

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

Immediate Prayer Needs

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, Shyral Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Ed Ridnour, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Alan Schmidt – brother of Pastor Mike, 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! Kristen Bockenstedt, Sara Hilsabeck, Donald York, Victoria Meillier, Brent Culp



Coffee & Fellowship

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



Sunday Education, 10:15 a.m.

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. These weeks we will be looking at bible stories pertaining to our confirmed commitment as a Reconciling in Christ church and community. This week we will be looking at Old Testament readings.

March 15, March 22:

- **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. We will continue with our study of First and Second Corinthians.



Wednesdays in Lent

- **Soup Supper in Grace Hall begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 6:15 p.m.** Come when you can during that time. *Everyone is 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

First Communion Classes

We will meet on Wednesdays March 11, 18, and 25 from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. in room 102

March LFP Request: Beans and Rice

We are collecting beans and rice for the Little Free Pantry in March. 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 upcoming worship.

- **Sunday March 8:** 2 Communion Assistants
- **Sunday, March 15:** Greeter, Communion Assistant (1), Coffee/donut setup

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](#).



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. Yellow donation envelopes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary near the entrance, or you may use our secure online giving portal at <https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/>. 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.

To Care without Carrying: Tending to Our Collective Sorrows

Sunday March 15, 2026 1:00 - 4:00 Grace Hall 2

A Community Grief Tending Ritual:

We desire to be able to care and be connected without shutting down. In a world where hearts are growing heavier under the weight of the sorrows of collective experience we warmly invite you to a community gathering to grieve. Here we can be with the hurt, anxiety, fear, outrage, numbness and heartbreak we may be feeling. We are not here to fix or solve anything. We come together to help each other remember how to hold grief in one hand, joy in the other, and expand our being large and steady enough to hold both.

What to expect:

We will tend to our collective grief through guided practices of community song circle, writing exercises, chanting, prayer, sharing of poetry, gentle body movement, breathing, and grounding exercises. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. This interactive experience invites you to participate as you are able in whichever way is suitable for you.

For Additional Information and to RSVP email hannahwhetston@gmail.com

SPONSOR AN EASTER LILY

We invite you to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is **\$17.00**, and you will be able to pick up your lily after Easter. You can include a message to honor or remember loved ones if you choose (optional).

Find forms in the Sanctuary, entryway, and on the church website. Return forms to the church office (mail slot by the office door), mail it in or drop it in the offering plate. You may pay using Grace's online giving site, mail a check to church or drop off your check/cash when the church office is open.

Order deadline: March 22

Volunteers needed for the annual Beaverdale Easter Egg Hunt!

- **Egg Stuffing:** Saturday, March 7th @ 9am and Tuesday, March 10th @ 6:30pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church (4114 Allison Ave). Max 2 hour shifts.
- **Hunt Setup & Staffing:** March 28th @ 8:15am – 10:30 a.m. in Beaverdale Park (3333 Allison Ave)

All of these activities are easy, fun, and eligible for silver cord hours. If you or a family member would like to help, please contact Sasha Kamper at mikesashakamper1@msn.com or 515-480-2591.



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