

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for February 1, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs

Barb Zimany, Linda Gronert

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Shyril Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Ed Ridnour, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, 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 as you leave today, or in the locked office mailbox.** Cards left in the offering plate will be placed in a private envelope for the pastor to go through on Monday mornings. You may also choose to simply call 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org or Vicar Lotegeluaki lotegeluaki@gracedm.org*

Happy Birthday! Larry Cramer, Katy Roat, Andrew Trentmann, Karri Brandsfield, James Hoffman, Larry Nordeen

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



Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

Will be in Grace Hall this morning as we prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting!

Sunday Education, 10:15 a.m.

K - 5 students will meet in the Sunday school room across from the elevator.

Adults (ages middle school and older)

- **February 1:** will meet in Grace Hall. Please bring your questions about what it means to be a Reconciling in Christ church. Future educational opportunities will be planned around your questions.
- **February 8:** Bishop Current will be with us in worship, and will join us in Grace Hall after worship for a discussion.
- **February 15:** All Ages Service Project
Join us on February 15 after worship for an All Ages Service Project. This time of year, we are limited in what we can provide for hungry neighbors in our Little Free Pantry because of freezing temperatures. No cans, bottles, fresh fruit or vegetables are safe. Instead, we will make cups of instant soup using dried ingredients. Just by adding hot water and waiting a few minutes, a nourishing meal will be ready to warm a hungry soul. See you there!



2025 annual giving statements

Those that have not been picked up yet have been mailed. Watch your mailboxes for those!



February LFP Request

We are collecting pasta, macaroni & cheese, and skillet meals for the Little Free Pantry in February. The [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2N18R8TTW7UK7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2) www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2N18R8TTW7UK7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2 is also available to have items shipped to the church. Donations can also be made online through the [GIVE](https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/) page <https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/> or send a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Worship Volunteer Needs for February are now posted online.

- **Today, February 1:** 2 Communion assistants, help with coffee/donut set-up
- **Sunday, February 8, 15, 22:** Greeter, lector, communion assistants, help with coffee/donuts
- **Ash Wednesday, February 18:** Greeter, 2 communion assistants

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](#).



Fat Tuesday Celebration Party!

Now that the Welcoming Statement has been voted on and accepted, the last task of becoming a Reconciling in Christ Church is to celebrate completion of the process and commitment to become a fully welcoming community.

You are invited to attend a celebration party at Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, IA. Our theme is Mardi Gras and we will have snacks, a King cake, music, and fun. **All are welcome!** Tuesday, February 17, Grace Hall. Exact time to be announced - watch this space and the website calendar.

TeamGRACE is looking for a few good people with great ideas for activities to welcome new members (and old.). The hard work is done; we need to plan some fun!!! Join us!!!

The Welcome Statement that was voted in last Sunday during the Annual Meeting.

Grace Lutheran Church commits to welcoming and celebrating all people; those in the LGBTQIA+ community, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and their allies.

We commit to the work of anti-racism, liberation, social and environmental justice for all of God's creation. We affirm the sacredness of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, ability, age, culture, or nationality. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.

No matter the labels others may place upon you, or the labels you may place upon yourself, here at Grace you will find a home among friends in need of a Savior. You are welcome here.



Lutheran Day on the Hill

[Registration is now open](#), join LSI for the **2026 Annual Lutheran Day on the Hill Advocacy Day** at the Capitol on February 26, 2026.

This is a powerful opportunity to connect with fellow advocates, meet with lawmakers, and make a meaningful impact. Come together to raise your voices, share your stories, and advocate for issues that matter to your community.



Lenten Soup Supper and Signup!

We are looking for individuals, families, or committees who are willing to provide a crockpot or two of soup for one of the six Lenten Wednesdays. A signup will be available on the bulletin boards. 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.

Supper begins at 5 p.m. and runs until 6:15 p.m.. Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Dates Available: Ash Wednesday, February 18; February 25, March 4, 1, 18, 25



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