

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!**  
**Announcements for August 31, 2025**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Jennetta Irwin – Jason Irwin's Grandmother  
The family of Dana Roby

**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, 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:** Eleanor Carlson, Gary Nehmer, Cindy Peeler, Michelle Voelker, Heather Burgett, Richard Snyder, Kiley Brandsfield, Nely Ruiz

**Happy Anniversary:** Marty and Kari Dostalick, Kurt and Kathy Bowermaster, Brent and Val Culp, Todd and Elizabeth Prescott, Donald and Gail Peterson, Charles and Tammy Denton, Lon and Denise Friesth, Aaron and Martha Page



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

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

We will be celebrating with another Fill the Pantries event after worship that day.  
We need your help in two ways:

**Drivers and teams to go fill the pantries:**

- We need 7 drivers with vehicles, with up to 4 people in each car (5 if you can fit 5). You may sign up as a full vehicle, or sign up as a driver with space, and let others sign up to be a part of your team.
- At Grace, your group will be given a short list of Little Free Pantries and their addresses. A member will help you gather and load supplies - these supplies have already been gathered at Grace - no shopping needed!
- Your group will head out, fill each pantry, hopefully take a photo of your group for the newsletter, and return to Grace when finished!
- sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A5A62BA1FF2-58123251-gods>
- If you have any questions, please contact Kari Dostalick - her number is in the directory, or contact the office. If you have trouble accessing the signup we can add you to a car.

**Help set up for the congregational lunch:**

For those who do not want to drive or leave Grace between worship and the meal, Vicar Lotegeluaki will be coordinating the lunch set-up. Grace will be providing grilled burgers and hot dogs, and we will be asking for side dishes and just a few desserts. There will also be an ice cream truck available for you to purchase pre-packaged treats, with proceeds from sales going to the Little Free Pantry at Grace.

Sign up to help with the meal AND to bring side dishes here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4BAAAA2CA1F49-58202675-congregational>



### **Choir returns September 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meet in the music room below Grace Hall. We'll learn a hymn from the ACS hymnal and lead the congregation in singing it on September 14.



### **TeamGRACE wants your input!**

Check your inbox for anonymous survey that was emailed from Pastor Mike last Wednesday, August 20, and give us your honest thoughts and opinions. There are printed copies of the survey along with blank envelopes available in the entryway - just drop the envelope at the office, into the secure office mailbox, or in the offering plate.

There are also cards and envelopes available in the pews for you to ask questions. Return them to the offering plate or the office.

TeamGRACE would love to have your responses by the 10th - prior to the adult forum - but will continue to take them after.

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



### **Preparation for Worship Time Change!**

**Sunday, August 31: 8:30 - 8:55 a.m.**

#### ***Sunday, September 7, 8:15 - 8:40 a.m.***

This time change will allow those who also want to serve as ushers or greeters, help set up the morning's coffee service, or mingle/spend some time greeting friends and getting to know the others who worship with us, to do so.

**Preparation for Worship** meets Sunday mornings in the Upper Room

Open to all, whenever you are available. Expect 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.



### **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!



### **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](http://gracedm.org), scrolling down to the blue "Receive the Good News" box, entering your email address, and pressing the Submit button!



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