

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!**  
**Announcements for September 7, 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, Shyral 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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org)*

**Happy Birthday:** Ethan Meadows, Joie Gronert, Carrie Schall, John Schall, Ian Galle, John Trickel, Rhonda Jensen, Robert Briggs

**Happy Anniversary:** Tom and Ashley Ocken, Larry and Janice Nordeen

**Flowers on the altar** are given in honor and celebration of Rich Snyder on his birthday — an extraordinary father and grandfather whose unwavering love, guidance, and integrity have shaped our lives in the most beautiful ways. We are so grateful for every moment, memory, and lesson shared with this incredible man. With love, Kristen, Tony, Anthony and Cameron Bockenstedt



We will have Coffee, juice, and donut holes available following worship today. Enjoy your coffee in Grace Hall while we gather to work together on our service project!



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

Right after worship, we will head up to Grace Hall. The team will have the needed supplies already set up, and will have directions for everyone who is driving/filling the pantries.

**Filling the Pantries:**

We have enough drivers signed up, – if you want to participate in filling the pantries, just show up and we'll let you know who is driving so you can hop in a car to help with delivery! We'll make sure every team has enough help.

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

Those who are planning to help with set-up will also meet in Grace Hall with Vicar Lotegeluaki. Grace will be providing grilled burgers and hot dogs, cups, plates, and napkins.

We'll need help setting everything out, including drinks, serving utensils, and the side dishes, salads, and desserts provided by Grace Members.

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.

If you can help stay to clean up at the end, we would appreciate that! It shouldn't take long!



**Library Reminder – Choose books by Sept 7**

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. After this date the team will begin looking for places to donate the books.



### **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 still wants your input!**

September is a busy time of year, but we'd still love to hear from you.

Check your inbox for anonymous survey that was emailed from Pastor Mike last Wednesday, August 20. If you cannot find it, contact [Michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:Michelle@gracedm.org) so we can forward you a link.

Or, pick up a paper copy of the survey along with a blank envelope from the entryway. After you've completed the survey, just drop the sealed envelope at the office, into the secure office mailbox, or in the offering plate.



### **Preparation for Worship - New Time!**

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.

### **Sunday, September 7, NEW TIME of 8:15 – 8:40 a.m.**

Gathering a little earlier will help accommodate those who also want to serve as ushers or greeters, help set up the morning's coffee service, or mingle with friends, family, or visitors before 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.



### **Fall Education**

#### **Sunday School:**

Begins on September 14 at 10:15 a.m. K-5 students will meet in the Sunday School room, across from the elevator just up the stairs from the Gathering Hall.

#### **Adult Education** - middle and high school are welcome and encouraged to participate too!

Starting on September 14, we will meet in Grace Hall at 10:15, after worship and coffeetime.

- September 14: Connie Ryan, Executive Director of Interfaith Alliance, will be our guest. Come ready to hear more about Reconciling in Christ and the process.
- September 21: Who is Jesus — Really? 1 John 1:1-22
- September 28: Congregation Service Project: Make Kits for LWR  
Join us after worship on 9/28 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. Look for a more detailed insert in the Sunday Announcements and upcoming enews!



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