

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for September 21, 2025

Immediate Prayer Needs

Jennetta Irwin – Jason Irwin's Grandmother
The family of Carrie Schall – daughter of Rita Stackhouse

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, 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: Gabe Brown, Jeanine Rutter, Finnegan Holst, Kylan Appenzeller, Michael Meadows, Thomas Rutter, Karen Bandy, Barb Powers, Bruce Mumm, Gregory Honnold, Joshua Curry, Jeryl Janson

Happy Anniversary: Tom and Mary Jo McCleary

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in honor of our wedding anniversary. *Mary Jo and Tom McCleary*



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



Fall Education, at 10:15 a.m., after worship and fellowship

Sunday School:

K-5 students meet in the Sunday School room, across from the elevator and just up the stairs from the Gathering Hall.

Adult Education - We meet in Grace Hall. Middle and high school are welcome and encouraged to participate.

- September 21: Who is Jesus — Really? 1 John 1:1-22
 - September 28: Congregation Service Project: Make Kits for LWR
- K-5 students will join their families in Grace Hall to work together on this project



Lutheran World Relief

Help us after worship on September 28 to put together school kits, baby care kits, and to tie some quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We'll work together in Grace Hall to make these essential gifts for our global and US neighbors who have experienced disasters, war, displacement, or deepest poverty. In October, we will have our kit and quilt blessing during worship. On October 18, we will collect kits and quilts from 30 central Iowa churches and will drive them to the warehouse in St Paul. We appreciate all the ways our congregation supports this work.



Grace Lutheran Ladies Group

Grace Lutheran Ladies Group (formerly Lydia/Martha Circle) will meet Thursday, September 25th at 9:30 in Grace Hall.

We will be preparing trick or treat bags for the Little Free pantry for a Halloween treat. Please feel free to join in!



Confirmation Classes

Meet with other middle schoolers on Wednesday evenings, with occasional service projects through the year. Orientation is Wednesday, September 24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in room 102. Classes begin Wednesday, October 1, at 6:45 p.m.



Exploring Grace with Pastor Mike, September 28, after worship

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. 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 through November.



Weekly Bible Study: 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.
- Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Meet in Room 102 on the lower level.



Adult Choir Rehearsals rehearses on Wednesdays

We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs music room. Whether you're new to choir, a returning singer or someone who hasn't sung in choir for a while but would like to come back, you are welcome! Choir sings about once a month (more during the Advent/Christmas season) and we enjoy low-key rehearsals and lots of fellowship.

For more information, contact Kathy Bowermaster at kathybowermaster17@gmail.com or 515-971-6360.



Preparation for Worship in the Upper Room Sundays, 8:15 – 8:40 a.m.

Each Sunday before the worship service, you are invited to gather with our small group in the Upper Room for Preparation for Worship: a brief time of silent prayer followed by a reflective reading and discussion of one of the day's hymns. The gathering aims to ready hearts to enter worship as a loving, attentive presence, holding the worship service and congregation in prayer. All are welcome. Go to the back of the Gathering Hall near the entrance to the Sanctuary, and take the stairs (or elevator) upstairs.



Pet Blessing

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 10 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, on the lawn

You are invited to bring your furry, fuzzy, fishy or feathered friends to our Annual Community Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 4.

The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn at Grace. Everyone is welcome so invite your friends and neighbors to attend. If you prefer you may bring a photo of your pet, or one of their toys or other belongings to be blessed.



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