

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for July 13, 2025**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Delores Johnson, 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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org)*

**Happy Birthday:** Amador Medina-Ruiz, Eric Selander, Heather Honnold, Bailey Woodruff, Hannah Jensen, Tracy Justice, Jayne Mortenson, Christie Rosheim, Anders Nelson, Adam Friesth, Eric Friesth, Deanna Snyder

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given by Jenny Rehder.



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](#).



**New Member Class with Pastor Mike: July 20**

Our 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 opportunity will be Sunday, July 20. 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. If this date doesn't work for you, Pastor Mike is happy to meet with you at another time — just email him at [mike@gracedm.org](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) or contact the church office at 515-276-6873 to set up a time to meet during the week.



**Wanted! New Member Guides/Mentors**

We are looking to build a group of volunteers with an aim to support new members. You would be a friendly face: offering introductions and insight into the kinds of activities available at Grace and helping to answer any questions they might have — or steering them toward the person who has the answers. Staff would also love your input as we develop additional New Member packets.



**Volunteer Office help in Late July/August**

We are looking for volunteers to answer the phone during office hours and assemble and mail the weekly bulletins and announcements. Office hours are 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Dates needed: Monday–Thursday, July 28–31, August 4–7, and August 11–14. You do not need to be available for all days and would be able to bring knitting or a book if you wish! Please contact the office if you can help! Thank you!

**Sofa needed for the Vicar's house!**

The Internship Committee has let us know that the couch for the Vicar's lodgings needs replacing. If you have something you would be willing to donate, please reach out to the office or Tammy Denton. Nothing too large, should seat 2 or 3 people. Thank you!



**Newsletter submission deadline: Thursday, June 17 for the August Friendly Visitor**


**LWR Summer work session - Wednesday, July 23, 1-3pm, meet in Grace Hall**

Please join us to make school bags for LWR school kits! Tasks include cutting out rectangles of fabric, measuring and cutting cord for straps, ironing, pinning, and very simple sewing. All materials provided, all ages and skill levels welcome! Please note that this is a “water only” event, as we will likely be in the quilt rooms, and want to accommodate any allergies. Questions? Contact Jill Boeschen or Cathy Watson.



**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.



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

Personal care items can be deodorant, shampoo, dry shampoo, conditioner, brushes and combs, bars of soap, lotion or sunscreen, baby and personal care wipes, hand sanitizer, tampons, pads, diapers, nail clippers, toothbrushes, floss, and toothpaste.

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.



**Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival 2025: July 19, Tower Park**

Grace is a sponsor — Come support our neighborhood, and find and take a selfie in front of our banner!

*The Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival* is a free, family-friendly celebration of local music and community, sponsored by the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association and local businesses. New for 2025 is a Kid Zone with face painting, DIY crafts, and yard games for kids of all ages! <https://www.beaverdalebluegrass.com/>



**Upcoming offerings at the Being New Spirituality Center**

**NEW! Silent Prayer & Meditation for Peace (Hybrid): In the Spirit of Abraham  
Monday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. Grace Hall 2 at Grace Lutheran Church**

In a time of deep sorrow and rising violence, we gather in silence to hold vigil for peace. Rooted in the shared lineage of Abraham—honored by Jews, Christians, and Muslims—we come together across traditions to listen, to mourn, and to open our hearts to the healing presence that transcends all borders. Through stillness, we honor the suffering. Through silence, we offer our longing. Through presence, we affirm our common humanity. **Zoom link:** Contact [Julie Honsey](#)

**New! Way of the Rose Circle**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room, starting July 2**

The Way of the Rose is an open-hearted, inclusive community of beings dedicated to the forgotten Earth wisdom of the rosary—and to the Lady, by any name you like to call Her. We are not affiliated with any religious institution. There are no fees, no hierarchy, only friendship and prayer.

**Contact:** [Hannah Whetston](#) for more information.



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