

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for May 18, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Karen Taylor, 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, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday: Tim Nehmer, Inga Hoifeldt, Kimberly Fenimore, Megan Jensen, Chuck Denton, Bruce Bergman, Barb Zimany, Kaylee Ringgenberg, Jacob Nordeen, Kenneth Carlson, Mike Hilsabeck, Jonay Trentmann

Happy Anniversary: Mike and Tina Meadows, Wayne and Debbie Curry, Rich and Michelle Voelker

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Jenny Rehder in thankfulness and praise for the work of Vicar Jesse this past year.

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



Celebration in Grace Hall

Today, instead of our usual coffee & donuts, we will meet in Grace Hall to celebrate our time with Vicar Jesse with all the goodies you brought! Please join us – there will be more than enough to go around!



Next Sunday, May 25

Preparation for Worship 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. **this will be our final meeting until we resume on Sunday, August 3.*

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

New Member Classes with Pastor Mike 10:15 a.m.

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. Meet in the Office on the main floor: just up the stairs and to the left from the main entry. The next opportunity will be held on Sunday July 20.

All other Education opportunities and Bible Studies have finished, and will resume in September.



Worship Volunteer Signups

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



Volunteers Needed!

For both the Garage Sale on Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. – noon and for set-up/donation drop-off on Friday, June 6. Sign up by clicking this link or scanning the QR code on the posters at the doors:

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

All proceeds support the Grace Little Free Pantry. Details in the May Friendly Visitor – find it in the entryway!



Lydia/Martha Circle meets Thursday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us in Grace Hall for a light brunch. Mary Freimuth Helt will lead a discussion on Reconciling in Christ.



TeamGRACE would like to invite congregation members to come to Pride Fest in Des Moines. We will be attending the pride ecumenical worship service Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m. on the mainstage on East 6th and East Locust. Following the service we will be going to the parade from noon-2 p.m. on East Grand. We can meet us on the corner of East 6th and East Grand by the historical building.



Grace Property Manager

We are excited to announce that a property manager has been hired! A start date is yet to be determined, but staff are excited to welcome Sherri Hansen on board!



Thank you for shopping with Goode Greenhouses last week!

Grace Youth programming will be receiving \$344.75 from Goode's. Considering that amount is 10% of all purchases using the special code, we know you've been doing some major gardening this past week!



Thank You Merle Hay Neighborhood Association!

MHNA dropped off a \$100 check for the Little Food Pantry this week! Neighbors Helping Neighbors!



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 Garden needs your:

- Fruit containers & clamshells
- Cardboard flats from produce or greenhouses, cardboard shipping boxes
- Washed and dried plastic takeout containers with lids
- Berry baskets/punnets (pint sized or larger)

Place the clean items neatly under the table in the entryway. We will use these to place produce in the Little Free Pantry and to take to local Food pantries through the summer. Thank you!



Congratulations Kaleigh Medhurst!

I'm graduating from the University of Iowa with a double major in Psychology and Therapeutic Recreation. During my time on campus, I served as Vice President of the Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness (BIEDA) organization and President of the Therapeutic Recreation Student Association. I also volunteered at Melrose Meadows Retirement Community and Pathways Adult Day Center. It was a blessing to have these opportunities to grow and serve others. In my junior year, I became certified to teach group fitness through Les Mills and have since earned certifications in seven formats. Teaching quickly became one of my greatest joys and something I plan to continue. This July, I'll be moving back to Des Moines to begin an internship with Clive Behavioral Health in their recreational therapy department. My goal is to become a Certified

Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and help people facing mental health challenges. Thank you to my church family for your support and encouragement. I'm excited for this next chapter and all that God has planned!



Elevator Update – 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.



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