

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for May 11, 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, Joyce Lewis, Shyral Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Barb Powers, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday: Charlotte Nielsen, Sally Preston, Dmitri Woodruff, Laurie Helton, Ashley Ocken, Carol Krause

Happy Anniversary: Carter and Carol Woodruff, Steve and Mary McCann, Ro and Barb Zimany

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary.
Carter and Carol Woodruff

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



Welcome to Sherri Hansen, Grace Property Manager

Sherri will be starting this week, Staff are excited to have her on board!



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 3.*



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



Education Schedule updates!

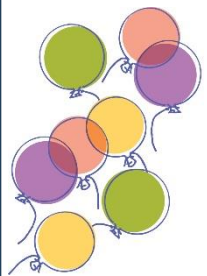
Sundays: Sunday school and adult study options are complete for the year.

Thursday evening Bible Study: Has finished for the year.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Final meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13.

Confirmation Class will have their final meeting on Monday, May 12.

We will see you all next Fall!



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

Meet us in Grace Hall after wordship. In addition to all the goodies, we will have juice, water, and lemonade available. The signup already has several delicious desserts and bakes listed. Please let us know if you plan to bring something, either by listing it on the bulletin board signup, or by calling or emailing the office staff.

If you cannot bring a dessert, make sure you plan to bring yourself - there will be plenty to go around. It won't be a party without you present!



Worship Volunteer Signups

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

**Last Day to shop the Plant Sale Fundraiser for Grace Youth Programming - Today, Sunday May 11.**

Shop at Goode 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.

Find the form in the entryway at Grace and the newsletter pockets on the wall outside Grace Hall. Or, find it online [here](#).

**LSI Global Greens Plant Sales end today:****Dogpatch Urban Garden (4600 NW 51st DSM) May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Global Greens dreams of purchasing the greenhouse they are currently renting. In the past Global Greens has needed to borrow and rent space all over town, sometimes driving plants back and forth to different locations. In addition to a much larger space, the purchase of this greenhouse would allow them to remain centralized, streamlining the care of the plants, as well as the cost. *You can help them make this happen by shopping one of the sales below, and helping to spread the word!*

LSI Global Greens allows refugees to grow food to support their families, to sell the food they grow at the Global Greens CSA and local farmers markets, all while learning Iowa business practices and strengthening their command of English. Many eventually transition/expanding to individual farm rental or ownership.

**New Member Classes with Pastor Mike: May 25 and July 20**

Welcome! A New Member Class with Pastor Mike is where you can get answers about us and find out about what being a member of Grace means. The next two opportunities will be held on Sundays May 25 and July 20. Choose one, enjoy coffee and a donut hole after worship; then at 10:15 a.m., meet in the Office on the main floor; just up the stairs and to the left from the main entry.

You don't need to RSVP, but you can by contacting the office at 515-279-9283 or by emailing Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org.



Elevator Update – Parts have been ordered, we will update you as soon as repairs have been scheduled/completed!

Access the church: The Sanctuary and Gathering Hall are accessible from the Main doors off the parking lot. 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.

**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. 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!



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