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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Looking Ahead

- **January 25** Joint Worship 9:30am
- **January 25** Annual Meeting 10:30am
- **January 30** Kids Winter Party
- **January 30** Dinner Service - Hope at the Brick House 5:15pm
- **February 1** Grace Feeds Folks Coffee Hr
- **February 7** The Illusion of Perfectionism: A Journey Toward Wholeness Retreat
- **February 8** Pictures into Memories Coffee Hour
- **February 12-15** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **February 18** Ash Wednesday
- **February 25** Lenten Worship
- **February 26** Lutheran Day on the Hill

TODAY! Annual Meeting

January 25

Joint Worship 9:30am
Annual Meeting 10:30am

Please plan to join us at our annual meeting after worship today! Annual reports were distributed via email, and there will be a few printed copies available at the meeting.

2025 Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements are available in the narthex today. Remaining statements will be mailed out tomorrow Monday, January 26. Questions can be directed to Dawn at treasurer@gracewelcomesyou.org.

Hope at the Brick House January 30



We will serve dinner at Hope at the Brick House on **Friday, January 30**. See the sign-up board in the Narthex to sign up to help. We'll serve breakfast-for-dinner so we will need three breakfast casseroles that serve twelve, along with a fruit or vegetable, a dessert, a half-gallon of milk, and two servers. Any questions contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or kcjewel21@gmail.com.

Large Print Bulletins

There are a few large-print bulletins available for worship - please ask an usher for assistance.

ImpactLife Updates



Grace's blood drive on January 15 brought in 13 donations. Those that donated are eligible to give again from March 12 to March 24 and then donate at the next in-house drive on Tuesday, May 19.



GRACE FEEDS FOLKS

Join Social Ministry for coffee in PBH
between services on February 1.



Learn about Brick House meals, Thanksgiving baskets, Safer lunches, our milk ministry, and other ways Grace feeds folks. Help pack meals in Green Bags to send home on weekends for students living with food insecurity. And remember it's food pantry Sunday. Grace YOU can feed folks.



Pictures into Memories

February 8 | Between Services

Did you find a photo of your first dog Queenie? Or stumble across a snapshot of your 7th grade friend Jim? Do you have a memory you want to capture before you lose it. Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services. Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let your memories get lost.



Lutheran Day on the Hill Thursday, February 26

Registration is now open! This free event, sponsored by LSI and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA, is open to anyone who wants to learn more about citizen advocacy and engage with issues impacting our communities. Visit LSIowa.org/LDH for information about Lutheran Day on the Hill and to register.



Pray & Play Helpers

Our wonderful helpers at Pray & Play are vital to the program's success. You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you'd like, and helpers are needed both on-site with the kids or behind the scenes (like preparing snacks/lunch, wiping tables, clean up, etc.). **Spring dates are: February 2, April 6, and June 1**, and Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.

Puzzle Exchange

Greetings all! These first few months of the year can be a bit dreary. To help pass the time, we invite you to participate in a puzzle exchange! You can bring your puzzles starting Sunday, January 11 thru February 8, and placing them on a table outside the Sanctuary for others to pick up and take home.



Story of Paul Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:00am Discover how Paul went from someone who persecuted Christians to being a significant early church leader. Anyone can join at anytime. Pastor Stephanie can answer any questions.

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

Men's Lunch Group

The Men's Lunch Group meets at noon every Wednesday at church. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: February 4 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: February 10 & 11 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Tues, February 17, 9am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Joyce Marinaccio gsgopher50@gmail.com or 563-343-3404.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: February 21 New Year's resolution - read more books! We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **February Book:** *We Are All Guilty Here: a Novel* by Karin Slaughter **Host:** Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 **Location:** TBD

Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Teams



Thrivent members can direct their choice dollars to Grace! By directing Choice Dollars, eligible clients with membership can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. For more information talk to your Thrivent representative or go to thriveon.com/thriventchoice.

ALSO, Did you know Thrivent members can request funds (up to twice a year) for church events and projects through **Thrivent Action Teams?** Pastor Kirsten can walk you through applying for a \$250 grant. It's super easy!

Scan for
the current
Weekly
Update email



THE ILLUSION OF PERFECTIONISM

A Journey Toward Wholeness

Saturday, February 7 | 9am-Noon

Location: Grace Lutheran Church

1140 E High St, Davenport, IA

To register call 563-322-0769 or complete
our online form at gracewelcomesyou.org

Struggling with perfectionism?

Discover a new way of living

Society pushes us to continually excel, improve and be better. While these can be positive aspirations, they also can spiral into us thinking our worth is proven only through our capacity to do things and our ability to constantly better ourselves. Can we pause and find another way? Can we ever see ourselves as enough? Can we mute our inner critic?

Discover how at “The illusion of perfectionism: a journey toward wholeness,” a free retreat featuring the Rev. Melinda Pupillo, campus chaplain and director of spiritual development at Augustana College, Rock Island.

This event is free and refreshments will be served.

OUR SPEAKER



Rev. Melinda Pupillo,
campus chaplain and
director of spiritual
development at
Augustana College,
Rock Island, Illinois

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.



Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 2026 9:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

Prelude

Let All Things Now Livingarr by Mark Hayes
Kathi Parrish *piano*

Announcements

Remembrance of Baptism*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit **☩** keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

We All Are One in Mission ELW 576

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Lord God,

your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore, I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek. **Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

We Are All One in Christ..... ELW 643

We are all one in Christ, we are one body,
all one people out of many. (Repeat)

There is one God and only one Lord; there is one holy love.
There is one baptism; there is one Spirit, who is God the comforter.

We are all one in Christ, we are one body,
all one people out of many. (Repeat)

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Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People*

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God:
lead us by your light.

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering*

In thanksgiving for the mercy we have received, and in hope for the world God is shaping, let us offer our gifts – our resources, our commitments, our lives – so that the way of compassion may grow wide enough for all. Let us give with courage and with joy.

(Members may place their offerings in the offering plates by the door when exiting the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin to give online.)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace,

you have blessed us with our bodies, our minds, our hearts, our communities, and the resources of this earth. Lead us and guide us to use these gifts in accordance with your will, for the sake of the one who is with us to the end, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Anointing with Oil for Healing and Wholeness

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Loving God...

Your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

(You are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and anointing.

As you come forward you may kneel or stand in the front pew.

After you have been blessed and anointed, you may return to your seat.)

Compassionate God...

the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

All-knowing God...

source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.

Loving God...

our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.

God of great and abundant mercy...

with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing*

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise **†** bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Song*

All the People Say Amen Projected

Sending*

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.



Junior Bible Study | Jesus Calms the Sea Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

Interested in Joining Grace? Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email? Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

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Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Carol Keller
Healing Assistants	Carol Keller, Deb Gustafson, Chuck Lehman, Colleen Levensen
Acolyte	Kathy Shriver
Greeters	Bill McCullough, Peg McCullough
Ushers	Rod Levensen Sr, Rod Levensen Jr
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Janice Gibbs
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Kathy Shriver, Karen Jewel

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