your email address and password, or will be prompted to set up an account and password. If the site does not recognize you, it is because we do not have an email address for you (a nice feature – only members can access the directory and contact information). Simply call the office, and we'll add you to the system. Once you log in you will be able to add or update your contact information and photo.



**Emergency Needs?** There is an AED located just outside the Main Office. First Aid Kits and instructions for many emergencies are also located outside the office, in the Gathering Hall, outside the Music Room near the Café, in the Gym/ third floor youth rooms, and the Kitchen. A Blood Pressure Cuff is available in the cabinet next to the Gathering Hall Kitchenette.