

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 24, 2025**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Jennetta Irwin – Jason Irwin’s Grandmother

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: Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann, Linda Gronert, Brady Bogue, Cris Hidalgo, Scott Honsey, Tin Nelson, Philip Snyder, Joan Fumetti, Todd Prescott, Leonard Ringgenberg

Happy Anniversary: Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim, Scott and Julie Honsey, Courtney and Hans Vander Plaats, Jerry and Diane Westercamp

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Deanna and Eric Weber in honor of teachers and special education associates.



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



Exploring Grace with Pastor Mike

A warm invitation to learn about our community, faith, and life together.

Welcome! **Exploring Grace** is an opportunity for you to get answers about us and find out about what being a part of Grace means.

August 24, after worship

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. **Questions? Contact the office at 515-276-6873 or by emailing** Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org. If this date doesn't work for you, Pastor Mike has scheduled Exploring Grace on the Fourth Sunday of every month September – November



Preparation for Worship every Sunday Morning

A prayer, a short silent prayer, and a reflective reading/discussion of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns helps us center and prepare for worship. Open to all.

Sunday mornings, Upper Room at 8:30 a.m.



TeamGRACE wants your input! An anonymous survey was emailed from the office on Wednesday. Please give us your honest thoughts and opinions. There are also cards and plain 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.



Library Update!

Now through September 7, anyone can choose any book, including from the children's section. Bookshelves have been marked so you can easily tell which are available for the taking! We'd love for these books to go to a good home!



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 28th 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.



September 7 is God’s Work Our Hands Day!

We will be celebrating with a Fill the Pantries event after worship.

We will also have a congregational lunch. We will all be working together - whether gathering items to take to the pantries, going out to deliver those, or staying at Grace to help prepare for the meal when the delivery teams return.

We are also looking for those willing to coordinate/guide both the distribution of items and the meal that day. Watch for those requests, or contact the office if there is something you would like to assist with!



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.



Sunday Education hour 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, scrolling down to the blue “Receive the Good News” box, entering your email address, and pressing the Submit button!



New EnneaGroWith Group – Enneagram Series

New group forming! Second Mondays, 10:00–11:30 a.m. (Zoom or in-person)
12 Sessions | October 13, 2025 – September 14, 2026
Cost: \$50 materials | Space limited to 8

Explore your Enneagram type through compassionate awareness. Practice 3-Centered Awareness (head, heart, body), deepen self-understanding, and develop relational tools with supportive peers. Participants describe this journey as both profoundly insightful and fun. Contact [Julie Honsey](#) to register or explore your type.



Worship Volunteer Signups

Signup for July using the clipboard in the Gathering Hall or if online, find dates through the end of September at this link [Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



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.



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