

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for March 22, 2026**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Linda Gronert, 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, 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 with Pastor Mike [mike@gracedm.org](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) or Vicar Lotegeluaki [lotegeluaki@gracedm.org](mailto:lotegeluaki@gracedm.org) or call 515-276-6873

**Happy Birthday:** Louie Anderson, Caroline Vader Plaats, Mary Jo McCleary, Sierra Carney, Zara Preston, Alexson Calahan



**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



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

**March 22**

- **Students K – 5** will meet in their classroom, across from the elevator on the office level
- **Adults:** Vicar Lotegeluaki will share his Faith journey with us. Ages middle-school and older. Meet in Grace Hall.

**March 29, Palm Sunday – All ages Service Project in Grace Hall**

We will have both a kit and quilt blessing and an All Ages service project to benefit Lutheran World Relief. We will be accepting donations during Lent to support kit and quilt making through 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.

**March 29 Exploring Grace** – a warm invitation to learn about Grace Lutheran Church.

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 April. Or, just call the office to make an appointment with **Pastor Mike at 515-276-6873** or [Mike@gracedm.org](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org)



**Wednesday, March 25 will be our Final Lenten Evening**

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



**SPONSOR AN EASTER LILY – Order deadline is today!**

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. Find forms in the Sanctuary, entryway, and on the church website. Return forms to the church office (mail slot by the office door), or drop it in the offering plate. You may also pay using Grace's online giving site.



**Worship Volunteer Needs for upcoming worship.**

- **All volunteer needs for March and Holy week have been added to the online signup.** Sign up using the clipboard found on a Gathering Hall table, or go to [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).

## Aebleskiver Brunch - Sunday, March 22, 2026 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm.

Luther Memorial Lykke Center, 1201 Grandview Ave, Des Moines

Aebleskiver will be served with sausage, applesauce, fruit salad, juice, and coffee. \$10 or donation. WELCA Bazaar featuring hand crafted home goods, treats and knick knacks. Proceeds fund Danish Brotherhood Charitable Giving

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday worship:** Sunday, March 29 9 a.m.

### Holy Week Schedule:

- Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2. 6:30 p.m., in-person and online
- Good Friday, April 3: Seven Sacred Pauses, Being New Spirituality Center. Details below.
- Good Friday Worship: 6:30 p.m., in-person and online
- Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship: 6:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m., in-person and online
- Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast: 7–8:45 a.m. Details below.

## Seven Sacred Pauses, hosted by Being New and Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa

Good Friday, April 3, in the Upper Room

We will share in 20-minute silent prayer pauses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Come at the times that work for you or come for all. Enter through the door marked “Grace Hall” at the north end of the parking lot and follow the directional signs. In-person or on Zoom. Contact [Julie Honsey](#) for more information.

## Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Easter morning April 5, 2026, we'll be serving breakfast between the two worship services, from 7 to 8:45 a.m. Proceeds from the breakfast help support Grace Lutheran Church Member Care Ministry.

Help is needed for the breakfast to be successful, and all members of Grace are welcome and encouraged to participate. Opportunities include setup and/or food prep on Saturday, cooking early on Easter Sunday, serving from the kitchen window, clearing tables and resetting place settings, running the dishwasher, and cleanup after worship. Our typical menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, fruit, milk, juice, tea, and coffee. *For more information or if you would be willing to help before, during, or after the breakfast, please contact the office at 515-276-6873. We'll put out a sign-up in the hallway before Palm Sunday.*

**Save the Date!** Spring Cleanup at Grace! Saturday, April 11, Details to come – watch the Tuesday enews and the April Friendly Visitor!

## Remembrances of Barb Powers

Barb's cousin Joy is asking for thoughts/remembrances about Barb by April 10. If anyone in the congregation would like to contribute, you may send them directly to Joy at 262-227-7065 or email Joie Gronert at [jgronert1@hotmail.com](mailto:jgronert1@hotmail.com). The funeral for Barb will be held April 25. Thank you.

## 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.



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