

Morning and Welcome to Grace! Announcements for June 30, 2024

Immediate Prayer Needs

Holly Honsey - wife of Ben

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Ellen Batten, Gary Batten, Haley Turner Bluto, Sandy Briggs, Ernie and Evelyn Dostalík – parents of Marty Dostalík, Haley Dostalík, Rocky – cousin of Mike Hilsabeck, Joanne Johnson, Gene Krauss, Charlotte Lenhart, Brad Lint, Barb Powers, Vera Richardson - sister of Patty Allen, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Marlene Schossow - mother of Beverly Russell, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday! Steve McCann, Michael Nizzi, Dale Bordt, Marilyn Anderson, Sawyer Shiffler, Levi Wilner

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

Flowers on the altar are given by Carol and Carter Woodruff to the glory of God and in celebration of the joys of summer.



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.

New Member Classes with Pastor Mike – today after worship

If you are interested in become a member of Grace or just curious what that would look like, meet Pastor Mike and Vicar Jesse in the Innovation Lab – go up the stairs/elevator from the entryway or Gathering Hall, look for the pop machine – the lab is in the room just past the pop machine. (Or ask for directions – someone will be more than happy to show you.)

If today doesn't work for you, there will be another opportunity on Sunday, July 28. Or contact Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873 to make other arrangements.

Worship Volunteers Needed for summer!

For July 7: 1 Greeter, 1 Communion Assistant

For July 14: 1 Greeter, 1 Coffee/donut server

Can you help? [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#)

Preparation for Worship - A new Sunday opportunity

We have begun offering a new prayerful opportunity for members of the congregation to center and prepare for worship.

When: Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m.

Where: The Upper Room.

What to expect: A prayer, a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice will end with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship.

July Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

Donate cereal, pancake or muffin mixes this month or give to the Little Free Pantry through the [GIVE](#) page where funds will be used to purchase items to stock the pantry.

You can also order items from the [Amazon Grace Wish List](#), which will be shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your donations.



a new Sunday opportunity



Mac 'n Cheese
Skiller meal mixes



The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of the National Holiday. We will return on Monday, July 8.



Open House

What is the Being New Spirituality Center at Grace Lutheran Church?

The Being New Spirituality Center offers a place to experience more deeply the work and presence of God in community . . . a place to respond to the invitation of Spirit to explore sacred conversation, deep listening, connection, renewal, and healing. The Spirituality Center will serve the entire central Iowa community.

We invite you to learn more by attending an Open House on Sunday, July 14th at 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will come and dream with us and assist us in helping Being New Spirituality Center to take shape. Plan to bring your ideas and invite others to participate!

With deep gratitude to Pastor Mike, Grace Lutheran Church Council, and our Being New circle for support and guidance, and also to the Willing Workers for assistance with this work.

You will find the Spirituality Center on the lower level. Follow the signs starting in the either of the two entries on the west side of the church off the parking lot.



Summer Bible Study on Psalms with Bob Merkley

Bob is a regular attendee of the Tuesday Bible study with Pastor Mike.

The second session met this past Tuesday. Each session is different – you don't need to be at one to come to the next! Please join us:

- Tuesday, July 18, Psalm 22 & 23. Meet in Grace Hall, 9:00 a.m.

We are looking for new Liturgists to round out our rotation.

Would you be willing to fill in once a month, or be a substitute?

If this is of interest to you or you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of this position, please reach out to Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org and/or Kathy Bowermaster kbowerma@hotmail.com



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 directly.



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