

**GRACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship, in-person and Online

Morning Prayer Mon, Wed, Fri at 9:30 a.m.

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Office & Open Building Hours

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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Fall 2022 Schedule

We're excited to get back into a full weekly schedule. Have a look at what we have planned.

Grace Chancel Choir will gather again beginning Sept. 7, join us! The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm starting Sept. 7

Tuesday Bible Study Returns - the book of Isaiah

Bible study returns on Tuesday, September 13 at 9 a.m. Meet in Grace Hall. We will use this dedicated time to study scripture, which helps guide and strengthen our walk with Christ. The study will be facilitated by Pastor Mike with Vicar Bunny present.

Elementary Sunday School

Starting on Sunday, September 18th after the 9:00am worship, K-5 students will meet. They will visit the Little Free Pantry with their canned food offering, and learn fun songs in the Sanctuary with Emma, our Minister for Worship and Music. Then, our Sunday School leaders will whisk them to the NEW classroom (formerly the nursery) for interactive lessons, crafts, and more!

Middle School and High Sunday School

Jenie Schmidt and Courtney Brandsfield will lead our middle school and high school youth on a spiritual journey this year! All high school and middle school youth are invited to attend as they plan their upcoming year on Sunday, September 18th after worship. The group will meet each Sunday creating and building relationships; taking active roles in the plans they create.

Confirmation Classes are being planned and will be resuming soon. If you would like to take part in confirmation, please contact the office.

Sunday Morning Adult Education, "The Hard Questions"

Starting on September 18th, our education hour is returning! All are welcome to attend; those new to Bible studies, advanced theologians, and everyone in between! Together, we will discuss hard questions, build relationships, and grow spiritually. Pastor Mike and Vicar Bunny will facilitate this study in Grace Hall after worship.

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Happy September Birthday

- 1 - Cindy Peeler
- 2 - Michelle Voelker
Heather Nelson
- 5 - Richard Snyder
Kiley Brandsfield
- 6 - Nely Ruiz
- 8 - Ethan Meadows
- 9 - Joie Gronert
Carrie Schall
Alex Mulvihill
- 10 - John Schall
- 11 - Ian Galle
- 13 - John Trickle
Rhonda Jensen
Robert Briggs
- 14 - Katelyn Jessen
- 15 - Richard Voelker
- 17 - Lorna Johns
- 18 - Karen Mann
Rev. Michael Schmidt
- 19 - Sarah Helt
- 20 - Frank McKinney
- 22 - Jeanine Rutter
Finnegan Holst
Kylan Appenzeller
- 23 - Susanne Carney
Angela Ringgenberg
Cory Johansen
- 24 - Michael Meadows
Thomas Rutter
- 25 - Karen Bandy
- 26 - Barb Powers
Bruce Mumm
- 27 - Jeanette Best
Gregory Honnold
Helen Schroeder
William Kallestad
Joshua Curry
- 28 - Ross Peeler
- 29 - LaRue Buihner
Aaron Page
Robbie Rissman



Happy September Anniversary

- 3 - Brent and Val Culp
Todd and Elizabeth Prescott
- 4 - Donald and Gail Peterson
- 5 - Charles and Tammy Denton
Lon and Denise Friesth
- 6 - Aaron and Martha Page
- 13 - Larry and Janice Nordeen
- 27 - Tom and Mary Jo McCleary



With Sympathy, we pray for the families and loved ones of:



The family of Steve Young

The family of Karen Mann

Donuts are coming back!

Will you help us serve them?
We are looking for volunteers to serve beverages and drinks along with the donuts each Sunday after worship. If you have a gift for hospitality, this is your moment!



All serving supplies are in the small kitchen nook in the Gathering Hall, including orange juice and the air pots for coffee. Donuts are delivered early to the Grace Hall kitchen and will need to be brought over to the Gathering Hall.

To sign up online, visit

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/3YPK9?classic> or find the link on our website www.gracedm.org. Thank you for your help! If you have questions about procedure, Ross Peeler is happy to answer your questions!

Your Teeshirts for Sept 11 have arrived!

They will be available for pickup in the Gathering Hall beginning Wednesday, August 31.

Note open building hours are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Orders will be labelled and in the case of family orders, bundled together for ease of pickup!



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These first sessions will be based in the books of Romans and Ruth.

September 18: Where is God When We Suffer?

September 25: All Church Service Project

October 2: Where Does Loss Push Us?

October 9: Where Does Loyalty Pull Us?

October 16: Where Does Risk Take Us?

October 23: Where Does Hope Lead Us?

October 30: All Church Service Project

Greetings Dear Friends!

What an absolute joy it has been getting to know each of you! I look forward to continued partnership.

These first few months at Grace have been outstanding. Many members are passionate about serving both inside and outside the walls of this building. It's beautiful to witness! But like many churches in this post-COVID-ish world, Grace is working hard on trying to define who we are and what we want our ministry to be. It's hard work. Please consider adding the church leadership to your prayers and they move forward in tackling hard questions, working to understand the needs of our neighbors in this community, and how to share the good news of our Triune God.

Once a month I meet with the lay internship committee, who have volunteered their time and talent to help guide me through the entire process of internship. This month, we focused our energy on going over learning goals that I will try to achieve throughout the year. They will help me achieve these goals by bringing practical knowledge of the people at culture here at Grace Lutheran, forging a partnership that is beneficial to me and to Grace as a whole. Some of these goals include work in pastoral care, adult education, supervisory skills, and meeting the needs of the community. Some of this work has already started with God's Work Our Hands day, meeting with youth volunteers, and home visits have begun! All this mixed in with a bit of Mexican food made the night wonderful.

I'm astounded that summer is almost over and the evening temperatures are in the 60's. At the time of writing – it's still August! I cannot believe that I've already thought about turning the air conditioner off. Even funnier - I overheard a conversation the other day about someone taking their pool down because the water was getting too cool. This is in direct contrast to my experience – I clearly remember jumping into a pool in November for Thanksgiving. The sun was shining warmly, and the cousins laughed as they fried turkey in peanut oil on the back deck. (This is just to say that it wasn't a polar bear plunge or anything. It was normal!) To live in a place with actual seasons is beautiful. It just catches me off guard sometimes.

I look forward to getting to know many of you during the education hour coming up on Sundays, starting September 18 and Tuesday Bible study, which starts September 13th at 9am.

A new season of year is upon us. A season of schedules, lessons, and school zones. I will encounter it with joy and embrace the gifts given to me through our bountiful Creator!

Peace and blessings,

Vicar Bunny Stoutes

Summary of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Find it here!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iZmTAcvn6QZQqleECWUJLtbWa1Ou8uEuC1LBCpD4nO8/mobilebasic>

New Member Classes with Pastor Mike resume!



These will take place after worship on the last Sunday of September, October, and November. They can be help in-person or by Zoom – please R.S.V.P. by calling the office! And of course, if at any time you are curious about what it means to become a member of Grace, please contact Pastor Mike.

Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873

Worship, written materials, and other resources.

Sunday Worship now in person at 9:00 a.m. (every Sunday)

Livestream online will continue to be available on our webpage and Facebook:

- **On our website:** On the home page, in the "Welcome to Grace" section on the www.gracedm.org homepage, you will see a red button "Online Worship". Click on that button to be taken to our permanent Live Player. If you see our logo, know you are in the right place and worship will begin shortly.
- **On Facebook:** Find worship on our Facebook page – type @GraceLutheranDM into your search bar to find the page. The service will not appear as a scheduled live feed. The service will appear as live shortly before 9:00 a.m. as the stream begins. There may be a couple of minutes where you see the logo without sound. If you see that, know that you are in the right place and the service will begin shortly. Thank you for your patience.

Written materials and Announcements can be found in the Resources section of the website. Click on the word Resources at the top right of any page of the website and go from there! Or, follow this link <https://gracedm.org/resources/>

Missed a worship service? [Find and watch them here.](#)

Worship videos are usually posted on the website within 24 hours. The video is usually available on Facebook within a few minutes of the end of worship.

Sunday Fellowship You are welcome to use the Gathering Hall for fellowship after worship.

Weekday Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on Facebook. If you are not on Facebook, you can still access it by typing @GraceLutheranDM into your browser, or through this link <https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Lutheran-Church-626637384050683/>

Worship Volunteer Signup

Greeters, Ushers, Lectors and Communion Servers! Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/3YPK9?classic> or contact Emma, emma@gracedm.org

Notes from Rich

Last month, Notes from Rich described the basic steps required to tune musical instruments with an emphasis on the pipe organ. The relationship between pitch and length of the air pathway through an instrument was described. The concept of the inverse relationship between frequency (pitch) and wavelength was established, and the mathematical relationship between frequency, wavelength, and the speed of sound was defined. This issue of Notes will describe the process that an organ technician goes through to tune a pipe organ.



As an analogy to tuning the pipe organ, imagine that one is waiting for begin a concert. A few minutes before the start of the concert, the oboist will play a single note which should match the pitch of the A above middle C, often referred to A440. All of the other players will listen to that note and then play that note on their instrument to see if the tones match. If a musician determines that his/her instrument does not match the pitch of the oboe, adjustments to the length of the instrument (longer to lower the pitch; shorter to raise the pitch) will be made until the notes match in pitch. After all the musicians are satisfied that they are playing the same note, the concert can begin. Once the A above middle C is established for each instrument, the construction of the individual instruments and the skill of the musician will assure that all of the other notes played by that instrument will be in tune. (Note: This discussion applies to wind-blown instruments such as the brass and woodwinds. String instruments are tuned by changing the tension on the strings, and all four strings on those instruments are tuned independently.) The tuning process takes but a small portion of a minute for skilled performers.

A reasonable question could be raised at this point: How does a musician know when the instrument is in tune? In other words, what has to happen to know that two instruments are playing the same pitch? Musicians use an acoustic phenomenon called beating to aid in tuning. When two notes, played simultaneously, differ by less than a quarter of a step, they will clash producing a dissonant sound. As the two notes are brought closer to agreement by adjusting the pitch of one of them, the dissonance will become a wavering (or beating) similar to the vibrato in a trained singer's voice. As the two notes approach the same pitch, the beating will slow down and eventually disappear when the notes exactly match. Then two instruments producing the two notes are considered to be in tune.

Tuning the pipe organ takes longer than tuning the orchestra because each of the pipes in the organ is essentially a separate instrument and must be tuned one at a time. Once the A pipe above middle C is tuned by comparing its sound to a source of A440 sound, the rest of the notes within the octave that contains the A above middle C are tuned. (This process is beyond the scope of this paper.) After the pitches of the middle of the first rank are established, the rest of the pipes in that rank (61 for the manuals, 32 for the pedals) are tuned by adjusting notes an octave above and below the reference pipes until there are no beats when the two pipes are played together. This tuning by comparison of octaves is repeated for all of the ranks of the organ.

There are two exceptions to this process. For reed pipes, the length of the pipe is not adjusted; rather the length of the vibrating reed within the boot of the pipe is adjusted using a small bent wire that sticks up from the boot. A longer reed lowers the pitch; a shorter reed raises the pitch. The Grace organ has three reed ranks. A second exception involves the tuning of the celeste pipes. The celeste rank is manufactured to be almost identical to either a flute rank or a string rank. But, the celeste rank is tuned slightly sharp compared to its paired flute or string rank. The resulting sound when both ranks are played is one that beats or wavers about one to two times per second. To the listener's ear, the sound is pleasant and soothing.

Tuning the pipe organ generally requires two people: one next to the pipes to listen and adjust the pipes and a second sitting at the console and holding the keys down. Each of the roughly 1,300 pipes

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Grace organ is checked and adjusted (if necessary) when the organ is tuned. Usually this is done twice per year at a time when the temperature within the sanctuary and pipe chambers is easily controlled and consistent.



God's Work Our Hands, Sunday, September 11

Thank you to everyone – we have been collecting food and supplies, two wagons, monetary gifts AND we have people signed up to help out. September 11 is going to be an AWESOME day. Make sure you sign up for the meal so you don't miss out!

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Our service project will take place in three parts, moving our annual service event to year-round opportunity with long lasting impact.

Before the event: Bring in shelf stable food and toiletries. Let's fill the chancel in front of the altar as a visual reminder of the need and of the abundance we are called to share! Items needed include: Canned food such as soup, fruit, vegetables, stews, tuna fish, etc. Peanut butter, pasta, crackers, and snacks. Toiletries can include feminine hygiene products, toothpaste and floss, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, deodorant, and other similar items.

Not a shopper or you would like us to be able to purchase needed items on the day of the event?

It's easy! Place an offering in the plate on Sunday and write "Little Free Pantry" in the memo of your check or envelope. For online giving, there's a dropdown for "Little Free Pantry." Checks can also be mailed to the office.

Be sure to sign up to let us know you are coming so we can plan for our outdoor meal together! There's a paper sign up in the Gathering Hall, email Bunny@GraceDM.org, or call the office at 515-276-6873 and let us know how many adults and kids are coming.

The day of the event: Teams of volunteers will work together to build shelves in the backstock room, shop together for additional items, organize the items in the backstock pantry, cook a meal, and more! We will worship outside at 9 a.m., get to work, then re-gather outside for fun and food.

After the event: Continue to bring in non-perishable and financial donations for the food pantry. Volunteers and ministry teams are encouraged to sign up for a weekly slot to swing by Grace to restock the Little Food Pantry.

Questions? Email Vicar Bunny at Bunny@GraceDM.org!



Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. Through our innovative Host Homes program, caregivers can also become mentors to individuals with disabilities, welcoming them into their private family home where they can receive more one-on-one care and encouragement.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI Services for People with Disabilities, 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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

A New Home for D.

D. wanted to become more connected to her community, while still ensuring she could receive the care she needed on a daily basis. Through LSI, D. has been able to enroll in the Host Homes program, which provides 24/7 care for individuals with disabilities and mental illness who thrive in a one-on-one setting instead of a busier group home environment.

D. was able to move into a private family home with her Host Homes mentor, Anita, and they have built a friendship and a shared social life. Anita is there to support D. as she works on her personal goals, while D. is still able to get the care she needs.

Currently, one of D.'s goals is to exercise and become more active in the community, so the duo enjoys shopping and walking around the local mall to stay active. Back at home, the two can work on skills – like hygiene and cooking – that make D. feel more independent and confident.

"I like helping D. and seeing her progress and growth in her daily living," Anita says. "When you and the person in your care begin living like a family, when they are able to trust you and open up, then you know you're getting somewhere."

**LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.*

No council highlights as the council does not meet in August. The next highlights, from the September meeting, will be published in the October newsletter.

Grace Chancel Choir Returns

"..be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.." Ephesians 5:19-20

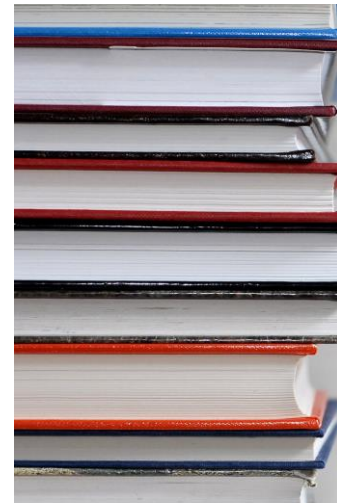
Grace Chancel Choir will gather again beginning Sept. 7, join us! The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm starting Sept. 7 and ending for the year on Dec. 18. We sing an anthem in worship about three times per month. The music is typically 2 or 3 mixed parts and often based on a tune from the hymnal with scripture-based text. Adults and teens 9th grade+ are welcome! If you would like to hear more, find Emma on a Sunday morning or email emma@gracedm.org. We hope to see you in September!

August News From the Library

Grace Library is a lovely place across from the office. If you are new to Grace please come and take a look. Sit a while and enjoy one of many books in the library. They are available for check out. Easy instructions are on the desk just inside the door. You'll take a walk down memory lane with our retro check out cards! Just write your full name and phone number. Books can be borrowed for a month and the white return bin is located just inside the door next to the desk. It's a great collection of children's books, young adult fiction and nonfiction, and adult fiction and nonfiction. The card catalog is under the clock on the wall common with the hall. The drawers hold all the book cards by author, title and subject in alphabetical order.

Please feel free to use the library and remember to leave it as you found it by replacing things you've used so others can enjoy the library too. Any books you look at and don't check out can be placed in the white book return bin by the desk.

Currently on display for check out are several Max Lucado books for children and adults. More titles can be found in the card catalog!



Lutheran World Relief Fall Project

The weather might be cooling off, but not our efforts for Lutheran World Relief! This fall, we are raising funds and highlighting the continuing global need for caring aid. From September 11 to October 2nd, we are collecting donations to make kits and quilts for people around the world who are suffering the effects of poverty, famine, conflict, displacement, and disease. You will find yellow donation envelopes near the offering plate, a display in the Gathering Hall, and messages about our continuing work through Lutheran World Relief. Join us every Thursday morning, when we meet to make quilts at 9:30. On September 25, at 10:00 AM, during our congregation service learning session, we will make school kits and tie quilts for LWR. On October 2nd there will be a quilt and kit blessing during worship. Please join us! Thank you for your generosity! Still curious about LWR? Check out their website: lwr.org

Help support Moore Elementary!



Take your normal Saturday neighborhood walk at the beautiful Greater Des Moines Botanic Gardens on Saturday morning September 24. Registration is free, but every walker or runner who designates their school as Moore will help earn money for Moore elementary! Details at <https://www.dmpsfoundation.org/>

Finance Report – July Results

Financial results for July YTD are as follows:

- Income – Actual \$231,759, Budget \$253,542
- Expenses – Actual \$234,463, Budget \$241,717
- Net activity – Actual \$(2,703), Budget \$11,825



Actual net activity was below of budget by \$14,528. Pledged offerings are the primary reason for the difference. Pledged offerings are below budget by \$20,751, which is an increase of \$4,732 from the previous month. This variance is offset by several expense categories that are below budget.

2022 Grace Golf Outing

Thank you to all who participated in the 2022 Grace Golf Outing, to Connie Heuton for coordinating everything, and to Woodland Hills Golf Course for hosting. It was a lot of fun and we hope to return next year.



There were 5 groups of 4 competing in a “Best Ball” format. All the groups finished within 3 strokes of each other. What a contest! The winning foursome included Dean Watson, Cathy Watson, Jackie Embrey, and Donnie Embrey, who finished 1 under par. Three teams tied at 1 over par. Individual prizes included the following.

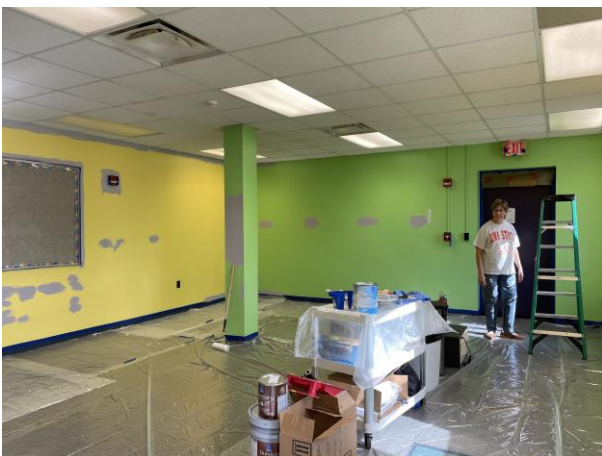
Longest drive/ women’s – Kenzie Harder and Cherie Rissman

Longest drive/men’s – Donnie Embrey

Longest putt – Greg Boeschen

Lydia/Martha Circle

We will meet on Thursday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall. Please RSVP to Martha Mitchell 515-491-3062 or Marilyn Nizzi at 515-270-2017.



Dean and Cathy Watson painted the old nursery.



Willing Workers Chuck Denton, Rich Snyder, Mike Peterman, and Paul Nelson working on the final touches to the new elementary Sunday School room. The in-room sink will be perfect for crafts.

It's time for another round of Grace Staff Questions!

We decided to use "The Colbert Questionert" in case the questions sound familiar...

We've also hung our completed questionnaires on the hallway bulletin boards, AND left plenty of blank copies for YOU to fill out! Once you are finished, add your name (please!), and pin to the bulletin boards. Then stop by frequently to learn about those at Grace!

Get to Know Pastor Mike

16. Best sandwich? **Patty Melt**
17. What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **Cans of old paint**
18. What is the scariest animal? **Snake**
19. Apples or oranges? **Oranges**
20. Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **Yes. Wayburn Dean**
21. What do you think happens when we die? **The start of another chapter**
22. Favorite action movie? **Predator**
23. Favorite smell? **Caraway rye bread baking**
24. Least favorite smell? **Rotten eggs**
25. Exercise: worth it? **Yes. Do I? Not near enough**
26. Flat or sparkling? **Flat**
27. Most used app on your phone? **Email**
28. You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **Unaccompanied Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BMV 1007: Prelude – J.S. Bach. Honorable mention – Brave by Sara Bareilles, Deed I Do by Diana Krall, The Fox by Nickel Creek**
29. What is your favorite number? **77 – Karl Mecklenburg**
30. Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Stay Calm enjoy the ride**

Get to Know Bunny Stoutes, Vicar

1. Best sandwich? **BLT**
2. What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **At least half my sock collection**
3. What is the scariest animal? **Snake**
4. Apples or oranges? **Apples with peanut butter**
5. Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **Mickey Mouse**
6. What do you think happens when we die? **Body = back to the earth, Soul = everlasting life with God**
7. Favorite action movie? **The Lord of the Rings**
8. Favorite smell? **Citrus**
9. Least favorite smell? **Flowers**
10. Exercise: worth it? **Ummmmm**
11. Flat or sparkling? **Flat**
12. Most used app on your phone? **Facebook**
13. You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **Just Breathe – Pearl Jam**
14. What is your favorite number? **298**
15. Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Energetic. Open. Loving. Adventurous. Joyful.**

Get to Know Emma Stammer, Minister for Worship and Music

- 1.** Best sandwich? **Grilled Cheese**
- 2.** What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **So much baby stuff.**
- 3.** What is the scariest animal? **Any insect larger than about a half inch long**
- 4.** Apples or oranges? **Apples**
- 5.** Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **Yes – Leon Fleisher, pianist**
- 6.** What do you think happens when we die? **The world keeps on turning.**
- 7.** Favorite action movie? **The new Jumanji!**
- 8.** Favorite smell? **My perfume – Versace Crystal**
- 9.** Least favorite smell? **Wet peanut butter**
- 10.** Exercise: worth it? **Yes!**
- 11.** Flat or sparkling? **Sparkling**
- 12.** Most used app on your phone? **Weather**
- 13.** You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **Any of the Harry Potter soundtracks**
- 14.** What is your favorite number? **None**
- 15.** Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Don't worry, be happy now!**

Get to Know Michelle Voelker, Minister for Communications

- 1.** Best sandwich? **Cubano**
- 2.** What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **Old papers and files**
- 3.** What is the scariest animal? **Buffalo – especially when they are hanging out near an outhouse you have just exited.**
- 4.** Apples or oranges? **Which one is in season?**
- 5.** Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **I wrote to Melissa Gilbert when Little House on the Prairie in 1978. I got a typed letter in return. I do not still have it.**
- 6.** What do you think happens when we die? **Soul, mind, spirit – Elevated & free somewhere. Body – compost.**
- 7.** Favorite action movie? **Leon: The Professional. Or Tomb Raider.**
- 8.** Favorite smell? **A scented breeze in gardens, forests, deserts etc. Or fresh coffee while camping in a pine grove.**
- 9.** Least favorite smell? **Rotting potatoes**
- 10.** Exercise: worth it? **Absolutely**
- 11.** Flat or sparkling? **Sparkling. 100%**
- 12.** Most used app on your phone? **Notes**
- 13.** You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **“Who we are” by Wilder Voelker**
- 14.** What is your favorite number? **33**
- 15.** Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Family. Gardening. Travel. Friendship. Contentment.**

Get to Know Jessye Flannery – Office Assistant for Worship

- 1.** Best sandwich? **BBQ pulled pork sandwich**
- 2.** What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **An old George Foreman grill that no longer works well but still turns on, so I haven't thrown it out.**
- 3.** What is the scariest animal? **A raccoon going through garbage, don't get in their way.**
- 4.** Apples or oranges? **Apples**
- 5.** Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **No, however I have asked for photographs with a few presidents and presidential candidates.**
- 6.** What do you think happens when we die? **Heaven and we get to connect with loved ones.**
- 7.** Favorite action movie? **I'm not into action movies however I have seen most of the original Top Gun and liked it.**
- 8.** Favorite smell? **Fresh cut Christmas trees**
- 9.** Least favorite smell? **Cooked broccoli**
- 10.** Exercise: worth it? **Yes, I guess.**
- 11.** Flat or sparkling? **Flat**
- 12.** Most used app on your phone? **My texting app.**
- 13.** You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **Shania Twain's Man I Feel Like a Woman! I cannot listen to it without dancing.**
- 14.** What is your favorite number? **2**
- 15.** Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Love, happiness, adventure, contentment, and laughter!**

Get to Know Denise Friesth – Minister for Administration

- 1.** Best sandwich? **Turkey with Swiss (grilled)**
- 2.** What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **A coat (or two!) (What can I say, I love coats and jackets!)**
- 3.** What is the scariest animal? **Angry Dog**
- 4.** Apples or oranges? **Apples**
- 5.** Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **Yes**
- 6.** What do you think happens when we die? **Into the arms of Jesus**
- 7.** Favorite action movie? **Top Gun**
- 8.** Favorite smell? **Freshly baked cinnamon rolls**
- 9.** Least favorite smell? **Anything "musty"**
- 10.** Exercise: worth it? **Yes**
- 11.** Flat or sparkling? **Sparkling**
- 12.** Most used app on your phone? **Camera/Photo**
- 13.** You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **"Could I Have This Dance."**
- 14.** What is your favorite number? **10**
- 15.** Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Family. Family. Family. Okoboji. Family.**

Get to Know Todd Haugen, Custodian

1. Best sandwich? **Chic Fillet Sandwich**
2. What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **Iowa State Sweatshirt**
3. What is the scariest animal? **Moose**
4. Apples or oranges? **Oranges**
5. Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **Yes**
6. What do you think happens when we die? **Heaven if you believe in God**
7. Favorite action movie? **Vision Quest**
8. Favorite smell? **Steak**
9. Least favorite smell? **Mold**
10. Exercise: worth it? **100% Yes, no excuse**
11. Flat or sparkling? **Flat**
12. Most used app on your phone? **Facebook**
13. You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **Loverboy, Working for the Weekend**
14. What is your favorite number? **111**
15. Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Joy, Passion, Desire, Greatness, Dream**

Get to Know Richard Snyder - Organist

1. Best sandwich? **BLT (bacon, lettuce, and tomato)**
2. What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **My college French textbook.**
3. What is the scariest animal? **Tarantula**
4. Apples or oranges? **Apples**
5. Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? **Yes. Robert Short (The Gospel According to Peanuts); John Behnke (multiple music compositions); Albert Cotton and Geoffrey Wilkinson (Inorganic Chemistry)**
6. What do you think happens when we die? **Our physical life ends.**
7. Favorite action movie? **"The Great Race" circa 1964**
8. Favorite smell? **Benzaldehyde (Marciano cherries)**
9. Least favorite smell? **Dimethyl disulfide (dead squirrel)**
10. Exercise: worth it? **Always**
11. Flat or sparkling? **Sparkling**
12. Most used app on your phone? **Safari**
13. You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **"For Baby" John Denver**
14. What is your favorite number? **Pi**
15. Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. **Days filled with hope & despair.**