

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for Easter Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Dorothy Selander (mother of Tom Selander), Hadley Gouley (great-niece of Janet Trentmann), Rebekah Baker (sister of Nichole Aubert), Linda Moravec

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: Jill Boesch, Emma Stammer, Jenny Rehder, Charla Preston, Amy Wonderlin

Flowers on the altar are given by Mary Jo and Tom McCleary to the glory of God.

Coffee & Fellowship

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



Roof work tentatively begins Monday, April 20

The continued rain has delayed the roofing projects queued before ours on the schedule, but we are next in line! 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 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

All Ages Service Project April 26

On April 26, we have our last service project of the program year. We are going to spend time in discussion about how we care for creation as individuals and as a congregation. To that end, we have engaged speakers from the Iowa Faith and Climate Network to come and lead our discussion and tell us about their experience. Their names are Rita and Kenan Bresnan. They live in Indianola, and lead a climate care team at their church, St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.



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



Easter Lilies may be picked up

If you sponsored an Easter Lily for the Altar, those may now be picked up from the Gathering Hall. If you did not sponsor one, there are also a few extras that may be taken home to be enjoyed. Any remaining after worship today will be added to the church garden compost.



Bible Study

- **There will be no Bible study on Tuesday, April 21**
- The Thursday evening group meets in room 102 at 5:30 p.m. and will meet on April 23.

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

Plant Sale -Spring Fundraiser for Grace Lutheran Youth

We are once again teaming up with Goode Greenhouses! Pick up a flier in the entryway, and present it when making a purchase at Goode Greenhouses between May 4 & 10, 2026. 10% of pre-tax purchases will be donated to Grace Youth. Form must be presented at time of purchase.



Being New Earth Day 2026 Land Acknowledgement and Medicine Wheel Ceremony Wednesday, April 22, 11:00 a.m.- noon

We will meet outdoors at the Labyrinth at Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Ave. Bring a chair and a friend! (In the event of inclement weather, we will move indoors.)

Similar to the Labyrinth, the Medicine Wheel is an ancient template found at the root of every spiritual tradition, used to bring individuals as well as groups into harmony, balance, and awareness. Our gathering will include a guided embodiment exercise and nature meditation, inviting our senses to experience the ground, trees, plants and grasses in a deeply attuned way. In the spirit of honor and reverence we will use elements of the Medicine Wheel as a walking prayer through the labyrinth. Join us as we acknowledge and celebrate what surrounds us, as well as all that lies within us and beneath our feet.



Prayer for Peace Monday, April 20

10:00-11:00 a.m. [Zoom](#) only **If reading this on paper, find the link at www.beingnew.org**

Contemplation is not withdrawal from action, but the source of it.—Thomas Merton

Following a 20 minute sit in Centering Prayer or other silent meditation we will watch and discuss a video strengthening our compassionate presence in action.

All are welcome. Bring your prayers, your grief, your hope, your wisdom. This is a collaboration of Being New and COCI.



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.



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



Grace Lutheran Church
5201 Urbandale Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50310
Pastor Michael Schmidt
515-276-6873



mike@gracedm.org www.gracedm.org