

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for July 6, 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*

Happy Birthday: Donna Trickle, Carleigh Ridnour, Henry Jordahl, Michael Nizzi, Wren Lewis, Melissa Petty

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Barb Tussing by her 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](#).



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.



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.

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! Any help will be much appreciated, especially the week of July 28–31. Office hours are 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please contact the office if you can help! Thank you!



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.



Library News

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. The space will also continue to be a private gathering spot for families prior to weddings or funeral services. A smaller, curated selection of books will still be accessible. You can find more details in the July issue of the Friendly visitor for on our website or in the church entryway.

What about the books I donated? Donated books have been identified by a nameplate and we have set those aside for you to take them home if you wish. You can find the children's books on the children's table in the library. Non-children's books can be found on several bookshelves - the shelves have been marked by pink post it notes. If you would like your donated book but cannot make it to Grace during July, please email or call us to make other arrangements and we will happily set your book aside.



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/>



New Member Class with Pastor Mike: July 20

Welcome! A 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, 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.



Upcoming offerings at the Being New Spirituality Center

New! Silent Prayer & Meditation for Peace (Hybrid): In the Spirit of Abraham

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.

Monday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. Grace Hall 2 at Grace Lutheran Church

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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