

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for August 17, 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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org)*

**Happy Birthday:** Jeanne Drury, Beverly Russell, Cooper Mortenson, Brent Ridnour, Patrick Thompson, Tom McCleary, Jason Galle, Janice Nordeen, Leonard Ringgenberg

**Happy Anniversary:** Kenneth and Eleanor Carlson, Ernest & Cheryl Weatherington

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given by Kevin and Jeanne Drury with a prayer for peace on earth.



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



**Thank you** to all who volunteered in the office these past three weeks! Cindy Mackey, Joan Fumetti, Janet Trentmann, Kathleen and Brad Uehling, and Martha Mitchell!



**Blessing of the Backpacks will happen this morning during worship.**

If you don't have your backpack with you, that's ok! Please come up for the blessing as we prepare to bless those headed off to a new school year.



**Preparation for Worship every Sunday Morning**

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.



**Bible Study Returns in September with a Focus on Exodus**

Led by Pastor Mike and Vicar Lotegeluaki. Any and everyone is welcome – friends, neighbors, members, drop-ins. We offer two options:

- Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Meet in Grace Hall. First meeting September 9.
- Thursday evenings in Room 102 on the lower level. First meeting September 11.



**September 7 is God's Work Our Hands Day**

We will be celebrating with another Fill the Pantries event after worship that day. Stay tuned for more details!



**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](#).



**TeamGRACE** wants your input! Be on the lookout for an anonymous survey from the office and give us your honest thoughts and opinions. There are also cards and envelopes available in the pews for you to ask questions. Return them to the offering plate or the office.

We hope you can attend the adult forum after worship on **SEPTEMBER 14**. Connie Ryan, Executive Director of Interfaith Alliance, will be our guest.



### **Fall Education will resume in mid-September.**

There will be options for both adults and students, watch the calendar, weekly enews, and announcements for details. Sign up for the weekly enews by going to the website homepage at [gracedm.org](http://gracedm.org), scrolling down to the blue "Receive the Good News" box, entering your email address, and pressing the Submit button!



### **New Member Class With Pastor Mike: August 24**

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, August 24. 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.

**You don't need to RSVP, but you can by contacting the office at 515-276-6873 or by emailing Pastor Mike [Mike@gracedm.org](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org).** If this date doesn't work for you, Pastor Mike is happy to meet with you at another time — just email him or contact the church office to set up a time to meet during the week.



### **New Name for Lydia/Martha Circle – Grace Lutheran Ladies Group**

Lydia/Martha Circle is now Grace Lutheran Ladies Group. Our next meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in Grace Hall. Mary Freimuth Helt will give us an update on Lutheran Lakeside Camp. We will also be sharing talents from our members to those who would like to learn something new. Please consider this your invitation to join us.



### **Library Reminder**

We have set aside the books you have donated and are offering you the first opportunity to take them home. **Donated books have been set aside on the tables.** If you would like your donated book but cannot make it to Grace, please email or call us to make other arrangements.

**Everyone is now welcome to take home books** – do you have a favorite, or one (or two, or three) that have special meaning or are of interest to you? You are also welcome to take it home with you. Just choose from the shelves, avoiding the donated books on the tables (for now) and the shelf marked "Keep".



### **August Little Free Pantry Request of the Month: School Supplies**

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.



### **Wanted! New Member Guides/Mentors**

We are beginning to build a group of volunteers with an aim to gently welcome visitors and to support new members. You would be a friendly face: offering introductions and insight into the kinds of activities available at Grace, helping to answer any questions they might have, or steering them toward the person who has the answers. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact [Michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:Michelle@gracedm.org) or [Mike@gracedm.org](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org). We will plan another meeting in late August or early September.



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