

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for April 20, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Dee Johnson, Brad Lint, Shyrall Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Barb Powers, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday: Jenny Rehder, Charla Preston, Amy Wonderlin, Howard Kulzer

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



Easter Sunday Prayer Breakfast - All are welcome!

Easter Morning, April 20, 2025

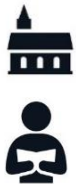
Serving from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Ham or Bacon, Fruit, Milk, Juice, Tea and Coffee



There will be a basket for free-will offering:

Proceeds from the Breakfast help support the Grace Lutheran Church Member Care Ministry, which provides meals and other forms of support for families during times of stress or need.



Sundays at Grace

Weekly, year-round

Preparation for Worship weekly, Sunday mornings 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room

Starting with a prayer, they follow with a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice ends with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship at 9 a.m.

Enjoy Coffee, juice, donut holes, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall immediately following worship.

Education Opportunities, September – mid-May

Easter Sunday, April 20

Classes will not meet on Easter. Instead, join us for breakfast in Grace Hall between 7 and 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 27

- **Flood-Bucket packing, an All-Ages Service Project:** We will all meet in Grace Hall to pack Flood Cleanup Buckets, to be distributed in the event of a major weather emergency.
- **New Member Class:** Meet Pastor Mike in the office at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 4

- **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.



Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21.



Bible Study: There will be No Bible Study on Tuesday, April 22. The Thursday group will meet on April 24. Bible study is open to everyone, not just members. We offer two meeting times: Tuesdays in Grace Hall at 9 a.m., and Thursday at 6L:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs from the entryway.



Lydia/Martha Circle will meet Thursday, April 24th, at 9:30 in Grace Hall. We will be putting together May baskets for one of our neighborhood care facilities. You are invited to join in!



Worship Volunteer Signups

Dates for May have been added to the signup sheets.

Signup using the clipboard in the Gathering Halls or at this link if online [Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



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.



Altar Flowers

The opportunity to sponsor Altar Flowers returns in May after the Easter lilies have been taken down. Find the 2025 altar flower signup sheet online: <https://volunteersignup.org/ADMHD>.

We invite you to sponsor a bouquet of flowers for the altar. You can include a special message in the bulletin, and the flowers are yours to take home after the worship service on Sunday. The cost is \$25 and you can pay through Grace's online giving site (<https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/>) or by check or cash to the office. Please put your first AND last name(s) in the first name field and type a special message (optional) in the last name field (in memory of ... in honor of). Contact Kathy at kathybowermaster17@gmail.com with questions or to sign up if you are not online. Thank you!



Things to look forward to! Additional details in the April newsletter found in the entryway on the wall.

- **May Plant Sale Fundraiser for Grace Youth May 5 – 11, 2025**
Shop at Goodes Greenhouse between May 5 & 11 (Mother's Day), and with every coupon presented, Grace will receive 10% back for the Youth programming.
- **Dessert Buffet, Sunday, May 18** after worship: Let's Celebrate Vicar Jesse with a Dessert Buffet! Start planning what you'd like to share!
- **Grace Garage Sale, Sunday, June 7, 8 a.m. – noon.** Donation drop-off, Friday, June 6
All proceeds support the Grace Little Free Pantry. We appreciate your support.
- **Grace Annual Car Show** June 18, 2024, evening, Grace Parking Lot.



Newsletter Deadline: Articles and blurbs for the May issue of the Friendly Visitor are due by Wednesday, April 23. Thank you!



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

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 us at the numbers above.

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