

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Mark 16:1-8 as inspiration for his message. Kevin and Candi Holm will usher. Gail Remis will serve as liturgist. The Warwicks 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

Thursday, March 28

7:00 P.M. Holy Thursday Service

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

9:15 A.M. Worship

Wednesday, April 3

5:00 P.M. Children's Bells

6:00 P.M. Compass

7:00 P.M. Choir

8:00 P.M. Bells

Friday and Saturday, April 5—6

Church Clean Up Days

Sunday, April 7

9:15 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time

10:30 A.M. Sunday School

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; 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—health; The Taylors;

Holy Thursday

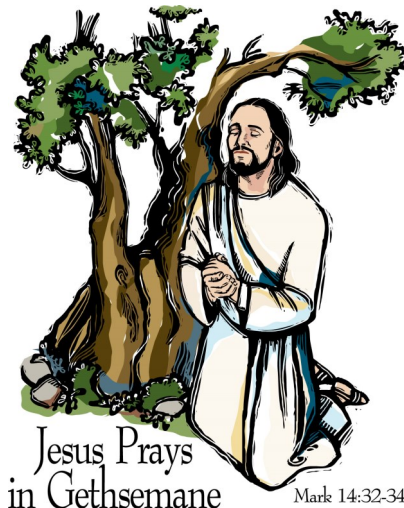
There will be a Holy Thursday service tonight at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for a time of communion and prepare your hearts for Easter.

Out of Office

Shannon will be out of the office on Thursday, April 4.



Luke 22:15-16



Mark 14:32-34



So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers ... and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

John 18:3, NRSV



So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate said to them, "BEHOLD THE MAN!"

John 19:5, ESV

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is this Sunday. There will be no Sunday school or fellowship time this week so you may spend more time with your family that day.

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!



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.

Graceful Giving



Everyone should have received (or will receive shortly) 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.

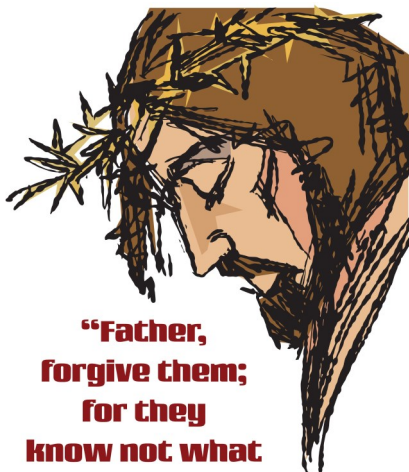
Plastic Bags Needed

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.



Then they led him out to crucify him.

Mark 15:20, NRSV



“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

Luke 23:34, KJV



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

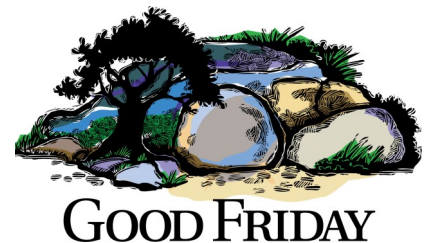
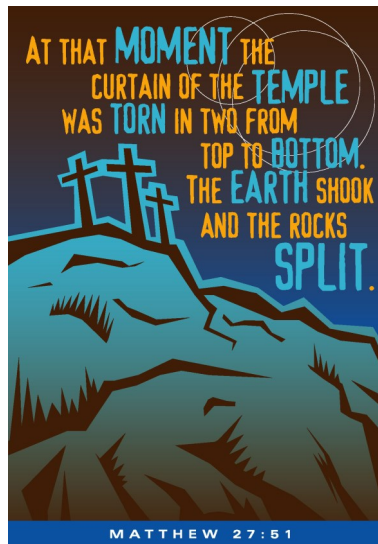
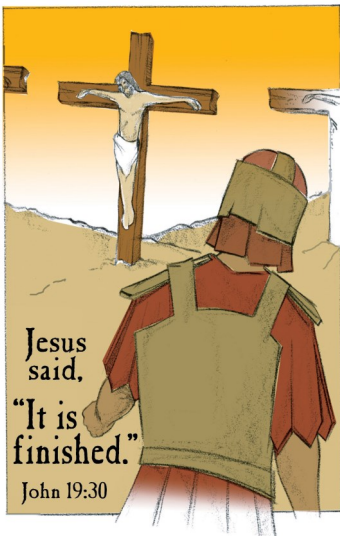
Free Tax Preparation Service is available through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Roland Public Library. Appointments are available Mondays and Fridays from 12 noon-3 pm. The program is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required. Call the Roland Library at 515-388-4086 for more information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

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



It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!

