

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for February 22, 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 or Vicar Lotegeluaki lotegeluaki@gracedm.org*

Happy Birthday! Julie Stuckle, Barry Briggs, Jenie Schmidt, Melissa Young, Jerry Westercamp

Happy Anniversary! Sally and Paul Thielking



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!

February 22, March 1, March 8:

- **Students K – 5** will meet in their classroom, across from the elevator on the office level
- **Adults (ages middle school and older)** will meet in Grace Hall. For the next three weeks we will be looking at bible stories pertaining to our confirmed commitment as a Reconciling in Christ church and community. We will start with Genesis 19 this week, discussing the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.



Building a Legacy Capital Campaign Update

Pledges received to date will fund our “A” Priorities! THANK YOU!

We will continue to update pledges now going toward the “B” Priorities and “C,D,E” Priorities on the hallways bulletin board. And of course, we’ll keep you updated as those projects are scheduled and completed.



Lenten Devotional booklet and cards

Pick yours up any time you are in the building – we have some at the back of the Sanctuary, right next to the bulletins. There is also a basketful right in the entryway. If you can’t make it to the church, please call the office and we can mail you a set.



This week! You can still sign up!

Lutheran Day on the Hill, February 26, 2026

Registration is now open, <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



Worship Volunteer Needs for upcoming worship.

- **Sunday, March 1:** Greeter, Poetry Reader
- **Sunday March 8:** Greeter, Poetry Reader, 2 Communion Assistants, Coffee/Donut Set-up

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.](#)



Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 6:15 p.m.

Come when you can during that time. *Everyone is welcome.*

- Not a Grace Member? Welcome!
- Neighbor? Welcome!
- Part of a non-member group who meets at Grace during the week? Welcome!

Choir will rehearse at 5:30 p.m. in the music room, unless otherwise noted.

Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with Holden Evening Prayer.

Confirmation will not meet during Lent



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 is also available to have items shipped to the church. Donations can also be made online through the [GIVE](http://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.

Donation Drive for Lutheran World Relief, Feb 18 - March 29

On March 29, Palm Sunday, we will have both a kit and quilt blessing and an All Ages service project to benefit Lutheran World Relief. We will have the blessing during worship and then make personal care kits, baby care kits and tie quilts during education hour to send around the world to people in need.

We will be accepting donations during Lent to support kit and quilt making from Feb 18 – Mar 29. Join us as we continue to minister to our neighbors in the US and around the world who are experiencing disasters, deep poverty, hunger, conflict, and displacement.

TeamGRACE is looking for a few people and ideas

Join our team as we continue to move forward in building community and connections in relaxed, fun low stress gatherings. We have thoroughly enjoyed having a time to gather and connect over the past 18 months, and would love to have you join us, whether in planning, contributing ideas (Game nights? Cards? Hangouts? Dinner? Snacks?) Toss out your ideas, or reach out to find out when we meet next!

Ongoing Gatherings at Being New

- **Group Energy & Sound Healing**, 2nd Sundays 3:00 p.m.; Fourth Mondays 4 p.m. We meet in room 108. *Space is limited.* Contact <mailto:JulieGood03@yahoo.com> or 515-306-4864 if you plan to attend.
- **Recovery Café & Circle** – Fridays at noon and **starting March 10 at 6:30pm** in the Center. Recovery Circle is for anyone navigating challenges like addiction, depression, life transitions—or simply seeking a healthier lifestyle or deeper sense of purpose. The circle offers a safe space to share without judgment, set goals, celebrate steps of progress and move forward. Contact <mailto:Patrick.Dahlen@recoverycafe.org> 515-608-0913



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