

# This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Mark 8:1-38 as inspiration for his message. Mindy Kardell, Helen and Donyel Caruth will usher. George Janvrin will serve as liturgist. Chris Feil 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, 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

### Wednesday, February 28

- 6:30 P.M. Lenten Service
- 7:00 P.M. Choir

### Sunday, March 3

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

## Adult Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, February 25 through March 24, Jonathan will be teaching an adult Sunday school class on the last week of Jesus' life. There will be no class on March 10 for spring break. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

## In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Shirley Harreld; Eric Hart—Hip replacement surgery; Jim Hassebrock—Father, Vincent, health; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; George Janvrin—health; Loretta Parker; Louis and Tep Reeder—Son-in-law, Luke, diverticulitis, 10 year old granddaughter had knee biopsy, hometown friend hospitalized for RSV; Carlos Remis—health; Paula Sampson—Cancer; The Taylors; Beckey Whitthun—Nephew's newborn twins health issues

## Mission Brunch



Mission Brunch will be this 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

WEDNESDAYS DURING  
*Lent*

On Wednesday evenings, 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 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

## Free Piano

The piano that used to be in the chapel is not needed anymore. If anyone would like the piano for free (that is currently in the hallway outside the chapel) contact Jim Hassebrock.

## Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is meant to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care. The shawl is made of soft yarn so the recipient can wrap up in it and feel God's arms around him or her. The maker of the shawl prays before, during, and after they work on the shawl.

We are running low on prayer shawls and lap robes we have available to give out to those who need them. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you make shawls or lap robes to donate. If you have any questions, contact Patsy Jensen. Donations can be dropped off in the office.

## Pastor Appointment



The Bishop and her appointive cabinet would like to announce that Rev. Jena Finch-Manchester will be appointed to Grace UMC, as our next pastor, effective July 1, 2024. District Superintendent Ron Carlson met with our SPRC in December

to profile our congregation. We shared with him that our missional priorities as a church are

1. A concerted effort on growing membership in the community
2. Develop ministry teams in the areas of youth and children ministries
3. Grow in stewardship, especially in ways to care for the physical plant in the future

And that our ideal pastoral leader will

1. Have strong leadership skills
2. Be a great communicator
3. Be confident and available for feedback
4. Be able to work well with all generations

The Bishop and her appointive cabinet have discerned that Pastor Jena is a missional match for our congregation and has the gifts and abilities to help us live into our missional priorities. District Superintendent Ron Carlson asks that you continue to keep Pastor Jena, as well as Pastor Jonathan and all the congregations in your prayers during this season of transition.

If you have any questions, you can talk to any member of our SPRC - Krystle Ness (chair), Ray Hults, Janet Mason, Cathy Hermanson, Chris Feil, Alejandro Franco, Lauren Crawford

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

Drive on over to the  
**Bergen Family Feast**



Turkey Dinner  
 with all the  
 Trimmings!  
 Free will offering

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Bergen Lutheran Church  
 101 W. Maple St, Roland

**Drive Thru Only!**

ONCE AGAIN.  
 IT'S HARSH  
 JESUS.

PETER THINKS HE  
 SEES, BUT HE  
 DOESN'T  
 SEE CLEARLY.\*



\*MARK 8:22-25

JESUS CORRECTS HIM  
 BECAUSE HE LOVES HIM.  
 PETER HAS TO KNOW!  
 WE HAVE TO KNOW!



LISTEN.  
 IGNORANCE OF MY  
 IGNORANCE IS  
 BLISS!



MARK 8:27-38

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**SHEPHERD**

**FESTEBURG**

Saturday, February 24  
 7:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 604 Lafayette Ave, Story City, IA 50248

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City is hosting a special concert on Saturday, February 24th at 7 P.M. This concert will feature Festeburg, a student-led tenor and bass ensemble from Wartburg College. Roland-Story choir directors Ethan Peter and Landon Stalzer are both alumni of this ensemble. "Festeburg", translating to "A Mighty Fortress", was formed in 2007 and continues strong today as they perform a wide variety of genres and composers while celebrating it's Lutheran choral tradition. We hope you can join us for this special concert! No tickets or admission costs, but there will be an offering taken for the Festeburg ensemble.

