

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

Immediate Prayer Needs

Ken Carlson, Ellen Batten

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy 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: Patty Gallup, Rachael Bigg, Lathrop Preston, Hilary Woodhouse, Kyler Andersen, Lydia McCleary, Rachel Miller, Phoebe Volious

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



Imposition of Ashes: For those who wish, Pastor Mike will offer the opportunity to receive Ashes in the sanctuary this morning after the conclusion of worship.



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 Devotionals Have Arrived!

Everything (in) Between: A Lenten series in Luke's Gospel. Meeting God in the midst of extremes from A Sanctified Art. Pick up a copy of the booklet and cards, available in the Gathering Hall and at the back of the Sanctuary. If you cannot make it to Grace, ask and we will be happy to mail one to you -- if you already receive a weekly mailing from us, they are on their way.



Lenten Wednesday Schedule

- **Soup Supper in the Gathering Hall: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.**
If you are reading this, you are invited, and welcome to join us. Free will offering 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.**
All who enjoy singing with others are welcome!
- **Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary: 6:20 - 6:30 p.m.**
Rich Snyder will offer a selection of Hymns during the time between dinner and worship.
- **Holden Evening Prayer Worship** in the Sanctuary: 6:30 p.m.



Lutheran Day on the Hill participants: Contact Vicar Jesse or Pastor Mike on Monday to coordinate carpooling from Grace.



Worship Volunteer Needs

Greeter needed for Wednesday, March 12 and Sunday, March 16
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:

We are all looking forward to some warmer weather as Spring is around the corner. How about a little "spring cleaning" in your kitchen? Do you have any shelf stable food items that you bought to make a recipe that you probably won't make now? Or perhaps you bought extra canned food that was on sale?

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. Below are some guidelines.

Food may be safely eaten ***past the "Best By" date as follows:***

6 months	Rice mixes
9 months	Pancake mix
12 months	Cereal, oatmeal, boxed meals, brown rice, dried beans
18 months	Peanut butter, acidic canned foods (tomatoes, pineapple)
2 years	White rice
3 years	Canned meats, canned beans, pasta
5 years	Canned soup and vegetables

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

The annual NCAA basketball tournament fundraiser is back! We will be following the WOMEN'S Bracket for our fundraiser again this year.

Selection happens on Sunday, March 16. Are you feeling lucky? Local and regional charities hope so! There will be a \$5 entry fee, and the winner will choose which charity will receive the pool monies. If you do not want to fill out a bracket and would like to contribute to the pool, that is OK too! Last year, Kayleigh Medhurst won and was able to give the \$165 pool to Project Heal. So far, we have given away a total of over \$2,000 through this annual charity!

To enter, simply fill out a bracket and turn it in to the church office between Sunday, March 16, and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, with the \$5 entry fee.



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!



Bible Study on Genesis, open to everyone!

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



Grace Garage Sale

Mark your calendars! The Grace Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 7**, with all proceeds going toward the Grace Little Free Pantry. Further details and volunteer opportunities will be announced as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, start gathering items for the sale when you're reorganizing or deep cleaning your home over the next few months. We appreciate your support!

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