

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for September 28, 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, 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: Ross Peeler, Aaron Page, Robbie Rissman, Zeppelin Brown, Katherine Radermacher, Eric Barks, Ivy Lawson, Andy Roat, Margaret York

Happy Anniversary: Lenny and Pam Palmer

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in celebration of our third wedding anniversary. *Pam and Lenny Palmer*



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 28: Congregation Service Project: Make Kits for LWR
K-5 students will join their families in Grace Hall to work together on this project
- October 5: Who Are We — Really? 1 John 2:29-3:34



Lutheran World Relief

Help us after worship today 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.



Exploring Grace with Pastor Mike, 10:15 a.m. today, 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. Pastor Mike will also be happy to meet with you during the week.



Confirmation Classes begin this week!

Meet with other middle schoolers on Wednesday evenings, with occasional service projects through the year. Classes begin Wednesday, October 1, at 6:45 p.m. in room 102.



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.



Weekly Bible Study Will NOT meet this week! We will return the first full week of October.

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. The next meeting is Tuesday October 7.
- Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Meet in Room 102 on the lower level. The next meeting is Thursday, October 9.



The Labyrinth Is Ready—Come Walk!

The labyrinth is now in place, and we warmly invite you to experience it for yourself. As you walk, we think you'll notice not only its beauty, but also the skill and care that went into its design and installation.

We're already looking ahead with excitement to **Phase Two**, planned for completion this fall, which will add a hardscape surround to provide accessibility. We will then gather to bless this wonderful new community resource.



Worship Volunteer Needs

Every Sunday we need of several volunteers: Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants and Coffee/Donut Servers. Anyone can help — if you have questions about what is involved, just ask! We'll be happy to walk you through each position so you can decide what you feel comfortable doing. Coffee set up is simple as well — make a few pots of coffee, hot water for tea, set out the donut holes, juice, cups, tongs and napkins, put them away after worship! Coffee directions are on the wall by the coffeemaker in the Gathering Hall.

Sign up using the clipboard found on a Gathering Hall table, or go to gracedm.org and click on the word "Volunteer" in the upper right corner of your screen; then follow directions on the page. If reading this online, just click here: [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



New EnneaGroWith Group – Enneagram Series

Due to popular demand a third group is forming! **Second Mondays, October 13 from 1:00 to 2:30 (Zoom or in-person).** Cost: \$50 materials | Space limited to 8.

12 Sessions | October 13, 2025 – September 14, 2026

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](mailto:honsey.julie@gmail.com) honsey.julie@gmail.com to register or explore your type.



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