

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for October 19, 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: Isaac Justice, Patricia Schouten, Stuart Turner, James Briggs, Sage Speck, Owen Chenoweth, Ronald Vernia, Melissa Kallenbach, Joyce Lewis, Tina Meadows

Happy Anniversary: Delmar and Linda Vernia, Joel and Stacie Holst, Karri and Aaron Brandsfield

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Cheryl and Ernie Weatherington.



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 Brandsfiels, Deanna Weber, and Jenie Schmidt.

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

- **October 19:** Allison Olson and Pastor Mike, Churchwide Assembly Discussion
- **October 26:** Congregational Service Project, tying fleece blankets and purchasing hygiene supplies for YSS – a youth emergency shelter in Des Moines



Weekly Bible Study on Exodus

Led by Pastor Mike and Vicar Lotegeluaki. If you know about it, you are welcome to join in!

- 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.



Stewardship packets!

Packets were mailed this week, locals should have them by tomorrow if they haven't yet arrived. If yours hasn't arrived by the end of the week, please let us know so we can get you another. We also have a number of extra packets in the office and the entryway.





Grace Lutheran Ladies Group

We will meet on Thursday, October 23rd at 9:30 am in Grace Hall.

After light refreshments, we will be working on our Christmas project for our church members' Christmas bags. Hope to see you there!



Exploring Grace With Pastor Mike, October 26, 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 might look like for you. 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, there will be another opportunity on the last Sunday in November. Or, just call the office to make an appointment at a time that works for you!



Renting space in Grace Hall and/or the kitchen?

Let us know if you plan to use the stove!

This is your friendly reminder that we have this option for you to use before/during your event.

However, with 8 burners and two large ovens, this large appliance uses a lot of fuel, so we have it turned off most of the time. It is an easy task for our volunteers, but we do need to know in advance so your event happens as planned without a hitch!



Worship Volunteer Needs for Sunday, October 26: Greeter

Each week we are need of a Greeter, Lector, Communion Assistant, and Coffee/Donut Server. 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](#).



Little Free Pantry Request:

We are collecting canned fruits, vegetables, tomato or pasta sauce (no glass, please) for the Little Free Pantry in October. This could also include individual sized cups of fruit, applesauce, or pudding. You can also provide donations online through the [GIVE](#) page or provide a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. There is also a [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) available where items will be shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your donations.



Grace Garden and containers

Thank you for all the berry and takeout containers you've brought in over the past 4 months!

The garden is winding down, so we won't be needing any more for this season – and we actually have a good head start on our needs for 2026 as well! If you want to keep reusing and recycling the containers you have at home, you can fill them with a variety of fresh fruit or vegetables to place in different little free pantries and community refrigerators. Thank you!



Silent Prayer & Meditation for Peace Monday, October 20 | 10:00 a.m.

Being New Center (Hybrid) **All are welcome**. Bring your prayers, your grief, your hope—spoken or unspoken. No words required. [Zoom link](#).



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