

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for March 8, 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! Jack Chenoweth, Patty Gallup, Lathrop Preston, Hilary Woodhouse, Kyler Andersen

Welcome to our Mosaic partners who are with us in worship today!



Coffee & Fellowship

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



Sunday Education, 10:15 a.m.

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. This week 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 New 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

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.

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





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.

- **Wednesday evenings:** Greeters
- **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](#).

Men's Basketball NCAA Fundraiser 2026

The Annual NCAA Basketball Tournament is back!

Selection happens on Sunday, March 15. We will hold the church pool again this year. There will be a \$5 entry fee, and the winner will choose which charity will receive the pool monies. If you do not want to fill out a bracket and would like to contribute to the pool, that is OK too! Last year, Todd Haugen won and was able to give the \$155 pool to Arthritis Foundation. So far, we have given away more than \$2,000 through this annual charity!

To enter, simply fill out a bracket and turn it in to the church office between Sunday, March 15, and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, with the \$5 entry fee. You should also note your chosen charity when you turn in the bracket. Brackets will be available in the church office or you can print your own. Please either include cash or make the check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with NCAA in the memo field. You could also scan your bracket and send it to mike@gracedm.org. Additional details can be found in the March issue of the Friendly Visitor, available in the entryway, hallway outside Grace Hall, and on our website.

Donation Drive for Lutheran World Relief, through 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 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.

Shop local. Eat global.

LSI's Global Greens Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a win-win for your health and our community. Through a seasonal subscription, you'll receive weekly naturally grown vegetables raised by former refugees in Central Iowa. This program connects refugees who were farmers in their home countries to land, infrastructure, and the business coaching they need to start their own farm businesses.

The CSA sign-up will **open on March 4th**. The first pick-up date will be on **May 26th**.

To sign up to receive a share, please contact Mark at Mark.Bequeaith@lsiowa.org or call **515.608.3599**.



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