

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for November 2, 2025

Immediate Prayer Needs

Linda Gronert, 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: Sally Thielking, Benjamin Gronert, Ralph Watson, Austin Schaller

Happy Anniversary: Richard and Deanna Snyder, Paul and Alexson Calahan

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in memory of Pam's dad, Gene Weir. *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.
Sunday School:

K-5 students meet in the Sunday School room, across from the elevator and just up the stairs from the Gathering Hall. Thank you to our volunteers: Rich Snyder, Val Culp, Courtney Brandsfield, Deanna Weber, and Jenie Schmidt.

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

- **November 2:** How Can We Live — Really? 1 John 5:1-13
- **November 9:** What is our standard of living? Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23



Stewardship packets!

If you haven't yet received yours, please let us know so we can get a packet to you right away, as well as correct your mailing address.

We are asking that any commitment cards be returned to the office by Wednesday, November 5, or brought to worship on Sunday, November 9, as we celebrate these commitments in worship.





Preparation for Worship

For the past year, the 8:30 a.m. *Preparation for Worship* gathering before Sunday service has been a quiet space to center ourselves—to listen for God’s word within, to open our hearts to the Risen Christ among us, and to prepare to be drawn into the depths of Christ’s transforming love.

Our practice has included a few minutes of silent prayer followed by a reflective reading of one of the hymns for the day. We read the hymn aloud three times: first, listening for a word or phrase that stands out; second, sharing what touched us; and third, naming what the words of the hymn call us to do. Through this rhythm, we’ve discovered a deeper connection—with God, with one another, and with the worshipping community.

Because of scheduling conflicts, we will no longer meet formally for *Preparation for Worship*. Yet we warmly invite all in the Grace community to continue this spirit of preparation—perhaps by taking a few quiet moments before leaving for church or while waiting in the sanctuary, to enter into silence and reflect on a hymn or a prayer. Let the Spirit guide how you prepare your heart, that together we may go forth, fed and formed in love, shining in the Spirit.



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction (or spiritual friendship, guidance, or companionship) is an opportunity to engage more deeply with your faith. Despite all the fancy terms, spiritual direction is really just a conversation. It’s a conversation much like the others that take place in our everyday lives, but with more intention. And greater **attention**. It’s a chance to explore what you truly think and feel, in a safe, non-judgmental space. Meeting in the company of a trained spiritual director supports our sense of well-being, and is a place to ask real questions, and make meaning of our experiences.

Ready to give it a try? Members of Grace can meet with Deb Richards free of charge, as the Being New Spirituality Center has received a generous donation to the cost of your initial sessions. Contact Deb at (515) 422-4510 or debcarrierrichards@proton.me

Little Free Pantry Request:

During November, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings we have in our lives and sharing food with others as a way to express gratitude. Drop off your donations in the wagon at the Main entrance for a Thanksgiving meal, such as stuffing mixes, potato mixes, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese. Or provide a simple recipe with the ingredients and words of encouragement to share with those who may be struggling this season.

You can also select something from the [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#), provide donations online through the [GIVE](#) page, or send a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. Bless you for your donations.

Office Help wanted

Thank You Writing: We occasionally have thank you notes to write - including now - and are looking for someone who has good handwriting and enjoys writing. Please contact Mike Hilsabeck in the office.

Monday Deposit Team Member: We have a team of rotating members who help with the deposits on Monday morning. Your commitment is an hour or so one Monday a month. Contact Mike Hilsabeck for more information or to volunteer. mike.h@gracedm.org



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