

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

The family of Frank McKinney

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

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: Kyler Medhurst, Mary McCann, Denise Friesth, Michael Flannery, Ernest Weatherington, Alton Calahan, Cynthia Gronert, Justin Fenimore

Happy Anniversary: Sandra and Barry Briggs

Coffee & Fellowship

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



Roof work begins Monday, April 13

We are excited that the roof replacement will begin this week! The roofers will begin over Grace Hall, moving across the building over the next few weeks. There will be noise during the day, depending on where they are working, however meeting spaces can be adjusted as needed. There is a display in the Gathering Hall describing the work that will be done, showing the shingles that will be used, and more. Check it out!



Education Hour

Sunday April 12

9:00 a.m. worship – in person and online on our website

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:15 a.m. Education Hour.

- Students K – 5 will meet in their classroom, across from the elevator on the office level
- Grace Hall: for all ages middle school and older: Prayer Garden & Being New Spirituality Center.

Sunday April 19

9:00 a.m. worship – in person and online on our website

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:15 a.m. Education Hour.

- Students K – 5 will meet in their classroom, across from the elevator on the office level
- Grace Hall: for all ages middle school and older: A discussion and update on our Companion Congregation relationship



Weekday Education Opportunities

Bible Study - currently exploring the Ten Commandments

- **The Tuesday group** meets at 9 a.m. in Grace Hall. We always have coffee, and often, treats!
- The Thursday evening group meets in room 102 at 5:30 p.m. and follows the same study, so you can come to either session.

Confirmation Class will resume on Wednesday, April 15 in room 102

Choir will rehearse April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room below Grace Hall



Exploring Grace – a warm invitation to learn about Grace Lutheran Church. 10:15 a.m. April 26

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. If this date doesn't work for you, there will be another opportunity in summer. Or, just call the office to make an appointment with **Pastor Mike at 515-276-6873** or Mike@gracedm.org



Looking to extend your Easter joy? Hoping to deepen your engagement with God's Word and Jesus' call? Experience the beauty and inspiration of *The Saint John's Bible* at St. Catherine of Siena Church and Student Center (1150 28th Street, Des Moines) on Saturday, May 2, 6:30 p.m., when Brother David Paul Lange, OSB, a monk of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, presents *Igniting Your Spiritual Imagination: An Introduction to The Saint John's Bible*. Participants will have the opportunity to view all seven volumes of the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible*, loaned to St. Catherine's by Chuck and Janet Haas of Des Moines. The one-hour presentation will be followed by a reception.

The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in over 500 years. Called "one of the extraordinary undertakings of our time" by Smithsonian Magazine, it has been displayed at major museums and houses of worship throughout the world. Brother David Paul Lange is a former professor of Art and Art History at Saint John's University, is currently a member of the monastic community's Vocations Team, Faculty Resident, practicing artist, and an engaging and sought-after speaker. Brother David Paul served as a member of the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John's Bible*, a group of theologians, artists, and scholars who were responsible for overseeing the artistic content and theological accuracy of *The Saint John's Bible*.



Worship Volunteers Needs for April have been posted

Greeter, lector, Communion Assistants, and Coffee set-up needed for the next few Sundays. Go to gracedm.org and click on the word "Volunteer" in the upper right corner of your screen; then follow directions on the page. Or, just click here: [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



April LFP Request

We are collecting breakfast items for the Little Free Pantry in April: cereal, pancake mix, muffin mix, peanut butter. 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.

Graduates!

We plan to recognize and celebrate you on May 17. Please send your bios to the church office – you can include any of the following – where you are graduating from, a photo, a little bit about your current plans after graduation and hopes for the future.

Weekly Envelopes

You may now request packets that contain only the special days – such as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc. without the weekly Sunday envelopes. This is helpful for those who typically tithe using the secure online system, or who prefer to write one check a month vs. weekly. Please contact Mike Hilsabeck if you would like this packet. Mike.h@gracedm.org



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