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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

## For the saints who from their labors now rest...

Lolita Huth  
LeRoi Beers  
Harriett Pearson  
Cindy Wheeler  
Larry Johnson  
Randy Taylor  
Gayle Olson  
Dorothy Jensen  
Mary Donnenwerth  
John Farver  
Denny Rehder  
Shirley Dyson

*"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*  
Colossians 3:17

The month of November starts and ends with giving thanks. We gather at the start of the month in celebration of All Saints and by the end of the month we are gathered around tables for the celebration of Thanksgiving. The month itself serves as a reminder of how we live out this imperative that the apostle Paul lays before us in his letter to the people of Colossae.

There is also a tension present in this month. Even while giving thanks for the lives of all the saints who now from their labors rest, one cannot help but be held with grief at the same time. There is a real loss that we experience, and grief remains with us. It is sometimes a silent passenger that softly, quietly, subtly, reminds us of what once was or could have been.

As we celebrate All Saints, we find our home in that tension between thankfulness and grief. For many of us, that is where we are throughout the year, but this day creates safe space for us to acknowledge the pain of the losses we have known. That is the beauty of the church; the church has a space that can hold that pain.

In the same way, the celebration of Thanksgiving holds the same tension. There is incredible thankfulness for all that God has done. Our meals shared become an extension of the Lord's Table, and we enter a profoundly personal Great Thanksgiving with family  
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### Happy November Birthday

- 1 - Remington Anderson  
Zelma Wilson
- 2 - Mike Peterman
- 3 - Tara Royster
- 4 - Gabriella Artzer  
Bradley Nelson  
Aubrie Stickrod
- 5 - Sally Thielking
- 6 - Benjamin Gronert  
Laura Grotheer
- 8 - Austin Schaller
- 9 - Beverly Petty
- 11 - Emily Dungan  
Yaritza Marquez  
Gary Scholten
- 12 - Zoe Lawson
- 13 - Kurt Bowermaster  
Jason Bradwell  
Zachary Jensen
- 14 - Carol Mattes  
Linda Moravec  
Kristene Shortelle
- 15 - Gary Batten  
Wilma Frost  
John Justice  
Mark Ridnour
- 16 - Haley Dostalick  
Joseph Kennebeck  
Emma Mattes
- 17 - Jeremy Israel  
Gloria Moon  
Madison Robbins
- 18 - Susan Johnson
- 19 - Nick Medhurst  
Greg Ruckdaschel
- 21 - Lilli Kent  
Kelley Riordan
- 22 - Zachary Kulzer
- 23 - Ashley Lund
- 24 - Renee Dingman  
Jon Rissman
- 25 - Kerry Riordan
- 26 - Peter Kiefer  
Jessica Rissman  
Paul Thielking  
Laura Wangerin  
Virginia Wangerin  
Carol Woodruff
- 29 - Karinne Harmon  
Angie Hidalgo  
Ed Ridnour



### Happy November Anniversary

- 2 – Richard and Deanna Snyder
- 5 – Howard and Rachel Welty
- 7 – Paul and Alexson Calahan
- 13 – Gary and Ellen Batten
- 20 – Gary and Melinda Scholten
- 22 – Marvin and Lorna Johns
- 26 – Todd and Barb Burley  
Frank and Colleen McKinney
- 27 – Anthony and Tara Royster
- 28 – Neal and Sandra Meyer

### In sympathy with those who have lost loved ones:



The family of Sue Anderson, Mother of Louie Anderson, Mother-in-law of Sue Anderson

The family of Randy Reistroffer, Mary Jo McCleary's brother

The family of John Rudisill, Father of John Rudisill

The family of Denny Rehder

The Family of Shirley Dyson

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so much for your prayers as I healed from a fall. Pastor Mike brought me this lovely quilt and told me all about your prayers. This quilt will keep me warm this winter, as you know, I am always cold. I hope I did not make anyone worry.  
Martha Martens



Dear Friends in Christ,  
I am appreciative of the care and kindness you express to those of us that are no longer active members. Thank you for the lovely birthday cards I received this month. I also thank you for the work of the Member Care Team. I'm happy to receive the large print daily devotional book which I read every day. You are Christ's hands of love reaching out into the community and farther out into the hurting world beyond our own lives. When you give of money and physical gifts through Lutheran World Relief, you bring hope and healing into our world.

Thank you.  
Joanne Johnson

## SPOT-LIGHT ON...

### **A November to Remember**

As we at Grace move through the month of November into the season of Advent, we will spend time naming and claiming the shared grief we feel for the Church of the past. It seems that more and more we look back with sadness that the Church is not the same as it was 5, 10, 50 years ago. The hope is, that by sharing our grief we will come to terms with it and be free to move towards the future into which Christ calls us. This month grief will be addressed both in worship and in some interactive ways outside of services.

### **Memorial Wall**

Church is not dead. However it is ever-changing, perhaps at a pace and in a way for which we have not prepared ourselves. This memorial is a safe and visible way to mourn the Church that shaped our Faith, and the activities, worship events, and fellowship gatherings that have changed so much. In acknowledging our grief through this month, we ready ourselves for the season of Hope that is Advent.

Consider offering an item to display. Some thoughts to ponder as you think about placing an item on the wall:

- What does grief look like?
- Grief comes not just from death, but any kind of loss.
- The Kubler-Ross stages of grief are Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance.
- How do these play out in the life of the church? Where might you place yourself at this point in time?

### **About the wall...**

- Your object or written item will not be returned to you. If you leave a picture or other item that is important to you, please leave a copy and not the original.
- Use the provided writing utensils, paper, and clothespins to attach your memorial offering to the fence. Or, leave larger items to display on the floor next to the fence.
- Any written material that is taped closed is private and will not be read by anyone.
- Your items will be displayed for the month of November only.

### **November to Remember e-news**

Staff have begun to add items, and have volunteered to share what those items represent (so far, a youth Teeshirt, hymnals, and an article). If you are signed up for the Grace e-newsletter, you will receive an extra e-mail each week during the month of November, as Staff shares what they grieve about the church of their past. If you do not receive the e-news, you may sign up through the link on our webpage at <https://gracedm.org> . If you are signed up and have not read it in a while, you may need to look in your spam or clutter folders.



Grace members,

I wanted to thank you all for all your acceptance and support in allowing me to bring Ray to church. The training experiences he had there were very valuable. Also, thank you for your donations to Puppy Jake Foundation. Unfortunately Ray had some qualities that did not allow him to continue training to become a service dog for a military veteran. He was returned to his breeder a couple weeks ago and is enjoying life as a normal dog. At this time I have no plans to foster and train another dog for Puppy Jake Foundation but I am occasionally puppy sitting for them. Thanks again for allowing Ray to join us at Grace.

-Kayleigh Medhurst

## **Church Council Highlights**

### **From the September 24th, 2019 Council Meeting**

**At the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Church Council Meeting:**

- **Staff and Financial Reports:**
  - The Council reviewed the monthly Staff reports.
  - 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.
  - Daycare will be fully staffed October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Capital Campaign**
  - Tammy Denton will chair the Capital Campaign Committee.
  - Len Ringgenberg will chair the Steering Committee.
- **Nominating Committee**
  - The Council moved to form a Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with seeking nominations to fill the Church Council vacancies and also to seek nominations for Council officers for the upcoming year. President Bergman asked the Council to submit names of persons willing to serve on the Nominating Committee to the members of the Executive Committee prior to its October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Little free Pantry/Pergola Project**
  - Don Peterson reported that these items are now stored in the garage pending approval of the permits by the City of Des Moines.
- **Property Committee**
  - The Property Committee received a quote from Spectrum Lighting for materials for the new cove lighting. The Committee will seek quotes for installation labor, as Spectrum won't do the installation. Perhaps it will seek a quote for a turnkey job.

**Respectfully,**  
**Dave Gronert, Council Secretary**

### **Finance Report – September Results**

Financial results for September YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$307,105, Budget \$300,850
- Other Income – Actual \$23,093, Budget \$22,375
- Expenses – Actual \$359,005, Budget \$328,537
- Net activity – Actual (\$28,807), Budget (\$5,312)



Actual net activity was unfavorable to budget by \$23,495. This deficit is unlikely to be recovered by year-end. Pledged offerings are below budget while unpledged offerings were above budget. Expenses were significantly above budget due to boiler repairs, flooring repairs, HVAC replacement, higher insurance and snow removal costs.

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and friends gathering around a meal and fellowship. At the same time, there are often empty chairs where a loved one once sat, and we feel that ever present silent passenger, grief, remind us that things aren't the way we wish them to be.

I invite you into this tension. I know it is not a comfortable place to be. I know the tensions can be overwhelming at times. I also know that God is present in the midst of whatever you are facing or feeling. I know that Christ reaches into even the very pit of death to meet us there and bring us to new life. I know that because of the faithfulness of God through Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Here, there is a place that can hold the pain.

I am thankful for the lives of all of these saints who from their labors rest. I have learned different things from each of them. They will all be missed greatly. That is the beautiful tension of November.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike

**Lydia-Martha Circle**

Lydia-Martha Circle will not meet in November. Instead, they will meet December 12 for a holiday celebration and packing of gifts for our Homebound members. 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall I. All women of Grace are always welcome to join us in this fellowship opportunity.

**Dick Johansen Honored**

The Upper Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences awarded Dick Johansen his first Emmy at their Gala on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

In 2009, KCCI-TV featured Dick during their series of reports on the first Honor Flight for central Iowans. Honor Flights are a one-day trip for veterans to see the WWII, Korean & Vietnam War monuments in Washington, DC. When reporter Eric Hanson set about doing a retrospective of the past 10 years of these flights, one of the only folks still living was Dick Johansen. Eric and Dick sat down together and talked about how the trip had impacted his life and memories of his service.

KCCI submitted that program – Decade of Honor – for the Chapter's most prestigious award, the Governors' Emmy. This award, voted on exclusively by the Board, honors visionary, long-standing relationships that creatively and effectively use corporate, non-profit and broadcast resources to showcase the power of broadcasting to advance a mission or message and Decade of Honor was the unanimous choice.

Long-time financial backers of the Central Iowa Honor Flight Hy-Vee and Casey's were also recognized, but it was Dick Johansen who received the longest standing ovation anyone could remember at an Emmy Gala. It was also Dick who had a line of admirers to take photos with him, including Minneapolis sportscasting legend, Mark Rosen!

Amy Schmelzer was privileged to award Dick his Emmy as part of her service on the Board of Governors. Robbie Rissman was also honored with an Emmy for his contribution to KCCI's Close Up: The Gun Debate special.



## Youth Ministry – Active Grace

Contact [ellen@gracedm.org](mailto:ellen@gracedm.org)



### Hurricane Dorian Relief & Lutheran Disaster Response Update

From an original fundraising goal of \$500, Grace donated over \$750. The deadline was extended another week with the hopes of reaching \$1000 for the victims of Hurricane Dorian. Once again, Grace exceeded that by donating a total of \$1690!

Confirmation students Allison Olson Schmidt and Catherine Lewis, and those assisted by LDR thank you!

### November Active Grace- Stewardship of Self

Our Active Grace theme for November will focus on care of self as an act of service. We all have value and we are all worthy of love and respect. In order to love and serve others it is important that we take time to know ourselves and identify the gifts we have so that we can connect those gifts with needs in the world.

#### Sunday, November 3

11:00 am Worship in Grace Hall

11:30 am Lunch and Learn – the words of Mr. Rogers

12:00 am- games and activities meant to help identify gifts in ourselves and others

***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!***

Come and see!

### Little Free Pantry and Pergola are a reality!

Thank you to everyone who worked on this project, especially Ellen Rothweiler for nurturing students to live and act on their Faith to help others, Chuck Denton for installing the Little Free Pantry cabinets in their current position, Rich Voelker for design ideas, Don Peterson for design, purchases, ordering the cabinets/construction, ordering and installation of the sign, Active Grace participants and Thrivent for the Action Funds and products to fill the pantry, and Don Peterson and Pastor Michael Schmidt for explaining and defending the ideas to the City for our permit! We also want to thank the neighbors who responded in favor of the project, and to the Merle Hay Neighborhood Council for its support of the project.

The Pergola with bench will be installed as soon as we have a decently warm day (and unfrozen ground) – so that may have to wait until Spring. But it is coming, and we hope will be a spot well used by all in the Grace and Grace Kids Care Community and surrounding neighborhood: those who wish to help their neighbors in need, a place to have a snack, a place to choose and read a book as well a safe place to find emergency supplies for those in times of need.

We are still collecting food items for DMARC in the basket in the entryway. For now, we ask that you do not place fresh produce in either spot. The best item to choose are non-perishable foods, staples, baby, and personal hygiene items. Warm clothes (mittens, gloves, hats, scarves) are also great this time of year. Add one to your cart each week and place in the pantry. We'll post a list of other ideas in the office hallway soon! The more people seen at the pantry, the more people will feel safe and unjudged being seen at the LFP.



### **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**

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:**

Third Saturday of each month, offsite for  
coffee and breakfast. Contact  
[anderson.sue.a@gmail.com](mailto:anderson.sue.a@gmail.com) to be included on  
emails.

##### **Grace Stitching & Needlework Group**

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.  
Contact <https://lsiowa.org>

### **November Calendar**

- 1 – Visitation and Funeral Service for Shirley Dyson,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa  
2 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Private Event, Grace Hall  
3 – **All Saints Sunday, Fall time change**  
10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Planning Meeting,  
Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Grace Fellowship Planning Meeting  
11:00 Active Grace Family Worship – Grace Hall  
11:30 – Active Grace Lunch and Learn – GH  
Noon – 1:00 p.m. Active Grace Rotations  
4 – 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Shirley Dyson,  
Wesley Acres  
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café  
5 – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild,  
Grace Hall  
7 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GH  
9 – 8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group  
10 – 10:15 a.m. Pastor Mike shares Sabbatical (pg 9)  
11 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café  
12 – 6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting  
14 – 5:00 p.m. GKC Parent Board, Library  
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting,  
Gathering Hall  
16 – 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild meeting – off site  
17 – 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Bells Rehearsal (for Dec. 1)  
10:15 a.m. Active Grace/Everyone – TBA  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mid – Iowa Cactus and  
Succulent Society, Cafe  
18– **December Newsletter Submission Deadline!**  
10:00 a.m. - noon LSI Training, GH II  
4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café  
24 – **Christ the King Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Bells rehearse for Dec 1  
8:15 -8:45 a.m. Bells rehearse for Dec. 1  
10:15 a.m. Self-Care Presentation (pg 9)  
25 – 4:30 p.m. AA Groups GH & Café  
26 – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting – Grace Hall  
27 – Church Office Closed  
28 – Thanksgiving, Church Office and GKC Closed  
29 – Church Office and Grace Kids Care Closed  
**December 1**  
8:00 a.m. Bells rehearse for Dec 1  
8:15 -8:45 a.m. Bells rehearse for Dec. 1  
5:00 p.m. Grace Fellowship Advent by Candlelight

Grace Website <https://gracedm.org>

Announcements, Bulletins, Events Calendar, and more:

Out of town travelling, icy weather, bad cold? You can still keep up with the calendar, announcements and even download a copy of the weeks' bulletin! Just look for the menu item "News + Events" or 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!



### **National Adoption Month**

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit [LSIowa.org/Foster](http://LSIowa.org/Foster), or contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563.676.2065.

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### **A Growing Family**

Lindsey and Andrea were no strangers to foster parenting. Their older brother fostered children for 10 years, and they were inspired by his drive and passion for supporting vulnerable children. Until recently, they hadn't seen themselves as foster parents. But something in their hearts told them they were needed.

"It's been on our hearts for a lot of years, and we have the room and love," Andrea says. "It's something we knew we could do and it's needed." The two sisters decided to become licensed foster parents earlier this year through LSI Foster Care and Adoption. Now, they are caring for children in foster care at the same time. Lindsey and Andrea regularly meet up to support one another and ensure the children can connect and feel less alone during the most vulnerable time in their young lives.

"It's been so important to have a connection to another foster family," Lindsey says. "The kids can see they're not different. There are other children in their same situation."

Meanwhile, they are busy building a strong bond with the children's birth families. Lindsey says foster parenting is a way for them to give a child stability while also nurturing their whole family.

Lindsey and Andrea have also found support from other local foster families. They are there for each other, offering a shoulder to lean on when anyone needs an extra boost on the difficult days.

"There is a need for foster families in Iowa, and there is so much good that comes out of fostering," Andrea says.

**DMARC Requested Donations for November:** Frozen turkeys (12-15 pounds), potatoes and sweet potatoes, green beans, carrots, onions, mixed veggies, pumpkin, squash, applesauce, cranberries. Fresh veggies are great too!



## November Adult Education



November 3: Fellowship

November 10: Pastor Mike will share about his Sabbatical

November 17: Fellowship

November 24: Self Care Presentation. Join us as presenter Gary Rasmussen, from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, helps us recognize the importance of self care. Gary holds a master's degree in Psychology and has years of experience in community mental health services. He will share ways that we may protect and promote our physical and mental health. Strategies will be discussed on how to manage anxiety, frustrations, anger, sadness and burnout. Please join us for this insightful and helpful presentation. We anticipate the presentation to be about an hour so please grab your donut and coffee and meet us in Grace Hall 1 right after worship.



**Join Grace Bells as they play in worship!** The bells will play two anthems in 9am worship on December 8. Rehearsals will be November 24 and December 1, 8:15-8:45am. You are invited to join us, all skill levels accepted! The music will be accessible to beginners. Please email Emma at [emma@gracedm.org](mailto:emma@gracedm.org) by November 20 if you wish to participate.



**Do you like to sing but can't make it to weekly choir rehearsals?** Come be a part of the Chancel Choir for a night on Christmas Eve! The anthem at the 5:00pm service will be an arrangement of a familiar Christmas tune, sung in unison (no harmony.) It will require only a 30 minute rehearsal time before the service at 4:00pm, Tuesday Dec. 24, and you may sit with family in the congregation

during worship. If you are interested please let Emma know! Music will be distributed ahead of time, as well as a recording of the melody to listen to at home if desired. For further information or to commit, please contact Emma in person or at [emma@gracedm.org](mailto:emma@gracedm.org).

**December 1, 5pm** - Grace ensembles and soloists provide the program for the Grace Fellowship event.

**December 8, 9am** - Grace Bells and Grace Brass play in worship.

**December 15, 9am** - Grace Chancel Choir presents their musical Christmas offering in worship.

**December 24, 5pm** - Grace Festival Choir sings in worship, rehearsal at 4pm.



## Grace Fellowship Advent by Candlelight

The next meeting of Grace Fellowship will be on December 1, 2019

We meet quarterly in Grace Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a light luncheon and a program

The December program will include a catered dinner, Music by Grace ensembles and soloists. Watch for information on the website News, the Tuesday e-news email, and Sunday announcements.

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



## Damani Phillips Quartet, Grand View University, Nielsen Concert Series Jazz in the Fight for Civil Rights

Monday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Grand View University Student Center Lyceum,

Tickets \$15 at the door, students \$5 with ID



### **Luther Park Christmas Wishlist for Trinity Center at Luther Park**

Luther Park will once again be collecting gifts for the residents of Trinity Center. Please deliver the new unwrapped gifts\* to Trinity Center (1555 Hull Ave Des Moines, IA 50316) by Monday, December 2, 2019. Items not used by Christmas will be used through the year for resident birthdays and bingo gifts. Trinity Center is for those who need Long term and Skilled Care, including those with dementia and Alzheimer's.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Walton, Director of Activities at 515-262-5639. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and continued support. Have a wonderful holiday!

**Entertainment items:** Baby dolls (soft, new), Playing cards, Crossword and word find puzzles, large print, Crayons/washable markers

**Clothing items:** Socks/gripper socks, Sweat pants (large and XL), Sweat Shirts (large and XL)

**Hygiene items:** Kleenex (regular size boxes), Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hair picks, Combs, Nail Polish (light colors), Hand lotion, Body lotion, Body wash, Non-aerosol deodorant (for men and women)

**Other items:** Necklaces, Walker bags, Lap blankets, iTunes gift cards

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the grant. The report shall include documentation of the expenditures and completion status of the project.

### **Grace's Star Tree**

Choose a star and make someone's Christmas special – an adult from one of Mosaic's local group homes or a child from LSI's Early Development Program.

Please select a star from the Star Tree in the Gathering Hall. It will be up the Sunday before Thanksgiving (since Thanksgiving is so late this year). Items should be returned, unwrapped, to Grace by Sunday December 15. Please limit the cost for gifts to about \$25. If several items are listed, you may choose the one or ones to fit the money amount.

Mosaic is a faith-based organization serving adults with intellectual disabilities. LSI's Early Childhood Program provides supportive services to at risk single mothers from the prenatal period until age five when the child starts kindergarten.

If as we approach December 15<sup>th</sup>, you are unable to shop for your star gift, let us know so we can. If you have your gift and are unable to deliver it to church by the 15<sup>th</sup>, please also let us know so we don't go shopping and duplicate presents.

If you have questions, contact Joie Gronert at 279 - 4974 or Denise Friesth at 276 - 6873. Have fun shopping!

