

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for June 29, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Delores Johnson, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield
The Family of Carol Baker - mother of Kristin Medhurst

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Shyril 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: Elizabeth Gronert, Steve McCann, Michael Nizzi, Sawyer Shiffler, Levi Wilner

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Donald and Bonnie Swanson.



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



Worship Volunteer Signups

Signup for July using the clipboard in the Gathering Hall or if online, find dates through the end of August at this link [Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



Application Deadline tomorrow, Monday, June 30, 2025

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.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Thursday July 3 as most staff members will be out of the office for the holiday. The building will still be open, and all other groups and meetings will still occur as scheduled.





Have you donated books to the library at Grace Lutheran Church?

We have set aside the books you have donated, and are offering you the first opportunity to take them home. If you want your donated book but cannot make it to Grace during July, please email or call us to make other arrangements.

What is happening with the Library?

The Library Space has not been used much as a library for some time. We are re-imagining the space as a more intimate spot for Bible Study, Centering prayer groups, small group meetings, etc. Rest assured, we will be keeping some shelves of books, which will remain accessible in that space or another location yet to be determined. Watch for the next step later this summer when we will be offering all members a chance to choose books to take home.



July Little Free Pantry Request of the Month: personal care items.

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.



Is your garden overflowing?

Bring produce to the Little Free Pantry at Grace, or in front of any of several local schools.

Leaving on a vacation and have produce, unopened milk, yogurt, or other unopened/unexpired groceries?

For items that require refrigeration, or that may wilt in hot weather (lettuce, herbs), consider one of the local Community Refrigerators:

- 5720 Urbandale Ave (St Andrew's Church)
- Franklin Library, 5000 Franklin Avenue, just inside the main entrance.



Ongoing at the Being New Spirituality Center

Yoga will no longer be offered due to low attendance.

SoulCollage® is offered on the **first and third Mondays each month at 6:30 p.m.** The fee is \$15.00 to cover supplies and materials. Cindy Schloss-Calhoun is our new SoulCollage Facilitator at the Center. For more than thirty-five years, Cindy has worked as a therapist with children, families, and adults. Her gentle, welcoming presence is a beautiful addition to SoulCollage! Please contact [Cindy Schloss-Calhoun](#) for more information.

New session added! Energy and Sound Healing Monthly Gatherings Bask in a loving space through crystal tuning bowls and Reiki healing energy. 6:30pm the second Monday and 4:00pm the last Monday of each month. Contact Julie Good, juliegood03@yahoo.com or 515-306-4864 so she can plan for your presence. Julie is generously offering her time and asks that instead of a fee, participants may wish to make a donation to Being New Center.



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 use the screen prompts during worship to pick up the announcements and prayer concerns without feeling as if they are wasting a bulletin they don't use. Some 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.



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