

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for February 15, 2026**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Linda Gronert, Alan Schmidt – brother of Pastor Mike

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Shyral Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Ed Ridnour, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Deb Ubom, Barb Zimany

**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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) or Vicar Lotegeluaki [lotegeluaki@gracedm.org](mailto:lotegeluaki@gracedm.org)*

**Happy Birthday!** Isaac McCleary, Heather Ashton, Gail Peterson, Ellen Mumm, Jessica Flannery, Allison Olson

**Happy Anniversary!** Virginia and Jay Wangerin, Deanna and Michael Hummel, Linda and Jim Rundle, Janet and Normal Trentmann

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given in remembrance of and honor of all my Valentine relatives. *Linda Moravec*



**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



**Sunday Education, 10:15 a.m.**

Adults and students will meet together in Grace Hall for our monthly service project!

*Join us 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!*

**Exploring Grace** is an opportunity for you to get answers about us and find out about what being a part of Grace might look like for you.

Enjoy coffee and a donut hole after worship; then at 10:15 a.m., meet in the office on the main floor: just up the stairs and to the left from the main entry. If this date doesn't work for you, there will be another opportunity in March. Or, just call the office to make an appointment with **Pastor Mike at 515-276-6873** or [Mike@gracedm.org](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org)

**February 22:** Students K – 5 will meet in their classroom, while **Adults (ages middle school and older)** will meet in Grace Hall to study Genesis 19, discussion on the story of Sodom and Gomorrah

**Building a Legacy Capital Campaign Update**

Have you seen the fundraising chart in the hallway bulletin board? Check it out!





### Worship Volunteer Needs for upcoming worship.

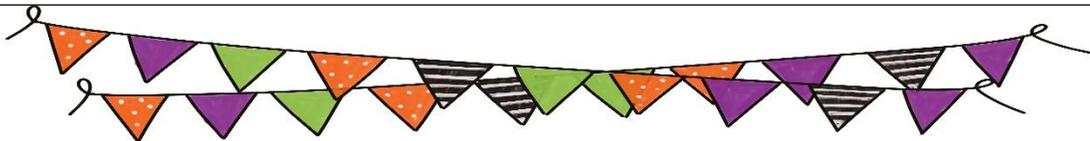
- **Ash Wednesday, February 18:** Greeter, 1 communion assistant
- **Sunday, February 22:** Greeter, Poetry Reader, Lector, 3 Communion Assistants, Coffee/Donut setup
- **Sunday, March 1:** Greeter, Poetry Reader, Lector, Coffee/Donut setup

Sign up using the clipboard found on a Gathering Hall table, or go to [gracedm.org](http://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](#).



### February LFP Request: Pasta, macaroni & cheese, skillet meals

We are collecting pasta, macaroni & cheese, and skillet meals for the Little Free Pantry in February. The [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2NI8R8TTW7UK7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2) [www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2NI8R8TTW7UK7/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2NI8R8TTW7UK7/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.



**You are invited to a Fat Tuesday Celebration Party!**  
**Here at Grace on February 17, 5:30 p.m. Come for snacks, a King cake, music and fun!**

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.



### Ash Wednesday Schedule, Wednesday, February 18

- **Drive-up Ashes:** We will once again offer drive-by Ashes from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Simply drive into the parking lot, and up to the main entrance. Vicar Lotegeluaki or Pastor Mike will be watching from the Vestibule, and will come out to meet you. You may stay in the comfort of your vehicle.
- **Soup Supper:** A simple soup supper in Grace Hall, between 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Soup is supplied by volunteers (all weeks are now filled – THANK YOU!). Freewill offerings will be accepted to offset the cost of supplies.
- **Worship:** Ash Wednesday Worship will begin in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.



### Lutheran Day on the Hill, February 26, 2026

[Registration is now open, https://lsiowa.org/ldh/](https://lsiowa.org/ldh/) to join LSI at the Capitol.

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. **The 2026 Legislative Priorities are:** Investing in a sustainable Model for Food Access, Support for Iowa's Mental Health System, Support for Services that Empower Refugees and Immigrants



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