

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Mark 1:9-15 as inspiration for his message. Linda Larson and Jan Feil will usher. Kurt Carlson will serve as liturgist. Riker Warwick 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.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 17

9:30-12:00 Loaves and Fishes

Sunday, February 18

8:00 A.M. Trustees

9:15 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Fellowship

10:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Endowment Comm.

Wednesday, February 21

6:30 P.M. Lenten Service

7:00 P.M. Choir

Sunday, February 25

8:15 A.M. Missions

9:15 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Mission Brunch

10:30 A.M. Sunday School

Monday, February 26

5:45 P.M. Finance

6:30 P.M. Council

Endowment Committee

There will be an endowment committee meeting this Sunday, February 18, at 10:30 a.m.

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Lauren Crawford—Grandfather's passed away; Shirley Harreld; Eric Hart—Hip replacement surgery; Jim Hasebrock—Father, Vincent, health; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; Ray Hults—Family on mission trip to Tanzania; George Janvrin—health; Loretta Parker; Carlos Remis—health; Paula Sampson—Cancer; The Taylors; Marilyn Webster; Beckey Whitthun—Nephew's newborn twins health issues

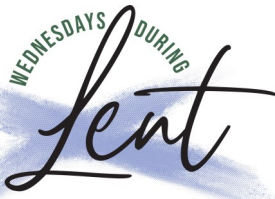
Mission Brunch



Mission Brunch will be next Sunday, February 25. This month, money raised will go to help with the expenses from the chapel flooding clean up. The quarter tube will also be out during the service on Sunday, so don't forget to bring your quarters. If you would like to support this month's mission with an online donation, scan the QR code to do a donorbox.com donation.



Lenten Services



On Wednesday evenings, February 21 through March 20, there will be a midweek Lenten Devotional. Please take some time out of your busy

schedule to prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.

The schedule for Grace is as follows:

February 21 – Jonathan will preach on the topic “In Community with those who suffer” from Mark 5:21-43

Liturgist: Jonathan Cooney

February 28 – Nikoli Falenschek from St. Paul in Hampton will preach on the topic “In Community with Creation” from Mark 4:35-41

Liturgist: Gloria Sampson

March 6 – Maureen Howard from Bethany in Iowa Falls will preach on the topic “In Community with all the saints” from Mark 9:2-8

Liturgist: Gloria Sampson

March 13 – Joy Edeker from Bethesda in Jewell will preach on the topic “In Community with our neighbor” from Mark 2:1-12

Liturgist: Claudia Pauk

March 20 – John Sheahan from Bergen in Roland will preach on the topic “In community with those on the margins” Mark 5:1-20

Liturgist: Terry Gustason

Loaves and Fishes

Saturday, February 17 will be our next opportunity to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes. If you are interested in volunteering let Jan Feil (319-350-9157) or Louis Reeder (402-641-6722) know. We will start at 9:30 a.m. and finish at noon. We look forward to having a great team.

If you are willing to provide items for the Loaves and Fishes food bank, we have a cart in the narthex where you can leave your items. Watch the newsletter and TWAG for updates of items that they are looking for. Or you can donate items of food or personal car that you have available. Checks or cash can also be donated.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.

Address Update

Velda Frette has a new address. Her address is:
Velda Frette
745 Timberland Dr. Apt. 201
Story City, IA 50248

Souper Bowl

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Loaves and Fishes during our Souper Bowl event. We were able to donate nearly 140# of food to Loaves and Fishes. Our donation was greatly appreciated.



Pizza Social

Iowa UM Camps presents
in association with
Wesley Center Campus Ministry:

PIZZA SOCIAL!

Friday, February 16, 2024
5:30 pm at Wesley Center

Pizza, Socialization & Fun

Meet the Lake Okoboji UM Camp and Wesley Woods Camp teams and learn about how you can make an impact in the lives of hundreds of children this summer!

Wesley Center
2822 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50613

Lake Okoboji UM Camp
21455 Seward St, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center
10896 Nixon Street, Indianola, IA 50125



Pizza and Camp Fun

Wesley Woods
PIZZA + SLEDDING CAMP FUN
FEB. 17, 2024 1-4PM
REGISTER ONLINE
\$5 PER PERSON
\$25 FAMILY MAX

Join us for a family-focused fun time at Camp Wesley Woods!

Well, that snow disappeared in a flash... Looks like the warm weather is sticking around, and our dreams of Pizza + Sledding may not come true with a snow-covered backdrop.

But fear not! We're switching things up to Pizza + Camp Fun! Join us for a delightful family event filled with crafts, activities, campsite exploration, and, of course, scrumptious pizza to keep you warm! And who knows, if snow surprises us, we might just roll out those sleds for some extra fun!

Price: \$5 per person (\$25/family max)

Children age 3 and Under Free

[Click Here for to Register](#)

Even **JESUS** who is the **Lord of Lords** and the **King of Kings** fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. How much more we need to do the same with all our sinfulness and baggage's.

— Tamara Lane

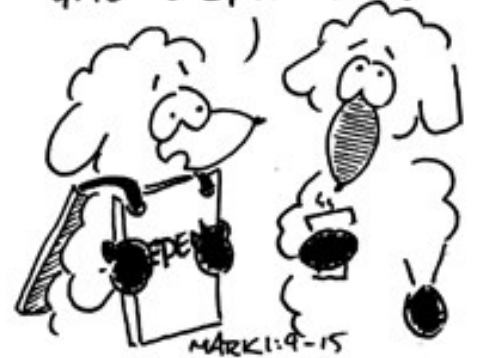
HEY! I SEE YOU'RE GETTING INTO THE LENTEN SPIRIT...



A SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF LIFE IN THIS WORLD TO THE PROMISED LAND OF LIFE IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST.



PILGRIMAGE? I CAN'T WALK IN THIS THING! IT'S PLYWOOD! IT'LL GIVE ME SPLINTERS!



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MARK 1:4-15