

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for May 4, 2025**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Livia Ocken

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

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

**Happy Birthday:** Todd Haugen, Dylan Rutter, Karla Swanson, Hannah Honsey

**Happy Anniversary:** Jon and Cherie Rissman, Justin and Carolyn Andersen

**Today we celebrate** with the family of Cecelia Stammer as she receives her First Communion.

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

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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.

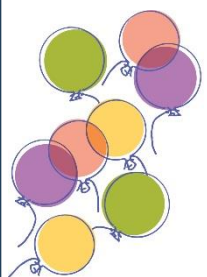


**Education Opportunities, September – mid-May**

Sunday, May 4

- **Conversation with Council, Grace Hall – all adults and youth middle school and older.**
- **Elementary Sunday School.** Meet in the Sunday School room across from the elevator on the office level.

Sunday, May 11 is Mother's Day, we will not hold Education Hour.



**Sunday, May 18: Celebrating Vicar Jesse with a Dessert Buffet**

Coffeetime will be moved to Grace Hall. In addition, we will have juice, water, and lemonade available, and knowing Grace members, tables of delectable desserts: cakes, cookies, bars, rolls, pies, fruit, puddings, and more.

If you are planning to bring a dessert, you can let the office know, or sign up on the bulletin board across from the office. If you cannot bring a dessert, please come and celebrate with Vicar Jesse – it won't be a party without you!



**May Plant Sale Fundraiser for Grace Youth Programming**

**Monday, May 5 - tomorrow - through Sunday May 11.**

Shop at Goodes Greenhouses 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!

### LSI Global Greens Plant Sale:

#### There are still a few dates remaining:

Dogpatch Urban Garden (4600 NW 51<sup>st</sup> DSM) May 4, May 9-11 from 10 am to 4 pm or  
Global Greens Farmers' Market (19<sup>th</sup> and Carpenter DSM) May 10, 17 from 9am to 12:30 pm

**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.



### 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.



### 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. Volunteer to sort and set up donations, check out or assist shoppers, or help with cleanup. Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A5A62BA1FF2-56451361-garage>

Details in the May Friendly Visitor – find it in the entryway!



### Praying for Grace and Guidance: Wednesday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m. in Grace Hall 2

On May 7 the Conclave will begin in Rome to select a successor to Pope Francis. His encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home was addressed not just to those of the Roman Catholic faith but to all who share life on Earth. In doing so he invited us all to have a stake in global spiritual leadership. He reached out to other faith traditions and to those who had been marginalized by church and society. He called protection of migrants a “duty of civilization” and called us to be our best selves in creating a world that eliminates poverty, a world that works for us all.

And so it seems fitting to gather in silent prayer and meditation as the Conclave convenes, that grace and a spirit of all-embracing love might guide the cardinals in their discernment. Join us Wednesday May 7 at 11:00 in Grace Hall 2 at Grace Lutheran Church or contact [Julie Honsey](#) for the link if you would like to join on Zoom. Sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa and Being New.



**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 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)



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