

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for May 5, 2024**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Haley Dostalík, Holly Honsey - wife of Ben, Charlotte Lenhart

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Karen Bandy, 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! Dylan Rutter, Hannah Honsey, Karla Swanson, Regan Nelson, Claire Kallestad

Happy Anniversary! Carolyn and Justin Andersen, Cheri and Jon Rissman, Carol and Carter Woodruff

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

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Jenny Rehder.



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.



Education Hour for Sunday May 5 at 10:15 a.m. :

- K-5 Sunday School Students meet in the Sunday School room by the elevators.
- 6-12 Grade Sunday School meets in the High School Room upstairs by the gym.
- Adult Education in Grace Hall: Q&A session with Pastor Mike and Vicar Adam: bring your questions about theology and the bible.

There will be no adult education on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.



Visits with Pastor Mike

Please call the office at 515-276-6873, or Pastor Mike directly (extension 203) to set up a time. You can also directly email mike@gracedm.org

Praying for one another is an important part of the life of a community of faith. Share your prayer needs or update your personal contact information with us by using the white Prayer Cards in your pew. Place the folded card in the offering plate or the locked office mailbox. These cards will be placed in a private envelope for the pastor to go through on Monday mornings. Information that is not confidential will be passed to the appropriate people. You may also choose to simply call 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org or Vicar Adam adam@gracedm.org directly.



Our Fundraiser at Goode's Greenhouse starts Monday!

Shop at Goodes Greenhouse between May 6th – 13th, and earn money for Grace Youth at the same time! With every flier presented, Grace will receive 10% back for the Youth program. *Flier must be present for Grace to receive credit – either in paper or on your mobile device.* Fliers can be found in the entryway, hallway near Grace Hall, and on our website. Share with your neighbors and co-workers!



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.



Celebration Sunday Potluck!

On May 19th, we'll have a potluck meal for our Celebration Sunday. Together, 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.

Your help is needed for the potluck! There is a paper signup in the hallway across from the office for you to let us know what dishes you plan to bring, or you can email office staff – emails below.

Dessert will be provided, so we are asking for Main dishes & Side dishes/salads.

Can you help coordinate the potluck and volunteers, set up, serve drinks, or clean up? Please email kami@gracedm.org or michelle@gracedm.org to help.



Worship volunteer needs for May 12

Greeter and someone to start the coffee and set out the donuts and cups.

<https://volunteersignup.org/3TKR7?classic>



Medical Debt Relief Campaign

3x greater likelihood that individuals with debt also have a mental health problem such as anxiety, stress, or depression.

The Mission Action Fund (MAF) Team is partnering with RIP Medical Debt to relieve lowans of the burden of medical debt. Our goal is to lead the way on a campaign with other ELCA congregations in the Southeastern Iowa Synod. RIP Medical Debt has access to \$16 million of medical debt within the state of Iowa. The Mission Action Fund has already allocated \$10,000 for this campaign. This alone will relieve \$1,000,000 worth of debt within Iowa.

We are hoping to relieve \$2,000,000 by the end of May. The MAF is prepared to match up to \$12,000.

How can I help?

Every \$10, along with the match, will relieve another \$2,000 worth of medical debt.

Please consider contributing and challenging others to do so as well. Donations can be made directly to the campaign at [Medical Debt Relief - Iowa - RIP Medical Debt](#) through May 31st. Or you may send your donation to Grace – where we have already collected an additional \$2,000. You may send a check, or 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 lowans struggling with medical debt.



Summer New Member Classes with Pastor Mike

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace, the next new member classes will be held on Sunday, May 26. If that one doesn't work, there will be another on June 30.

If you are interested, call the office to R.S.V.P, or find Pastor Mike after worship on the dates noted! If you would like to schedule a different time, please contact Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873.



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