

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for February 2, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Evie Zimmerman, Pam Sampel's Mother in Law

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Ellen Batten, Amy Batten, Sandy Briggs, Lonnie Jessen, Dee Johnson, Brad Lint, Livia Ocken, Barb Powers, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday: Andrew Trentmann, Karri Brandsfield, James Hoffman, Larry Nordeen

Flowers on the altar glorify God

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

Fellowship, Coffee, and Donut Holes will be in Grace Hall today, immediately following worship.



February 2nd All Ages Service Project

On Feb 2nd, we will work together to make Blessing Bags to support the work of the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry of Des Moines. We will learn about the vital work this group does every week to practice "radical hospitality" with people in our community who are cold, hungry and marginalized.

We are also collecting new or used blankets, and XL or larger winter coats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, boots, hats and gloves. Please bring these items to the display in the Gathering Hall before February 10th.



Education Hour options for Sunday, February 9 at 10:15 a.m.

- **Adults and Middle/High School students** meet in Grace Hall
- **Elementary Sunday School.** Meet in the Sunday School room across from the elevator on the office level.
- **Adults will begin a study on the Book of Acts**



Bible Study has resumed, open to everyone!

We are currently working our way through Genesis.

We offer two options: Tuesdays in Grace Hall at 9 a.m., and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs.

Pastor Mike or Vicar Jesse are available to meet with you, to listen, to support, to pray with you.

Please don't hesitate to reach out - the best way to reach us is directly as we may not see messages on Facebook or Messenger in a timely manner. Please call 515-276-6873 or send an email. Pastor Mike's direct extension is 203; mike@gracedm.org Vicar Jesse's direct extension is 206; jesse@gracedm.org



Worship Volunteer Needs:

The next dates that have vacancies are February 16 and 23

Each week we are need of a Greeter, Lector, Communion Assistant, and Coffee/Donut Server.

A little unsure what each duty entails? The names of the volunteers are listed in the bulletin – reach out to them through the directory, or call the office during the week – we'd be happy to provide a little training.

Sign up using the clipboard found on a Gathering Hall table, or go to gracedm.org, and click on the word "Volunteer" in the upper right corner of your screen, then follow directions on the page. If reading this online just click here! [Online Worship Volunteer Signup.](#)

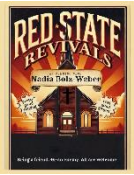


Lutheran Lakeside has new camps this year: Table Top Gamer and Pathfinder! These are in addition to Onsite Day Camps, Explorers, Cultivator Camp, Trailblazer Camp, Leader Camp, Little Lakers, Voyager Camp, Celebration Camp, Family and Friends Camp... Learn more and sign up at www.lutheranlakeside.com Prices increase on March 1, so don't delay. Lakeside is also hiring!

Listen God is Calling: Loving Our Global Neighbors

Join Bishop Amy Current and leaders from across the synod for a short presentation and discussion. Register once and attend any one or all of these events.

- February 6: Loving our Neighbors by "Preaching and Teaching with Love and Respect for the Jewish People."
- February 13: Loving our Neighbors through Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.
- February 20: Loving our Neighbors in partnership with the Pare and Mwanga Dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania as global companions



Red State Revival

Nadia Bolz-Weber is coming to Des Moines April 4 as part of her Red State Revival. "Bring a friend. Bring an enemy. All are welcome." Gather, Laugh, Sing, hear the Gospel. Tickets will go fast, but are still available. Learn more and reserve your tickets at: nadiabolzweber.com/revival/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email



February Little Free Pantry Request of the Month: Macaroni and Cheese and Pasta

This month, we will collect boxes of macaroni & cheese and pasta for the Little Free Pantry. You can also provide donations online through the [GIVE](#) page or provide a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. There is also an [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) available where items will be shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your donations.



Important notes from the Finance Committee

- **If you have recurring online gifts** remember to update the amounts in tithe.ly if your 2025 pledges have changed.
- **2024 annual giving statements** that were not able to be picked up in person have been mailed.



Being New Events Sunday and Monday February 2 & 3

For additional information and more events, see the updated Bulletin Board in the Office Hallway.

Context and Conversation: The State of Immigration in Iowa, **Sunday, February 2** at 2:00pm, Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. Hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Dialogue Series: Faith in Action for the Common Good. Flyer attached.

Virtual Open House: Monday, February 3, 2025 from 6:00–7:30 PM, Mind and Spirit Counseling Center: Are you seeking a more meaningful life, enriched by deep spiritual awareness, authentic living, and a sense of purpose in an unpredictable world? **PrairieFire** offers a two-year journey of spiritual formation and renewal to help you grow and deepen in the context of contemplative community. Applications are now being accepted for the new class starting in September. To learn more, join us for one of our PrairieFire Open House events! mindspiritcenter.org/prairiefire/



Grace Lutheran Church Logo Pens

Introduce others to Grace and the work we do in the community, share kindness and a smile, and see what happens! We'll keep filling the basket in the entryway if you keep handing them out!

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