

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for March 31, 2024**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Holly Honsey - wife of Ben, Charlotte Lenhart

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Karen Bandy, Ellen Batten, Gary Batten, Haley Turner Bluto, Sandy Briggs, Steve Dyson - brother of Sandy Briggs, Joanne Johnson, Gene Krauss, Brad Lint, Barb Powers, Vera Richardson - sister of Patty Allen, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Marlene Schossow - mother of Beverly Russell, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday!

Rev Bill Kallestad, Ellen Batten, Delores Johnson, Colleen McKinney, Roy Hanson

Communion –

All communion wafers are gluten free. Find directions for communion in the bulletin margins.

Visits with Pastor Mike

Please call the office at 515-276-6873, or Pastor Mike directly (extension 203) to set up a time. You can also directly email mike@gracedm.org

Praying for one another is an important part of the life of a community of faith. Share your prayer needs or update your personal contact information with us by using the white Prayer Cards in your pew. Place the folded card in the offering plate or the locked office mailbox. These cards will be placed in a private envelope for the pastor to go through on Monday mornings. Information that is not confidential will be passed to the appropriate people. You may also choose to simply call 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org or Vicar Adam adam@gracedm.org directly.



Easter Prayer Breakfast

Please join us this morning for the return of our annual Easter Prayer Breakfast!
Enjoy a lovely, stress free breakfast before continuing with your day.

Pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit, coffee, juice

Grace Hall from 7 to 10 a.m.

Goodwill offerings will be accepted:

and will go toward supporting our amazing and caring Grace Member Care Team.



April 7 we will resume our usual Sunday schedule:

9:00 a.m. Worship – both in person and livestreamed on our website

10:00 a.m. Sunday Fellowship: After worship we meet in the Gathering Hall to share coffee, donuts, juice, and fellowship between worship and the education hour.

Education Hour will resume on Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 a.m.

- K-5 Sunday School Students meet in the Sunday School room by the elevators.
- 6-12 Grade Sunday School meets in the High School Room upstairs by the gym.
- Adult Education meets in Grace Hall: The study on Mark will continue with Mark 15:22-39 “Were You there When They Crucified My Lord?”



April Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

This month, we would like to request personal hygiene items for the Little Free Pantry: soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo.

You can also order items from the Grace Wish List on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), which will be shipped directly to the church, or you can donate through our secure [GIVE](#) page where these funds will be used to purchase items to stock the pantry. Thank you for your donations.



Thank you to ALL of our wonderful volunteers!

We have added April dates to the signup: each week we are looking for a greeter, lector, communion assistant, and someone to start the coffee and set out the donuts and cups. <https://volunteersignup.org/3TKR7?classic>



The Annual NCAA Basketball Tournament Fundraiser is in full swing - We are following the WOMEN'S Bracket for our fundraiser again this year.

So far we have given away a total of over \$2000 through this annual charity drive! Check the hallway bulletin boards for updates, and all of the charities championed by our members and participants. Pastor Mike will be posting the bracket updates on his office door as well.



Medical Debt Relief Campaign

The Mission Action Fund Team is partnering with RIP Medical Debt to relieve lowans of the burden of medical debt. Our goal is to lead the way on a campaign with other ELCA congregations in the Southeastern Iowa Synod. More than 100 million U.S. adults struggle with healthcare debt. There is more than \$195 billion owed nationwide. RIP Medical Debt has access to \$16 million of medical debt within the state of Iowa.

The Mission Action Fund has already allocated \$10,000 for this campaign. This will relieve \$1,000,000 worth of debt within Iowa.

How can I help?

We are raising money through the end of March. Any money raised in that time will be added to the \$10,000. We will use the funds raised as a challenge to other congregations within the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Starting on April 1st, the campaign will go live on ripmedicaldebt.org and will continue until May 31st.

Please consider contributing. Donations can be made online, mailed to the church office, or placed with worship offerings. Please write checks to Grace Lutheran Church and include "Medical Debt Relief" in the memo field. Together, we can make a lasting impact for lowans struggling with medical debt.



Important Schedule Changes for this week!

Please note the Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 1
There will be No Bible Study on Tuesday April 2
No Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, April 3



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