

Mission of the South Sudanese Ministry, Month Grace Lutheran Church, Le Mars, IA,

In response to many South Sudanese Dinka moving into the Le Mars / Sioux City area, the members of Grace had a desire to reach out and began a branch of the pre-existing South Sudanese Mission in Ankeny, IA. The Grace Sudanese Lutheran Mission was launched in order to continue reaching out, baptizing, and teaching the local Sudanese Dinka the Lutheran faith.

Grace Sudanese Lutheran Mission's opening service was held on July 21, 2019 with Rev. Daniel Mapur (Sudanese Pastor) presiding along with Rev. Timothy Geitz. Attendees came from Iowa, North Carolina, & North Dakota.

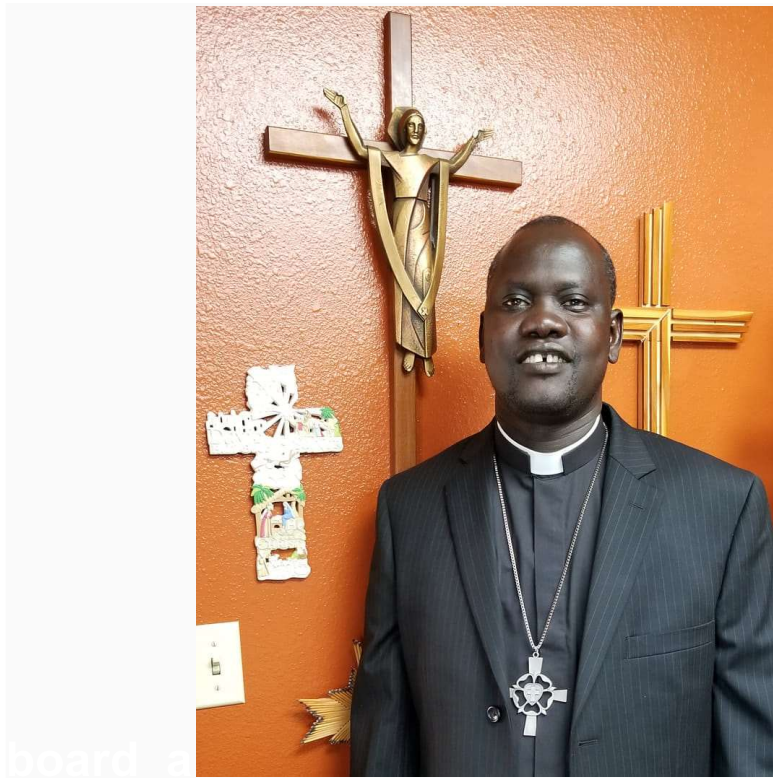
In October of 2020, Grace celebrated 26 Sudanese Dinka baptisms, with another 21 baptisms of children 6 and under in October of 2021.

Worship services in the Dinka language are now held Sunday afternoon with Sunday School classes on Saturday evenings. Both are open to everyone.

On July 17, 2022, Pastor Daniel Mapur was installed as Grace Lutheran Church's Pastor to the Sudanese in the Le Mars region. He'll continue to work full-time at Kemp's, but will also continue to serve part-time as Sudanese Pastor. Through his work, Grace is meeting the needs of the Dinka community by providing them ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, Citizenship classes, and they eventually want to provide a Daycare for working families.

Please keep Pastor Mapur and the members of Grace in your prayers as they share the Gospel in their community. You can find updates and photos on Grace's website, <https://gracelemars.org/> under their 'Missions' tab, and also follow them on Facebook.





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