



GRACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
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Our Vision

As I sit to write this article, it is abundantly clear that our vision and mission are greatly needed in the world in which we live. There are stories of fear, anger, violence, and contempt that flow through the various news sources. We all want to see that change, and we at Grace are committed to a vision that finds a different narrative. Our vision is to "guide people to live differently through Christ."

In the spirit of Luther's Small Catechism as we approach the 500-year anniversary: What does this mean?

"The Good News of God's love and grace leaves us changed people. As Martin Luther writes about faith in his "Preface to Romans," he writes, "Faith, however, is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God" and later writes "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times."

The world is full of various "narratives." Many of these narratives are filled with fear and judgement. The church has a different narrative, one centered in the Good News of God's love and grace, made known to us in Christ Jesus. As a Lutheran Church named Grace, we cast our vision as guiding people to encounter faith in the way that Martin Luther describes, and to have our lives changed by faith in God's grace. In short, to live differently through Christ."

*Taken from the **Grace 2020 Vision** document*

We have a dream to change this whole community. The last year has been very difficult for the Beaverdale and Merle Hay neighborhoods of Des Moines. We have seen the fear, anger, violence, and contempt erupt near us, and we feel called to lead a movement to make a difference around us, centered on living differently through Christ.

There is such great energy and an overwhelming sense of grace and love in this community of faith. We have a message and vision to share with the world around us. I pray that you also see the good that we have done, as well as what is possible through Christ. I pray that you can see what could be as people learn to live differently through Christ.

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Happy October Birthday

- 1 - Katharine Radermacher
- 2 - Robert Campbell
Margaret York
Steve Johnson
Christine Hines
Andy Roat
Eric Barks
Ivy Lawson
- 3 - Howard Welty
- 4 - Ava Lund
- 5 - Paul Nelson
- 6 - Amanda Jensen
- 7 - Ernestina Reaza
Adam Bergman
- 8 - Nelda Sampel
Harlan Mortenson
- 9 - Joanne Johnson
Riley Mortenson
- 11 - Christopher Kallenbach
Emily Harmon
Daniel Harmon
Jeramie Mitchell
Alexander Gutmann
- 12 - Benjamin Wonderlin
Lucas Radermacher
- 13 - Deanna Hummel
Sheryl Sauerman
Lt. Col. David Peterson
Jessica Warren
Victoria Janson
- 14 - Jane Ridnour
James Fenimore
- 15 - Chris Lawson
Eryn Lenhart
Kyra Lenhart
Maya Lenhart
- 16 - Joan Johnson
Rev. Stephen Sherer
Kara Jordahl
Lukus Loehrke
- 17 - Gary Nelson
Roberto Ruiz
- 18 - Bruce Nelson
- 19 - Isaac Justice
- 20 - Linda Ross
Sean Stickrod
Stuart Turner
James Briggs
- 21 - Sarah Schroeder
Sage Speck
Owen Chenoweth
- 22 - Jane Allen
- 23 - Ronald Vernia
Trinity Newman
- 24 - Melissa Kallenbach

October Birthdays continued

- 25 - Joyce Lewis
Tina Meadows
- 26 - Seth Kallestad
- 27 - Douglas Dinnauer
Sarah Voelker
- 28 - Max Sauerman
- 29 - Col. Franklin Peterson
Jessica Russell
- 30 - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg
Travis Brown
Pedro Espericueta
Maycia Welty
- 31 - Monte Wilner
Ashley Artzer
Kellen Johnson
Tanner Peeler



Happy October Anniversary

- 1 - John and Carrie Schall
- 5 - Donald and Margaret York
- 6 - John and Tracy Justice
- 7 - Jeryl and Chris Janson
- 12 - Burke and Shirley Shiffler
Louie and Sue Anderson
- 16 - Ricky and Jennifer Huisman
- 17 - Bill and Anna Shea
- 21 - Delmar and Linda Vernia
- 22 - Joel and Stacie Holst
- 24 - David and Susan Halblom
- 25 - Brian and Sherry Brindley
Michael and Diane Heid
- 26 - Scot and Rebecca Sonius
- 27 - Hal and Michele Turner
- 28 - Michael and Marilyn Nizzi
- 31 - Lee and Delores Johnson



Our Sympathy and prayers go to:

The family of Millie Briggs
Mother of Barry Briggs

The family of Dorothy Duleepsingh



Our Vision, Continued from page 1

We believe that it is time for Grace Lutheran Church to lead the way to a changed community through Christ, and after that, a changed metro and beyond. To see this vision through it will take all of us, our time, our gifts, and our financial support. We have been blessed by your generosity this year. Your generosity has allowed us to dream of the community of faith we are called to be. Together we can truly live differently and become a beacon of change through Christ.

Pastor Mike

The Spotlight will return next month. This month we have a special story by Sandy Briggs

“I Once Was Lost, But Now I’m Found.” - Amazing Grace
“Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.” Psalm 104:12

Or in the case of a little bird that came to Grace Church, birds also sit and fly among the windows.

A couple of weeks ago a few people coming and going from the church saw a little bird that was just sitting by the entryway, or out at the front of the church. It didn’t fly away. The people were concerned for it, but didn’t know if it was a sick or injured bird.

It was Saturday, Sept. 9th, a fairly busy day at Grace with the play, “Superhero Sanitarium” performed by the Grace Players. Many people came for the late afternoon performance, in Grace Hall, and stayed to chat and have cookies afterwards.

I had been in the play and had just found my cookie and family (in that order) when I noticed a group of people forming around a window, chuckling as they pointed towards a black and white bird that had perched on the window sill and was looking in at everyone. It just stayed there. Looking in at us. It didn’t leave. It stayed so long people started taking pictures. It would lose its footing and fly away from the window just enough to get better footing lower on the window. People came right to the window now to see this bird. It still stayed and didn’t leave the window.

I realized it was a pigeon or a dove breed and wondered if it had a leg tag. If it did, then it was not a wild bird, but a bird that had been hatched by a breeder or in a hatchery. It did! That bird belonged to someone!

I ran for the door. Yes. Still dressed in my pink superhero costume complete with sparkly boots and tiara. When I reached the steps to go to the door outside I knew God had just answered a prayer. In a pretty spectacular way too.

You see, my family and I have had a lot of fun and also been able to help people understand pigeons and doves better since we rescued a dove, Paz, in December 2014. We’ve brought her to Pet Project Sundays, and to Grace Pet Blessings, she even visited Sunday School classes a couple of times. The kids loved to hold and pet her, and she couldn’t get enough of their attention and love. I didn’t tell too many people, but the Monday after Easter, 2017 our Paz passed away from an infection.

Since her death, I prayed and looked for a new bird. I checked Google for breeders and the shelters for rescues. The shelters actually get lost pet birds on a regular basis, but no matter where I looked I couldn’t find *my* bird. I really wanted to have one before the Pet Blessing set for Sept. 23rd.

We were searching for a bird a bit smaller than Paz so it would be a better fit for our cage. I was fascinated by the many colors that God uses on pigeons and doves. Particularly, I was hoping to find a bird with white feathers, and iridescent green and purples around pigeons’ necks were particularly pleasing to us. A breeder was a possibility as we would be able to get a young bird and exactly the colors we wanted.

I was overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement as I ran down the stairs to go outside.

Bird, continued on page 5

Finance Report – August Results

Financial results for August YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$287,157, Budget \$265,617
- Other Income – Actual \$19,314, Budget \$19,000
- Expenses – Actual \$292,560, Budget \$308,738
- Net activity – Actual \$13,911, Budget (\$24,122)



Actual net activity was favorable to budget by \$38,033. This was due to increased pledged and unpledged activity and also due to many expense areas under budget. Certain large projects around the church are being funded from Malmin funds, including bathroom remodeling/construction of \$42,055.

The full year budget was a deficit of \$26,300, but actual results should be positive due to the favorable results experienced to date. The one-time gifts given as part of the stewardship appeal will be recognized in the income statement evenly throughout the fiscal year.

Church Council Highlights From the August 22, 2017 Council Meeting

At the August 22nd Church Council Meeting:

- The Council was informed by the Property Committee that:
 - New ceiling and sound proofing is completed in the Chapel (cost covered by insurance settlement). New floor tile will be installed and the carpet will be repaired or replaced.
 - In the Café, the floor was ground and polished to remove old carpet adhesive, and may be stained or area rugs might be put down.
 - In the Daycare room east of the Chapel the drywall on the west wall has been replaced and painting has been done.
 - A new floor cleaning machine has been ordered to enable easier cleaning of hard floors.
 - The new restrooms near the Café/Chapel are to be completed by September 1st.
 - To be completed: restrooms on ground floor and first floor in the Educational wing; new vanity and sink for the storage room for the Daycare. Also, repaint the storage room.
- The Finance Committee reported that both the church and daycare budgets are currently “in the black”, year-to-date (\$15,989 and \$6,485 respectively).
- The Council was informed that Brooke Howsare has been hired as the new Director of the Daycare.
- The Council authorized the staff to pursue the construction of a three-part “Little Library”, food distribution, and household cleaning and hygiene facility.
- Progress continues on establishing policy and personnel to facilitate Thrivent Dollars monies.
- The 2020 Committee reported that we currently have many small groups doing niche projects, many of which “overlap”, and an effort will be made to pull these groups together to provide better communications and more opportunities to serve Christ.

Dave Gronert
Council Secretary



Do you not have email or computer access?

Please let us know so that we can make sure you hear about the news you need. We have volunteers who can notify you by phone when there is a funeral.

We can also make sure we have your correct address so you receive newsletters and other information.

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The bird was still in the window when I got there, although it was healthy and capable of flying away. My son Robert had developed an expert technique for snatching Paz off the top of our refrigerator and within seconds had the bird in hand. Holding it, we were surprised how small it was. Smaller than Paz for certain.

We brought it inside, then took it home to find out what we could. According to the tag this bird was hatched 2017, the leg band was put on by a member of the National Birmingham Roller Club. Birmingham Rollers are a type of pigeon that are only slightly larger than a dove and start doing back flips when they go flying in the sky. I called the National Pigeon Association (NPA), the authority on registered doves and pigeons. They had no records of this bird, because the Birmingham Roller Club uses their own codes. To top it off, they had no contact information for the club. I googled local clubs, and besides several roller derby sites, I didn't find anything. The ARL didn't have any contacts and suggested we contact the National Pigeon Association. Which I had already done. We did finally find a website for the National Birmingham Roller Club, but it hasn't been maintained since 2015. A dead end at every turn of our search for the original owner.

Since then, the bird was named Oz. We don't know if it's a boy or girl and Oz is a unisex Hebrew name that means Strength. He/she purrs with amazing intensity during baths and being held. Once I got him/her clean, I saw the black feathers around his/her neck have the iridescent purple and green. This sweet peaceful bird, is absolutely EVERYTHING, EVERY DETAIL I'd prayed and looked for in our new pet. I truly believe that God sent the bird to Grace to meet up with me.

Sandy Briggs

**Are you planning a one-time or recurring meeting or a yearly event?
Does your committee occasionally cancel meetings due to busy schedules?
Help us keep the Calendar up to date!**



Meeting room schedules fill up – and if your meeting isn't listed, you may find another group occupying the space you had planned on using. Weddings or other private events are often scheduled months in advance – as important as any booked event is, we don't want your yearly event to suddenly not have a date or space.

Our website calendar advertises these events to anyone who looks. Please make sure we know when you plan to use a space, **and** when you cancel a meeting so we can communicate that through any of our publications.

Send all information to denise@gracedm.org or add-subtract your event to the calendar wall by adding a post-it note with all the details and your contact information, or leave a note in Denise's mailbox. You may also contact michelle@gracedm.org to update publications.

Fall Youth Ministry

Frolic (ages 0-3), Sunday School (Preschool – 5th Grade), Confirmation, and middle and high school hangouts meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Contact Ellen@gracedm.org for more information or to volunteer

Sunday School 0-5th grade

Children's Sermon during worship



The Sunday morning children's sermon is back to worship!

But not every single week, so we thought you'd like to know

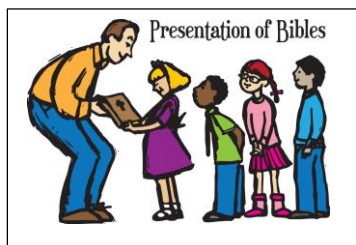
which Sundays it will be offered: October 8, October 29, November 26, December 24.

If this opportunity is one your kids look forward to, go ahead and put these dates on your calendars

October 8 Kit Packing!

Sunday School of all ages and Adult Education will meet together to pack LWR Kits in Grace Hall. There will also be activities related to the Reformation. Join us as we work together to serve others.

Presentation of Bibles



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The following students were presented Bibles during worship on September 17:
Kindergarten- Brett Beaman, Declan Holst, Henry Jordahl, Evan Justice, Elijah Lund, Jaxsen Traver, Easton Ziska
Third Grade-Gabriella Artzer, Ava Lund, Victoria Meillier, Maycia Welty
Sixth Grade- Ella Oberhart, Charla Preston, Layne Weber

6th – 12th grade

2017 Confirmation Retreat

WHO: Co-retreat for Confirmation students in 6th- 8th Grade at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes and Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines Co-Led by Sonja Gerstenberger (St. Peter), Ellen Rothweiler (Grace) and Pastors Mark Schlenker and Mike Schmidt

WHAT: Confirmation Retreat: *Why Worship?* – Youth will engage in the parts of worship and plan a worship service.

WHEN: 9 a.m. Saturday October 14 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, October 15 (Parents please drop off and pick up youth at the Y camp. Feel free to arrange carpooling.)

WHERE: YMCA Camp, Boone, Iowa, 1192 166th Dr, Boone, IA 50036

WHY: For the purpose of learning and experiencing the fundamentals of worship in order that participants can gain a greater understanding of and connection with this central expression of our church. This retreat is meant to enhance the things we do with Confirmation Ministry the rest of the year by giving us time to focus on this important topic of worship, and time together to grow in friendship and Christian community. This retreat is an expectation of the Confirmation program here at Grace Lutheran Church.

Adult Education and Study

Sundays Adult Education

Grace Hall, 9:30 a.m.

October Theme – Celebrating the Reformation

- 10/01 **Pastor's Panel** – The Lord's Prayer and The Apostle's Creed: Luther's Small Catechism
- 10/08 **LWR Kit Packing** and Reformation activities
- 10/15 **Musician's Panel – Reformation Music**
Join this talented panel as they discuss and share with us Music of and During the Reformation.
- 10/22 Reformation Video Part 1
- 10/29 Reformation Video Part 2

Centering Prayer at Grace

Upper Room, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Led by Julie Honsey

Schedule:

- Opening Devotion
- 20 minutes Centering Prayer
- Book Discussion

One Year Bible Discussion

Sundays 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Hall. Each month's reading plans are available on the Grace website at www.gracedm.org, on the links page.

Tuesday Bible Study

Led by Pastor Mike in Grace Hall

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Religious Discussion Group, Sept 20

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. conference room. Led by The Rev. Ro Zimany or Rev. Bill Kallestad

Oct. 4. Psalm 80:7-15; Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-46; & Phillipians 3:4b-14.

Oct. 11. To be announced

Oct. 18 Mark

Oct. 25 Matthew's Gospel

September Calendar

Find an updated calendar www.gracedm.org, and printed in the entrance hall each week.

Every Week (not listed in calendar below)

Sundays

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Bible discussion group, Gathering Hall

9:30 a.m. – Adult Education and Sunday School

Tuesdays

11:00 a.m. Staff meeting, library

Tuesdays

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Bible Study, Grace Hall

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer Group, Upper room.

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers

Music rehearsals, continuing ed, confirmation.

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. Quilters, Msindo Hall

October Dates

3 – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Knitters Guild, GH I

5 – First Circle Friends – Grace Hall I & II 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Worship Volunteer Training

6 – GKC Picture Day

7 – 8:30 a.m. – noon Spiritual Practices Retreat

10 – 6:30 p.m. Executive Team Meeting

11 – 6:30 p.m. GKC Parent Board – Library

12 – 6:00 p.m. Grace 2020/Staff meeting

14 – Confirmation Retreat – Boone Y Camp

14 – 9:00 a.m. Painting of Chapel, rehearsal Space

14 – Men's Work Group 8:30 - noon

15 – Confirmation Retreat

15 – Mid- Iowa Cactus & Succulent Society - Cafe

17 – 6:00 p.m. Lydia Circle – GH I & Kitchen

17 – 7:00 p.m. Hunger Team – Conference Room

18 – Hunger Team meeting, Library

19 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends – Grace Hall I & II

21 – 7:00 a.m. – noon Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

21 – 9:30 a.m. – Altar Guild coffee offsite

23 – 5:30 p.m. AFET planning meeting - Library

24 – 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

26 – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Marth Circle – GH I & Kitchen

27 – GKC Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot

27 – Reformation 500 Festival Offsite

28 – Reformation 500 Festival Offsite

28 – 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner

29 – Reformation 500 Festival Offsite

29 – Affirmation of Baptism at 10:45 worship service

29 – noon, Private event GH & Kitchen



Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for hats, gloves, and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. It's important for us to give children the opportunity to shop for their favorite new winter coat. Because of that, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, each child will have the simple joy of buying their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI's hats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Healing through Harmony

Jaden's life changed when he was 5 years old. His father unexpectedly passed away, and through his grief, Jaden's connection to his mother became strained and he struggled to manage his anger at home.

He was placed in LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames when he was 10, and he remembers being introduced to Spiritual Life. The voluntary LSI program connects youth in residential treatment with faith-based art, music, and film. It is there to serve as a safe space for children to open up about their emotions and get the support they need to thrive. "I always knew I loved to sing and I liked music," Jaden says. "Songs made me feel better, and music allowed me to express myself."

Jaden eventually relocated to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, where he reconnected with Pastor Dennis Bauer, the director of the Spiritual Life program. "Jaden is one of the few kids who would actively set up lunch appointments with me," Pastor Dennis says. "He's really benefitted from being able to talk during the day."

Having access to a support network and a trusting relationship with Pastor Dennis has helped Jaden feel empowered to make a positive change during his time at Bremwood. Now 14, Jaden's finding his faith through music, and he's learning how to talk about his trauma and become a role model for other Iowa children in residential treatment.

Jaden has now been adopted into a loving family. As he finishes up his treatment at Bremwood, his family is there to visit and worship with him, and Jaden is enjoying being a new big brother in his family.

DMARC Donation of the Month: Beans: dried or canned, low sodium, no pork and beans

Grace Garden Notes: The Garden is slowing down, but we'll still be harvesting for the Food Pantries during the week and for the Garden Table for a few more weeks. If YOU have extra produce you would like to donate, you can leave it at the church, contact someone on the garden committee, (Michelle Voelker, Carla Peterman, Julie Honsey, Brianne Pierce, Marion Nehmer), or bring it to a shelter on your own. These two are close to Grace, but there are others, and fresh produce is appreciated at all shelters.

- Urbandale food pantry is at 7611 Douglas (on North side in strip mall with Northern Lights pizza). They are open M - Th 9:30-6:30 and Sat 8:00 - 12:00
- Polk County River Place Food Pantry is at 2309 Euclid (kind of next to DMV office). They are open M - F 8:00 - 5:00

Worship Volunteer training

Thursday, October 5, from 6:30-7:30pm.

People of all ages who are seeking to serve are invited! *All current volunteers are encouraged to sign up and attend as well, as there will be new aspects to learn about each duty.* This training will cover the duties of *Lector, *Acolyte, *Liturgist, *Communion Assistant, *Usher, *Altar Guild

Please sign up online here www.volunteersignup.org/D3KTF or by calling the church office, denise@gracedm.org or 515-276-6873

Ladies Night Out

October 26, 6:00 p.m. or whenever you can arrive

Our October event will be held at Melissa Kallenbach's home in Johnston. Melissa will provide sandwiches and if everyone else could provide a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share that would be great!

Since it is hard to provide a beverage that everyone likes please bring your own beverage as well. I will provide address and directions when we get closer to the date.

To RSVP or for more information about the group, please contact Donna by phone or text – 515-778-7251 or email donnat@vgidesign.com

New in the Library

We have several new books in the library for young and adult readers! Stop in a check out the new ones and maybe find one that's new to you! New books are shelved on the tall bookcase on the north wall.

"Opie's Great Adventure the Little Pipe Organ that Wouldn't Give Up," by Michelle Phillips with Barbara and Ron Ritchie was donated by Rich and Deanna Snyder. Thank you for this children's book about an organ that had a long and useful life in a church in New York, then found a new home in Iowa when a Lutheran church bought it, restored in and installed it.

"Great Horse Stories for Girls," by Rebecca Ondov. These horse stories will help you create stronger friendships and believe in God's love as you read about true horse experiences.

"Circles of Care," by Ann Cason describes how to care for aging or infirmed individuals. She is the founder and director of a homecare consulting service.

Thank you also to Mark Mattes for the following 2 donations he either wrote or coedited:

"Martin Luther's Theology of Beauty," by Mark Mattes. Mark explores the aesthetic Luther found in all the beauty God has created.

"Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions," general editor, Timothy Wengert. Mark Mattes is an associate editor of this book.



Saturday October 14, 9 a.m.

In the Chapel
With a paintbrush
Emma, you, and others

No, it isn't a Grace Players production of Clue (although that would be fun), just some painting that needs to be done to freshen up the walls for the new music rehearsal space. **Your help is needed! Contact emma@gracedm.org, or just show up ready to paint!**

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 21, Serving from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Lions Club supports eye health through free non-invasive vision screenings especially to young children in their communities. They also support Hertko Hollow Diabetes Camp. Hertko Hollow is staffed with nurses, doctors, and dietitians so diabetic campers can attend and enjoy a sleepaway camp with confidence and while learning to take charge of their own self-care.

Thank You

Thank You for all your prayers and cards.
They are much appreciated. Linda Rundle

Hello everyone,
Thanks for your work and help at church
all year long! See you in October. Bev

To all our Friends at Grace Lutheran
Church for your continued kindness.
We loved the goodie bags & always
appreciate the supplies!
Sincerely, Moore Elementary Staff
(see the signatures on the bulletin board!)

We first met Dorothy and her husband
Duleep when they were involved in the
program they had at the Des Moines
Botanical Center, called Rainbow
Experience. Such a lovely couple.
Because we share mutual friendships
through the love of one God, I would like
to extend you and church members an
invitation to continue the tradition sharing
faith. Dorothy and Duleep were such
prime examples.
West Des Moines Spiritual Assembly
Member, Pamela Bresling
*(see bulletin board for October 22 BAHA'1
Festival of Unity event information)*

Des Moines Area Hunger Hike October 8, 2017

We have been walking since 1969 To increase
community consciousness and concern about
local and worldwide hunger and its root
causes.

- To raise funds to be used by non-profit
agencies and programs to help alleviate the
problem of hunger.

For more information go to
<http://dsmhungerhike.weebly.com>

The 2017 Iowa Hunger Summit
Monday, October 16, 2017, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Des Moines Marriott Downtown
This event is held each year during the World
Food Prize's week of events in October at the Des
Moines Marriott Downtown. It kicks off the events,
preceding the Norman E. Borlaug International
Symposium, also known as the "Borlaug
Dialogue." The Iowa Hunger Summit gathers
several hundred leaders from across Iowa
representing community organizations, business
and industry, state and local government, social
agencies, churches and religious communities,
schools and universities, and other groups that
lead or participate in projects to confront hunger.

We invite you to participate in this unique Iowa
event and learn more about domestic and
international hunger. This event is free and open
to the public.