

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!**  
**Announcements for April 27, 2025**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Dee Johnson, Brad Lint, Shyril Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Barb Powers, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

**Happy Birthday:** Bill Jensen, Cathy Watson, David Gronert, Kathy Piltingsrud, Kylie Radermacher, Josh Meadows, Helen Ringgenberg

**Holy Baptism:** This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Ashton Naomi Thompson. Parents are Patrick and Jamie Thompson. Sponsors are Jared and Jessica Cook.

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

**Elevator Update** – Parts have been ordered, and repairs should begin shortly after they arrive, currently estimated for mid-late May. The Sanctuary and Gathering Hall are accessible. The Lift at the North entrance allows access to the music rehearsal room, the Being New Spirituality Center, the Yoga room, the LWR Quilt Room on the lower level, and to the Kitchen, Grace Hall, Library, Sunday School Room, Restrooms, and the office on the main level.

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**Sundays at Grace**

**Preparation for Worship weekly through May 25\*, Sunday mornings 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room**  
Starting with a prayer, they follow with a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice ends with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship at 9 a.m. *\*the practice will be on hiatus over the summer, and will resume on Sunday, August 4.*



Enjoy Coffee, juice, donut holes, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall immediately following worship.



**Education Opportunities, September – mid-May**

Sunday, April 27

- **Flood-Bucket packing, an All-Ages Service Project:** We will all meet in Grace Hall to pack Flood Cleanup Buckets, to be distributed in the event of a major weather emergency.
- **New Member Class:** Meet Pastor Mike in the office at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 4

- **Adults and Middle/High School students** meet in Grace Hall, and are currently studying the Book of Acts.
  - **Elementary Sunday School.** Meet in the Sunday School room across from the elevator on the office level.
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**Bible Study:**

Bible study is open to everyone, not just members. We offer two meeting times:

Tuesdays in Grace Hall at 9 a.m., and Thursday at 6L:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs from the entryway.



**Devotional Cards**

There are still a number of devotional card sets remaining in the entryway. Several people have commented that the questions and prayers were thought provoking, made them feel both seen and called out at times, and that they could easily be returned to again and again, even outside of Lent. If you haven't picked one up, consider it!



### Praying in Color Materials

There is an array of coloring sheets/doodles for all ages in the entryway. If you haven't, read Pam Palmers' article in the April Friendly Visitor about Praying in Color.



### Worship Volunteer Signups

Dates for May have been added to the signup sheets.

Signup using the clipboard in the Gathering Halls or at this link if online [Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



### May Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

We are collecting snacks and individual food items this month for the Little Free Pantry: applesauce, pudding, fruit cups, granola bars, fruit & grain bars, trail mix, or beef sticks. You can also provide donations online through the [GIVE](#) page or provide a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo.

There is also a [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) available where items will be shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your donations.



### May Plant Sale Fundraiser May 5 – 11.

Shop at Goodes Greenhouses between May 5 and May 11 (May 11 is Mother's Day) to support Grace youth programming. 10% of all pre-tax purchases made when using the form will be donated to Grace Youth. The form must be present, cashiers are not able to look up the code at the register. This can be used for hanging baskets, trees, garden art, vegetable or flower plants, birdfeeders, tools – anything purchased at Goode Greenhouses, except for giftcards.

Find the form in the entryway at Grace and the newsletter pockets on the wall outside Grace Hall. Or, find it online [here](#). Make sure to share with family, friends and neighbors!



### Dessert Buffet, Sunday, May 18 after worship: Let's celebrate Vicar Jesse with our favorite desserts!

Instead of coffee, juice and donut holes (which we will still have, by the way), we'll have several tables filled with goodies. Bring your favorite cake, cookies, bars, rolls, pies, fruit, a pudding...

Start planning what you'd like to share, and we'll put a signup on the Bulletin Board across from the office.



### Grace Garage Sale, Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. – noon. Donation drop-off on Friday, June 6

All proceeds support the Grace Little Free Pantry. Look for more information in the May Friendly Visitor!



### Visits with Pastor Mike or Vicar Jesse: we are available to meet, listen, support, and pray with you.

Please don't hesitate to reach out - the best way to reach us is directly by phone or email as we may not see messages on Facebook or Messenger in a timely manner. Call 515-276-6873, ext. 203 for Pastor Mike or ext. 206 for Vicar Jesse. Emails are [mike@gracedm.org](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) and [jesse@gracedm.org](mailto:jesse@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. If you prefer, contact us at the numbers above.



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