

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for January 25, 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! Patricia Allen, Valerie Culp, Haley Honnold, Norman Trentmann, Elizabeth Prescott, Nayeli Rodriguez, Laura Irwin, Maryena Petty-Lee

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Valerie and Brent Culp in honor of Grace Lutheran Church.



Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

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

Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck – today!

The meeting will take place in Grace Hall after worship. Please sign in so we have accurate attendance. We will also have personal information update forms – if ANYTHING has changed in the past year – address, phone numbers, email address, please fill one out. Thank you!



- **Vote on a new Welcome Statement**

A new welcoming statement will be put forward for a vote of acceptance. You can see that welcoming statement just below this article.

- **Potluck**

Thank you to all who signed up – this should be a tasty meal with plenty of options for everyone. We could use your help when it comes time to set up for the meal, setting out plates, utensils (serving and personal), and drinks, as well as cleaning up afterwards. Thank you!



Proposed Welcome Statement that has been shared by TeamGRACE over the past few months.

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, or culture. 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.



2025 annual giving statements are available for pickup in the Gathering Hall. We will mail those remaining at the end of the month.

Do you have recurring online gifts set up? Remember to update the amounts in tithe.ly if your 2025 pledges have changed. <https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/>

January Little Free Pantry Request:

We are collecting cereal and individual oatmeal packets for the Little Free Pantry in January. As the weather gets colder, we need items that won't freeze overnight. The [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) is also available to have items shipped to the church. Donations can also be made online through the [GIVE](#) page 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.

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](#).

Closing soon - Grace Endowment Fund Applications are due January 31, 2026.

Endowment grants are awarded each year to groups both inside and outside of Grace. A certain percentage of the funds given each year must be awarded to community groups outside of the Grace community, so please share and promote this opportunity widely. Requests for specific, finite projects are preferred. The Endowment does not fund operational expenses. Applications are due January 31, 2026. Additional details and examples of projects can be found on our [website https://gracedm.org/support-of-others/grace-endowment-fund/](https://gracedm.org/support-of-others/grace-endowment-fund/)



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 board this coming Sunday (for the annual meeting).

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, 11, 18, 25

Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals!

- Choir will meet at 6:30 on Wednesdays January 28, and February 4 and 11. There will be NO rehearsal on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, choir will rehearse at 5:30 p.m.
- Bell Choir will meet to play through some pieces on at 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays January 28 and February 4. We will decide together when to rehearse during Lent. We welcome new ringers who can read music and/or have experience playing bells.



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