

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for January 19, 2024**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Lonnie Jessen, Dee Johnson  
The family of Mike Kamentz – partner of Kate Schaller  
The family of Norm Iverson  
The family of Vera Richardson - sister of Patty Allen

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

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

**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 as you leave today, or in the locked office mailbox. You may also choose to simply call 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike [mike@gracedm.org](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) or Vicar Jesse [jesse@gracedm.org](mailto:jesse@gracedm.org).*

**Happy Birthday:** Becky Selander, Tammi Simet, Samuel Speck, Mary Helt, Cheryl Wilner, Donald Peterson, Alice Kulzer, Garry Lenhart

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given by Gail Peterson in honor of past and present members of the Altar Guild.

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



**Fellowship, Coffee, and Donut Holes** in the Gathering Hall right after following worship.



**Education Hour: 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday School meets today** in the Sunday School room across from the elevator on the first floor.



**Today: Annual Budget and Finance Forum: 10:15 a.m., Grace Hall**

Copies of the Annual Report and Budget will be available in Grace Hall today and the office during the week. If you are unable to make it to the Annual Meeting, please contact the office and we will send you a copy by mail or email. Copies will also be available to read, download, or print from the website, however because that is also available to the public, that copy will not have all of the financial details included.

You will also have the opportunity to update directory information, have your photo taken for the photo wall and/or directory, and to sign up for the email newsletter.



**Next Week, Sunday, January 26, 2025 is the Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck**

The meeting will take place in Grace Hall after worship.

We will be voting on the amendments to the Grace Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws as well as electing new members to the Church Council and Endowment Committee. The proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are highlighted on a bulletin board across from the office. We also have a few copies of the entire document and the proposed changes in the office if you would prefer to flip through that.



**The Potluck lunch** will be right after the meeting – the signup for the potluck is now on the bulletin board! Please sign up to bring a main dish (crockpot, sandwiches) or a side dish (hot or cold salad, etc.), or to help set up or clean up. Staff will order desserts. You may also call or email the office to sign up.

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**Bible Study has resumed, open to everyone!**

We are currently in the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis. We offer two options: Tuesdays in Grace Hall at 9 a.m., and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs.



**2024 annual giving statements** are available for pickup in the Gathering Hall on the remaining Sundays in January. We will mail those remaining at the end of the month.

**Being New Spiritual Center Inauguration Day Meditation**

Join us for centering prayer/silent meditation at 10:00 on Monday, January 20. We will gather in Grace Hall as well as online. Contact Julie Honsey ([honsey.julie@gmail.com](mailto:honsey.julie@gmail.com)) if you would like the Zoom link. Co-sponsored by Being New and COCI.



**Grace Lutheran Church Logo Pens are back!**

**Introduce others to Grace and the work we do in the community, share kindness and a smile, and see what happens!**

When you are in the building, stop by the Gathering Hall to pick up a handful of our lovely logo pens. Then hand them out to friends and neighbors, or leave at a grocery checkout lane. With smooth black ink, printed with our logo and our website address, they are perfect for handing to a stranger looking for a pen, or to leave behind for someone else to pick up.

**We ALSO have Grace Logo Bags** –If you were out of town over Christmas, you might not be aware we have bags for everyone! They are red and black, with the Grace Logo on the front pocket for files or notes, and two pen holders. We will have these available at the Finance and Budget meeting and the Annual Meeting.



**Worship Volunteer Needs:**

Each week we are need of a Greeter, Lector, Communion Assistant, and Coffee/Donut Server. Sign up using the clipboard found on a Gathering Hall table, or go to [gracedm.org](http://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.](#)



**Update your information!**

- **Addresses & Phone Numbers:** We want to make sure we can reach you! If you have moved or changed emails or phone numbers, please help us update our information! If you are listed in the online directory, you can go in and update your information. However, staff are also happy to update this (and our internal office systems) for you.
- **Birthday/Anniversary List:** We publish birthdays and anniversary celebrations in our monthly newsletter as well as the weekly e-newsletter and announcements. If you would like to be included, please let Michelle know. Likewise, if you've added a new family member, changed names, or just want to be taken OFF the list, please let us know that as well. Thank you!
- **Photos: For the directory and/or photo wall.** We will have a backdrop available at the Budget Forum on January 19, and at the Annual Meeting on January 26. We will update your photo for you! OR you can send a photo directly to [michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:michelle@gracedm.org). ***If you are willing to help take photos with your phone, especially on January 26, please contact the office.***



**January Little Free Pantry Request of the Month**

This month, we will collect breakfast food for the Little Free Pantry: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, and pancake/muffin mixes. You can also provide donations online through the [GIVE](#) page or check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. Thank you for your donations.



**Newsletter Deadline**

The February Friendly Visitor will be printed shortly after the Annual Meeting. If you have an article or photos of recent gatherings and events, please send those to [michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:michelle@gracedm.org) no later than Wednesday, January 22. Thank you!



The Office will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. See you Tuesday!

