

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for March 23, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Ken Carlson

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Lonnie Jessen, Dee Johnson, Brad Lint, Shyral Nelsen-Deanna Weber's Mother, 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 or the locked office mailbox. These cards will be placed in a private envelope for the pastor to go through on Monday mornings. If you prefer, contact Pastor Mike or Vicar Jesse directly.*

Happy Birthday: Caroline Vander Plaats, Mary Jo McCleary, Sierra Carney, Zara Preston, Alexson Calahan, Charles Reynolds, Sharon Schwemler

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

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

Please don't hesitate to reach out - the best way to reach us is directly by phone or email as we may not see messages on Facebook or Messenger in a timely manner. Call 515-276-6873, ext. 203 for Pastor Mike or ext. 206 for Vicar Jesse. Emails are mike@gracedm.org and jesse@gracedm.org



Enjoy Coffee, juice, Donut Holes, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall immediately following worship.



Every Sunday morning: Preparation for Worship: 8:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. ***What to expect:*** A prayer, a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice will end with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship.



Education Hour for all ages: 10:15 a.m.

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



Lenten Wednesday Schedule

If you are reading this, you are invited, and welcome!

- **Soup Supper in the Gathering Hall: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.** Free-will offerings will be accepted to help offset the cost for those providing the soups.
- **Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room (below Grace Hall): 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**
- **Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary: 6:20 - 6:30 p.m.**
- **Holden Evening Prayer Worship** in the Sanctuary: 6:30 p.m.



This Week!

First Communion Classes

Open to all in 2nd grade or older.

Meet in room 102, Wednesdays March 26 and April 2 and 9, at 5:30 p.m.

Please contact Pastor Mike if you plan to attend or if you have questions. See you there!



Lydia/Martha Circle

This is your invitation to join us! We will meet on Thursday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall. Come with ideas for the year!



Worship Volunteers

Please needs for Wednesday, March 26 and Sunday, March 30. We've also added more April dates! Sign up using the clipboard found on a Gathering Hall table. Or, go to gracedm.org, 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](#).



March Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

This month, we will collect any items you would like to donate for the Little Free Pantry, even if the "best buy" has expired. Most of these items are still safe to consume. Find a list of "Best By" date guidelines in the March Friendly Visitor in the wall holders in the entryway and outside Grace Hall, or on our website.

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 a [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) available where items will be shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your donations.



Women's Basketball NCAA Fundraiser 2025

We have given away a total of over \$2000 through this annual charity drive over the years! Pastor Mike will be posting the bracket updates on his office door as well as in the hallway. In the next week we'll add a list of the charities championed by our members and participants.



March All Ages Service Project for Lutheran World Relief

On March 30, we will have an All Ages service project to benefit Lutheran World Relief. We will make personal care kits, baby care kits and tie quilts to send around the world to people in need. We will be accepting donations to support kit and quilt making from March 30 to April 13. There will be a LWR kit and quilt blessing on April 13th in worship. Join us as we continue to minister to our neighbors in the US and around the world who are experiencing disasters, deep poverty, hunger, conflict, and displacement.



Sponsor an Easter Lily

We invite you to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is **\$16.00**, and you will be able to pick up your lily after Easter. You can include a message to honor or remember loved ones if you choose (optional). Find forms at the end of each pew or in the entryway. If reading online, follow this [link to a downloadable PDF](#). Fill out all information and follow payment instructions on the form. **Order deadline: Monday, April 7**



Help needed for the Easter Sunday Prayer Breakfast, Sunday, April 20

Pancakes, sausage/bacon, hashbrowns, fruit, coffee, juice! We will be serving from 7 to 10 a.m. Help is needed for the breakfast to be successful - opportunities include sourcing/picking up donations and table decorations, food prep, cooking, serving, and cleanup.



All members of Grace (adults and youth) are encouraged to participate. Ross Peeler will be coordinating. For more information, or if you would be willing to help for an hour or two, please contact the office at 515-276-6873.



Ongoing at Being New

SoulCollage® is offered on the **first and third Mondays each month at 6:30 p.m.** The fee is \$15.00 to cover supplies and materials. Please contact Deb Richards for more information (deb carriger richards@proton.me).

Energy and Sound Healing Monthly Gatherings Bask in a loving space through crystal tuning bowls and Reiki healing energy, **6:30 p.m. 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.