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FEBRUARY SUNDAY EVENTS
9:30 am. Worship Service
Grace Lutheran, 1326 S 26th St

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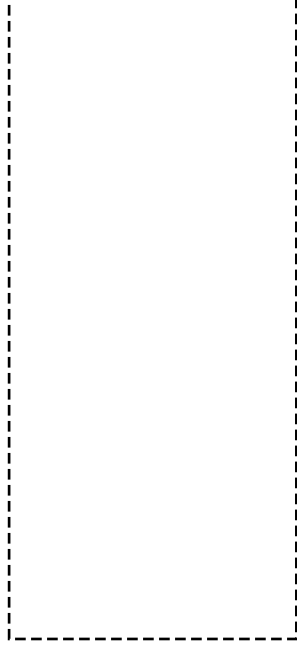
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February Worship Services
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1326 South 26th Street



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Grow, Love, Serve

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I was privileged to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Luncheon once again this year. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Edgar Fisher from Memphis, TN.

Dr. Fisher's remarks memorialized some of the emphases of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said that today we live with the new Jim Crow laws of slavery by another name. His description was "there is hell in the basement but parties in the ballroom." He admonished us clergy to become agents of change that do not just proclaim liberty but practice the ways that bring about liberty. He said that it is not just about proclaiming the pie in the sky but making sure I have some ham where I am.

I was asked to have the closing prayer for the luncheon. I noted the following statements from Dr. King. "With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together knowing that we will be free one day." Also, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

I closed with this prayer attributed to Dr. King. "O God, we thank you for the lives of the great saints and prophets in the past, who have revealed to us that we can stand up amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life and not give in. We thank you for our fore parents, who have given us something in the midst of the darkness of exploitation and oppression to keep going. Grant that we will go on with the proper faith and proper determination of will, so that we will be able to make a creative contribution to this world. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray."

I am grateful for those who exemplify the passion and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Especially since as a child, I only got to see the brief news clips on the CBS evening news of him while I was growing up. I have since gotten to see some of the video coverage of his speeches and some of his writing.

Pastor Laaker



"Cross+Gen Journey to the Cross"

Mid Week Lent
(Feb 25 - Mar 25)

We hope that together as a congregation, we will engage in faith formation through conversation, activities, prayer and song. We want to hear each other's stories and to learn from one another as we grow in faith together and prepare for the good news of the resurrection at Easter!

We will meet and share a simple pot-luck meal. Following our meal, we will explore the preceding Sunday's Gospel reading with singing, reflection questions (to be shared at the table) and prayer. For our meal: please bring a main dish and a vegetable or a salad or dessert.

Ash Wednesday is February 18. We will share a meal and then a service in the sanctuary with the imposition of ashes and communion.



Stewardship

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build his kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.

May we respond to the work of the Holy Spirit and choose the best way to be generous with our money resources.

Pastor Laaker

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said,

*"I will never desert you,
nor will I ever abandon you."*

Hebrews 13:5, NASB



2026 Transition Team

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| Vicki Cox | Frank Durham | Sarah Emery |
| Vicki Hall | Janet Hula | Nancy Klusaw |
| John Kolb | Andrea Spahr | Brenda Spahr |
| Connie Tefft | Pastor Laaker | |

 Officers Serving the Congregation:
 Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Nancy Klusaw

Grace / St. Luke's Lutheran Transition Team Notes - January 13, 2026

The meeting opened at 5:32 p.m. with a gathering of prayers for individuals and communities. Pray for heart failure issues with Nancy's neighbor. Hospitals full and unable to accept more patients. The Good family, folks in Michigan, Atlanta, Minneapolis, and those struggling with so much fear. Steve's brother in law, whose recent surgery did not go as planned. Members with physical pains. A member who has started home hospice.

Devotions were shared from the Daily Texts.

From the "I Am A Follower" book – these discussions were paused this month, to read and discuss "Here I Stand" a reflection on Martin Luther's position over against the papal investigation and its connection to our current situations. **Please continue to reflect on both.** Read pages 193-199 in our book for next month.

Minutes, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer reports were received and accepted. Considered all budget and expenditure worksheets for all areas and agreed to present the financial mission plans to the congregations at their annual meetings.

Shared future considerations:

Transition team discussed suggested new names. Discussed the 5 'final' considerations. Agreed on final 3 options: Good Soil, Grace St. Lukes, St. Lukes Grace. (Consider a cross for the "-" on either of the second two.)

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Annual Meeting for Grace is Jan 25.
 Annual Meeting for St. Lukes is Feb 1.

Reports:

Ministry Sites - Canopy South was contacted about the insufficient snow removal in the parking lot at St. Luke's. A sewer smell is likely due to dry urinal drain. Arch Holiday event at St. Lukes on Dec 10. Property tax exemption approved for both locations.

Grow –

1. Table Grace worship team for Jan 25.
2. Mid-week Lent: Cross + Gen Journey to the Cross, similar as last year experience.

Love –

Serve –

1. Immanuel Vision Grant – Money arrived in December for San Andres pantry. Purchasing has begun. Campaign for oil from now through February.

Announcements

Pastor will have the benediction for the MLK Luncheon on January 19.
 Nebraska Brass will perform at St Lukes on February 6 at 7 p.m.

Meeting was closed in prayer at 6:54 p.m.

Let's Get Cooking!

Immanuel Vision Grant money was received for the assistance of supplying much needed food items for the pantry at San Andres. However, as we all know the value of the dollar does not stretch quite as far as it once did so an invitation has been extended to individuals who would like to participate in donating bottles of cooking oil like: vegetable, canola, avacado, or a cooking oil of your choice would be much appreciated!



Please bring your cooking oil donation to Grace during February and place it on the shelving unit in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks to your generosity, families in need will find the continued ease of cooking.

In The Dark Days, Be The Light Tired, Heartbroken, and Undeterred: A Pastoral Call to Justice

January 26, 2026

Beloved of God in the Nebraska Synod,



Eleven days ago, the bishops of the six Minnesota synods of the ELCA issued a public letter regarding the escalation of violence in the state of Minnesota centered on the deployment and actions of ICE agents across the state, which at the time included the killing of Renee Good and Alex Pretti. In that letter, the bishops commended the people of Minnesota for their communal response, called for a deescalation of ICE tactics in Minnesota and across the nation, and pledged to continue their opposition to the dehumanization of immigrants across the state, saying, “We are tired, and our hearts are broken. Yet we are not deterred.”

Many of you, like me, have struggled to understand and respond to all that has happened in Minnesota and in our nation in recent days. We’ve seen acts of incredible courage and heard stories of horrific cruelty. We’ve seen facts denounced as lies and peaceful protests denounced as ‘domestic terrorism.’ We’ve seen the killing of civilians on national television justified, even celebrated. We, like my colleague bishops from Minnesota, are tired, and our hearts are broken. Let us also be undeterred in our responses to the present moment.

Now is the time for God’s people to respond, and to do so with dignity and purpose. Each of you has an opportunity to shine a light in these dark days, to be a vessel through which the Holy Spirit enlightens the world around you. Some of you have already taken action, but there is always an opportunity to do more. You can volunteer in your local communities, making sure that your neighbors have food and other necessities to see them through whatever is to come. You can give time or financial support to agencies dedicated to the care and protection of our immigrant neighbors. You can contact your elected officials to let them know you are opposed to what is going on in Minnesota and across the country. You can join peaceful public demonstrations, respectfully and steadfastly providing public witness against the violence, deception, and continued escalation of ICE practices nationwide.

However you respond, let your response embody the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who wrote from the Birmingham jail, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

These are not easy days to be people of faith. Yet I know that God walks beside us, calling us to our baptismal promise “to work for justice and peace in all the earth.” None of us can do it all on our own, but none of us are excused from doing what we can with the days that are given to us.

Let us be steadfast in our public witness, brave and honest in our call for justice, and committed to standing up for those who need us to stand with and for them.

Tired, heartbroken, and undeterred,

Bishop Scott Alan Johnson



Let’s Fill Your Toolbox!

Let’s Fill Your Toolbox! is an opportunity to gather with others across the Nebraska Synod serving in congregational leadership roles.

Training for Congregational Leaders, Saturday, February 28, 2026
9:00 am - Noon via Zoom. To learn more and to register go to the Nebraska Synod Website: nebraskasynod.org/event/lets-fill-your-toolbox/

This three hour online training session will include a specific training for council presidents, treasurers, secretaries, committee chairs, office administrators, Sunday school teachers, faith formation leaders and social justice teams.

Join for a morning of prayer, fun, networking and learning!

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Prayer LIST

Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.

1 Kings 8:28

Please keep in your prayers the individuals listed below who have health issues and concerns:

Marcia Beck
June Hilmer
Richard Krambeck
Carolyn Matson
Pam Reents
Marilyn Van Ormer



Vicki Cox
Pr. Edgar Jimenez
Samuel Mantzaris
Ed Nodean
Ken Sukraw



Pray for wisdom for your Church Transition Team at St. Luke's and Grace Lutheran. Ask God to bless their ministry among us. Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Damon Laaker, Grace and St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Bishop Scott Johnson, Nebraska Synod
Bishop Yehiel Curry, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Charles Tuw, Moses Loda, John Boato, Barnaba Dyedi and Nenchi Ilka are the elders for the Sudanese Worshipping Community.

Let's encourage each other as we see God's hand in answering our prayers.

Pray for our Shut-ins and Nursing Home residents:

Vicki Cox - Home
June Hilmer - Home
Richard Krambeck - Trinity Villiage, Papillion
Rev. Terry Nielsen - Ovation Heartwood
Charlotte Palczynski - Home
Marilyn Van Ormer - Home



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10



Thank you Mary for your weekly dedication running the recording equipment every Sunday during worship service.

Thank you Rod, Robin, Jean and Table Grace for sharing your music ministry with us and providing such beautiful music during worship services.

Thank you Bob and Nancy, Donna and Ron, for taking care of the altar, and preparing communion.

Thank you Janice, Vicki, Greg, and Chris for participating in the readings during worship services in January.

Thank you Sara for your dedication in preparing the Bible Study and sharing your ministry every month in the Newsletter.

Thank you Bob, Frank, Dan, Greg, Janet and Ron for your weekly dedication for greeting everyone who enters both the entryway and sanctuary before worship services, ushering during worship service and communion assistant.

Thank you Rose Marie, Donna, Ron, Connie and Bob for your faithful dedication in helping assemble the monthly newsletter!

Thank you to all those that help keep both church grounds neat by picking up trash around the churches.

Thank you Alma for keeping both Grace and St. Luke's clean and so welcoming to all who enter.

Thank you to all Loaves and Fishes Pantry Volunteers; for delivering food items on Sunday mornings, unloading and putting foods items away until Monday mornings, getting everything ready for Mondays and in greeting and serving all with smiles, care and love!



BIBLE STUDY

People like to feel good about themselves and look good to others. Christians like to feel virtuous, maybe a little bit better than others. We (most of us) don't shoot people or deal drugs on the street. We don't swindle people out of their life savings, or even swipe their lunch at work! What does Scripture say on this?

"There is not one good man (sic) left, no, not one; there is not one who understands, not one who looks for God." Psalm 14:1-3, Rom.3:11

"When you judge those who behave like this, while you are doing exactly the same, do you think you will escape God's judgement?"
from Rom. 2:2-6

That scares me! When I sleep in on Sunday, I refuse God the public thanks and honor I owe. I've lied, gossiped, and, yes, taken food from the fridge at work. In 9th grade, I stole the idea for a story. God forgive me, I once slapped my teen daughter across the face with a sandal! As a nurse, I once shook a patient when she resisted being cleaned up, and saw fear in her eyes. Yes, I'm a sinner. Is there any hope for all of us?

Time out! What are the advantages of being known, by self and others, as a real sinner?

1. fewer chores - people won't ask you to count the offering or serve on the parish council.
2. less stress - no need to keep up a false front
3. days off - "that one's lost, anyway"
4. the joy of doing things that you are naturally good at! and
5. *Because* we are sinners, we get to know the wonder of forgiveness!

There is our hope, in the gracious patience of the Holy One, in Jesus, who lived our life and died our death to redeem us, and in the gift of faith, which saves us all.

Sara welcomes discussion, by text or phone, at: (402) 686-1693.



But God demonstrates
his own love
for us in this:
While we were still sinners,
Christ died FOR US.
Romans 5:8, NIV



TACKLE HUNGER

Tackle Hunger is a **national nonprofit that mobilizes communities across the U.S. to fight food insecurity** through its grassroots, youth-driven fundraising events that support any local food charity. Since its **humble**

beginnings in 1990, the organization has raised over \$198 million in food and funds, directly benefiting local hunger-relief charities. By encouraging churches, schools, businesses, and individuals to give back during Super Bowl weekend and beyond, Tackle Hunger fosters a nationwide movement of generosity and community service. Through this collective effort, Tackle Hunger strengthens communities while making a significant impact on health disparities that affect those who are food insecure.



The 36th Annual Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 8th, we plan to highlight the work and ministry of the Loaves and Fishes Pantry. All are invited to participate and bring a special collection that includes non-perishable food items, paper products (toilet paper), or personal care items to donate to the ministry efforts to serve those in need within our community.

Direct Your
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Thrivent Choice Dollars can have tremendous impact on an organization.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Grace or St. Luke's Lutheran Church by directing your remaining 2025

Choice Dollars. You have until March 31, 2026 to direct those 2025 dollars. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

There's no Man like Snowman:

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What is a snowman temper tantrum called? **A meltdown.**

What do you call an old snowman? **Water.**



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It's TIM Time!

February 21, 2026 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Together In Mission

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
93rd and West Dodge Road
402-391-1144

An Adult Faith Formation Opportunity to Equip Us for Accompaniment and Mission: Hosted by St. Timothy's Lutheran Church for the Metropolitan + Lutheran Community.

1700 Years And Counting: the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. A summary of our Christian Faith. An assertion of faith in the shadow of the Empire.

Featuring Drs. Winston and May Persaud, Wartburg Theological Seminary. Recent Retirees looking to "pivot" to learning with congregations across the church **STARTING IN OMAHA!**

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). We make it our prayer that siblings in Christ around the world will find strength and joy in knowing that we are of one body in Christ that is not confined or divided by individual institutions or leaders, religious traditions, cultures or denominations. On this Saturday, we will take time to engage one another with an openness to learning more about different cultures and experiences with the gospel of Jesus Christ right here in Omaha under the umbrella of the ELCA.

Schedule

8:30 a.m. Gather for morning Coffee or a spot of Tea

9 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Devotions – Pastor Kathy Gerking

9:30 a.m. Keynote by Dr. Winston Persaud, in Worship Center

10:30 – 10:50 a.m. Break/Travel

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. "Workshops" (capacity of 10 -15 people each) – selected as people walk in/register that day. 10 different workshops.

Noon – Lunch catered by Table Grace Café

12:45 p.m. Bible Study by Dr. May Burt Persaud: **Jesus is in the Room**, John 20:19-23

1:30 p.m. Closing Devotional/Worship featuring the Nuer Children's Choir from the Nile Lutheran Chapel.

OTOC's Celebrating Community 2026
Sunday, March 22, 2026 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Firefighters Hall 60th & Grover



Silent Auction Registration and Event Ticket Sales Open February 1

Go to <http://bidpal.net/otocaucaution2026>

If you participated in the OTOC Virtual or In Person Auction in previous years you may already be registered and may not need to register again. You will need your password to log in or you can reset your password.

You can purchase tickets for yourself and guests. You can also purchase tickets to be donated to someone that OTOC selects. Tickets are \$30 in advance - \$35 at the door. You will have to enter your credit card number to purchase tickets. If you registered in a previous year make sure your credit card information is up to date. The expiration date may have changed. If you would like paper tickets please contact Vicki Cox.

OTOC will highlight 2025 achievements in:

Stand In Solidarity - Mobilized 200 business, labor, and faith leaders together for a Stand in Solidarity action in support of immigrant and refugee neighbors.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil - United diverse Faith Traditions in a powerful interfaith vigil that pledged action with immigrant families and affirmed they are not alone.

Issues Conference - Organized 200 leaders to come together to share research, listen to community voices, and shape a people-powered 2026 policy agenda for a more just Omaha.

For additional information please visit: www.otoc.org
email at: office@otoc.org or call at: 402-344-4401



**Friday, February 6th
7:00 pm
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
2315 I Street**

Blow the Winter Blues Away - Hot Music for Cold Winter Nights

The Nebraska Brass is comprised of musicians with a wealth of experience in both classical and commercial idioms. Members have performed with ensembles such as the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Mannheim Steamroller. Members have also toured and performed throughout the United States, Europe, South America, Japan, Australia and the Caribbean with numerous musical ensembles. In addition to their busy performing schedules, members of the Nebraska Brass are experienced as educators who are presently teaching in Nebraska and Iowa public schools and at Nebraska Wesleyan University and University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy great music and conversations! Bring a friend.

To read additional information about Nebraska Brass visit their website at: www.artsincorporated.org/nb



Admission Prices:

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| Adults | \$18 |
| Seniors (65+) | \$15 |
| Children | Free |
| Students | Free |



AseraCare Hospice is in need of volunteers who can provide companionship/socialization, respite for family and caregivers, veteran-to-veteran support, musical entertainment, patient pen pals and administrative support. Asking for a minimum commitment of 5-8 hours per month, but would love additional help if available. Ready to apply? Visit <https://bttr.im.sjmww>. Call Jen Vogt, RVC at (402) 943-6871, or email at: jen.vogt@amedisys.com



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Greetings, partners in ministry! We all know how faith comes alive when we step outside of our day-to-day routines and explore faith conversations with our peers at camp. We have listed opportunities to get back to camp this winter.

Young Adult Retreat; February 20-22. Join other young adults (ages 21-35) for a weekend of connection, faith, and fun at the Young Adult Retreat, February 20-22. Whether you're returning to camp or experiencing it for the first time, this retreat offers the perfect mix of worship, community, and adventure. Enjoy meaningful conversations, energizing group activities like high ropes and trivia, and time to rest and reconnect with God and others in the beauty of camp.

Couples Retreat; February 21-22. Looking for a meaningful twist on your traditional Valentine's Day plans? Escape to the peaceful beauty of the Swanson Retreat Center for a renewing weekend designed just for the two of you. Enjoy a private room, candlelit dinner accompanied by live instrumental music, and opportunities to connect with other couples through fellowship and Bible study. Leave the hustle and bustle behind and escape to Carol Joy Holling.

Middle School Lock-in; March 6-7. Join in the fun of night camp activities, fellowship, and learning more about God. Middle schoolers who wish to spend time with friends, learn more about God, and have a fun time will also find a meaningful message at this lock-in and an experience they can take with them for the rest of their lives.

UFO (Unfinished Objects) Retreat; March 16-19. These retreats are for crafters of any kind. Bring your own projects and use this time away to get caught up or do new projects! It's a great time to meet new friends, learn new skills, and be inspired by others' creativity. Come stay in a beautiful place with high-comfort facilities and great food - you'll leave refreshed and ready to start other project.

For questions and program cost checks, please contact Laura, Youth Programs Specialist at LStalder@NL0M.org or call 402-944-2544.

Additional information for each event listed above can be found on their website at: www.nlom.org



Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Grace Lutheran Church
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402-341-7730

**Pantry is Open Every Monday morning 10:00 - 11:00 am
~ Even Holidays!**

Variety of fresh foods donated by Trader Joe's and Whole Foods.

The Pantry continues to reach out to those in need on a weekly basis. Clients of the Loaves and Fishes Pantry are asked to park along Poppleton Street. Participants are then directed through the alley to pick up prepared sacks and bags of much needed food items. **The Pantry is in need of clean plastic grocery bags and paper grocery sacks!** Please continue to keep the Pantry and all the work that is done in your prayers. *All are served with love and care.*

Do you know of a family or individual in need of food assistance? Please share the Pantry information with them.

There is a variety of volunteer opportunities for anyone interested. Call the church office for additional information.

Do you know a family in need of diapers and experiencing financial needs? The church office has flyers available upon request for you to share with anyone who is facing this specific need. The flyer is sponsored by nebraskadiaperbank.org



Grace Lutheran and St. Luke's have some additional ways that you could contribute without spending any out of pocket funds.

Register your **Bakers Plus card** with Kroger and choose Grace or St. Luke's as your charitable choice!

Ronald McDonald House: Save your pop tabs. They use the proceeds to pay the utilities. A box is provided in the back of the sanctuary for the tabs. Our most recent contribution of pop tabs brings our total to 129,000.

Eye Glasses. Do you have old eye glasses that you no longer use? A box is located in the back of the sanctuary to place them. They will be given to the Lion's Club to be used for individuals in need.

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Hours for Breakfast and Lunch
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri & Sat. from 7 - 2
Closed: Wed and Sun



We are truly grateful for your faithful donations in 2025! What an incredible year! Table Grace offers a safe haven for people who are hungry, lonely, isolated and in need of dignity and community.

Gospel Brunch! New 2026! Table Grace is offering a Gospel brunch once per month on Sundays! February 8th will be our next Gospel Brunch, come by between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for delicious food, Gospel music, and a community of faith filled with grace.

We hope that you save the date and plan to join us for our Table Grace Gala on Friday, March 6th at 6:00 pm at the Livestock Exchange beautiful ballroom at 4920 S 30th St. This year we will focus our theme on Voices of Compassion, lifting up one of Table Grace's core values. Tickets are available for \$75.

Table Grace the Musical won Outstanding Premiere of a New, Original Local Script through the Omaha Entertainment Awards! The Live performance is available to purchase and download at www.tablegracethemusical.com. Our documentary of the Making of the Musical is coming together!



Scams are appearing more in our daily lives, especially this time of year. As a reminder, please know that no one at any time from Grace or St. Luke's will ever email or text asking for money or gift cards. If someone gets a request, please call your church office IMMEDIATELY and verify the request.



Valentine's Day Love Thoughts

Enjoy these random and anonymous proverbs collected over the years.



A happy man marries the girl he loves, but a happier man loves the girl he marries.

To marry a woman or man for beauty is like buying a house for its coat of paint.

If you want peace in your house, do as your wife says.

Every couple is not a pair.

Marriage halves our grief, doubles our joys, and quadruples our expenses.

Whoever said marriage is a fifty-fifty proposition doesn't know the half of it.

Love is the last and most serious of diseases of childhood.

A man always chases a woman until she catches him.

A misunderstood husband is one whose wife really knows him.

And these:



What God hath joined together no man shall ever put asunder: God will take care of that.
~ George Bernard Shaw

Love gives itself; it is not bought.
~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

God save us from all wives who are angels in the streets, saints in the church, and devils at home.
~ C. H. Spurgeon

I have now come to the conclusion never again to think of marrying, and for this reason: I can never be satisfied with anyone who would be blockhead enough to have me.
~ Abraham Lincoln

God did not create woman from man's head, that he should command her, not from his feet, that she should be his slave, but rather from his side, that she should be near his heart.
~ The Talmud

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.
~ Song of Solomon 8:7

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Ash Wednesday

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