



**GRACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Worship with Holy Communion

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When I was a little girl in the early '90s, a sweeping change to the traditional Christian worship setting had been occurring for two decades and had reached the pinnacle of popularity. "Alternative" or "contemporary" worship was in its hay-day. Praise bands were a regular addition to services, auditorium-style seating replaced pew benches, entertaining dramas or videos were presented as the message instead of a sermon. Church leaderships really wanted to reach people, and many decided this was the way to go about it. When I was very young my family went to one such service at the Presbyterian church we attended weekly. All the elements listed above were included, and it was the first time I had ever experienced anything other than "traditional" Sunday morning worship services. The pastor's wife came up to me afterwards and asked if I liked it. My response was "It was TOO LOUD." What a charming child I was. My blunt honesty aside, the experience opened my young eyes to the fact that there are many and varied ways of worshipping God in many and varied settings. My invitation to you as members of Grace Lutheran Church - long-time, first-time, and everything in between - is to think of worship experiences you as an individual have had here and consider the question "What if worship was like that *all the time*?"

When I was growing up, my family would make annual trips to Atmore prison to see Gary, a childhood friend of my Dad's who was incarcerated there on death row. It developed into a normal experience to wave at the guard house to be buzzed in through numerous barb-wired fences, patted down by the nice lady Sergeant and my coloring books searched for weapons, to watch and wait on tenterhooks for officers to un-chain Gary's hands and feet so that he could enter the visiting area. They actually became quite boring visits for me, the highlight being the trip to Hardee's on the way. But, I do remember with sharp clarity the interaction and dynamic between my Dad and Gary. They'd known each other since grade school and they were completely comfortable with one another, even in that sterile environment under the watchful eye of prison guards. They would chat and catch up for a short time, and then settle in for Bible study. I heard them talk with such joy about the love Jesus has for us, and all the ways this love is expressed in the pages of the Bible. Even busy with crayons as I was, I felt that benevolent presence they invoked each and every visit. What if worship was like that all the time?

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Happy August Birthday

- 1 - Cathleen Swanson
Laura Schwartz
Amy Neal
- 2 - Kevin Drury
Deborah Helt
- 3 - Michael Hansen
- 4 - Matthew Trickle
- 5 - Shirley Dyson
Rev. Ro Zimany
Donald Swanson
Elizabeth Rudisill
Joshua Appenzeller
Jolee Feeney
Kayleigh Medhurst
- 6 - Carla Peterman
Riannon Brown
- 7 - Dale DeBolt
Layne Weber
- 8 - Teri Koch
- 9 - Ross Lewis
Katherine Lenhart
- 10 - Delores Larsen
- 11 - Martha Martens
Linda Ulrick
- 13 - Maria Jacobo
Josefina Ruiz
- 14 - Angela Hansen
Rachel Welty
- 15 - Connie Heuton
Alex Pilon
Adam Dostalick
- 16 - Cheryl Weatherington
- 18 - Beverly Russell
Michael Best
- 19 - Alyssa Weaver
- 20 - Patrick Thompson
Brent Ridnour
Cooper Mortenson
- 21 - Tom McCleary
- 22 - Annika Christensen
Devin Christensen
- 23 - Marvin Johns
Janice Nordeen
Mark Mattes
- 24 - Grace Schroeder
Janet Trentmann
John Gronert
Linda Gronert
Brady Bogue
Cris Hidalgo
- 25 - Scott Honsey



Happy August Anniversary

- 1 - Stuart and Martha Mitchell
- 4 - Paul and Melissa Kallenbach
Howard and Alice Kulzer
- 7 - Ryan and Rachael Bigg
- 11 - Donald and Bonnie Jo Swanson
- 12 - John and Sharon Schwemler
- 13 - Gary and Marion Nehmer
- 14 - Lathrop and Sally Preston
Ralf and Inga Hoifeldt
- 15 - Sean and Melinda Stickrod
Chris and MeLissa Lawson
- 16 - John and Carol Rudisill
Dale and Pat Bordt
- 19 - Kenneth and Eleanor Carlson
- 21 - Ernest and Cheryl Weatherington
- 25 - Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim
Scott and Julie Honsey
- 26 - Jerry and Diane Westercamp
- 29 - Norman and Lenora Iverson
- 30 - Joshua and Kristene Shortell
- 31 - Martin and Kari Dostalick
Kurt and Kathy Bowermaster

Our Sympathies are with:

Jay and Ginny Wangerin on
the loss of their
granddaughter,
Claire Rouse

The family of
Anna Marie Deskin



**Office Hours: The church office and Grace Kids Care will
both be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2**

Birthdays Continued

- 27 - Tim Nelson
- 28 - Richard Randolph
Philip Snyder
Brandon Niemuth
- 29 - Susan Halblom
Todd Prescott
- 30 - Janet Gross
Leonard Ringgenberg
Janet Habick
- 31 - Eleanor Carlson
Gary Nehmer



SPOT- LIGHT ON...

The Art of Condolences

Originally published by Plaza Printers Printer's Press newsletter. Grace Member Care Team, Visiting Friends, Quilters, the remaining Stephen Ministry members, and others at Grace do such wonderful work caring for people at Grace in time of need. For some of us, knowing how to respond can feel awkward and tricky at times, so we thought to share this advice.

The Art of Condolences:

A sympathy note can be one of the most challenging things you will ever write. It can be difficult to find the right words, and many times you worry about saying the wrong thing or feel uncomfortable expressing your true feelings. Here are a few tips on how to provide sincere words of comfort.

- ♥ Share a loving memory of the deceased. It is comforting to those who have experienced loss to know that others have special memories that they carry with them.
- ♥ If you're worried about saying the wrong thing, keep your message very short. Remember that family members aren't expecting something profound. They just want to know you are thinking of them, such as "my heart and thoughts go out to you during this difficult time."
- ♥ If you don't know the surviving family members who will receive your card, it might be helpful to mention your connection to their loved one (work, church, etc.)
- ♥ If you'd like to help the recipient, include an offer as part of your message, such as "we will take care of your lawn for as long as you need." Include your email and phone number so they can easily respond.
- ♥ Facebook comments or emails are an acceptable first gesture to show your sympathy, but you should follow that first connection with a handwritten note and, whenever possible, attendance at the funeral or visitation.
- ♥ Ongoing messages of support are welcome long after the funeral. For example, it is very thoughtful to let the family know you are thinking of them on the deceased's birthday or the family's first Christmas apart.
- ♥ If you are looking for words to describe the deceased, consider: kindhearted, talented, admired, well-loved, honorable, sweet, generous, and one-of-a-kind.

Visiting Friends

The purpose of Visiting Friends is to bring loving care, attention, and concern to those who are isolated from our church family due to age, illness, or circumstance. By reaching out beyond the church walls, it is our hope that God's real presence may be sensed and felt wherever two or three are gathered.

Visiting Friends carry the Good News to members who are unable to get to church and they deliver communion to our friends at home.

During the past year, Visiting Friends traveled to several local facilities and private residences to visit and distribute communion.

If you would like to know more about Visiting Friends, have questions about the ministry, or know of someone who may benefit from the ministry, please contact

Cheryl Weatherington (cherylweatherington@rocketmail.com/515-669-0441),

Martha Mitchell (iwork4Him@gmail.com/515-491-3062), or

Cherie Rissman (cherierissman@gmail.com/515-205-8939).

Church Council Highlights

From the May 28th, 2019 Council Meeting

At the May 28th, 2019 Church Council Meeting:

- **Staff and Financial Reports:**
 - The Council reviewed the Staff reports submitted for the month of May.
 - Church and Grace Kids Care financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Both entities appear to be in good financial shape at this point in time.
- **Property Committee Report:**
 - The Council reviewed the list of capital needs projects as submitted by the Property Committee.
 - After discussion, the Council recognized the need to appoint a committee to oversee the capital needs projects and the funding thereof. Council is soliciting names of persons willing to serve on such a committee.
- **The Council held discussion:**
 - Concerning tuition discounts offered to church staff and daycare employees. More information was needed concerning applicable rules and regulations. Two Council members volunteered to do the research and report back at the June Council meeting.
- **Other reports, new business**
 - The Council reviewed procedures for handling issues that may arise during Pastor Mike's sabbatical.

Respectfully,
Dave Gronert, Council Secretary

Church Council Highlights

From the June 25th, 2019 Council Meeting

At the June 25th, 2019 Church Council Meeting:

- **Staff and Financial Reports:**
 - The Council reviewed the Staff reports submitted for the month of June.
 - Church and Grace Kids Care financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Church is currently a bit over budget at this time, due to unanticipated expenses. Daycare is currently in the black. The Council complimented Mary Edwards on the excellent job she is doing as Grace Kids Care Director.
- **Property Committee Report:**
 - To date, the following persons have volunteered to serve on the Capital Campaign Committee: Aaron Brandsfield, Eric Weber, Tammy Denton, and Don Peterson (as a consultant). Council members will ask additional congregation members to serve on this committee.
- **Action Items:**
 - After discussion, the Council passed four motions designed to accurately define and limit daycare tuition discounts offered to church staff and daycare employees in order to bring these discounts into line with regulations and recommendations from a consultant.
- **Other reports, new business**
 - The next Council meeting will be July 23rd, 2019, 6 PM, in Grace Hall.

Respectfully,
Dave Gronert, Council Secretary

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In 2000 I traveled to France with a group from my church to spend time in the monastic community of Taizé. We were provided with hostel-type lodgings, and we shared meals and bible studies with other visitors from all over the world. We also attended worship three times a day in the Church of Reconciliation. While technically a church building, it was unlike any I had ever entered. It was a big, domed space without interior walls or seating. Everyone (except the monks) sat on the floor. I saw a monk check his watch a couple times once, so that made me feel more at home in that new environment – even monks sometimes want to know if it's dinner time yet. The majority of the lighting came from huge numbers of candles, and there was red fabric draping hung all around the altar space. Prayer and silence are at the heart of worship in Taizé, and of course the beautiful songs chanted in repetition to be a part of meditation. Even though we sang in a dozen different languages, there was always a palpable sense of unity among the congregation. What if worship was like that all the time?

Here at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, we are a close-knit community of faith. Our services are every Sunday, and we worship and receive the sacraments together. We gather at various times during the week for fellowship and ministry. This routine is so important because it becomes the overarching repetition of prayer and the constant presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. It bolsters our faith. But, it is also important to breathe new air sometimes, to make a space outside the traditional structure for your own personal encounter with God. This can take shape in different ways – maybe Centering Prayer is this space for you; maybe making music, alone or with others, is your renewing experience. Whatever the form your faith journey takes, I invite you now to consider a new question: What if worship was simply allowing Christ to dwell in you?

Emma Stammer, *minister for worship and music*

Grace Kids Care Thank You

Grace Kids Care would like to send a special thank you to the Willing Workers and Saturday Men's Group for tackling some of the maintenance projects for Grace Kids Care! You help us keep the building up and running and always have a smile to offer! Our kids and staff thank you!!

Grace Kids Care Hiring

Grace Kids Care is hiring part-time staff and volunteers for August and beyond. Students and retirees are ideal candidates! Hours would be Monday through Friday, 8-10 AM or 3-6 PM (or both). If you love kids and would like to apply, please email mary@gracedm.org.



Finance Report – June Results

Financial results for June YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$213,569, Budget \$203,200
- Other Income – Actual \$15,461, Budget \$15,250
- Expenses – Actual \$247,851, Budget \$217,575
- Net activity – Actual (\$18,821), Budget \$875



Actual net activity was unfavorable to budget by \$19,696. Pledged and unpledged offerings were both above budget. Expenses were significantly above budget due to boiler repairs, flooring repairs, higher insurance and snow removal costs. Additionally, \$7,829 was expensed in June for a new HVAC unit in the daycare classroom area.

Youth Ministry – an Invitation

Contact ellen@gracedm.org

You are invited to participate!

"Grace Lutheran church is a community of faith centered in worship, held in grace, strengthened in love, and sent forth in mission in Jesus name. Our values are discipleship, community, acceptance, prayer. We see our vision as guiding people to live differently in Christ."

Perhaps these mission and vision statements sound a little familiar. They were developed by the 2020 task force and small groups have been working to implement them. Five Central pillars were developed: worship, outreach, education, well-being, and finance. Several small teams were developed to address each of these pillars. The education team focused on growing disciples utilizing a service learning approach as a way to enable us to live differently in Christ. Service learning is a process that involves preparation, action, reflection, and celebration. It is much more intentional than simply including service projects in our programming. The first phase of this approach became Active Grace and was applied to our elementary school age children. Last year we focused on bible stories and activities related to feeding the hungry, friendship, and prayer. Active Grace is expanding this year to include everyone. **You are invited to participate!** This fall we will focus on bible stories on stewardship: stewardship of creation, stewardship of resources (money and talents) and stewardship of self (body and spirit). Look for opportunities to participate in Active Grace Family Worship on first Sundays and action events on third Sundays. We look forward to learning and serving together!

Active Grace Fall schedule-

Each month we will work through the four steps of the Service Learning process- **Preparation, Action, Reflection** and **Celebration**. See each phase highlighted in the schedule outlined below-

September- Stewardship of Creation

Sunday, September 15 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Kick-off!

11:00-11:30: Active Grace Family Worship (Grace Hall)

11:30-12:00: Lunch and Learn

12:00-1:00: Creation Service Learning activities (**Preparation, Action, Reflection**)

Sunday, September 29

10:00-11:00. All ages activities led by Polk County Conservation

4:00-6:00 pm Active Grace family picnic @ Jester Park-no plastic challenge! (**Celebration**)

October- Stewardship of Resources (money and talents)

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

11:00-11:30: Active Grace Family Worship

11:30-12:00: Lunch and Learn with R.J. Rademacher from Thrivent

12:00-1:00: **Preparation** rotations

Sunday, October 22, time TBD

Thrivent **Action** team projects (**Action, Reflection**)

Sunday, October 27, 9 am worship

Share pictures and stories (**Celebration**)

Children and Families in Preschool-5th grade are invited to come and participate together. Teens in 6-12 grade will have leadership and mentor roles. All other adults are invited to come and participate, this is for you too!! We are all Active Grace!

Every Week (not all listed at right)

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gathering Hall

Tuesdays

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Upper room, led by Julie Honsey

11:00 a.m. Staff meeting, Innovation lab

Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor Mike will resume in September

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers work & coffee time

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Quilters

Msindo Quilting Room, beneath the Sanctuary.

Please note: this is a no food, no perfume/added scent space: water is allowed in closed containers only.

Other Grace Groups!

Men's Work Group, Saturday, August 10.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 8:30 a.m. – noon. We start with breakfast in the kitchen, and a devotion, followed by work around the building or grounds as needed.

Altar Guild Meeting, meal, and fellowship:

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. location to be announced for coffee, meeting, fellowship.

Please join us! Contact

anderson.sue.a@gmail.com to be included in the location emails.

Grace Stitching & Needlework Group

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in Grace Hall. Contacts: Helen Ringgenberg or Carol Krause

First Circle Friends

LSI Respite Program for those in early stages of memory loss. Typically meeting at Grace on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Contact <https://lsiowa.org>

Newsletter submission deadline: August 22

August Calendar

1 – 2 Confirmation camp with Ellen at Lutheran Lakeside!

1 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Quilters

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GH

2 – Grace Kids Care Closed for Inservice

4 – 11:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. Swahili Group, Grace Hall, cafe

5 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café

6 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Principal Retirees

Luncheon, Grace Hall, kitchen

6-30 – 9:00 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild, Grace Hall

8 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Quilters

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group, GH

10 – 8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Gene and Lucy Krauss 70th Anniversary Open House

12 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café

13 – 6:30 p.m. Exec. meeting

15 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Quilters

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GH

17 – 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild meeting – off site

19 – Office Closed

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. Staff Retreat - offsite

4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café

22 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Quilters

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group, GH

25 – 9:00 a.m. Pastor Mike Returns to worship

Blessing of Backpacks in Worship

26 - 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café

27 – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

29 - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Quilters

30 – Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

31 – Wedding, Sanctuary

Early September Highlights

2 – Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Grace Kids Care, closed

4 – Confirmation Orientation, Grace Hall

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Grace Kids Care Open

House, Gathering Hall

8 – Celebration Sunday, Bells rehearsals begin

11 – Choir Rehearsal begins



Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 25! Bring your bags, backpacks, even briefcases to worship at 9:00 a.m.



New Member Class

Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. in the Innovation Lab.

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Grace, join Pastor Mike at 10:30. Contact the office at 515-276-6873 if you have questions.



School is right around the corner! This time of year is exciting and stressful for many of us, but imagine what it would be like to be a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. You might be afraid of not being able to concentrate or fit in at your school. You might worry about adjusting to a new classroom routine or making new friends. You might feel alone, like no one can relate to you.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental health services to children and families across the state. It's our job to relate to children who might feel alone or misunderstood. Our therapists work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team collaborates with families in their own homes to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision-making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or 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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

Back to His Usual Self

Sixteen-year-old Loki was struggling in school. He'd once been ambitious and conscientious about schoolwork, but now, his grades were slipping. He was becoming detached and disconnected from his family and his friends. He bottled up his emotions and refused to open up. His dad, Troy, felt like his son was slipping away.

Troy thought he'd exhausted all his options until he learned about LSI's Mental Health Services.

Loki began meeting with his LSI therapist, Renae, regularly. For the first time, Loki had a neutral, unbiased person to share his feelings and frustrations with. But Renae did more than just listen. She helped Loki practice coping skills and learn ways to feel more comfortable opening up and trusting other people with his feelings.

Slowly but surely, Troy started noticing Loki being more talkative after his sessions with Renae. Loki told more stories about his friends at school, and Troy saw his son spending more time with his classmates at the end of the day instead of being eager to get home. With Renae in his corner and practical skills to fall back on, Loki feels more confident. He is thriving at school again. His grades are back up. He is more outgoing, and he has a stronger relationship at home with Troy.

"I'm a lot happier and Loki is a lot happier. Everything is going in a positive direction," Troy says. "Renae and LSI have been excellent working with my son, and his therapy has gone better than I imagined."



LWR School Kit Challenge

Your Lutheran World Relief team is offering the opportunity for you to complete a school kit of your own during the Fall LWR Drive. You supply the contents, we supply the backpack. Bring your items to a LWR event or display between Sept 8- Oct 13. We will also be collecting monetary donations during that time.

Several other activities are planned. Join us to design or tie a quilt, put together 200+ school kits, bundle a baby care kit. More info to follow!

Here is a list of the supplies you need to participate in the challenge, all should be new:

Four 70 page spiral notebooks, college or wide ruled

One 30 cm ruler

One pencil sharpener

One box of 48 ct crayons, regular kind

One pair BLUNT kids scissors

One 2 inch eraser

Five #2 pencils, not sharpened, banded together with rubber band

Five ball point pens, blue or black ink, no gel ink, banded together with rubber band

Music News!

- Choir rehearsals begin September 11, 7-8pm.
- Bells will play in worship September 22 with rehearsals the 8th and 15th, 8:15-8:45am. Let Emma know if you are interested at emma@gracedm.org. If you have never played handbells before but want to join the fun, never fear! Emma will meet with you briefly one-on-one to nail down the basics.



Grace Giving Garden

Did you know? We have a beautiful garden on the North side of the building named Grace Giving Garden. So named because Grace Lutheran gives to the Des Moines Area Pantries and also to the congregation. We have a group of dedicated gardeners who give of their time and energy, not to mention a little sweat! We share the bounty of the garden with you on Sunday mornings – on a table in the entryway. You are welcome to take what you will consume and leave some for others. What's on the table? Each weekend we list the vegetables harvested on a small board for you to easily identify the week's harvest. Beans, cucumbers and peppers are in abundance right now. Look for tomatoes, okra, beets, and other yummys too. Want to help with the harvest, watering, or weeding? Contact Michelle Voelker in the church office at michelle@gracedm.org.



Building Hours

The building will no longer be unlocked in the evenings when unoccupied. Grace Kids Care staff will be locking the main doors when they close at 6 p.m. after the children have been picked up.

Groups already meeting in the building will be able to exit out any door as usual.

If you need to let others in, or plan to arrive at a later time (as for a scheduled meeting or event), office staff can show you how to unlock the main doors - and lock again when you leave. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Aaron Brandfield.

Thank You**Quilters**

Thank you very much for considering Randy to have a quilt and prayers. It was wonderful and he was very surprised on a night of communion during Lenten Services to find his name to be fulfilled during continuing church services tying the quilt with prayers. He was very honored to receive the quilt and used it continually in his fight to be well. Thank you.

Member Care

Thank you very much for the Casseroles that you made for our dinner during the funeral process for Randy Taylor. It was very good and we appreciate the ready made meals for the family.

Funeral Luncheon

Thank you for the sandwiches, salads, cookies, and drinks during the funeral luncheon for Randy Taylor. It was very enjoyable and the ladies that did the preparation work, serving, and clean up were appreciated very much. Thank you.

The Family of Randy Taylor

Thank You to Member Care

Thank you to the Member Care Team, members of the congregation and all those involved in the Member Care Event in June. We enjoyed receiving the beautiful Gerbera daisies and cookies. The visit from Grace Friends was appreciated.

Thank you, Don and Gloria Moon

Dear Friends at Grace. Thank you so much for the Gerbera Daisies and the Large Printed Word in Seasons that Julie Honsey brought me. I love visiting with her so much.

Mary Donnenwerth

Grace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for letting us come in and use your beautiful space and for all your staff did to make our day perfect! All the effort you put in allowed us to enjoy the day to the fullest! We can't thank you enough!

The Kluver's, Tyler and Lauren

Staff Note: Thank you to Sue Anderson for all you do as Wedding Coordinator at Grace!

Dear Friends,

Leonard and I want to thank you so much for the lovely prayer quilts you made for us. Even more wonderful was to learn that there are 147 knots in each quilt and a prayer for each knot. We are so grateful and thankful for our Grace family.

Delores and Leonard Larsen

Gene and Lucy Krauss are Celebrating 70 years of Marriage!

You are invited to celebrate with them at an Open House at Grace.

Saturday, August 10, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Grace Hall, at Lutheran Church

The family is wondering if there is anyone who be able to help serve during the party, so they can focus on family and friends during the open house?

We have a few volunteers, but many hands make light work! Contact the office if you can help for an hour or two. Thank you!

Heifer International Gratefully Recognizes

Grace Lutheran Church for serving the Lord through Faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. The congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.

The official certificate of recognition can be found on the Office bulletin board.

DMARC Requested Donations for August

Frozen Meat: Ground Beef, Chicken, Salmon, Pork, Ground Turkey, Ground Venison...