

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for Easter Sunday, April 5, 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: Roy Hanson, Carolyn Andersen, Ben Nelson, Maya Uehling Lint, Emily Woodruff, Jennie Wonderlin, Kelley Brown, Jared Nelson, Cherie Rissman, Mark Stumme, DeVee Trickel, Mira Voelker

Happy Anniversary: Kathy Piltingsrud and Paul Nelson, Deanna and Eric Weber



Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast will be served in Grace Hall up until shortly before the 9 a.m. service begins. A freewill offering will be accepted -proceeds from the breakfast help support Grace Lutheran Church Member Care Ministry.

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who procured donations, gathered supplies, helped decorate, prepare, serve, and clean up. There may be opportunity for a short clean-up after the 9 a.m. worship concludes.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday April 6.

Tuesday Bible Study will NOT meet on Tuesday morning, April 7

The Thursday group WILL meet on April 9 at 5:30 p.m.



Roof work begins Tuesday, April 7

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!



Men's Basketball NCAA Fundraiser 2026 Congratulations Sue Anderson and Child Serve!

The NCAA is down to the Final Four, but we are down to our winner. No matter the outcome of the Final Four (and the fact no one picked Connecticut, Illinois, or Michigan to win) the result is the same. This year's winner is Child Serve through Sue Anderson's bracket. Child Serve will receive the \$100 in donations.



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.



Sunday April 12

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

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

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

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.

Weekday Education Opportunities

Bible Study - currently exploring the Ten Commandments

- **The 9 a.m. Tuesday group will NOT meet on April 7.** We will resume on Tuesday, April 14 at 9 a.m., in Grace Hall. We always have coffee, and often, treats!
- The Thursday evening session WILL meet on Thursday April 9. We meet in room 102 at 5:30 p.m. and follow the same study, so you can come to either session.

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



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



Spring Cleanup at Grace! Next Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m. – noon

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. Projects 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.



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, 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.



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