

# This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use 1 John 1:1-2:2 and John 20:19-31 as inspiration for his message. The Warwick Family will usher. Del Johnston will serve as liturgist. Krystle Ness 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, April 7

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

### Monday, April 8

- 5:30 P.M. Worship Committee
- 6:30 P.M. SPRC

### Wednesday, April 10

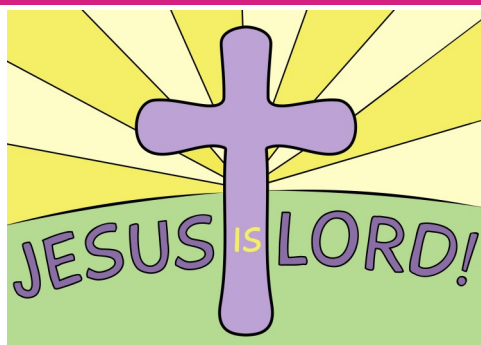
- 1:30 P.M. UWF
- 7:00 P.M. Youth Event @ St. Petri
- 7:00 P.M. Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

### Sunday, April 14

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

## Office Hours

Shannon will be out of the office on Thursday, April 4. And she won't be in until mid morning on Friday.



## In Our Prayers

Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Doug Feil; George Janvrin—recovery; Sharla Mander—Friend, Elizabeth, had emergency surgery; Loretta Parker; Louis Reeder—recovery from surgery; Louis and Tep Reeder—granddaughter Aubrey; Carlos Remis—recovery; The Taylors

## Youth Event

Former standout ISU basketball player and noted speaker and life coach Lyndsey Fennelly will speak at St. Petri Lutheran Church, at 7:00 p.m. on April 10 in the sanctuary. The title of her presentation is “Hope & Healing: A Mental Health Journey” and is targeted to an audience of Middle and High Schoolers. All youth and adults are invited.

## Church Clean Up Days

It is time to spring clean at the church! Church clean up days will be April 5 and 6 this spring. If it is rainy, it will be rescheduled for April 12 and 13. Plan to join us at the church and make the church and church grounds sparkle. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex with items the trustees hope to accomplish during the clean up days.



## Youth Minister



Nova Thornton has accepted the position of youth minister for Grace United Methodist and Bergen and St. Petri Lutheran churches beginning April 1. Nova grew up in United Methodist and

Lutheran congregations in the Des Moines area. She is an elementary education major at Iowa State University. In addition to her training for the classroom, Nova is also preparing for her third summer on staff at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp in Story City where she has been assigned progressively more responsible and visible roles in leadership in youth ministry. Our experiment in shared ministry is working, so let's encourage our young people to support Nova and her work among us!

## Help Needed

The youth committee needs people to help provide a meal to the youth on Wednesday nights. If you can help them with this go to this link and sign up for a Wednesday.

### [Youth Wednesday Night Meals](#)

The youth committee also need some chaperones for Wednesday nights. This is not a teaching position. This is to make sure there are always two adults in the room with the youth. You would just need to help keep the youth on task. If you are able to be a chaperone on Wednesday night, click this link to sign up.

### [Wednesday Night Chaperone](#)



## Graceful Giving



Everyone should have received a letter and pledge card for the 3 year capital campaign, Graceful Giving, in the mail. If you did not receive one, you can find extra pledge cards in the office. Please place your filled out pledge card in the offering plate or return it to the office by April 30.

## Plastic Bags Needed

We are running low on plastic grocery bags to use to weave mats for the Midwest Missions Sleeping Mat Project. If you have extra bags around your house, you can donate them to the church for this project. Volunteers weave mats from the grocery bags. Those mats are then given to unhoused people in both Iowa and all around the globe to have a more comfortable (and dry) place to sleep.

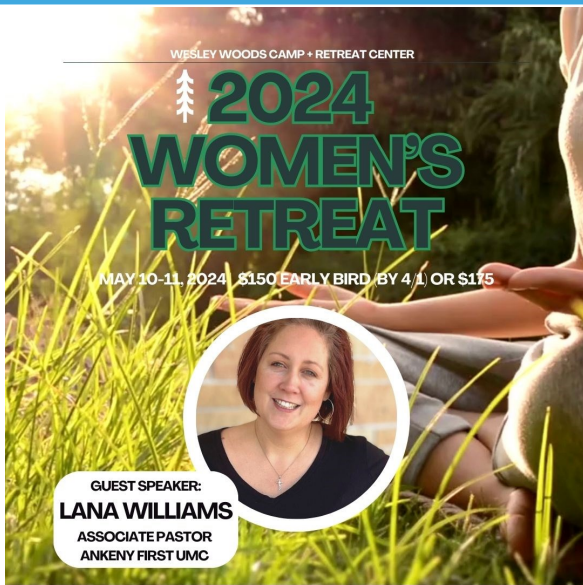
## PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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## Women's Retreat



WESLEY WOODS CAMP • RETREAT CENTER

# 2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT

MAY 10-11, 2024 \$150 EARLY BIRD BY 4/1 OR \$175

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**LANA WILLIAMS**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
ANKENY FIRST UMC

Come join us for a weekend away filled with solid teaching from God's word, rest from responsibility, and fun with your friends! You won't have to lift a finger! Delicious food, encouraging worship, and a dynamic speaker, Pastor Lana Williams from Ankeny 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, who will leave you ready to return to your home, families and work feeling refreshed. This annual spring retreat is for women ages 16 and older. It will be held at Wesley Woods May 10-11, 2024. Learn more and register at [www.wesleywoodsia.org/women's-retreat](http://www.wesleywoodsia.org/women's-retreat)

## Affordables

The Bethany Life Foundation is in need of one to two volunteers in our non-profit thrift store, Affordables. All proceeds go back to Bethany Life to support our aging family, friends, and neighbors. Helpers can choose to help with anything they feel comfortable doing such as sorting items, pricing items, checking people out, or any specialty task they may enjoy. Examples of specialty tasks are pricing antiques, sorting shoes, folding and measuring fabric, sorting books, etc. Times and hours we need help are as follows;

Thursday Afternoons from 1-5  
Friday Mornings from 9:30-1  
Friday Afternoons from 1-5  
Saturdays from 9-12 or 12-3.

Contact McKenzie for a volunteer application.  
515-733-3036 or  
[mckenzie.alvaradolopez@bethanylife.org](mailto:mckenzie.alvaradolopez@bethanylife.org)

## Free Tax Preparation

### Get your Taxes Done With a Certified Volunteer



#### Appointments Available

##### Ames Public Library

- Tuesdays 10am- 3:30pm or 5pm - 8pm
- Wednesdays 10am- 3:30pm or 5pm - 8pm

##### Nevada Public Library

- Alternating Thursdays 10 - 3:30pm
- February 8, 22, March 7, 21, April 4

##### Bertha Bartlett Public Library

- Alternating Thursdays 10 - 3:30pm
- Story City February 15, 29, March 14, 28, April 11

##### Boone DMACC Campus

- Fridays 11am - 4pm

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is a free service promoted/authorized by the IRS under Iowa State University and in partnership with the Ames Public Library, Nevada Public Library, Bertha Bartlett (Story City) Public Library, and United Way of Story County.



#### Make an Appointment

Call United Way or schedule online

(515)-268-5142

<https://calendly.com/isuvita-hzo>

Appointments Available Starting January 22, 2024

**Eligibility:** Your household income is less than \$64,000 • You have no virtual currency trades, for example bitcoin • You have no farm schedules or rental income • Are not clergy or military



## Story City Theater



The inspirational film Ordinary Angels will be shown at the historic Story Theater in Story City IA on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 5, 6, 7.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., with special matinees on Saturday at 4:15 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 and 4:15 p.m. (No Sunday night show). Admission is only \$5 (cash or check only) and the film is rated PG. For more info call 515/733-4551.

In addition, you can look up what's playing each weekend at [showtimes.com](http://showtimes.com), [bigscreen.com](http://bigscreen.com) or the IMDb app, or search for us on Google under Story Theater Grand Opera House.

Also, be sure to like us on Facebook at Story Theater, follow us on Twitter @StoryTheater83 and/or sign up for our patron email list in the inner lobby or by sending an email to: [sctheater@storycity.com](mailto:sctheater@storycity.com).

AND REMEMBER, the Story Theater is always available to rent for private showings, birthday parties, weddings and get-togethers. Don't forget to purchase your movie gift passes as well.

# He is Risen