

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

**Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!**

**Congregational response in bold.**

## Prelude

*Baptismal Medley* .....Evangelical Lutheran Worship

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Heart & Voice Choir** *The Voice of the Lord*

## Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.**

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.  
**Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.**

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

**Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit † keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ..... ELW 304

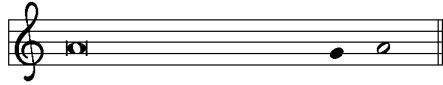
- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet  
as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";  
you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,  
God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all, to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

# Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

*In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord* ..... ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



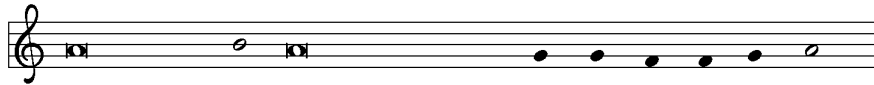
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast.....ELW p. 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



*All*  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of**

**water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Heart & Voice Choir Anthem**

*The Baptism of Jesus.....* Traditional Irish tune, words by Fredd Pratt Green, arr. by Austin C, Lovelace

*When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.*

*He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss;  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.*

*Come Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come give our lives direction, the gift we covet most;  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.*

## **Children's Message**

### **Scripture Reading | Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight  
and honored and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord,  
over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia* ..... ELW p. 151

## **Holy Gospel | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*..... ELW 451

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.
  
- 2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.
  
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen

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## Prayers of the People

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



# Call to Offering

When we open our hearts in generous giving, we give space for God's love and joy to grow in us for the good of others. May our hearts be stretched wide by this motion of the Holy One, as we joyfully bring our gifts.

## Offering Hymn

*We Are an Offering* ..... words and music by Dwight Liles

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

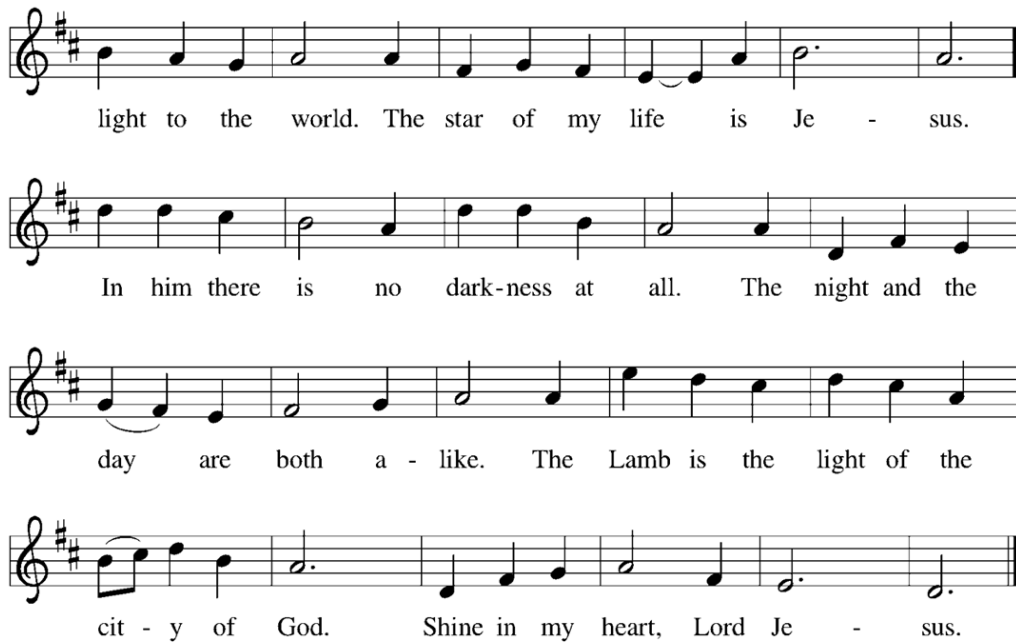
## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Communion Hymn

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1) ..... ELW 815





light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Invitation to Communion

*Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ † shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

*Baptized and Set Free* ..... ELW 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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## Sending

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Postlude in E Minor* ..... Bach

## Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:office@gracewelcomesyou.org), for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

## Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

## Sparkhouse Magazines

Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God.

## Junior Bible Study | Today: Baptism

Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations from THE STORY for Kids and Little Ones. *We meet after the children's message at both Sunday services.*

## Serving in Worship

<b>Director of Outreach &amp; Youth Minister</b>	Pastor Kirsten Lee
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Claudia Wood
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<b>Communion Bread</b>	Anne Pacha
<b>Acolyte</b>	Janice Gibbs
<b>Crucifer</b>	NEEDED
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<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Deb Kirby
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<b>Sound System</b>	Chuck Lehman
<b>Prayers</b>	Sundays & Seasons
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gloria Lange
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<b>Pianist</b>	Kathi Parrish
<b>Worship Tech &amp; Praise Band Leader</b>	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Coffee/Cookies/Snacks</b>	Deb & Mike Kirby, Jackie Cain

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, January 12

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:30am Coffee Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
**11:30pm Kids Winter Party!**

## Monday, January 13

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, January 14

9:00am Quilters  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH  
1:30pm Outreach & Welcome Mtg  
1:30pm Social Ministry Mtg  
7:00pm Worship & Music Mtg

## Wednesday, January 15

9:00am Quilters  
11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH  
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group  
1:00pm Nominating Committee  
5:30pm Grief Support Group  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 16

**2:00pm ImpactLife Blood Drive**  
7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

## Friday, January 17

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

## Saturday, January 18

8:30am Page Turners

## Sunday, January 19

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:30am Coffee Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship

## Monday, January 20

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer on Zoom  
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club  
7:00pm Council Meeting

## Tuesday, January 21

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

## Wednesday, January 22

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH  
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

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## Looking Ahead

- **January 12 Kids Winter Party**
- **January 16** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **January 26 Joint Worship 9:30am and Annual Meeting**
- **January 31** Dinner Service at Hope at the Brickhouse
- **February 2** IFF Brunch & Mimosas
- **February 4** Puzzles Party & Snacks
- **February 6** THE STORY evening Bible study resumes
- **March 5** Ash Wednesday
- **March 12** Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
- **March 19** Midweek Lenten Worship

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## Joint Worship & Annual Meeting | January 26

**Joint Worship 9:30am | Annual Meeting 10:30am**

Please plan to join us at our annual meeting! Annual reports will be distributed via email, and there will be a few printed copies available in the narthex and at the meeting.

## THE STORY Bible Study

**Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am | Monthly - Resumes Thursday, February 6, 7pm**

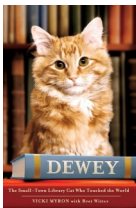
THE STORY helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before - anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. Pastor Stephanie can answer any questions.

## ImpactLife Blood Drive @ Grace | January 16

**Thursday, January 16 | 2-6pm** Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. Your donation makes a difference! Visit [bloodcenter.org](https://www.bloodcenter.org) or talk to Mark Jepson to book your appointment.

## Page Turners | January 18

**New Years Resolution - Read More Books!** Our Page Turner's book discussion group meets 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship. **January Book:** *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron. Dewey, an abandoned kitten from the heartland, transforms a sleepy library, inspires a classic American town, and captures the hearts of animal lovers everywhere. (Haven't read the book? Come for the fellowship!) **January Host:** Janice Gibbs 563-332-6791 **Location:** Happy Joe's (2430 Spruce Hills Dr, Bett)



## Hope at the Brickhouse | January 31

**Arrive 5:15pm | Serve 5:30pm | Done 6:30pm.** Sign up in the Narthex to sign up to help and/or supply food. We will need three volunteers to prepare an entree that serves 12 (breakfast casserole) as well as a vegetable, fruit, dessert and half-gallon of milk. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or [kcjewel21@gmail.com](mailto:kcjewel21@gmail.com).

## IFF Mimosa Brunch | February 2

IFF will have its annual brunch on Sunday, February 2, at the home of Kathy Shriver with Dennis & Nancy Boehme co-hosting. Join us at 11:30am for mimosas with brunch following. If you have never attended IFF or it has been a while, please join us and enjoy not only a great meal but great company. *Please RSVP to Kathy 563-650-1952 or Nancy 563-320-6203 by Wednesday, January 22, if at all possible.*



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## Puzzle Swap & Party

**January 15-February 4** Bring puzzles to exchange  
**February 4, 1:30pm** Join us at church for puzzles and snacks

Greetings all! These first few months of the year can be a bit dreary. To help pass the time, we invite you to participate in a puzzle exchange! You can bring your puzzles starting Sunday, January 15 thru February 4 and placing them on a table outside the Sanctuary for others to pick up and take home. We will also gather on

Tuesday, February 4 at 1:30pm for a brief devotion and to puzzle together. Please bring your favorite snack to share.

## Pray & Play for Spring 2025

**Pray & Play resumes for the Spring Semester on February 3, March 3, and April 14.**

We'd love to have you share this information with families that would benefit - they can register online at [bit.ly/PPRegSP25](http://bit.ly/PPRegSP25) or contact Pr. Kirsten at 563-322-0769 to request further details or a paper application. Printed flyers are in the narthex - feel free to share!

## Service Day Quilters | January 14-15

**Next meeting dates January 14-15** Anyone can join to help at church or at home. The quilts & projects made are donated to the community and LWR. In recent years we have made LWR school bags. Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 or [langejg1@msn.com](mailto:langejg1@msn.com) or Kathy Miller 563-676-0914 or [kathyk1679@aol.com](mailto:kathyk1679@aol.com).

## Grief Support Group | Next Mtg January 15

The Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

## Naomi Circle | January 21

WELCA: Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September thru May, 9:00am at church and we enjoy bible study and refreshments. Questions? Contact Marilyn Schreiber 563-340-0350 or [marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com](mailto:marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com).

## Men's Lunch | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wed at Noon at Grace. You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or [boehmed@aol.com](mailto:boehmed@aol.com) to be added to the email list.

## Centering Prayer | Mondays 4:30pm

**Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom** In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members can direct their choice dollars to Grace! By directing Choice Dollars, eligible clients with membership can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. For more information talk to your Thrivent representative or go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).



## African Dinner & Trivia Night | January 18

**5-7pm | Zion Lutheran Church** (1216 W 8<sup>th</sup> St, Davenport)

Proceeds to benefit funding travelers from Kirangare, Tanzania and supporting mission projects for the Kirangare Lutheran Parish. For more information and to register go to [ziondavenport.org/RSVPdinnertrivia](http://ziondavenport.org/RSVPdinnertrivia) or call 563-209-7566.