

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use John 12:20-33 as inspiration for his message. Hubert and Raejean Bickelhaupt will usher. Del Johnston will serve as liturgist. Craig and Savannah 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.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17

- 8:00 A.M. Trustees
- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Mission Brunch
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

Wednesday, March 20

- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bells
- 6:30 P.M. Lenten Service
- 7:00 P.M. Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

Thursday, March 21

- 9:30 A.M. Roland-Story Ministers at Grace

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 24

- 5:45 P.M. Finance
- 6:30 P.M. Council

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.

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Doug Feil; Amy Franco—brother-in-law knee surgery; Shirley Harrel; Eric Hart—thanks for support; Jim Hassebrock—Father, Vincent, health; George Janvrin—health; Loretta Parker; Roger Parker—knee surgery; Carlos Remis—health; The Taylors; Beckey Whitthun—Nephew's newborn twins health issues

Family Picture



To help Pastor Jena familiarize herself with our congregants before she begins here, we would like to send her a picture directory of our members. If you could send Shannon (office@grace-umc.com) a recent picture of you or your family by March 20, she will compile those pictures into a picture directory for Pastor Jena.

If you can't find a recent picture of yourself or your family, Denise Carlson will be available on Sunday to take pictures of anyone who would like to get their picture taken for the photo directory. She will be in the narthex following the service.



Lenten Services

WEDNESDAYS DURING
Lent

Our last midweek Lenten Devotional will be next Wednesday, March 20, in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. 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:

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

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.

Mission Brunch



Mission Brunch will be this Sunday, March 17. This month, money raised will go to Heifer International. In 2023 Grace church collected over \$500 for the Heifer International. This project enables people in other parts of the world to receive animals (goats, cows, chickens, etc.) and to receive an education on how to raise these animals. This provides opportunity to improve their nutrition and income. Our monetary gifts at the March 17 brunch will enable us to continue our support of this world mission project. When we support the Heifer International, we are providing hope for people less fortunate than us.

The quarter tube will also be out during the service next 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.

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Prayer

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.

FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,
A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

I WISH I COULD BE AS
CLEAR ABOUT MY PURPOSE
IN LIFE AS JESUS IS
ABOUT HIS.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

JESUS IS THE LIGHT SHINING
IN THE DARKNESS AND HE
CALLS YOU TO FOLLOW HIM
THROUGH THE CROSS TO
REAL LIFE.



I WISH JESUS COULD BE
AS CLEAR ABOUT MY
INABILITY TO PULL THAT
OFF AS I AM.



JOHN 12:20-33

PALM SUNDAY MIME

RIVERSIDE CHAPEL
SUNDAY, MARCH 24 @ 7 P.M.



You're invited to a special mime performance highlighting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus!

Actors in the mime include members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverside staff and Roland-Story community members.


Parking available by the Riverside office and the dining hall.

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 1st 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

Free Tax Preparation

Free Tax Preparation Service is available through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Roland Public Library. Appointments are available Mondays and Fridays from 12 noon-3 pm. The program is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required. Call the Roland Library at 515-388-4086 for more information or to book your appointment.



Story City Community Center 503 Elm Avenue

Lunch reservations required by 2:30 p.m. Monday each week
Call Cheryl 515-290-9774

Wednesday Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Catered meals are \$6 each (cash)

Coffee and water are provided, take-out available.

March 6, 2024 **Pizza Ranch**
Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn

March 13, 2024 **Mystical Whisk**
Loaded Baked Potato Soup,
2 Ham and Cheese Sliders on a Hawaiian Roll

March 20, 2024 **Jewell Market Deli**
Ham, Green Beans,
Roasted Potatoes, Corn Bread

March 27, 2024 ****LOCATION CHANGE****
Meal and Bingo at Bethany Life - enter main entrance (West Side) Beef and Noodles over Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Caramel Apple Dessert

Wednesday each week approximately 12:15 p.m. – BINGO
Second Tuesday each month 1:30 p.m. - SCSC, Inc. Board Meeting
Thursday & Friday 1:00 p.m. – Card Players – all are welcome!
Volunteer lunch server opportunities available