

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for May 19, 2024**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Rocky, cousin of Mike Hilsabeck, Haley Dostalík, Holly Honsey - wife of Ben, Charlotte Lenhart

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Ellen Batten, Gary Batten, Haley Turner Bluto, Sandy Briggs, Steve Dyson - brother of Sandy Briggs, Joanne Johnson, Gene Krauss, Brad Lint, Barb Powers, Vera Richardson - sister of Patty Allen, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Marlene Schossow - mother of Beverly Russell, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday! Megan Jensen, Chuck Denton, Bruce Bergman, Barb Zimany, Kaylee Ringgenberg, Jacob Nordeen, Brenda Mann, Kenneth Carlson, Mike Hilsabeck, Jonay Trentmann, Hal Turner

Happy Anniversary! Mike and Tina Meadows, Wayne and Debbie Curry, Mike and Susanne Carney, Richard and Michelle Voelker, Harlan and Jayne Mortenson

Communion – All communion wafers are gluten free. Find directions for communion in the bulletin margins.

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Steve Young and our upcoming wedding anniversary.
Melissa Young



10:00 a.m. Sunday Fellowship: After worship we meet in the Gathering Hall to share coffee, donuts, juice, and fellowship between worship and the education hour.



Celebration Sunday Potluck!

Please meet us in Grace Hall after worship, where we will celebrate all we have accomplished during the past year!

We'll celebrate the various ministries here at Grace and all the people who contribute. We will honor and bless Vicar Adam as he moves forward to his last phase of pastoral education. And we will feast on all of the amazing dishes everyone has brought to share.



Sunday School and Adult Education will return in fall! Thank you to Deanna Weber, Courtney Brandsfield, Jenie Schmidt, Carol Woodruff, Jessye Flannery.



Thank you to the singers, ringers and brass players who enhanced our worship services this program year! A special thanks to Rich Snyder for leading worship from the organ and piano so faithfully and artfully.

Vicar Adam Barden
Allison Olson
Carol Woodruff
Cathy Watson
Eric Weber
Isaac McCleary
Janet Trentmann
Jenie Schmidt
Jenny Rehder
Jill Boesch

Julie Honsey
Kari Dostalík
Karla Swanson
Kate Schaller
Kathy Bowermaster
Kiley Brandsfield
Layne Weber
Linda Moravec
Marty Dostalík
Mary Helt

Mary Jo McCleary
Pastor Mike Schmidt
Paul Kallenbach
Rich Snyder
Rich Voelker
Ro Zimany
Sally Thielking
Tom McCleary
Tom Selander



Lydia/Martha Circle

Our next Lydia/Martha Circle meeting is Thursday, May 23rd at 9:30 in Grace Hall. Marilyn will be giving a brief update in regard to this year's flowers for the entryway gardens. Please join us



Next Sunday: New Member Classes with Pastor Mike

If you are interested or curious about becoming a member of Grace, the next new member classes will be held on Sunday, May 26. Meet in the Innovation Lab (near the pop machine, follow the signs). Call the office to R.S.V.P, or find Pastor Mike after worship. The June class will be held on Sunday, June 30th. If you would like to schedule a different time, please contact Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873.



Mission Action Fund's Disaster Relief Response Interest

With the recent tornadoes in the Central Iowa area, the Mission Action Fund (MAF) representatives would like to set up a supply closet of sorts to be on the ready for the next time our neighbors are in need after a severe storm. We were thinking we could buy supplies such as tarps, plywood, nails, etc. that could be stored in the garage at Todd's house. These supplies would be ready to go for those willing to respond for clean up duty when the next disaster strikes. We are still in the gathering of information stage, but we would like to gauge congregational interest before the purchase of any supplies. Your interest is not a commitment, but a willingness at the time of the next disaster to gather at the church with personal tools (chainsaws, gloves, hammers, tree trimmers, etc.) and pickups/cars, load the supplies and spend the day helping to clear debris or whatever is necessary to help our fellow Iowans in need. We would keep our response to a 50-60 mile radius from Des Moines. If you are interested in doing this type of work, please contact Kristin Medhurst either by phone, email or text. 515 556-8950, medhurstk@msn.com



May Little Free Pantry Request: May Little Free Pantry Request of the Month: We are looking to stock our pantry with snacks and ready-to-eat food options, such as granola bars, trail mix, fruit cups, canned food with pull tab tops.

You can also order items from the Grace Wish List on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), which will be shipped directly to the church, or you can donate through our secure [GIVE](#) page where these funds will be used to purchase items to stock the pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We heard from a gentleman recently who was grateful to have the option to pick up a few food items and a book to read.



Medical Debt Relief Campaign Update

- To date, Grace has raised \$4,995 from the congregation.
- Every \$10, along with the match, will relieve another \$2,000 worth of medical debt.
- The Mission Action Fund has already allocated \$10,000 for this campaign, which alone will relieve \$1,000,000 worth of debt within Iowa.
- The MAF is prepared to match up to \$12,000, with an ultimate goal of relieving \$2,000,000 by the end of May.

How can I help?

Please consider contributing and **challenging others to do so as well.**

Challenge your neighbors, co-workers, friends, family to contribute.

Donations can be made directly to the campaign at [Medical Debt Relief - Iowa - UnDUE Medical Debt](#) through May 31st.

If you prefer to give through Grace, use the secure online giving portal on our website <https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/> . Please write checks to Grace Lutheran Church and include "Medical Debt Relief" in the memo field.

Together, we can make a lasting impact for Iowans struggling with medical debt.



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