

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for March 29, 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, 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

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

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**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



**All ages Service Project in Grace Hall 10:15 a.m.**

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.

**Exploring Grace – a warm invitation to learn about Grace Lutheran Church. 10:15 a.m.**

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)



**Worship Volunteer Needs for upcoming worship.**

- **All volunteer needs for Holy Week and Easter 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](#).



**Holy Week Worship 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 and request for help on page 2.*



**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 main door, into the Gathering Hall, and up the stairs at the far end of the room. In-person or on Zoom. Contact [Julie Honsey](#) for more information.



**March LFP Request: Beans and Rice**

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.



### 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. Our typical menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, fruit, milk, juice, tea, and coffee. 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. **What we still need to procure for the breakfast itself: eggs and fruit. The office can do the ordering, but we need a volunteer who can do the pick up - please let us know if that is you!** For more information or to volunteer, please contact the office at 515-276-6873. There is a sign-up in the hallway on the office bulletin board.



### Save the Date! Spring Cleanup at Grace! Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m. – noon

The focus this year will be preparing our building and grounds for the work ahead as we begin upcoming campaign projects and look forward to celebrating Grace's 100th anniversary.

There will be a variety of tasks available throughout the morning, both inside and outside the building. Task boards will be set up in the Gathering Hall with each job listed on individual notes. When you arrive—at any time during the morning—you can simply stop by the board, choose a task that fits your time and interests, and take the note with you so we can keep track of what has been completed and what still needs attention. Some of the projects will include preparing spaces for upcoming improvements, organizing and cleaning interior areas, refreshing common spaces, and taking care of some outdoor cleanup. Whether it's light maintenance, tidying up a room, or helping outdoors, there will be something for everyone.

### 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 [djstair@execpc.com](mailto:djstair@execpc.com). You may also email Joie Gronert at [jgronert1@hotmail.com](mailto:jgronert1@hotmail.com). The funeral for Barb will be held April 25. Thank you.



### Neighborhood meeting regarding rezoning church property.

In 2000, Grace Lutheran Church purchased the property at 3024 52nd Street immediately north of what was the existing church property. The property has been used as a residence for the church custodian, as well as other church uses. Last year, Grace installed a paver labyrinth and a concrete slab with a picnic table. The ultimate plan is to extend the walkway to the west and transform this area into a prayer/meditation garden that can be used by the entire community. As a part of this, a free-standing columbarium is planned to move the existing columbarium that is inside of the church building to this prayer garden. This will allow better access to families of loved ones since the church is not accessible 24/7.



The City of Des Moines is requesting that this property be rezoned from N3B to P2 to be consistent with the remaining church property. This will allow this property to be combined with the remaining church property into one tax parcel. In addition, the construction of a columbarium and for the site to be used as a place of worship, a Conditional Use Permit is required by the City.

An optional neighborhood meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Grace Hall portion of Grace Lutheran Church at 5201 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Please feel free to contact me at 515-276-6873 or e-mail at [mike@gracedm.org](mailto:mike@gracedm.org), or contact Marty Dostalick at Civil Engineering Consultants with any questions prior to the meeting at 515-276-4884 ext. 224 or e-mail him at [dostalick@ceclac.com](mailto:dostalick@ceclac.com).



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