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Sundays

Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship, Adult Ed., & coffee time at 10:00 a.m.

Active Grace Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
(see page 6 & 7 for dates/times)

Office Hours

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, closed Friday

Needs Replenished

Like many of you, the story of “Iowa Legend: Carson King” has been on my mind a lot lately. As thousands gathered to see College Gameday in action, this seemingly average person stands up with a sign requesting “beer money.” What started off as an attempt to get on television turned into something that has brought together people on both sides of the rivalry together for a great cause. What we’ve come to learn about Carson King is that he is not average all, but extraordinary. A legend.

As the story has unfolded, Carson has been forced to deal with a variety of pressures. He has dealt with rocketing into local celebrity status. He has dealt with national fame. He has had to deal with his past. Through it all he has never waived on his commitment to a need that is far greater than his own needs. When confronted with statements from his past, he dealt with them with refreshing honesty that has been long gone from public discourse with celebrities and politicians. Carson has changed a lot in the last 8 years, and that is a good thing. Iowa is in love with the man that he has become.

This seemingly average guy has united people in a cause that has now raised over a million dollars for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital. He didn’t raise the money, or sell things, of go door to door. It was organic and involved numerous people joining the cause. Gifts range from very small to very large, yet when pooled together, this young man started something that none of us will ever forget.

The story is more than simply a current event. It speaks to the life of a congregation as well. The story of nearly every congregation begins with a person or small group of people wondering if this might work. The Holy Spirit takes it from there and in much the same way, suddenly there are people around and a tangible sense of energy. Throughout the life of the congregation there is an unwavering focus on something far greater than the needs of the community of faith.

We also must face our past sometimes. It is said that if you are the same person at 40 years old as you were at 20 years old, you just wasted 20 years. My experience is that if a congregation is the same as it was 20 years ago, we have wasted 20 years too. Things have changed. Grace Lutheran Church has changed a lot in the last 20 years, as has the complete context of Church in North America. There are parts of those changes that bring about a variety of emotions, and that is ok. We simply need to take time to address those realities.

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Happy October Birthday

- 1 - Katharine Radermacher
- 2 - 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
Jaxsen Traver
- 11 - Christopher Kallenbach
Emily Harmon
Daniel Harmon
Jeramie Mitchell
Alexander Gutmann
Fred Hofferber
- 12 - Greg Boesch
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
Vincent Meillier
- 16 - Joan Johnson
Rev. Stephen Sherer
Kara Jordahl
Lukus Loehrke
- 17 - Roberto Ruiz
- 18 - Bruce Nelson
- 19 - Isaac Justice
- 20 - Linda Ross
Patricia Schouten
Sean Stickrod
Stuart Turner
James Briggs
- 21 - Sarah Schroeder
Sage Speck
Owen Chenoweth

October Birthdays continued

- 23 - Ronald Vernia
Trinity Newman
- 24 - Melissa Kallenbach
- 25 - Joyce Lewis
Tina Meadows
- 26 - Seth Kallestad
- 27 - Douglas Dinnauer
Sarah Voelker
- 28 - Max Sauerman
- 29 - Col. Franklin Peterson
Jessica Russell
- 30 - Travis Brown
Pedro Espericueta
Maycia Welty
- 31 - Monte Wilner
Ashley Artzer
Tanner Peeler
Kellen Johnson



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
- 23 - Karri and Aaron Brandsfield
- 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



Our sympathy to the family and friends of
John Farver.



Frances Best thanks you for all that Grace has done for her!

Pastor Mike for his visit
For the beautiful prayer quilt and all those that helped make it.
For the recent copy of The Friendly Visitor
For the plant
For the card
And for all the prayers.

SPOT-LIGHT ON...

DMARC and Little Free Pantry October Drive Disposable Hygiene Products

We often think of donating food to DMARC and food pantries, but did you know they collect and distribute other goods? DMARC has a great need for disposable hygiene products, like diapers and tampons and pads.

Also, as a part of our Grace Little Free Pantry we intend to have a cabinet devoted to just hygiene products. In the Preparation phase of our October Service Learning theme “Stewardship of Money” we are going to spend some time learning and thinking about the cost of these necessary items and how that might impact a person’s ability to afford other things, like food or utilities.

As part of our Action phase from October 6 to October 20 we are going to do a congregation-wide drive for diapers, tampons and pads. Your family can do the work of deciding how best to share your money in this effort; buying the items or giving your money to DMARC so they can buy in bulk. Take some time as a family to talk about cost per item and how many of each item a person might need each day or week. Do the math, figure out what a monthly budget might be and if that is for the generic or the name brand. Then, holding that information in mind, discern what you might be able to share. Some of the money and items donated will go to DMARC and some will stay here to fill our Grace Little Food Pantry hygiene cabinet. Some statistical information from DMARC to aid in your discernment:

Diapers

- Diapers are a huge cost for low-income families. On average, a family has to spend \$18 a week (or \$936 a year) per child, which represents six percent of a single mother’s gross pay from a full-time minimum wage job (and that figure doesn’t take into account the cost of wipes).
- 16% of Iowa children under the age of 18 are infants and toddlers; 20% of those children live in families earning less than 100% of the FPL (Federal Poverty Level) and 22% percent live in families earning 100%-200% of FPL

Tampons and Pads

- 1 in 4 menstruating people struggle to purchase period products due to lack in income
- Menstruating people require an average of 6 period products per day
- State and federal safety-net programs cannot be used to purchase period supplies
- 1 in 5 low-income menstruating people report missing work, school, or other obligations due to lack of access to period supplies

Little Free Pantry (LFP) Update

Last month we told you a Pergola would be built – unfortunately the next permit approval meeting for such a structure is October 23. As we are good neighbors, the lovely Pergola will wait for placement approval, and then will be placed in an appropriate spot, possibly next Spring. However, the cabinets (as illustrated below) of the LFP WILL be installed on a smaller stand at the East end of the building, close to the garden. Confirmation students have painted the outside, and it will have a roof and a metal printed sign with our logo and the words “Little Free Pantry”. There are three cabinets on each side with clear doors, for a total of 6 cabinet spaces.

Between the DMARC Drive above, and a Thrivent Action Event, we will fill the pantry to start. It is our hope that the congregation and neighborhood will purchase various items to stock the LFP. The LFP has been constructed to be watertight, so anyone can walk up to place items in or take items out.



Church Council Highlights

From the August 27th, 2019 Council Meeting

At the August 27th, 2019 Church Council Meeting:

- **Staff and Financial Reports:**

- The Council reviewed the monthly Staff reports.
- Staff is revising the Facilities Use Policy.
- Church and Grace Kids Care financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Daycare finances continue to be in the black. Church giving is ahead of budget, however some large unexpected expenses have placed us in a deficit position.
- The Council further discussed security issues and some possible solutions.
- The Council received and reviewed Pastor Mike's Sabbatical Report, which contained some stories about churches visited, discussion of common problems facing most churches today, and some ideas gleaned from the whole sabbatical process.

- **Capital Campaign**

- The Council received and discussed printed material from another church's capital campaign.
- Brad Lint volunteered to serve on the Capital Campaign Committee.
- After discussion, the Council approved formation of an Oversight Committee to work with the Capital Campaign Committee.

- **Other reports, new business**

- Tammy Denton brought up the need for a pamphlet or printed guide of some sort which could be handed out to groups using the facility. The guides would contain information such as the location of light switches, location of restrooms, emergency exits and instructions, and so forth.
- The next Council meeting will be September 24th, 2019, 6 PM, in Grace Hall.

Respectfully,
Dave Gronert, Council Secretary

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The other thing about this story that is so captivating is the way that these contributions have grown. No one entity giving most of the donations, but a gathering of people all doing her/his part. Congregations are the same. Pledges and offerings at Grace Lutheran Church range from small to large, and when put together turns into something that truly transforms the spiritual landscape for hundreds of people. Together we accomplish great things.

Thank you all for your continued passion for God's ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. We thank you for your time, your prayers, your partnership, and the privilege of walking with each one of you. We also ask your prayerful consideration as you discern your pledge for 2020. These pledges and offerings help us shape our budget and sustain our collective ministry.

These days, I am very proud to be an Iowan, and extremely proud of the privilege to continue serving you as pastor.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike

Keep the Kids Warm: Merle Hay Neighborhood Association

For the past four years, Merle Hay Neighborhood Association has collected coats, hats, mittens, scarves for one of their neighborhood elementary schools. This year donations will go to Moore Elementary School. Warm outerwear and monetary donations can be brought to their next quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 17, 6 p.m. at the Community Center on Franklin - by the library. Or, contact the Merle Hay Neighborhood Association

www.facebook.com/MerleHayNeighborhood/



Lydia-Martha Circle

Lydia-Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, October 24th, at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall I.

All women of Grace are always welcome to join us in this fellowship opportunity.



Stewardship letters and pledge cards have been mailed and should have arrived in your mailbox. If for some reason yours has gone astray, please contact the office 276-6873.

Stewardship Sunday will be October 13.

Join the 51st Des Moines Hunger Hike on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Hundreds participate each year, a local coalition of friends, denominations, faiths, organizations, neighbors all who care about hunger here in Des Moines, Iowa, and worldwide. This 3 mile hike begins at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates, and continues through Des Moines along the Principal Riverwalk. Following the hike, enjoy live music by local performers, cold drinks and snacks, as well as the opportunity to tour the Hall of Laureates. Request a donation packet by emailing info@desmoineshungerhike.org or simply donate at desmoineshungerhike.org

Lutheran World Relief - Creativity Abounds at Grace!

Nine Lutheran World Relief quilts are being created from blocks designed by members of Grace on September 8th. Watch for your blocks in quilts that are laid out for tying in the Gathering Hall. We are still quilting on Wednesday evenings through October 9th. **Celebrate our collective compassion and creativity on October 13th** when all the quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary for a blessing. Join us in Grace Hall that day at 10:00 to assemble School Kits and Baby Care Kits during education hour. Thanks for your efforts and generosity.



Youth Ministry – Active Grace

Contact ellen@gracedm.org

Hurricane Dorian Relief & Lutheran Disaster Response

Our sixth and seventh grade Confirmation students, Allison Olson Schmidt and Catherine Lewis, have decided that as part of their Service Learning they want to lead the congregation in raising funds to provide relief for Hurricane Dorian victims through Lutheran Disaster Response. Sundays October 13 and 20 there will be a bulletin insert and Temple Talk given by these young people to invite you into this effort. If you are inclined to follow the lead of these students, please make checks to Grace Lutheran Church with Dorian Relief in the memo line.

Active Grace October Schedule - Stewardship of Resources

We will continue our Fall Active Grace theme of Stewardship into the month of October by focusing on Stewardship of Money and Time. If we believe that all things are a gift from God then it is important to talk about the best way to enjoy and share those gifts. One gift that we often shy away from naming with young people is the gift of money. As a part of our congregational stewardship campaign it is important that we name the needs and model giving and generosity for our children. You may think, “kids don’t have money”. Many get an allowance or the gift of money for a birthday and have to decide what they will do with that money. The habits of saving and spending begin at a young age and as a church that believes in good stewardship of gifts we need to have those conversations with young people.

Here are some ways we intend to do that this month-

On October 6 we have invited R.J. Rademacher from Thrivent Financial to come lead Active Grace participants through a workshop called “More Than Money Matters” that is meant to help families talk about how to decide what they give, spend and save.

October 13 and 20 Confirmation students are leading an effort to collect relief funds for Hurricane Dorian victims through Lutheran Disaster Response.

October 20 Active Grace families will engage in service with our Grace Little Food Pantry and DMARC, talking specifically about the impact the cost of living impacts a family’s ability to afford necessities like food and hygiene products.

We invite you all to participate in and contribute to these efforts. Details on how you can do that will be coming soon. Thank you for the generosity you bring to Grace Lutheran Church.

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

11:00-11:30: Active Grace worship

11:30-12:00: Lunch and Learn with R.J. Rademacher from Thrivent (More Than Money Matters)

12:00-1:00: **Preparation** rotations (The Widow’s Offering Mark 12: 38-44)

Sunday, October 20

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

Little Food Pantry @ Grace- 10:15 am

DMARC tour and food sorting, afternoon @ 4 pm

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
Active Grace Family Worship select Sundays

Tuesdays

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study with
Pastor Mike in Grace Hall
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the
Upper room, led by Julie Honsey
11:00 a.m. Staff meeting, Innovation lab

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers work & coffee time
9:45 a.m. Grace Kids Care Chapel
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation, room 301
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Quilters
Msindo Quilting Room. Please note: this is a
no food, no perfume/added scent space.

Other Grace Groups!

Men's Work Group, Saturday, October 12.
We meet on the second Saturday of each
month, 8:30 a.m. – noon. We will begin with
breakfast in the kitchen, a devotion, followed
by various projects around the church.

Altar Guild Meeting, meal, and fellowship:
**Saturday, October 19, offsite for coffee and
breakfast.** Contact anderson.sue.a@gmail.com
to be included on emails.

Grace Stitching & Needlework Group
Meets every 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each
month from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Gathering Hall.
Contact Helen Ringgenberg, 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>

October Calendar

- 1 – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild,
Grace Hall
2 – 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. LWR Quilting Session,
Quilt Room
3 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GH
6 – 11:00 Active Grace Family Worship – Grace Hall
11:30 – Active Grace Lunch and Learn – GH
Noon – 1:00 p.m. Active Grace Rotations
5:00 p.m. Grace Fellowship (see page 9)
5:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out (see page 9)
7 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
8 – 6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
9 – 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Quilting, Quilt room
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmands meet with
Pastor Mike, High School Youth Room
10 – 9:30 a.m. Organ Tuning
5:00 p.m. GKC Parent Board, Library
11 – 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. LSI Training, GH II
12 – 8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group
13 – **Stewardship Sunday**
10:00 a.m. LWR Kitmaking, Grace Hall
11:00 a.m. Boxing of Kits, Grace Hall
14 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
17 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GH
19 – 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild meeting – off site
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Dinner, Grace Hall
20 – 10:15 a.m. Active Grace/Everyone –
Stocking the Little Food Pantry
10:30 a.m. New Member Class, Innovation Lab
4:00 p.m. Active Grace/Everyone -
DMARC Tour (see page 6)
21 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café
22 – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting – Grace Hall
24 – 9:30 a.m. Martha/Lydia Circle, Grace Hall 1
Newsletter submission deadline
26 – 8:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices Retreat
(see pg 10)
27 – **Reformation Sunday**
9:00 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism
10:00 a.m. Reception of Confirmands
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. private event, Grace Hall
28 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café

Confirmation Students

Our 9th graders will affirm their Baptism on Sunday, October 27th! Join us as we celebrate with them!
Wednesday, October 9 these students will meet with Pastor Mike **from 6:30-7:30 pm in the high school
youth room upstairs.**
Saturday, October 19, 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Dinner with families and Mentors, Grace Hall



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

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065.

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 LSI (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.

"Thank You, God"

Every week, when 8-year-old Chase met with LSI's Pastor Dennis Bauer, he would ask to pray for "the same old thing: to find a good, loving forever family."

Chase is in third grade. But in his young life, he has already experienced trauma most of us cannot fathom. When Chase was 6, he was removed from his home and his mother's parental rights were terminated. He felt confused, terrified, and shocked. Chase struggled to cope with his anger and emotions. He acted out and became physically aggressive. Chase needed help, and LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames offered that help.

After arriving at Beloit, Chase quickly became involved in LSI's voluntary Spiritual Life program, where he participates in faith-based activities like art and music. Through regular meetings with Pastor Dennis, Chase says he is focusing on his faith and "trusting in God and saying prayers."

Outside of Spiritual Life, Chase is also learning healthy skills through group therapy to help him cope on the difficult days.

Now, Chase is thriving. His confidence is building every day, and he has big plans for his future. He wants to be a surgeon when he grows up, and he dreams of learning to bake and do woodworking. And the immediate future is looking pretty bright, too: Chase is in the process of being adopted.

During a recent visit with Pastor Dennis, Chase prayed a different prayer: "Thank you, God, for giving me a family."

DMARC Requested Donations for October: Fish Sauce and Canned Seafood: Tuna, salmon, sardines, shrimp, oysters.
Canned seafood is heart healthy (if packed in water), a source of calcium, and easy to add to salads or sandwiches without cooking.

October Adult Education

October 6: Fellowship

October 13: Luther World Relief Kit Packing –see page 5 for details.

October 20: TBD/Fellowship

October 27: "Hymns as Poetry: Session One - Hymns of the Protestant Reformation."

Hymns are an integral part of corporate worship at Grace as in many Christian churches. The words in the hymns pass from the page to our eyes, briefly into our minds, then from our mouths as songs, and quickly die away as fleeting echos. The words of scripture follow a similar track; yet after being spoken, they are often analyzed, expounded upon, elaborated, and discussed by the pastor. Are those words in hymns of less value than those from scripture even though they are not sacred texts? Hymnodists (those who write the words for hymns) often take scripture and its themes as inspiration and guidance when writing.

Through out the program year, a series of presentations based on the premise that the words of hymns are poetry and that those words deserve dedicated study will be offered. These sessions will not involve singing, but rather those attending will be given the opportunity to encounter and engage the words of old and new hymns with the goal to embrace, discover, and articulate the messages contained within. Please join us as Rich Synder facilitates this interesting presentation.

Grace 2020 Endowment Applications

Now available on the website <https://gracedm.org/resources/forms-and-applications/>

Applications are due January 31, 2020. Awards will be announced by March 31, 2020. Requests for specific, finite projects are preferred. The Endowment does not fund operational expenses. Submit proposal with detailed breakdown of project expenses. If the entire request is not granted this will allow for possible partial funding. 2.A final written report is required to be submitted to the Endowment Fund Committee no later than December 1st of the year of the grant. The report shall include documentation of the expenditures and completion status of the project.

Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m.

Do you enjoy making music, or being around people who enjoy making music? Then we already know you'll fit right in! Rehearsals happen in the music room under Grace Hall at the North end of the building.

Grace Bell Choir

We will play next in December, with rehearsals in late November. If you are interested, contact emma@gracedm.org



Grace Fellowship

The next meeting of Grace Fellowship will be on October 6, 2019
We meet quarterly in Grace Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a light luncheon and a program
The October program will be AARP Fraud Watch.

We'd be happy to have you join us! If you have any questions, or have a program idea, contact Karen Taylor.



Ladies Night Out meets Sunday, October 6 for games, fellowship & laughter

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Bring an appetizer or finger food to share at Kristin Medhurst's home. R.S.V.P to medhurstk@msn.com Address provided upon R.S.V.P.

Spiritual Practices Workshop

...and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2: 20

"...faith largely became believing things to be true or false (intellectual assent) instead of giving people concrete practices so they could themselves know how to open up (faith), hold on (hope), and allow an infilling from another source (love)."

-FR. Richard Rohr

Transformation is nothing less than a life that manifests the very life of God. If you've felt the desire to open up, hold on and allow an infilling of love, this is your invitation to begin the journey of living a transformed life.

Practices:

- ❖ SoulCollage
- ❖ Centering Prayer
- ❖ Enneagram
- ❖ Lectio Divina
- ❖ Visio Lectio
- ❖ Sacred Chanting
- ❖ Spiritual Journaling



Facilitated by: Julie Honsey, Enneagram Coach in the Narrative Enneagram

Deb Richards, SoulCollage Facilitator and Certified Spiritual Director

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.-noon (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Cost: \$50.00 per person (paid at registration)

Reservations due by October 21:

Julie Honsey, honsey.julie@gmail.com

Deb Richards, yobel49@yahoo.com

Grace Website <https://gracedm.org>

Events Calendar: Did you know we have an Events Calendar on our website? We'll still maintain the wall calendar in the office, but now you can check it on your laptop, smart phone, or even print! (Printing works best using Chrome, trust us!). The website calendar has space for more detail than our old calendar, and in the event of cancellation, we can easily indicate that – although we hope not to have any weather cancellations in the near future, we are ready, just in case!

We're still working on moving things from our old calendar to the website Events. Right now most recurring events are available, but we're adding items daily.

Announcements, Bulletins, and more:

Out of town travelling, icy weather, bad cold? You can still keep up with announcements and even download a copy of the weeks' bulletin! Just look for the word Resources at the upper right hand corner of the site: click on that to see all of your choices- including a way to read the newsletter online!

Meet The Congregation:

A few of our families have shared Why Grace is the place for them, along with their family photo. We'd love to expand this section, so please consider it! All you have to do is show up for a quick photo shoot, and answer the Question: Why Grace is a good fit for your family. Thank you for your consideration – please email michelle@gracedm.org to take part!