



GRACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship & coffee time at 10:00 a.m.

Active Grace Sunday School 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Hour 10:15 a.m.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday

1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. worship.

Easter Sunday

6:30, 8:15, 10:00 a.m. Details on page 2

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Sabbatical

If you are not aware, after serving 8 years here at Grace Lutheran Church I will be on sabbatical this summer. The dates of the sabbatical will be Monday, May 20th through Monday, August 19th. In 1995, Grace Lutheran Church acted in the creation of a Sabbatical Policy. The policy provides for a two-month sabbatical after 5 years of service, or a three-month sabbatical after 7 years of service. As the policy addressed the realities of pastoral ministry, it states the following:

"Because of the irregularity of a pastor's schedule, it is difficult for them to be both responsive to the needs of the parish and parishioners and also have the time and energy for keeping up on the latest knowledge and skill levels.

To provide Grace with sensitive and caring ministry in difficult and ever-changing situations means that the Pastors expend considerable emotional energy and absorb some of the stress of those to whom they minister. Day by day this energy depletion can be lived with, but the accumulation of the emotionally draining services over time become more than most clergy can accommodate within their systems. When clergy feel drained and overwhelmed, they look for relief. It is at these critical times clergy judgment may lapse, emotional control be loosened, and, for some, stress-related illnesses reduce or terminate, for a time, a clergy person's effectiveness in ministry."

I remain completely committed to God's ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. That is why I will be on sabbatical. It will be a time for me to both become spiritually refreshed and gain skills where I am currently lacking. The many seminaries do a good job at preparing candidates for pastoral ministry regarding worship, preaching, pastoral care, liturgy, and the study of scripture. In these 8 years, I have learned places where I am lacking. Because of experiences in the last congregation I was called to serve, I have been reluctant to be bold in leadership. I have also needed to acquire added skills in management and communication. I will delve into classes, mentorship, and study materials in these areas.

In addition to the work-related skills that will be addressed during the sabbatical, ***Sabbatical continued on page 4***

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 Trickle
- 11 - Mira Voelker
- 12 - 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
- 27 - Cathy Watson
Bill Jensen
Gladys Peterson
Fletcher Reynolds

April Birthdays continued

- 28 - David Gronert
Abbey Nelson
Anna Shea
- 29 - Kathy Piltingsrud
- 30 - Alysse Adams
Kylie Radmermacher



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



Calling all Graduates!

If you graduated in summer, last fall, or will be graduating this coming spring, please let us know so we can celebrate you!



Wednesday Schedule April 3, 10

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers
5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper - Grace Hall
6:15 p.m. Hymn Sing, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer and
Lenten Portrayals: April 3 – Delilah, April 10 –
Hannah
7:00 p.m. Confirmation discussion in room 302
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsals, music
room. Sing with us for the season and/or Easter!

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 18

1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. both days

Good Friday Worship, April 19

1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. both days

Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship at 6:30, 8:15, 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast from 7 – 10:30 a.m. – freewill offering.
Children's Activities from 9:15 -10:30 a.m.

DMARC April Donation Request

Diapers: all ages and sizes



Member Care and Visiting Friends

Member Care and Visiting Friends are two groups of caring members, creating and continuing the community of Grace as they visit, listen to, and remind members of Grace we care for and remember them. Both groups are always looking for additional caring people to continue this mission – there are many ways you can help. Read on to discover all the wonderful things they do!

Member Care We have over one hundred members over the age of eighty. Many do not drive, have few family members in the area, and appreciate assistance. In past years, communities seemed closer and more connected and caring toward one another; we decided to consciously re-create that community in 2015. Pastor Mike and Denise agreed to alert us to needs. We:

- Send cards to those on the prayer lists.
- Call to see if a ride to the doctor or other is needed.
- Take paper goods to assist those hosting a funeral.
- Visit those in hospital, skilled care, home, and hospice.
- Take casseroles, bread, soups, or dinners.
- Check in post-surgery and check with family members.
- If someone asks to be on the prayer list or calls the office asking for help, we make contact.

Committee members communicate primarily by email because it is fast and efficient; we call, write notes, visit, and email others. We respect privacy, and don't share information unless the individual asks us to share. Members take turns serving as coordinator for one month at a time. We keep brief records to keep track of individual's needs and requests. We each do different things, but try to find ways to let people know our church cares and people are here to support and love them.

Current Committee Members: Connie Heuton, Joie Gronert, Gail Peterson, Jane Ridnour, Mary Freimuth Helt, Melissa Young, Jill Boeschen.

Please let us know if you know of someone (even yourself!) who would like a visit, a card, a meal, or needs transportation. We feel terrible if we miss someone and cannot help if we don't know!

Visiting Friends

In 2014, Deanna Snyder shared an idea with Pastor Mike: creating a group to serve communion to people unable to attend church. Interested members were then trained to serve communion to others in their home.

The ministry is twofold; to let our members know they are loved and remembered, even if they are not with us every Sunday, and to offer the opportunity to take communion as a member of our congregation. We want to share this reminder of God's Love and support and live out "God's Work, our hands."

Anyone can request communion. Visiting Friends typically visits once a month to visit, check in, and bring communion. When possible, Pastor Mike visits; when it isn't possible, one of the committee members. The advisors are Pastor Mike and Deanna Snyder. Members are Cheryl Weatherington, Martha Mitchell, Cherie Rissman, Mary Freimuth Helt, and Don and Pat Schouten.

Usually, once a month, one of the committee members visits and serves communion.

We can also make DVD's of the service on Sundays, which may be brought to those who are not present. Just ask! Often, a DVD and bulletin can be ready for you, shortly after the service ends. If you are bringing a DVD to a member, please make sure they have a working DVD player to avoid disappointment.

We need and would love more people to help. If visiting and being supportive to folks is something you might do, tell someone in the office and we will call you to join us on a visit. It takes just a little time to bring comfort, love, and caring to someone else.

Sabbatical, continued from page 1

the portion speaking of the accumulative emotional and physical toll of ministry has also rang true for me. My emotional energy is running low and my physical health has been impacted by the stress and demands of parish ministry. I am so thankful for the opportunity to recharge and return following sabbatical with a renewed sense of call and new skills for our ministry together at Grace Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Gregory Davis will be covering for me during the time of sabbatical. His role will be that of leading worship and handling pastoral emergencies. The Member Care Team and Visiting Friends will continue to be available for other needs during these weeks. The staff at Grace Lutheran Church will be available to assist you with any needs, provide guidance for committees and teams, and to make decisions while I am on sabbatical. Anything related to worship or music can be directed to Emma Stammer, our Minister for Worship and Music. Anything related to education or service to others can be directed to Ellen Rothweiler, our Minister for Youth and Family. Anything related to the facility, calendar, or event set up can be directed Denise Friesth, our Minister for Administration. And anything related to communication or promoting an event can be directed to Michelle Voelker, our Minister for Communication.

As always, feel free to come to me with any questions you may have.

Peace,
Pastor Mike

**Church Council Highlights
From the February 26th, 2019 Council Meeting**

At the February 26th, 2019 Church Council Meeting:

- **Council Election Results:**
 - President: Bruce Bergman (subject to acceptance, nominated in absentia)
 - Vice President: Aaron Brandsfield
 - Secretary: Dave Gronert
 - Executive Council Representative: Tammy Denton
 - **Property Committee Report:**
 - The Quilters Group painted the Msindo classrooms. Flooring has yet to be installed. The Men's Group will paint the rest of the Msindo Hall area.
 - Dean Watson presented a quote to finish the rest of the flooring in the Msindo area.
 - A request has been presented to the Endowment Committee for funds to repair/replace the windows.
 - The fire alarm system control panel has been causing problems, intermittently falsely sounding the trouble alarm. Written estimates are being procured for replacing the old outdated panel.
 - **The Council approved without** objection the appointment of Tim Nelson and Denny Rehder as Synod Assembly members.
 - **Malmin Committee:**
 - Don Peterson reported that all the invoices for the renovation project are in. He will have a final accounting soon.
 - Work on the Schantz organ is nearing completion.
 - **The Council held discussion** concerning what level of support from the Scholarship Fund it might award to Jon Fry, who is seeking admittance to the Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA., pending Jon's acceptance.
 - **Announcements:** The next Council meeting will be March 26th, 2019, at 6 PM CDT.
- Respectfully,
Dave Gronert, Council Secretary



Finance Report – February Results

Financial results for February YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$53,004, Budget \$65,500
- Other Income – Actual \$4,842, Budget \$4,750
- Expenses – Actual \$81,102, Budget \$73,392
- Net activity – Actual (\$23,256), Budget (\$3,142)

Actual net activity was unfavorable to budget by \$20,114. Pledged offerings were below budget primarily due to the weather. Recovery of this deficit has been seen in early March offerings. Additionally, expense were above budget due to boiler repairs, higher insurance and snow removal costs.



The Evangelism Committee is once again planning a Grace outreach booth at the Beaverdale Farmer's market! The booth will be open Tuesdays, June 4 - Sept 10, from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. They would appreciate receiving cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towel rolls, fabric scraps, smooth rocks for painting projects. Additional volunteers are welcome. Contact Nancy Crowfoot, or the office for more information.

LWR Wednesday Quilt Tying and Spring Drive!

Join your Lutheran World Relief team on Wednesday evenings in Lent:
April 3 & 10, from 4:30-7:30 pm.

Please come see the new quilt room in Msindo Hall and tie some knots before or after other activities!

A fundraising drive is currently happening through April 14, and there is an educational display in the gathering Hall.

On April 14, Palm Sunday, there will be a Prayer Fair for everyone, which will also include kit packing and quilt tying. Kit and quilting can be meditative activities in which we can pray for God's work among people in need. We plan to make 200 Personal Care Kits during that event. Please join us in making a difference to our global neighbors.

Contributions can be directed toward the LWR project by placing a donation in the offering plate, sending one to the church office, or donating online through the church website--please put LWR on the comment line. For more information, please contact a team member: Barb Zimany, Beth Flannery, Cathy Watson, Gail Peterson, Helen Ringgenberg, Jessye Flannery, Kathy Piltingsrud, Lori Fry, Mary Jo McCleary.

Pet Project Event Pet Supply Donations April 28, 2019

The Annual Grace Pet Project Event will be Sunday, April 28 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Join us in Grace Hall as we make simple pet toys and assemble pet meals which will be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients with pets.

We will also be collecting donations of pet supplies beginning April 28th through May 12th. This would include food and treats for dogs, cats, birds, and small animals such as gerbils and rabbits.



New Member Class

Sunday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. in the Innovation Lab.

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Grace, join Pastor Mike in the Gathering Hall on Sunday, May 5, at 10:30. Contact the office at 515-276-6873 if you have questions.

Spring Youth Ministry
Contact ellen@gracedm.org

2019 Grace Lutheran Vacation Bible School- note the change in weeks!

Preschool (Ages 3-5 and potty trained)

Monday, June 3-Thursday, June 6, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

FREE

Elementary (Just finished Kindergarten-Fifth Grade)

VBS Kickoff- Sunday, June 9, 5:00-6:30 pm (for the whole family)

Monday, June 10-Wednesday, June 13, 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

COST-\$30/child for the three full days, mornings only are FREE

(aftercare available until 5:30pm- \$10/child for all three days)



Our theme this year is “Who Is My Neighbor?”

“ ‘Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor?’... ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise’”

(Luke 10:36-37) from the parable of the Good Samaritan

To be a neighbor is to be in relationship with the people God places in our midst, to both serve and be served by them. In “Who Is My Neighbor?” participants will explore what this means-- for them and for their community – by learning about neighbors in six parts of the globe.

Register online by Friday, May 27.



Youth Garage Sale! Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We've had some questions about the Garage Sale lately - from both the congregation and the community! Yes, Grace Youth will be holding a Garage sale this year, on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please do bring your items, as the community clearly looks forward to this event! It is a great, easy, 1 stop fundraising event for our youth: In addition to the once or twice a year cinnamon roll Sunday, the Plant Sale and Garage Sale has provided enough help for our youth and their leaders to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering every 3 years,

in addition to some other outings and retreats they have attended. The next Youth Gathering will be in Minnesota, 2021.

Details:

You will be able to drop off your items beginning Wednesday evening May 1 through Friday May 3 at 5 p.m. Because this year's youth include several families with multiple children of middle and high school ages, the number of parents available to volunteer is smaller. We would appreciate your help in sorting your items, if possible. Tables will be marked – if you have clothes in a bag, shoes in another, kitchen items in a box, Holiday items in another, you can place them at the appropriate table. **We will have helpers during hours to be published later for those who need help unloading and carrying items.** But please keep us in mind as you start sorting items during your spring cleaning!



New this year: Grace Garage Sale V.I.P. Night

Would you like a sneak peek at the garage sale goodies? Get your ticket for our first ever V.I.P. night-Friday, May 3 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres served by Grace Youth and take advantage of first pick of Garage Sale items. Cost for a ticket is \$25/person plus whatever you want to pay for any items you find.

Every Week (not listed in calendar at right)

Sundays

8:15 a.m. Bells rehearsals, music room
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gathering Hall
10:00-11:00 a.m. Active Grace Sunday School
in Grace Hall II (*see page 6 for information*)
10:15 a.m. Adult Education, Grace Hall I
(*see page 9 for topics and presenters*)
11:00 a.m. "Women in the Word" Bible Study,
Library. Led by Carol Mattes

Tuesdays

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Grace Hall with
Pastor Mike
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Upper
room, led by Julie Honsey
11:00 a.m. Staff meeting, Innovation lab

Wednesdays

All month

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers work & coffee time
Through April 10
4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Quilt Tying with LWR, Msindo
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper
6:15 p.m. Hymn Sing, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer with Lenten
Portrayals*

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, rm 302
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

Through April 17

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

Wednesday April 24

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers work & coffee time
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation, room 301

***Lenten Portrayals:** A journey through the Old
Testament. Join us in Lent for Wednesday
Evening Holden Worship and Portrayals
April 3 – Delilah April 10 – Hannah

Thursdays continuing April 11

6:30 p.m. Bible Study on James with Pastor
Mike in Grace Hall with Pastor Mike.
The book of James was written to encourage
Christians across the world to face up to the
challenge of faith. As we learn from James, we
seek to understand and obey the law of love
and to get to know Jesus himself. As that
happens, so the practice of humility, the love
and the prayer, the wisdom and the true speech
on which he has been insisting will become part
of our lives.

April Calendar

- 1 – Easter Lily Orders Due
10:00 a.m. Grace Kids Care Chapel –
Upper Room
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts room 301
2 – 6:30 p.m. – Member Care Team, Grace Hall
3 – 4:30 p.m. – LWR Quilt Tying
4 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GH
Meals form the Heartland Teams - offsite
7 – 8:15 a.m. Grace Bells Rehearsal
8 – 10:00 a.m. Grace Kids Care Chapel –
Upper Room
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
9 – 6:00 p.m. Executive Meeting
10 – 4:30 p.m. – LWR Quilt Tying
11 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group, GHII
6:30 p.m. Bible Study on James, GH
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting
13 – GKC Parent Night Out
8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group
14 – Name Tag Sunday
10:00 a.m. Prayer Fair and LWR Quilt &
Kit-packing
2:00 p.m. Mid-Iowa Cactus and Succulent
Society, Cafe
15 – 10:00 a.m. Grace Kids Care Chapel –
Upper Room
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts room 301
18 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends,
GH I & II
1:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
6:30 – Maundy Thursday Worship
19 – 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service
21 – Easter Sunday – see page 2 for schedule
Spring Art Show – Gathering Hal
22 – Church Office Closed, No GKC Chapel
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
23 – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Grace Hall
25 – 9:30 a.m. Martha/Lydia Circle – Grace Hall
7:00 p.m. GKC Spring Concert, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group, GHII
April Newsletter submissions due
28 – Pet Project Sunday
29 – 10:00 a.m. Grace Kids Care Chapel –
Upper Room
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
May 1 6:00 p.m. Garage Sale Set-up
May 2 Garage Sale Set-up
May 3 Garage Sale Set-up and VIP night
May 4 Garage and Plant Sale 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,558 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2017. 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 2018, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 14,000 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 and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.*

A Life-Changing Service

Amanda felt helpless when her children were removed from their home. She and her husband, Nathan, struggled with substance use, and they could no longer provide a safe environment for their children.

But with help from LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services, Amanda has overcome every obstacle to build a future she only dreamed possible.

LSI connected Amanda and Nathan to parenting and sobriety resources in their community, and their LSI worker, Katie, helped them schedule regular visits with their children.

Knowing Katie was there to cheer them on, even on the bad days, the couple was determined to beat their addiction. It was time to turn their lives around and fight for their family.

Amanda and Nathan recently celebrated two years of sobriety, and all three of their children have returned home. Amanda now also collaborates with the Iowa child welfare system and organizations like LSI to support more families in need of the same care she received.

"I'm grateful that Katie and LSI were a part of our lives. They weren't there to hinder, they were there to help," Amanda says. "I feel accomplished, and I feel really good about where my family is at in our lives. Now I'm just happy to help other families achieve their goals and realize they are not alone."

Easter Sunday Prayer Breakfast

Easter Morning April 21, 2019
Serving from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the Breakfast help support
Grace Lutheran Church Prayer Quilt Ministry



Menu

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Milk, Juice, Tea and Coffee
Easter Morning April 21, 2019
Serving from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Help is needed for the breakfast to be successful. All members of Grace (men, women and youth) are encouraged to participate. For more information or if you would be willing to help before, during or after the breakfast, please contact Len Ringgenberg at 255-2395 or Lhringg@msn.com

In Living Color Art Show

"I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom for me and you, and I think to myself what a wonderful world" crooned Louis Armstrong. He sang this touching song so many times with his huge smile and kind eyes into our lives, through times of strife and times of peace, teaching us that it matters how we look at things. *"The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people going by..."* reminded us that God's prism of color involves everyone.

Grace has an opportunity to share in the wonder of color and how it impacts faith in an art show featuring long-time member, the late Kay Barks. The art show will begin during Holy Week with some of her pieces from the church's collection that are appropriate for contemplation. On Easter Sunday, the show will expand to include a large display of colorful art that will be available for viewing through May 19th. These pieces will be offered for purchase by silent auction. The show will be open to the public. Proceeds will be directed toward church programs and needs.





**Adult Education, Sundays, 10:15
– 11:00 a.m.**

April 7: Compassion Series with Julie Honsey continues.

Meet in the Upper Room

Compassion and Marginalization

The goal is that attendees would recognize the sources and dynamics of marginalization and deepen their compassion for those who suffer near and far. *“One of the most powerful experiences in a life of compassion is the expansion of our hearts into a world-embracing space of healing from which no one is excluded.” –Henri Nouwen, Donald McNeill and Douglas Morrison*

April 14: For everyone:

Explore and Discover many ways of prayer during the Active Grace Prayer Fair in Grace Hall. There will be something for everyone, including LWR kit packing and quilt tying. Many of us have experienced many emotions while praying for others while tying knots on prayer quilts. Come do the same with LWR kits, and as you pack a kit or two during this LWR/Active Grace partnership.

April 21: Easter Morning!

Join us for the Easter Breakfast in Grace Hall (7 – 10 a.m.)

and

Children’s Activities from 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

April 28: Pet Project

Join us in Grace Hall for our annual event. Everything we make or assemble during this event will help Meals on Wheels recipients keep beloved family members and companions. For more information, please see Pet Project on page 5.



**NCAA Bracket Fundraiser
List of Charities**

40 brackets, \$200 to the winning charity!

It was a crazy weekend in the NCAA Tournament and now the Final Four is set. In our fundraiser, it was even crazier. We already have a winner! The exit of several annual powerhouses left most of the participants without a team remaining, and those with teams couldn’t catch up in points. So...congratulations Adam Dostalík and the National Association for Music Education! Now we are in a race for the rest of the Top 10.

The following are the Charities chosen by the other 39 participants:

Arthritis Foundation
DMARC – Des Moines Area Religious Council
Zero Prostate Cancer
American Red Cross
The V Foundation
Urban Bicycle Food Ministry
Urbandale Food Pantry
Marfan Foundation
Iowa Kidsight
Hope Ministries
Count the Kicks
National Eating Disorders Foundation
Easter Seals of Iowa
Michael J. Fox Foundation
Animal Rescue League
Puppy Jake
Engineers without Borders
Witty Kitties
Planned Parenthood

Thank you to all who participated!

So far we have given away over \$1600 with this annual charity!

Meals from the Heartland

Joie Gronert has signed up for 2 teams of 10 for Thursday, April 4th from 6PM to 8PM. If you want to be part of a Grace team call or text Joie at 515-210-2057 or email at jgronert1@hotmail.com. The packing event will be held at the Patty Cownie Center, 357 Lincoln Street, West Des Moines, which is just south of the railroad tracks by Valley Junction. Please leave your jewelry at home.