

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for February 9, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Evie Zimmerman, Pam Sampel's Mother in Law
Shyral Nelsen, Deanna Weber's Mother

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: Nancy Robbins, Bonnie Swanson, Lenora Iverson, Tyler Peeler, Timothy Hummel, Theodora Brown

Happy Anniversary: Virginia and Jay Wangerin

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Pam and Lenny Palmer in memory of Lenny's dad, Warren Palmer.

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

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



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.



Clothing Drive!

We are still 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 by Monday morning!



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



Help Refugees with Lutheran Services in Iowa

The recent order from the Department of State to halt services for newly arrived refugee families has left 191 individuals, including 108 children, in urgent need across Iowa. At LSI, we refuse to turn our backs on these families. Help ensure they receive the support they need to build a brighter future here in Iowa.

Your impactful gift today can make an immediate difference. Every dollar brings us closer to ensuring no family is left behind. LSIowa.org/donate



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.



Lenten Soup Supper and Signup!

We will have Soup Suppers every Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 5 and running through April 9. Supper begins at 5 p.m. and runs until 6:15. We welcome everyone who uses the building!

Right now we are looking for individuals, families, or committees who are willing to provide a crockpot or two of soup for one of the six Wednesdays. There is a signup on the bulletin board, or you may call the office. Everything you need will be in the kitchen: ladles, bowl, napkins, spoons, and the dishwasher, should you prefer to use non-disposables. The coffeemaker is always on and ready to brew.



Worship Volunteer Needs

The next dates that have vacancies are **February 16 (Greeter)** and **23 (Communion Assistant)**

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, scholarships, AND are hiring. Learn more and sign up at www.lutheranlakeside.com Prices increase on March 1, so don’t delay.

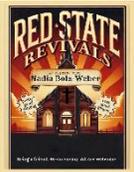


Listen God is Calling: Loving Our Global Neighbors

Join Bishop Amy Current and leaders from across the synod on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for a short presentation and discussion. Register once and attend any one or all of these events.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-t7oYi2cSdi96JQbveZzkw#/registration>

- 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 Mwangi 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. Gather, Laugh, Sing, hear the Gospel. You can even be part of a pop up choir by showing up early to rehearse with Nadia. Tickets are still available. Learn more and reserve your tickets

at: nadiabolzweber.com/revival/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email



Being New Spirituality Center - Ongoing Events

Request our newsletter: email beingnew@gracedm.org or check the bulletin board in the office hallway.

Book Group

We are studying **Cynthia Bourgeault’s Wisdom Way of Knowing: Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart.** This book is foundational for many offerings in the new year. Are you interested in reading this book with others? Contact Julie (honsey.julie@gmail.com) to discuss possible times over the coming months.

Energy and Sound Healing Monthly Gatherings Bask in a loving space through crystal tuning bowls and Reiki healing energy, **6:30pm the second Monday of each month.** Contact Julie Good, juliegood03@yahoo.com or 515-306-4864 so she can plan for your presence. Instead of a fee, participants are invited to make a donation to Being New Center.

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