

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for Easter Sunday, April 26, 2026**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

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

**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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) or Vicar Lotegeluaki [lotegeluaki@gracedm.org](mailto:lotegeluaki@gracedm.org)

**Happy Birthday:** Howard Kulzer, Bill Jensen, Cathy Watson, David Gronert, Kathy Pilingsrud, Kylie Radermacher, Joshua Meadows

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given by Donald and Bonnie Swanson.

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**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



**Sunday, April 26 10:15 a.m.**

**All Ages Service Project**

Today we will 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.**

Welcome! **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. **Questions? Contact the office at 515-276-6873 or by emailing Pastor Mike [Mike@gracedm.org](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org).** If this date doesn't work for you, just call the office to make an appointment at a time that works for you!

**Sunday, May 3:** Elementary Students will meet in the Sunday School Room at 10:15 a.m., while Pastor Mike and Vicar Lotegeluaki participate in a conversation with you about their faith journeys. Bring your questions.

**Worship Volunteers Needs for May have been posted**

Greeter, lector, Communion Assistants, and Coffee set-up needed for the next few Sundays.

Go to [gracedm.org](http://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](#).





### Roof work is in progress!

During weekdays you may find that the first driveway is blocked off for your safety.

Enter at the second drive, be aware that others may be trying to leave as you enter - approach slowly.

Follow the cones, and park on the far side of the lot. The lot should be clear and open in the evenings and on the weekends.

### Plant Sale -Spring Fundraiser for Grace Lutheran Youth

We are once again teaming up with Goode Greenhouses! Pick up a flier in the entryway or print one from our website, 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.



### Grace Lutheran Church and the Being New Center are hosting the Iowa First Call Theological Education Retreat next week, May 3-5, 2026

Their Theme is "Practicing grounded presence in your first three years of ministry"

Pastor Leann Stubbs will be here on Sunday, May 3 after the Education hour to prep and chop vegetables for Monday's lunch, and is looking for a few people to help. The lunch on Monday, May 4 will be from noon - 1, and the Center is looking for a few people to help set out drinks, dishes, and eating utensils. If you can help assist on either day, please contact the office or Joan Fumetti

[fumetti.j@gmail.com](mailto:fumetti.j@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Grace Vegetable Garden wants your help!

We are continuing to adapt our plantings to make the work easier – raising more sweet potatoes, continuing with several "U-pick" beds of produce, and reducing high maintenance/continuous harvest crops outside of the U-pick area. Core volunteers will once again be taking one day a week vs a week at a time, which makes planting, watering, and harvesting easier, and allows much more flexibility for vacations and weather.

We are looking for both core volunteers, and those who might only want to help harvest one day a week through the heaviest harvest months- filling several small containers to place in the Little Free Pantry. This helps to make fresh produce available to the Little Free Pantry throughout the week, reduces the harvest burden on watering/weeding days for the rest of the crew, and keeps plants producing more. Of course, if you also want to help water and replant through the summer, we will gladly accept that help as well! If you would like more information, please email [michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:michelle@gracedm.org)

\*Please hold off on donating takeout containers, etc. for now. You gave us an *amazing* supply in 2025, which we are still working through. If you want to save your takeout and berry containers, go ahead and collect them, just save them at home until we ask!



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