

**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for March 29, 2020**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Stuart Mitchell, Richard Nelson (nephew of Lynn Niemuth), LaRue Buihner, Ted Tussing, Frances Best

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Louie Anderson, Marilyn Anderson, Joy Averill, Sandy Briggs, Sharon Curry, Leanne Davis, Helen Fanning, Arnold Johansen, Jennifer Johansen (Granddaughter of Dick Johansen), Joanne Johnson, Gene Krauss, Lucy Krauss, Roy Mann, Joseph Mattes, Lynn Niemuth, Dana Roby, Tony (son of Linda Rundle), Miles Rudisill (son of Jeff and Nicole Rudisill), Beth Sloan (Principal of Moore Elementary), Elaine Westvold

Prayer, and praying for one another is an important part of the life of a community of faith. If you or a family member would like to be included in the prayer list above, or if you would like to share your prayer needs privately with the Pastor only, simply use the white Prayer Card found in the pews. Your completed Prayer Cards can be folded and placed in the offering plate, mailed, or placed in the secure drop box outside the office.

Virtual Rose on the Altar

Hans and Courtney Vander Plaats are pleased to announce the birth of Caroline Jean Vander Plaats on Monday, March 23, 2020

Happy Birthday! Chadrick Allen, Sharon Schwemler, Curtis Chenoweth, Kristin Medhurst, Daniel Gutmann, Joan Pritchard, Amy Ziska, Easton Ziska, Michael Heid, Rev. Bill Kallestad, Ellen Batten, Dolores Johnson, Colleen McKinney, Darlene Johnson, Kevin Stinn

Worship online times!

Find out how by checking on the website calendar or in the news section at www.gracedm.org

- Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m.
- Weekday morning prayer with Pastor Mike at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter

We are working on plans for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. These plans are fluid as recommendations from the CDC and State of Iowa change with current data and trends. We will send out more information as these plans are finalized.

What we can say...

Palm Sunday – We are currently acquiring equipment and resources to hold a worship service in the Parking Lot and have a “parade” with palm branches from car windows on Urbandale Ave. If it works, it would allow cars to tune into a radio frequency and hear the service and we could wave palm branches out car windows on Urbandale Ave.

These plans may change if the State of Iowa changes direction in recommendations, or if we are unable to manage the technological aspects of such a service.



THANK YOU thank everyone for continuing to support Grace with your offerings.

As we worship in our own spaces, not able to pass an offering plate, we appreciate all who have been sending their pledges in other ways. These methods include:

- mailing an offering to church;
- giving electronically via GIVE link on our website (directions in previous enews and the April Newsletter
- or you may contact your bank to have a paper check sent to church.

Questions? contact Denise@GraceDM.org or 515-276-6873



Plant Sale: We have extended the order deadline a week! Thank you for all who have sent orders in! Even though Florists and nurseries are currently closed, we have confirmed that Central Iowa Floral will still be able to provide our plants on May 9th.

If we need to based on the ever changing situation, they will work with us to set up a later delivery date. They have been wonderful to work with over the years, and we want to support them and our youth.

If you are wanting plants (or a Mother's Day gift) but aren't sure you'll want to venture out in public this spring, this is a great, one stop opportunity – you order. We sort. You pick it up (don't even have to get out of your car if you don't want to!). So if you've been on the fence about placing an order, you have an extra week to order! The plants will be delivered May 9.

Grace Online Church Directory

Use this online, on your phone, or contact the office and ask for a paper copy to be mailed.

If using online: members.instantchurchdirectory.com

If you want to download the app on your phone, go to your app store and search for Instant Church Directory.

Thank you for updating your information!

Staff are using this resource more, now that we are working from home. See directions in the April Newsletter and the March 22 announcements.

Or, contact Denise@gracedm.org for assistance

Give Lifesaving Water this Lent through Lutheran World Relief

With all the changes that have been necessary at Grace due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lutheran World Relief team has decided to change the focus of our fundraising drive during Lent. The first \$1000 raised will be sent directly to LWR to *fund clean water efforts in Africa*. Donations can be given through the church office, on the church website or directly to Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org. When donating through Grace, please put "LWR" on the comment line. Our kitmaking and quilting sessions will resume after it becomes safe to do so. Read more in the April newsletter on our website!

The Centering Prayer Group is meeting electronically to pray on Tuesdays at 10:30 until it is safe to come together again. If you would like to meet with them contact Julie Honsey at honsey.julie@gmail.com and she will email you a Zoom invite. If you have questions, contact Julie.

Staying Connected

As our in-person connections are limited for the greater good at the moment, we are all looking for ways to make the most of our connections, and to help each other. **Please** ask for help.

Please know that while office staff are working from home, we are answering the phones, which are being forwarded. We are answering emails. We are stopping by to check the mail. We will be mailing devotionals, newsletters, and worship materials for as long as travel is allowed.



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