

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for March 30, 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:** Curt Chenoweth, Kristin Medhurst, Ellen Batten, Dolores Johnson, Colleen McKinney

**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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) and [jesse@gracedm.org](mailto: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.



**Today!**

**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.

Our usual Education Hour options (Sunday School and Adult Ed.) will return next Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

**New Member Class today: 10:15 a.m.**

Meet Pastor Mike in the office at 10:15 a.m. Bring your questions. If today doesn't work, the next option will be on Sunday, April 27.

**Chat with TeamGrace in the Library**

TeamGrace members will be available in the library following worship to answer questions or provide more information regarding our Reconciling in Christ journey. Please stop in and chat with team members!



**Worship Volunteers – Dates through Easter have been added online.**

Signup here at the link [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#). Or, go to [gracedm.org](http://gracedm.org), click on the word "Volunteer" in the upper right corner of your screen, then follow directions on the page.



### 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.
- **First Communion Class: 5:30 p.m.**, meet in room 102
- **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.

### April Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

We are collecting beans and rice products this month 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 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

Up-to-date rankings will be posted on Pastor Mike's door and on the spreadsheet in the hallway. We'll also post updates in the enews each week. We have given away a total of over \$2000 through this fun annual charity drive over the years!

### Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m. – noon

We have tasks for everyone, both inside and out!

The big task of the day will be taking apart the old playset to start preparing the area for the labyrinth, but also included are a number of tasks to help spruce up before Holy week and Easter:

- Cleaning up the grounds after winter: raking, edging along sidewalks, trimming bushes, cleaning out window wells, cleaning up around the AC condensers and along the fence.
- Cleaning out the kitchen Fridge and Freezer and checking that all appliances are in good working condition.
- Cleaning windows inside and out.
- Wiping and polishing wood doors.

### Sponsor an Easter Lily – order deadline is Monday, April 7

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.

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

#### Thank you to those who have already reached out!

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.

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