

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 3, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Delores Johnson, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, 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: Jeff Robbins, Genaro Ruiz, Gary Denton, Kevin Drury, Deborah Helt

Happy Anniversary: Martha and Stuart Mitchell

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in memory of our parents. *Norm and Janet Trentmann*



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



Preparation for Worship Returns Sunday Mornings Beginning August 3

This opportunity to center and prepare for worship is open to all.

When: Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m.

Where: The Upper Room.

What to expect: A prayer, a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice will end with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship.



Please help us welcome our new Vicar, Lotegeluaki Lengai. Vicar Lotegeluaki will be with us beginning next Sunday, August 10 in worship.

My name is Lotegeluaki Ole L. Lengai, and I am honored to serve as an intern at Grace Lutheran Church. I was born in Arusha, Tanzania, and was baptized as an infant at Olkokola Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). Today, I live in Burlington, Iowa, where I am a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I am currently pursuing a Master of Divinity (MDiv) at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, as I respond to God's call to ordained ministry. It is truly a blessing to walk alongside the Grace Lutheran Church community and to participate in its rich and vibrant ministry of faith, service, and fellowship.

You can find the rest of his bio in the August issue of the Friendly Visitor, in the entryway, or on our website.



Welcome our New Property Manager, Lee Cline

Our new Property Manager, Lee Cline, started on July 22nd. His role is to oversee the physical building and grounds. This work includes investigating the daily maintenance needed to keep the church properties and grounds maintained as well as schedule any repairs, estimates, and delivery of supplies. He will work part time with a flexible schedule. Lee's main work is as the owner of a stump removal business. Help us welcome Lee to Grace.



Ordination of Adam Barden

By the Grace of God and the Call of the Church,
Adam Connor Barden
Will be ordained to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic,
and Apostolic Church

August 9, 2025, at 2 p.m. CST.
Faith Lutheran Church
1402 East Ave. C Bismarck, ND, 58501

Link to watch the service:
[www.Facebook.com/faithlutheranBismarck](https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranbismarck)
There will be a time for fellowship immediately
following the service.

Adam has been called to serve at
First Lutheran Church in Mandan, ND



Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on Sunday, August 17

Students of all ages, teachers, school employees, and parents: bring your backpacks with you - or just yourselves if you prefer - on Sunday, August 17 as we prepare to bless those headed off to a new school year



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](#).



Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tabs!

I (Joie Gronert) have been saving pop tabs in a mug for several years. When the mug is full, I start a small baggie or add to a partial one. Others participate because every so often baggies of tabs appear on the counter in the pop machine room. I deliver the baggies to the Ronald McDonald House when I am nearby. Ronald McDonald House Charities collects pop tabs from cans (soda, soup, pet food, etc.) to raise money for programs that support sick children. The collected tabs are taken to a recycling center where they are weighed and sold for their aluminum value. It takes approximately 1000 tabs to equal a pound. 1 pound sells for approximately 50 cents. That doesn't sound like much unless many participate.



August Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

During the month of August, the Little Free Pantry will collect school supplies: spiral notebooks (wide and college ruled), plastic 2 pocket folders, 3"x3" sticky notes, 3-ring 1" white binders, washable markers, #2 standard yellow pencils, and ball point pens (blue and black ink).

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.



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