

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for July 20, 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, 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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org)*

**Happy Birthday:** Krista Nelson, Christian Culp, Kathryn Schaller, Linda Biegger, Declan Holst, Justin Anderson, Morgan Mortenson

**Flowers on the altar** are given by Carter and Carol Woodruff to the glory of God and in thankfulness for family.



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: today after worship!**

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 has scheduled classes for the fourth Sunday after worship in August, September, October, and November of this year. However, you needn't wait to have your questions answered or to join! 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.



**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.



**Needed: Volunteer Office help in August**

We are looking for volunteers to answer the phone during office hours, assemble/ mail the weekly bulletins and announcements (Thursdays, they will be printed by staff), and help with Thank Yous. You can also bring knitting, a book, coloring, etc, for quiet times! Please contact the office if you can help! Thank you! Office hours are 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday–Thursday

July 28–31: Covered. Thank you!

August 4–6: Help needed

August 7: Covered. Thank you!

August 11–14: Help needed



### **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. First meeting, Monday 5 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.



### **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!




### **Lydia/Martha Circle**

We will be putting together welcome back gift bags for teachers and staff at Perkins Elementary School at our next meeting on July 24th at 9:30 am in Grace Hall. Hope to see you there!

### **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.



### **Introduction to ChatGPT**

#### **Wednesday, July 23 at 9 a.m. – Hybrid Seminar**

Curious about artificial intelligence and how it's reshaping our world? Join us in Grace Hall 2 at Grace Lutheran Church for an engaging introduction to ChatGPT. [Patrick Dahlen](#), recently retired from a long career in IT and now working through [Vaken Group](#), will lead a one-hour hybrid session exploring the basics of using this powerful AI tool.

ChatGPT is increasingly being used to boost productivity and spark creativity — but there's more to the story. A deeper, even spiritual dimension is emerging, as highlighted by the work of [Stephen Dinan on Substack](#). Dinan suggests that when we approach AI not just as a tool but as a partner, something profound can happen: a mutual evolution of consciousness. If you want to attend online, Contact [Julie Honsey](#) [honsey.julie@gmail.com](mailto:honsey.julie@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.



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