

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for June 15, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Delores Johnson, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield
The Family of Karen Taylor, The Family of Georgette Kay Bauman – mother of Denise Friesth

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, Livia Ocken, Barb Powers, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Deb Ubom

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 as you leave today, or in the locked office mailbox.** These cards will be placed in a private envelope for the pastor to go through on Monday mornings. You may also choose to simply call 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org*

Happy Birthday: Zoe Volius, Joseph Honsey, Matthew Jordahl, Rita Stackhouse, Arbor Calahan, Marilyn Nizzii, Cecelia Stammer, Paul Kallenbach, Jay Lounsberry, Zayden Appenzeller

Happy Anniversary: Brian and Theresa Gerling, Nick and Kristin Medhurst

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Tom and Mary Jo McCleary.



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



Worship Volunteer Signups

Please note that without an intern on staff, we need **two** Communion Assistants each weekend through the summer. Signup using the clipboard in the Gathering Halls or at this link if online [Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



What good would you do with an extra \$2,000?

With the help of the Mission Action Fund, you can see that dream come true. The Mission Action Fund is going to award five donations to nonprofits or individuals in need. Each donation will have a \$2,000 limit. We are asking for applications, including:

- Your contact information,
- A short essay about the nonprofit and why it is important,
- Basic budget information and/or how the donation would be used.

It's that easy! **The deadline is June 30, 2025**, and donations will be awarded in July. The applications can either be mailed to Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310 in care of the Mission Action Fund, or emailed to mission@gracedm.org

The Mission Action Fund was established to respond quickly to needs in the immediate neighborhood and beyond (statewide, nationally, and internationally), and not to be used for the congregational budget. This is not a one-time request for applications. Our hope is that this round of donations will lead to increased applications and requests in the future.



Garage Sale

Thank you everyone who helped in any way with the garage sale!
We'll have a little more of an update in the next Friendly Visitor, but it looks like we made around \$2,100 for the Little Free Pantry!



Why are the Sunday announcements not in the bulletins?

We have received several requests from members to separate the announcements, so we have done just that! This allows those who follow worship using the screen prompts to read the announcements and prayer concerns prior to worship, without feeling as if they are wasting a bulletin they don't use. Some of our members read the announcements online prior to Sunday, and only want to take the bulletin. Some of you prefer both!

If you don't see the announcements, please ask the ushers for a copy - this is new for them as well. Reminder - we also have large print bulletins and children's bulletins available each week.



Silent Prayer and Meditation for People Who Are Marginalized

Monday, June 16 at 10 a.m. in Grace Hall 2, Grace Lutheran Church (and via Zoom)

This month's gathering falls between two powerful anniversaries:

- May 25 marked five years since the murder of George Floyd.
- June 17 will mark 10 years since the tragedy at Mother Emanuel AME Church, where nine people were killed in a racially motivated act of violence.

Both are painful reminders of the deep harm caused by white supremacy and racial injustice.

June is also Pride Month, a time to honor and stand in solidarity with those whose lives and identities challenge narrow norms. Our language may fall short, but our hearts can learn to see each other more fully, beyond categories, in the light of truth and love. In this spirit, we gather in shared silence — a space beneath words — to hold one another and the world in prayer, reflection, and hope. When we meet in this way, we help build a foundation for communities rooted in respect, dignity, and mutual care. These monthly hybrid gatherings, co-sponsored by *Being New* and COCI, are offered for the healing, health, and peace of our world. To attend via Zoom, please contact Julie Honsey for the link.



June Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

This month for the Little Free Pantry, we are collecting food that would provide quick and easy food items for a meal, such as canned pasta (like Beef Ravioli), noodle skillet boxed meals, or rice side mixes. Or donate any non-perishable item you find on sale at your local grocery store. 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.



Fifth Annual Grace Car Show – Motors for Member Care, Final Call for entries!

Wednesday, June 18th (with a rain date of Friday, June 20th) in the Grace parking lot from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We apologize if this event has already been cancelled due to lack of entries. If it hasn't been cancelled, you can still enter today, and we will have a special guest car on display from the Mid-Iowa Ghostbusters! Anyone can enter – Grace Lutheran Church members, their families, family friends and Beavertdale neighbors. **However, all are invited to attend even if you do not have an entry in the show and just want to look!**

Food (hot dogs, chips and more) and drink (bottled water) will be available. The main purpose of this event is to raise funds for Grace Member Care but to have fun and socialize while we're at it.

How to Enter: Call or text Kevin Drury (kdrury@hedlinag.com) or 515.681.2770 to enter your vehicle.



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