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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship: In-person and Online
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee
10:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Education

Morning Prayer Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
[@Gracelutherandm](https://www.instagram.com/Gracelutherandm)

Office & Open Building Hours
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday

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

*Penny Hansen
Dale Bordt
Marilyn Anderson
John Roehrick
Cheyenne Jensen
John Schall
Louise Grotheer
Connie Heuton
Lynn Niemuth
Eugene Krauss
Rev. William Kallestad
Joanne Johnson
Brenda Mann*

*"Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering,
Though the seasons of despair give no sign that you are there,
God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song."
Let My Spirit Always Sing- All Creation Sings # 1020
Stanza 1, Shirley Erena Murray*

There is a story told from the days after President Kennedy died. Mary McGrory, a journalist, commented to Pat Moynihan, who later became a U.S. Senator, that "We will never laugh again." Moynihan responded, "We will laugh again, but we will never be young again." I find these words speak great truth about the realities of grief. It changes a person, leaving a hole where the other once was. Part of you moves on, and life is forever different.

That is the word my Mom used after my Dad died, different. There was still laughter, but everything was different. Each of the people listed above, and the many we know who are not from Grace Lutheran, leave a hole. Things are different, and we continue to adjust to a world that is forever changed. We will laugh again. We will sing again. We will never be young, or the same, again.

The hymn quoted above is a good reminder to all of us. There are seasons where God feels distant. Our prayer is that there always be a song. May there always be laughter. May there

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- 1 - Remington Anderson
- 2 - Mike Peterman
- 4 - Gabriella Artzer
- 5 - Sally Thielking
- 6 - Benjamin Gronert
Ralph Watson
- 8 - Austin Schaller
- 12 - Zoe Lawson
- 13 - Kurt Bowermaster
Jasey Bradwell
Zachary Jensen
- 14 - Linda Moravec
- 15 - Amy Batten
John Justice
Mark Ridnour
- 16 - Haley Dostalick
- 17 - Jeremy Israel
Gloria Moon
Madison Robbins
- 19 - Nick Medhurst
Greg Ruckdaschel
- 21 - Kelley Riordan
- 22 - Zachary Kulzer
- 23 - Ashley Lund
- 24 - Jon Rissman
- 25 - Kerry Riordan
- 26 - Jessica Rissman
Paul Thielking
Virginia Wangerin
Carol Woodruff
- 29 - Angie Hidalgo
Ed Ridnour

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...always be signs of life and ways to honor those who have gone before us, ways of embracing life until that time we are together once again. May we always give thanks for the lives of the saints who from their labors now rest.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike



Fall Back!

Sunday, November 3

We gain an extra hour when we turn the clocks back at 2 a.m.



**Excavation near Main Entrance
Beginning Thursday, November 7**

As we begin to address the issue of keeping water out of the building, we want you to be aware of the excavation work that will be starting soon on the west side of the building.

Be assured that the main entrance will be open during normal open hours and for all scheduled events. If there is a change, we will alert you by sending an e-newsletter (sign up on the website), as well as posting on our Facebook account and the website news.



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**Sunday, November 10 Is
Commitment Sunday at Grace**

The Grace Church Council gives thanks to the congregation for its support this past year – your support has made planning for programming and taking care of our facilities less stressful in 2024.

Planning for the 2025 budget has begun, and includes funding for more upkeep, continuing participation in the internship program, and many other wonderful things. Turning your pledge in by the 10th of November will greatly assist with planning for the year ahead.

If you haven't yet received your stewardship packet in the mail, please contact the office so we can get you a replacement as soon as possible. Thank you!



- 2 – Richard and Deanna Snyder
- 7 – Paul and Alexson Calahan
- 11 – Gabe and Kelley Brown
- 13 – Amy and Ellen Batten
- 26 – Frank and Colleen McKinney

Vicar's Voice: Christ's Table

It's November, and time to prepare for my favorite holiday: Thanksgiving. Of course, I love the food of Thanksgiving, but I like the intentional time to sit with others around a table, reflecting on the things we are most grateful for, best. I've been thinking recently about how much I wish Thanksgiving could be a more often occurrence, when I realized we have a form of Thanksgiving every week in our service of Holy Communion. It's so similar to the Thanksgiving meal: we gather together, centered around a Table, give praise and thanks to God, and share in a meal together. I am grateful for the opportunity to share in this meal together each week, a meal that, as Pastor Mike often reminds us, is for everyone. All are welcome at Christ's table.

GIVE
Thanks

This is especially true for those who are feeling weary and burdened. For some, this time of year feels extra heavy. Elections bring up reminders of how divided our country is, and complicated relationship and family dynamics have a habit of rearing up during the holidays. As the days get shorter and schedules get busier, know that there is always a place for you around Christ's table.

One of my favorite sections of Martin Luther's Large Catechism (yes, I have a favorite section), reads "for times like these, when our heart feels too sorely pressed, this comfort of the Lord's Supper is given to bring us new strength and refreshment." I pray that you feel God's comfort around you, in this season and always.

In peace,
Vicar Jesse



New Member Class With Pastor Mike

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace, or just want to ask questions about what it looks like to be a member of Grace, the next new member class will be Sunday, November 24, at 10:15 a.m.

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

Evenings of Gratitude with Bishop Amy Current in November, Sundays 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Join Bishop Current on one of these evenings for a light dinner and an evening of fellowship, conversation, and gratitude for the ministry we share in our synod.

No RSVP is needed and all are welcome.

- November 3 - Peace Lutheran Church, Pella
- November 10 - Christ the King Lutheran Church, Iowa City
- November 17 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley
- November 24 - Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Des Moines

November All-Ages Service Project

Sunday, November 24 at 10:15 a.m. during the Education Hour.

We will be putting together gift bags for our home-bound members and those who might need a little extra care this holiday season. Several groups at Grace have already been preparing gifts to include in these bags. If you have questions or something to contribute, please contact Cathy Watson or Jill Boesch through the office or directory.

There will not be a December project. The January Service Project will be held on Sunday, January 5th and we will be making Fleece Hats for the Little Free Pantry!

Dorothy's House project update!

Thanks to the Mission Action Fund for sponsoring our October All-Ages Service Project, and to all who donated cleaning supplies and participated on Sunday, October 27!

We were able to present Kellie Markey, the founder of Dorothy's House, with the following items to help them in their very important work:

- \$10,000 from the Mission Action Fund
- 163 dishwasher pods
- 440 laundry detergent pods
- 739 dryer sheets
- \$85 in gift cards
- 25 first aid kits
- 25 cleaning kits (each containing 2 spray cleaners, Dawn, nylon scrubbie, rubber gloves, 4 cleaning cloths, 2 magic erasers, and 6 sponges)
- 30 latex gloves

For more information on Dorothy's House, including volunteer and donation opportunities, please go to www.dorothyshouse.org. For more information on the Mission Action Fund, see page 12 of this newsletter.



**Lydia/Martha Circle will meet Thursday, December 5 at 9:30 a.m.
We will be in Grace Hall and would love to see you there.**

We will be making cocoa mix packages for the Little Free Pantry. This is your Invitation to join in for some fun and conversation. This will be our last meeting of 2024.



Finance Report – September Results

Financial results for September YTD are as follows:

- Income – Actual \$338,594, Budget \$310,038, Prior Year \$286,104
- Expenses – Actual \$331,140, Budget \$312,300, Prior Year \$335,735
- Net activity – Actual \$7,454, Budget (\$2,262), Prior Year (\$49,631)



Results are great! Thanks to everyone who has made this happen. Activity is \$10K ahead of budget, including \$32K of unbudgeted roof repair work. This is a significant (over \$50,000) improvement from last year.

Grace Endowment Fund

Endowment grants are awarded each year to groups both inside and outside of Grace.

A certain percentage of the funds given each year must be awarded to community groups outside of the Grace community, so please share and promote this opportunity widely.

Requests for specific, finite projects are preferred. The Endowment does not fund operational expenses.

Applications are due January 31, 2025. Additional details and examples of projects can be found on our website <https://gracedm.org/support-of-others/grace-endowment-fund/>



November Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. We are collecting food this month that would be enjoyed during a Thanksgiving meal: stuffing, cornbread, potatoes, cranberry, pumpkin, fruit, and vegetables. You can also provide cash donations by check or online through the [GIVE](#) page for the Little Free Pantry.



There is an [Amazon Grace Wish List](#) available where these items will be shipped directly to the church.

Thank you for your donations.

November in Worship

Each month we will be sharing upcoming texts and a synopsis, as well as all volunteer shifts still open at time of publication. We want to give everyone a chance to ponder the texts in advance – and for those signed up to lector, a chance to practice names of people and places! If you are contemplating being a lector, we encourage you to sign up online, on the clipboard in the Gathering Hall, or by calling the office.

November 3: 1 Kings 17:1-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. Elijah sets out on a difficult journey. He relies on ravens and a widow for food. At every step, scarcity and worry give rise to resistance and doubt. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

November 10: Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10, 4:1-11

Jonah receives a call he doesn't like and flees. Incurring the wrath of God, he is swallowed by a fish. From its belly, he prays for salvation and is shown mercy. Now comes the hard part: learning to be glad that the mercy God has shown him is not exclusive but universal.

November 17: Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah receives a vision that is terrifying, comforting, and challenging, all at once. He is confronted by the majesty of God, receives forgiveness, and then is sent out to proclaim a word that will be hard for people to hear. Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here I am; send me!"

November 24: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

At every turn, roadblocks have been erected to prevent God's word. Jeremiah is barred from the temple, the advisors attempt to drown Baruch in red tape, and King Jehoiakim burns the scroll. And yet God's word is still proclaimed and continues to be heard.

Worship Volunteers

If you're still unsure or would like more details, please reach out to Vicar Jesse, or Pastor Mike – they'll be happy to answer your questions. Find the signup at the link <https://volunteersignup.org/3TKR7?classic>. You may also sign up on the paper copy in the Gathering Hall.

November needs

- November 3: Greeter
- November 10: Greeter
- November 17: Greeter, Coffee/Donut Server
- November 24: Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee/Donut Server

Greeters: Be present in the entryway or Gathering Hall, smile, and welcome people!

Lectors: Read the week's readings and Psalm from the Ambo. If you have issues with stairs we can work around that too – just ask! Please start by signing up for just one Sunday per month – you are welcome to lector more often if openings remain, we just ask that you initially leave spots open for others who enjoy reading.

Communion assistants –Serve the wine or grape juice during communion. You may sit with your family before and after communion.

Coffee and Donut Servers; One or two people, or a family/group. Arrive before worship to start a pot of coffee in the Gathering Hall Kitchenette where you will find directions. Retrieve the box of donut holes from the kitchen. Start a carafe of decaf coffee brewing. After Communion head to the kitchenette, start a pot of hot water for tea, and set out the coffee, juice (found in the kitchenette fridge), cups, tea bags, donuts/tongs, and napkins. Socialize, refill any items if needed, clean up after any education offerings you would like to attend.

An Attitude of Gratitude – Pam Hellman

You may be thinking, “Yeah, yeah, yeah. I’ve read all about this. There’s already plenty going on in my life. How can I possibly squeeze in yet another thing on my “To Do” list?” Well, sometimes we need to be reminded of the obvious. Despite the cliché title, be encouraged to keep reading!



The Hebrew term for gratitude is **Hakarat Ha Tov**. It literally means “recognizing the good”.¹ Although the expression doesn’t exist in Biblical Hebrew, there are hundreds of mentions of the words “thanks” and “gratitude” in the Bible. Paul tells us in Colossians 3:15-17 (NRSV) to be thankful not just once but three times!

Developing an “attitude of gratitude” doesn’t have to involve a lot of time (unless you want it to); however, it will take some mindful effort your part...and the rewards are more than worth it. Anyone else in for more calm, less anxiety, lower blood pressure, more restful sleep? Yes, please!

The following is just a small sampling of ideas...try one (or more!) then get creative with your own.

- G—Give of your time and volunteer for an organization you’re interested in. There are options right here at Grace, like becoming a greeter on Sunday or getting to know our companion congregation in Tanzania. You may be surprised YOU get more out of the time spent than those you serve!
- R—Random acts of kindness. Hold a door for someone. Pay for a stranger’s coffee. Say “Good morning” to someone in the elevator. Expect nothing in return.
- A—Adjust your perspective. There WILL be times when being grateful is hard. Write 3 things you’re grateful for each day in a journal or add a slip of paper to a happiness jar. Look back periodically over what you’ve recorded to continue to appreciate all the good in your life.
- T—Thank you. It may only be 2 small words, but the ripple effect is enormous. Thank your loved ones and those in your community (i.e. teacher, barista, postal worker). Write an on-line positive review for a small business you’ve visited.
- I—Infectious positivity. It takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile so why not smile more? Bless your daily irritations (like that car that cut you off on the freeway). Limit the negativity by restricting media time and apps.
- T—Try a contemplative practice. Check out Preparation for Worship at 8:30 in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings. The Being New Spirituality Center at Grace also offers a variety of events—from yoga and Reiki to Soul Collage and centering prayer and more. There’s apt to be something of interest to you.
- U—you. Applaud what your body does for you every day rather than criticizing what it doesn’t. Thank your eyes for allowing you to read a book by your favorite author. Give praise for your voice to be able to sing along with the radio. Bless your hands for making a meal for your family or to be able to hold your grandchild’s or spouse’s hand.
- D—Drop a written note to a distant relative or friend to let them know how much you appreciate them. Better yet, give them a call or pay them a visit too!
- E—Explore the outdoors. Get that “Vitamin N” (nature) in by taking a leisurely walk around the neighborhood or local park. Sit in your backyard and silently listen and/or watch all that’s going on around you.

A word of thanks if you’ve read this far! With a bit of time and effort, an attitude of gratitude can greatly improve not only your mental well-being but physical as well. Take the time to find a way to practice daily gratitude and enjoy the infinite blessings.

--To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything. –Thomas Merton

--As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them. –John F Kennedy

¹www.innerjudaism.com/post/the-secret-hebrew-meaning-of-gratitude

Being New Spirituality Center

We believe that contemplative insight and practice are key to the transformation of our spirits, touching that deep place of heart and of being that lives in each of us, whether we are part of a faith tradition or not. We are a resource for Central Iowa, creating events to which all are welcome, as well as opening space for offerings that others bring.

There is no fee for the offerings that come from the center. Donations to cover our expenses are thus received with special gratitude! There is a basket in the Center. Checks may be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Being New in the memo line. You may also donate online through the church's website. Follow this link and choose Being New from the drop-down menu:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2854737

The Center is located in the lower level of Grace Lutheran Church.

November Offerings

Election Day Centering Prayer Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa is hosting an Election Day Centering Prayer event at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5th, at the Being New Spirituality Center. The event will be in person and online. If you want to attend via Zoom, email Julie Honsey, honsey.julie@gmail.com.

SoulCollage® is offered on the **first and third Mondays each month at 6:30 p.m.** The fee is \$15.00 to cover supplies and materials. Please contact Deb Richards for more information (yobel49@yahoo.com).

Energy and Sound Healing Monthly Gatherings Come bask in a loving space through crystal tuning bowls and Reiki healing energy, **6:30pm the second Monday of each month.** Contact Julie Good at juliegood03@yahoo.com or 515-306-4864 so she can plan for your presence. Instead of a fee, participants are invited to make a donation to Being New Center.

Drop-In Sessions on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 AM. During these informal gatherings we will watch and discuss a video, a presentation, or whatever seems relevant. Some will be offered as hybrid gatherings, in person as well as on zoom. Let us know if you have something you would like to offer.

November 6, 10:00-11:00 am: A large international study found that 70% of the general population and 84% of Gen Z are experiencing symptoms of burnout. In the video we will watch, Dr. Kearney speaks of cultivating a Deep Resilience that goes beyond simple self care in addressing burnout, grounding us in Deep Security, which holds us whatever our outward circumstances. In person only.

Book Circles

Book circles are a great way to dive into a book that has piqued your interest and there has been a great response to those offered at the Center. The current Wednesday afternoon group is full; stayed tuned for new opportunities or let us know if you would like to offer a group.

Yoga and Yoga Nidra: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm. In room 104

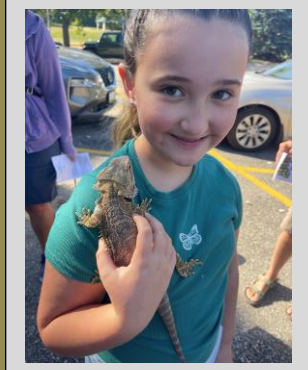
Linda Garcia cordially invites you to a gentle, traditional Hatha yoga followed by Yoga Nidra meditation. Each 1.5 hour class will be \$15.00, paid only when you attend a class. Bring a mat and a blanket. If you have blocks and an eye pillow, bring those, too. If you prefer something under your knees while lying on your mat during meditation, bring a bolster or extra blanket to roll up. No need to buy expensive yoga outfits; just wear comfortable clothing that you can move in. Linda's advanced training includes assisting and modifying poses so that you can fully enjoy the benefits. Please text Linda at 515-371-6296 if you are interested in attending.

The Sanctuary at Grace Lutheran Church in early October. The beautiful quilts and care kits for Lutheran World Relief lovingly set out ready to be blessed.
Photo by Marla Gowdey.



The Annual Pet Blessing was held at Grace on Saturday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Originally planned for the nice, grassy front lawn, the event was moved to the parking lot to avoid an altercation between the attending pets and our new resident groundhog!



Our groundhog neighbor - name unknown.

Current residence: a burrow along the front of the building.

Future Residence: a nice wooded area – thanks to the Palmers who have taken on his relocation needs.

First seen: Sighted days before the Pet Blessing, he did not make an appearance at the event. Perhaps he was miffed the event was moved to the parking lot, more likely because he is not a pet.

Likes/dislikes: Likes scurrying along the side of the building, and rustling through the leaves. Does not appear to like cherry tomatoes or people who get near his burrow.



Photo by Marilyn Nizzi.

Grace Congregational Council Meeting October 22, 2024

1. Call to order at 6:07 P.M. Dinner provided by Val.
2. Adoption of Agenda - Jenny moved, Val seconded, agenda approved.
3. Devotions from book, Chapter 7 and Conclusion
4. Approval of Minutes - Carter moved, Kevin seconded, minutes approved.
5. "Ideas that will get you fired:" Allow pets in worship?
6. Staff Reports – Fall Theological Conference - topic was on the impact of Christian Nationalism and using Christianity as a political weapon.
7. Finance Report – \$9700 above budget at the end of Sep. Stewardship Temple talk on Sunday Oct 27.
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Endowment loan plan status - \$22,380.50 from Grothier Thrivent Funds and \$7619.50 from memorials. Jenny moved, Brian seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Water issues update – Torgerson will be onsite Nov 7 to do initial work for \$7600. Additional expenses will be shared as they come up. Wood Roofing will do the gutter work after Torgerson’s work is done. Inside the building work will be reviewed again in early 2025.
 - c. Constitution & Bylaws – Congregational meeting scheduled for Oct 27.
 - d. Document Archive Project status – mold removal proposal and cost estimate for \$3500. Removal and destruction of moldy boxes, clean up and disinfection of the records room. Kevin moved to approve the estimate, Brian seconded, motion approved.
 - e. Stewardship Update – Stewardship Packets were sent out Oct 21 with a 4% increase in pledges. Allows for staff increases, continue the intern program, and pay down the endowment loan, as well as some property needs. Commitment Sunday Nov 10.
 - f. Maintenance budget and Property Team updates – reviewing the property “to-do” list and determining the big-ticket items. Develop a more sustainable approach to managing the property and build a “work order” system.
9. New Business
 - a. Council member nominating committee:
Term expires Feb 2025: Jenny, Mike, Kevin, Carter – Mike will stay on for a second term. Jenny, Kevin, and Carter will form the nominating committee.
 - b. Mission Action Fund matching funds for Lutheran Disaster Relief up to \$10K through October 31.
 - c. Need volunteers to do devotions for Nov and Dec meetings. Pastor will do Nov and Jenny will do Dec.
 - d. Bags and Pens – get small totes and pens with advertising to hand out at various events.
10. Adjournment

2024 Congregational Council Members

Term ends 2025: Carter Woodruff, Mike Hilsabeck, Kevin Drury, Jenny Rehder

Term Ends 2026: Valerie Culp, Greg Boeschen

Term Ends 2027: Tom McCleary, Linda Moravec, Brian Gerling, Stuart Mitchell

Exec Team:

President: Greg Boeschen Vice President: Tom McCleary

Secretary: Jenny Rehder At-Large Member: Kevin Drury

Friendly Visitor Deadlines 2024

Please note the next few months have earlier deadlines so we can get you all the Advent and Christmas news in advance!

- December/Advent: Deadline Wednesday, November 13
- Christmas mini issue: Deadline Friday, December 13
- January – no newsletter as we prepare for Annual Meeting
- February 2024: Deadline Monday, January 20

Holiday Dessert Potluck - Save the date!

On Sunday, December 15, we will have our now annual Holiday Dessert Potluck after worship.



It is a little early to be planning holiday baking (is it?) or putting out a signup, but we're hoping you will bring a favorite holiday treat to share while we enjoy a relaxed get-together during education hour.

Details will be shared in the weekly announcements in late November.

Stay informed!

Weekly enews: Sent every Tuesday with weekly updates, activity reminders, occasional community news. The Tuesday editions are also published on our public Facebook page.

By signing up you will also receive other occasional emails – such as funeral notices and special requests – these are not published on our Facebook page. Sign up on our website home page www.gracedm.org – just scroll down until you see “Get the Good News”, enter your email, and press enter.

Optional: We can add you to the enews list the **first** time you sign up, if you give us your email address and zip code. You can email those to us or fill out one of the white pew cards on Sunday.

Website calendar: also at Gracedm.org – see times, meeting rooms for upcoming events, holiday worship times, whether a room you want to reserve is available. Click on the News and Events dropdown menu at www.gracedm.org

Newsletter Birthday and Anniversary Lists:

Do you want to see your name in the weekly announcements or the monthly newsletter? Call the office to let us know, and check that we have the correct dates on file.

Do you need one of these T-shirts?



Are you new to Grace and never had one? Did you have one and lost it, wore it out, or outgrew it?

We have ordered more shirts and will set them out in the Gathering Hall next week. Simply stop by, choose the size you need, and wear it with pride!

We like wearing these shirts on God's Work Our Hand's Day in September – of course – but we also like wearing them on other service project days. And sometimes out and about when we want to be noticed. The back has the words “Grace Lutheran Church” with the ELCA Logo.

Puzzle Exchange!

Our puzzle collection in the Grace library is growing, just in time for cold weather! Have you checked it out yet?

How does it work?

Bring in puzzles you have finished with - or have tired of – and leave them on the shelf. Choose a new one to borrow, no need to sign it out. Go home and enjoy!

Don't have a puzzle to donate yet?

Take one from the shelf. Take it home and enjoy putting it together. Now you have one to swap!



Mission Action Fund

The Mission Action Fund allows Grace Members to respond quickly to acute needs in the immediate neighborhood and community, and beyond. It is meant to be used in instances where a Grace member is involved in service to others in a community or service activity, or when a need exists outside of the Grace Community – such as the recent matching funds for hurricane relief donations, or our October All-ages Service Project with Dorothy's House.



Application information can be found on our website. Once an application is received, the Quick Response Team will make a decision within a matter of days. For application details, see our website page <https://gracedm.org/support-of-others/>.

Eligibility for Funds:

- Local service organizations. Grace members may or may not be directly active in the organization. Organizations that serve the Merle Hay neighborhood would be ideal but not restricted to this geography.
- Service organizations (statewide, nationally or internationally) that service/help others in times of need or crisis.

Process to Apply: Answer the questions listed at the application link above, and email them to mike@gracedm.org. An application needs to be approved by a majority of the Quick Response Team to be funded. The Mission Action Fund Quick Response team consists of Aaron Brandsfield, Kristin Medhurst, Don Schouten, and Pastor Mike.

Worship, online access, written materials, and other resources.

Sundays:

8:30 a.m. Preparation for Worship in the Upper Room, open to all.

9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. Also livestreamed, see below for access.

10:00 a.m. Coffeetime and fellowship in the Gathering Hall, with Donut Hut donuts.

10:15 a.m. Education Hour for youth and adults

You can also find us online:

- **On our website** [livestream page](#) every Sunday at 9.
 - From the home page at www.gracedm.org,
 - scroll to the "Welcome to Grace" section,
 - click on the red "Online Worship" button. If you see a player with our logo, know you are in the right place and worship will begin shortly.
- **Facebook:** Worship is uploaded to Facebook on Sunday after worship. Find us on Facebook @GraceLutherandm
- **Watch archived** worship services (uploaded after 24 hours) on the [Resources/Worship Videos page](#).

Worship materials are always posted on our website prior to worship. Find those and other communications at the following links.

[Worship Volunteer Signup](#)

[Weekly Announcements](#)

[Weekly Bulletins](#)

[Online Giving](#)

[Monthly Newsletters](#)

[Tuesday e-news \(scroll down until you see blue "Get the Good News" bar. Enter your email there.](#)