

# This Week at Grace

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## This Week at Grace

This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Matthew 2:1-12 as inspiration for his message. Mike and Patsy will usher. Virginia Swenson will serve as liturgist. Savannah and Craig Jensen will be running tech. You can see and hear our worship services LIVE on our Facebook page @storycitygrace or through our website (which will link you to our Facebook page) – [grace-umc.com](http://grace-umc.com).



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, December 31

9:15 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Fellowship

### Monday, January 1

Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 3

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:00 P.M. Bells

### Sunday, January 7

9:15 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Fellowship

10:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:30 A.M. Youth Council

### Monday, January 8

5:30 P.M. Worship Committee

6:30 P.M. SPRC

## In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; Marvin and Pauline Kokemiller—daughter-in-law, Dr. Kimberlee Walker-Kokemiller, had open heart surgery; Kevin and Linda Larson—Daughter, Jamie, has cancer; Loretta Parker; Paula Sampson—Cancer; The Taylors;

## Year End Giving

Lorijo will close the 2023 books on January 5, 2024. Any giving has to be in the church office by then and dated 2023.

Thank you!

Lorijo Lounsberry

Financial Secretary

## Office Hours

The church will be closed on January 1 for New Years Day. Have a happy new year!

## Sunday Morning

On December 31, during fellowship time, plan to bring some of your leftover Christmas cookies to share. There is no Sunday school December 31. Sunday school will begin again on January 7.

## Capital Campaign

The trustees have approved a three year capital campaign to raise \$225,000. The money raised will go to help replace the church roof, repave the parking lot, update the HVAC systems, and add handicap accessible doors. If you wish to give this year towards the campaign, money needs to be donated before January 5 and dated 2023. If you have any questions, contact Louis Reeder (402-641-6722) or Jim Hassebrock (515-708-0946).

## Adult Sunday School

Jonathan Cooney will be leading a study of *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life* by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., during the Sunday school hour beginning January 7 and ending before Lent in mid-February. Bishop Kennetha Bingham-Tsai of the Iowa conference has been leading a study of this book online and has received a tremendous response. We may be able to use some of her videos. The theme of the book is that as unsettling as current disruptions are, God is with us; we are not alone; and God's grace is sufficient. Books are available in the narthex. We will try to structure the discussion so as not to exclude anyone who has not read the material.

## Scholarships

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation is offering over 100 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year! Some scholarships are specifically for Methodist colleges, and many are open to anyone. Check out our website <https://iumf.org/scholarships/> to read the criteria and apply! Applications are accepted December 1—March 1 annually. With over \$250,000 to award this year, we want to help the student in your life graduate with less debt!

## Community Winter Gear Swap

Brought to you by RScityserve!

**COLLECTION DAY: Saturday, Nov 4, 8-NOON**

Collection bins also available at SC rec center and various churches

**Accepted Outdoor Winter Donations:**  
Gently used, clean, any size (Infant-Adult)

\*gloves/mittens \*boots \*hats  
\*snow pants \*coats \*Roland-Story gear  
Donations are not required to take items!

\*Open Dates for 2023-2024 Winter Season:  
NOV. 11, 18 - DEC. 2, 9, 16 - JAN. 13, 20, 27  
\*10-Noon on Saturdays, 403 Broad St. in Story City.



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## Loaves and Fishes Needs

Wide Egg Noodles

Mandarin Oranges

Tomato Soup

Brownie Mix

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Ramen Noodles

YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP OFF  
DONATIONS AT THE GREATER CHAMBER,  
BERTHA BARTLETT LIBRARY,  
OR A LOCAL CHURCH

Thank you for your support!

## THINK YOU MAY BE PREGNANT?



Lighthouse offers free & confidential pregnancy testing in Story City at Immanuel Lutheran Church, located just 20 minutes north of Ames. **Call 621-648-4198**

### FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES:

- \*Pregnancy Tests
- \*Medical Referrals
- \*Adoption Referrals
- \*Parenting Classes
- \*Encouragement
- \*Post-rape Support
- \*Infant Loss Support
- \*Abortion Grief Support
- \*Sexual Health Facts
- \*Mentoring

## MYRTLE'S CLOSET

Children's clothing NB - 3T; diapers, wipes, books, toys & quilts available free to families enrolled in Lighthouse Center's programs. Myrtle's Closet is located in Immanuel Lutheran Church, 604 Lafayette Ave, Story City. Private parking in the alley on the north side of church - follow the **Lighthouse** signs into the building and head upstairs. Volunteers register & assist you with shopping. Myrtle's Closet Story City Facebook page for hours & to volunteer.

Happy  
New Year