

GRACE NOTES

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Dear Friends,

*The human mind plans the way,
but the Lord directs the steps.
~ Proverbs 16:9*

"I have good news and bad news." This is always an ominous way to start a conversation, especially when it's followed with, "Good news, I'm alive." After Easter worship services I received these texts from a good friend of mine. We were planning on traveling to Greece in a week's time; unfortunately, things took a turn. In short, due to her health she couldn't travel to Greece. I am so thankful she recovered extremely well! There were a lot of circumstances to her situation that give reason to give thanks to God!

I made plans to go visit her during the time we were to be abroad, and she encouraged me to still go on an adventure. Together we looked at my options since I would be flying standby. I could easily go to Dublin, Tokyo, or Seoul. The latter two were a bit hard for me to wrap my head around. The next morning, I booked my flight to Dublin, then while at the airport, booked my hotel room and my first tour of the trip.

This was a reminder of how your plans and expectations can be turned upside down so quickly. For a few years my friend and I had been talking about going to Greece. The trip had included months of planning and conversations. Then suddenly I

get to see my friend, but I am going on an adventure I never planned for or expected. Though I went without her, she had been there only a few months before and could follow along the familiar places I visited.

I learned about Ireland's history, saw Giant's Causeway, and drank a Guinness. I was most surprised by the people I met as a solo traveler. Chatting with the cab driver, the English doctor on a daytrip to Dublin, or a Dubliner exploring places she had never been. I even chatted with some folks about politics at the local fast-food joint and a Minnesotan who is on council at her ELCA church. For some, I was the first female pastor they had ever met.

To be honest, I don't often lead with being a pastor. I don't hide it; I just don't start off by introducing myself as Pastor Stephanie. Reason being, I can get a variety of responses. I've had confessions while waiting for a flight, people apologizing for swearing as they begin to filter themselves, while others clearly stop talking altogether because of the associations they have with the institution I represent.

While in Ireland, there was a fair amount of curiosity. People wondering how exactly Lutherans were different from Catholics. I went

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**Pastor Stephanie's
Pictures from Ireland**





Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lucy Krumwiede

granddaughter of Ken and Jane Krumwiede, graduated from Legends High School in Parker, CO on May 22. She will attend Northeastern University in Boston next year, play soccer, and major in mechanical engineering.



Maddux Lee

grandson of Cindy Lee, graduated from Naperville North HS in Illinois, and will attend Illinois State University to study nursing.

Roman Krzmarzick

grandson of Cindy Lee, graduated from Pleasant Valley HS in Bettendorf. The next school year he will be in Prague, Czech Republic, studying at Charles University, while playing soccer for a local club there.



Quentin Felske

graduated from Chippewa Falls HS in Wisconsin. He will be attending the University of Minnesota in the Honors Program. He is the son of Michael and Julie Felske and the grandson of Carol Felske.





✝ Iglesia Camino de Emaús

Pastor José Pilar Alvarez Cabrera

Sunday, June 8 | 3:00pm

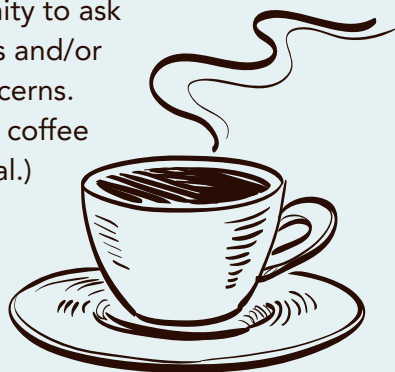
St. Mark Lutheran Church (2363 W Third St, Davenport)

You are invited to attend the installation of Pastor José Pilar Alvarez Cabrera. Southeastern Iowa Synod Bishop Amy Current will preside. Pastor Pilar's church, *Iglesia Camino de Emaús*, meets at St Mark Lutheran where the installation will be held.

We are thankful for his ministry and as such have offered our support. At the Synod Assembly, the offering was dedicated to Iglesia Camino de Emaús, and Grace responded to the invitation by providing a \$1,000 donation as recommended by Social Ministry and endorsed by Grace's Council. If you would like to support *Iglesia Camino de Emaús*, you can write a check to Grace (memo "Camino") or by donating online at bit.ly/SEIAEmaus

Coffee with Council

You are invited to have coffee with church council members on June 22 between services (9:45-10:15am) in PBH. Meet some of the people who serve you in this role, hear about the state of the congregation, get the opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns. (Drinking coffee is optional.)



Naomi Circle

meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber at 563-340-0350 or marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com.

Service Day Quilters

meet the second Tuesday & second Wednesday 9am-Noon each month. The quilts 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 or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com or 563-676-0914.

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to a dinner where there was Celtic music and dancing. At the end of the night, the woman sitting across from me, she and I began chatting. She was Greek but living and working in Barcelona. She was also Greek Orthodox. We kept chatting over a pint as she asked me about what being a pastor was like, about what Lutherans believed.

Creating connections. Discovering God's world and learning from God's people on the journey. My vacation was an adventure. Would I have preferred to have gone to Greece with my friend, of course! Still, I am amazed. I had a plan but when that changed, I trust God brought me to where I was needed to be.

God's Peace Pastor Stephanie



Food Pantry Weekend

Food Pantry Collection is Sunday, June 1 Bring your non-perishable food donations in a bag, and leave at the altar before the service. **In May we didn't get a count from the pantry, but it was a LOT - Can we top that this month? Let's make this our best year yet!** ↪

Ethnic Cooking Supplies: Go to imu.uiowa.edu/food/food-pantry/donate/multicultural-food-item-donations-requested for a detailed list of commonly requested multicultural food items.

Donations Needed: nonperishables - especially canned fruits and vegetables, canned & dry beans, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, etc.)

Always Appreciated: peanut butter, jelly/jam, canned chili, boxed potatoes, protein bars, whole grain bread, fresh fruits & vegetables (donated directly to the pantry), items for baking (flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, etc.)

Consider: simple spices (salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, etc.), neutral cooking oils, vinegars, powdered milk, powdered eggs, wooden spoon sets, hand-held can openers, aluminum foil pans (various sizes), cake mixes and frosting for special occasions

Grief Support

Next Meeting: June 4

The Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday in June, July, and August, (first & third Wednesdays the rest of the year) 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?** Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom (excluding holidays)

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. With grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing; closer than consciousness itself.

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift.

Cheryl Kritsch is the facilitator. Periodically the group will meet in person in the Grace Church Choir Room providing the ZOOM option, as well. Please contact Cheryl 563-343-0135 with any questions and to verify the location (zoom or in person).

Click [HERE](#) to enter Zoom for Centering Prayer.
Meeting ID: 392 407 7028
Passcode: 2020



Wednesday Walk in the Word

Join Pastor Stephanie for a devotion and prayer before taking a walk in Vander Veer Park (meet at the fountain). Root yourself in creation and take a moment to ground yourself in the middle of your week. You can join us in the morning at 8:30am or in the evening at 7pm on Wednesdays beginning June 11.

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect." ~Chief Seattle, Duwamish/Suquamish

Men's Lunch & Conversation



Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon and now that it's warmer we will meet at Vanderveer Park. You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.



Page Turners

Saturday, June 21, 8:30am

Come join the Saturday Morning Page Turner's Club! We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship. (Haven't read the book? No worries, Join us anyways!) **May Book:** [Woman of God](#) by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro **Host:** Luanne Taylor 563-370-1747 **Location:** TBD

Bible Study: THE STORY

Mornings (weekly) - Wednesdays, 11am (**Last Class June 4**)
Evenings (monthly) - (**Last Class Wednesday, June 11, 7pm**)

THE STORY Bible Study continues, and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. [THE STORY](#) helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before. Pr. Stephanie can answer any questions.



Second Sunday Junior Bible Study SUMMER

During the summer months, Pastor Kirsten will lead a short JBS for children during both worship services. This will occur only on the second Sundays of June, July, and August. Pastor Kirsten will lead the time in the narthex area, where we have treats after worship. There will be a short lesson and a small craft. **The dates for these will be June 8, July 13, and August 10.**



Thank You!

In May, we recognized the adults who make Junior Bible Studies possible. On behalf of the congregation, thank you to these adults who share their time and love with children every Sunday:

Casey Albee

Denise Eads

Janice Gibbs

Deb Gustafson

Chryss Hartman

Caroline Haugen

Don Haugen

Lori Haugen

Sally Haugen

Jane Rock

Carol Keller

Jane Krumwiede

Anne Pacha

VBS Day Camp Donation Needs

During the week of VBS, we are providing lunch and snacks twice, and between the three churches and the camp staff, we are expecting to feed 75 people.



Starting Sunday, June 8, there will be cards displayed in the narthex with different food items.

Similar to our Christmas Angel Tree, you are invited to take a card and purchase the food item listed on the card. All food will need to be dropped off to church by Sunday, June 22.

Monetary donations are also welcomed to help us purchase the food. Checks can be made out to Grace, with the memo of "VBS donation". You may also donate online at bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline or scan the QR code below.



VBS Volunteer Needs

We are still in need of volunteers for VBS to ensure adequate supervision. Please consider taking a few hours one or two days during the week. Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions. **Monday June 23-Friday June 27**

- **8:00-9:00am** Ride the bus with the group to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley (will need to arrange a ride home unless you would like to spend the day at camp with us)
- **9:00-11:30am** Small Group Assistant (assist group leaders with children)
- **11:00am-1:00pm** Prepare and serve lunch, clean up (Wednesday only)
- **12:30-3:00pm** Small Group Assistant
- **3:00-4:00pm** Ride the bus with the group from Trinity Lutheran Church to Grace Lutheran Church



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 10
Joint Service at 9:30am



M.A.D. Camp @ St. Mark

June 16-20 | 9am-3pm each day

St. Mark Lutheran Church
(2363 W 3rd St, Davenport)

Cost: \$25/student

Bring Sack Lunch each day
Snacks/Drinks Provided

M.A.D. Camp (Music, Art, & Drama) is back with "The Fruit of the Spirit"! Any child that is able to read a script and who is comfortable performing in front of an audience is welcome to join us. Campers should bring a white t-shirt on the first day of camp for tie-dying on Tuesday. Any questions please contact Katie Carstens @ 563-271-8634. **Registration forms are available in the narthex.**

Birdies for Charity!

Donation deadline ends June 30

Why Birdies for Charity?

Birdies for Charity is the charitable arm of the John Deere Classic. Birdies for Charity not only allows us to generate funds through a one-time donation, but we also receive a bonus check of at least 5% of all the donations to Birdies for Charity. We also do not pay any administrative fees, thanks to John Deere who underwrites the program. 100% of all funds raised through Birdies for Charity plus a bonus will be given back to Grace.



How Do I Contribute?

The deadline to submit your pledge is June 30. Grace will be notified in early fall of who has contributed and how much money we have collected.

To Donate by Writing a Check:

- Obtain a brochure at church. All checks must be submitted with a brochure. This is how they will know which charity you would like to support.
- **Checks must be made out to Birdies for Charity.** Checks made out to Grace cannot go toward Birdies for Charity.
- Turn your check into Grace office or place in the offering plate.
- All checks will be sent to the Birdies organization and will be processed there.

To Donate Online:

- Online donations can be submitted at birdiesforcharity.com/donate
- Click on "donate now"
- Enter 1943 when prompted to enter a charity ID number.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Kirsten. Thank you for your consideration and donation! Any donations will help ensure the future of Pray & Play next year.



On behalf of Lutheran Services in Iowa, thank you for the donations collected during Lent this year. The cleaning supplies, diapers, and baby wipes will make a real difference for many of our neighbors. Pastor Kirsten met with a Family Services supervisor who picked up donations. She was visibly grateful and surprised to see how much was collected and given to LSI. She commented, "You have no idea the impact this gift will have for families. Something as simple as cleaning wipes is desperately needed." She also thanked us for getting quality diapers and wipes. Thank you to the Social Ministry committee for organizing the donations, and thank you, Grace, for sharing tangible grace with our neighbors.

Endowment Conversations

July 13 and 20 | Between Services

Before the congregational vote at our July 27, special congregational meeting, come for discussion and conversation to learn about the proposed changes to the constitution and the Endowment on July 13 and 20, between services. You can chat with the Endowment Committee and the Council about why they are recommending this path. See below and the next page for an overview of the proposed changes.

Grace's Endowment Overview

The balance of Grace's Endowment Fund is \$421,000 and overseen by the Endowment Committee. Since 1987, several parishioners have endowed Grace's ministry from their estates or as special gifts. However, there hasn't been a new contribution to the fund since 1999.

Current Investments

Grace's constitution directs that new endowment contributions are invested as:

- 50% to ELCA Mission Fund. This is like a money market fund currently returning about 2.5%.
- 25% to Domini Ethical Investment Fund.
- 25% to Vanguard S&P Index Fund.

Current Distribution of Earnings

Total earnings distributed from the fund in 2024 was about \$6,000. Grace's constitution requires us to distribute the earnings equally among :

- Property, Property Committee
- Mission, Pastor
- Christian Education, Children Youth and Family Committee
- Social Ministry, Social Ministry and Parish Life Committee

The Challenge

The Endowment Committee identified the following challenges in the administration and use of the endowment.

- Endowment distributions to Grace's ministry recipients are relatively small.
- The specificity of the distributions limit our ability to reflect the congregation as it changes.
- The overall return on the fund is uninspiring compared to conventional public investments.
- Few parishioners are even aware that Grace has an endowment fund.

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The Proposal

The Goal

- Use endowed funds to establish an operating reserve for emergencies and new ministry opportunities.
- Continue to supplement Grace's ministry with endowed investment returns.
- Make Grace's endowment a more appealing opportunity for interested givers.

The Benefits of the QC Community Foundation

For a 1% fee, the Quad City Community Foundation provides

- Experienced investment management for charities benefitting the Quad Cities
- 4% distribution on prior 60-month balance with "guardrails" to preserve principle
- Unique tax benefits not otherwise available to givers
- Perpetual oversight

The Recommendation

The establishment of two funds at Quad City Community Foundation.

- **An Operating Reserve Fund** that will be accessible by council for emergencies or new ministry opportunities and subject to repayment when used. This will be invested like the endowment which will allow it to grow over time when not used.
- **A new Endowment Fund** that will provide Grace and the donors the benefits of the Quad City Community Foundation. Once invested, we will not have access to the Endowment aside from the distributions.

Next Steps

We will not be taking any action at the Annual Meeting. For us to make these changes to the endowment, it will require a specially called meeting and a congregational vote (***now scheduled for July 27, between services***). Before we vote we will:

1. Make changes to the constitution to reflect the changes in the endowment. Which is subject to Synod and Council approval before going to the congregation for approval.
2. We will hold informational meetings for you to learn more and where you can ask more questions (***now scheduled for July 13 and 20, between services***).

Special Congregational Meeting | July 27 | Between Services

At its April meeting, the Church Council approved a Congregational meeting on July 27, 9:40am. This will be an in-person meeting, and the sole agenda item is an amendment to our constitution which would enable a shift in the way our endowment funds are invested. **Members will have opportunities to discuss the proposed changes with council members July 13 and 20, prior to the July 27, meeting.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	2 10:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Centering Prayer	3 10am Pastor's Text Study 1:30pm Personnel Mtg	4 8:30am Walk in the Word 11am The Story Bible Study 12pm Men's Lunch Group 5:30pm Grief Support Grp 7pm Walk in the Word	5 11am Prayer Group 5pm Property Meeting	6	7 1pm Praise Band Practice
8 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	9 10:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Centering Prayer	10 9am Quilters 10am Pastor's Text Study 1:30pm Social Ministry 2:30pm Outreach & Welcome 6pm CYF Mtg 7pm Worship & Music Mtg	11 8:30am Walk in the Word 9am Quilters 12pm Men's Lunch Group 7pm The Story Bible Study 7pm Walk in the Word	12	13	14 1pm Praise Band Practice
15 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	16 10:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Centering Prayer 5pm Sweet Arts Club 5:30pm PEO (Private Event)	17 10am Pastor's Text Study	18 8:30am Walk in the Word 12pm Men's Lunch Group 7pm Walk in the Word	19	20 11am Council Reports Due	21 8:30am Page Turners 1pm Praise Band Practice
22 8:30am Healing Worship 9:30am Coffee w/ Council 10:30am Contemp. Worship	23 VBS Day Camp Office Hours 10am-2pm 10:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Centering Prayer 7pm Council Meeting <i>Annie Vacation</i>	24 VBS Day Camp Office Hours 10am-2pm 10am Pastor's Text Study	25 VBS Day Camp Office Hours 10am-2pm 8:30am Walk in the Word 12pm Men's Lunch Group 7pm Walk in the Word	26 VBS Day Camp Office Hours 10am-2pm	27 VBS Day Camp Office Hours 10am-Noon	28 1pm Praise Band Practice
29 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	30 Office Hours 10am-2pm 10:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Centering Prayer <i>Annie Vacation</i>	July 1 Office Hours 10am-2pm 10am Pastor's Text Study 1:30pm Personnel Mtg 5pm Property Meeting	July 2 Office Hours 10am-2pm 8:30am Walk in the Word 12pm Men's Lunch Group 5:30pm Grief Support Grp 7pm Walk in the Word	July 3 Office Hours 10am-2pm	July 4 Office Closed Independence Day	July 5 1pm Praise Band Practice

THANK YOU SO MUCH

To All of My Family at Grace Lutheran,

Thank you all for the wonderful farewell reception and all of your kind notes and cards. I really appreciate it.

I thank God for all of you and the faithful work you do for our congregation, our community, and others throughout the world.

I'll miss all of you, but I'll be back to visit. Sincerely,

Claudia

3 Mike Kirby
4 Mike Hartman
5 Roman Krzmarzick
 Andrew Savely
7 Declan Cahalan
 Dennis Levsen
9 Carol Ann Felske
 Rick Gillespie
10 Gary Arp
 Fred Eberlein
 Lincoln Krzmarzick
 Tami Sagers

13 Scott Jewel
19 Maria Castro
21 Cayden Lewis
 Kathy Wahlig
24 Kurt Pacha
25 Jane Montford
26 Jay Dohrmann
27 Sue Janssen
28 Jim Lange
30 Ron Brunsvold
 David Montford



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



A Father's Day Reflection: Amanda's Journey of Hope and Stability

This Father's Day, we're honored to share the powerful story of Amanda, a young woman whose life has been transformed over the past 13 years through the unwavering dedication of LSI's Host Home program and the compassionate care of Megan D.

Amanda came to LSI with many challenges. With a limited IQ and emotional struggles rooted in past trauma, she had difficulty connecting with others and managing daily life. Before LSI, she lived in institutional settings, heavily medicated, and unable to thrive. Her life was a series of difficult chapters, until she found her match in LSI and Megan.

Megan has been a steady and committed presence in Amanda's life. With unmatched patience, professionalism, and deep care, Megan helped guide Amanda from a place of instability to one of emotional balance. What was once a life of uncertainty is now one of structure, safety, and growth thanks to the loving environment of a Host Home.

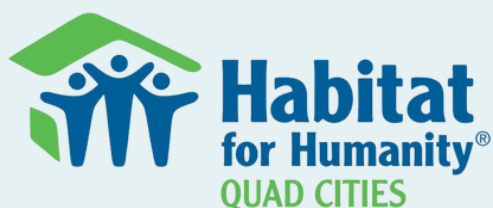
Today, Amanda lives with "Momma Mavis," her dedicated Host Home provider, who gives her 24/7 care and inclusion in family life, appointments, and even special needs art classes. The flare-ups that once led to hospital visits are now a thing of the past. Amanda is thriving, living proof that compassion and commitment can change a life.

As Bruce C., Amanda's adoptive father, says: *"LSI and Megan never wavered. I call this stabilization in Amanda's life. The individual care from a non-family member is needed beyond words. Thanks to Mavis and Megan, Amanda's quality of life would not be possible without the LSI Host Home program."*

Amanda, the 25th foster child welcomed by the C. family and their third adoption, is still on her journey and we're honored to walk alongside her.

This Father's Day, we celebrate all the fathers, families, caregivers, and advocates who believe in second chances, and who help make stories like Amanda's possible.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.



Habitat for Humanity 2025

Saturdays June 14, July 12, & August 2

This summer, St. Paul Lutheran Church has invited Grace Lutheran to join them in constructing a house. Together, we will work alongside families who dream of owning a home, and do the work necessary to make that dream a reality. Come help with framing, drywall, siding, and much more. No prior building experience needed.

Several Saturday dates are available, with morning or afternoon shifts available. Morning shifts are 8am-Noon, and afternoon shifts are Noon-3:30pm. See Pastor Kirsten with any questions. **Watch for an online sign up!**

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Council Corner

- At it's May meeting, council approved joint services on August 10 (Jazz Worship Service) and September 21 (Block Party).
- Coffee with Council is scheduled for June 22, between services to report on the state of the church and to answer questions about the role of Council and/or express concerns.
- Council discussed the Congregational Meeting on July 27, at 9:40am to amend Grace's Constitution. Members committed to attend Coffee with Council sessions on July 13 and 20 to preview the change. (See pages 4 and 5 for more information.)
- Claudia Wood introduced our new Treasurer Dawn Matthews.
- Laura Toland and Pastor Stephanie reported on Synod Assembly.
- A new job description was approved for the position of Pray and Play Small Group Leader.

Office Notes



- Annie will be on vacation June 23-July 3, and we will have limited office hours during that time: 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-Noon on Friday (closed Friday, July 4).
- Please let the office or the personnel committee know if you can serve as an office volunteer during that time: personnel@gracewelcomesyou.org.
- The July newsletter will be slightly delayed and will be distributed during the week of July 7.



Meet Our New Treasurer Dawn Matthews

Dawn recently relocated to Blue Grass, IA, and is married to Jeff, with two sons Jared and Aaron. She previously worked at Geneseo Communications, Inc. as Controller and worked at First Lutheran Church, Geneseo as Treasurer.

Dawn enjoys spending time walking their two Mini Huskies and spending time with family and friends. She is currently overlapping with Claudia for training, and can be reached at the same email: treasurer@gracewelcomesyou.org. Please be sure to say hello when you meet her and offer her GRACE as she learns the ropes!