

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for October 26, 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: Illah Ocken, Wilder Voelker, Marla Gowdey, Jessica Russel-Alstead, Graham Jordahl, Monte Wilner, Tanner Peeler, Remmington Anderson, Pam Palmer

Happy Anniversary: Hal and Michele Turner, Michael and Marilyn Nizzi

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in celebration of our anniversary. *Mike and Marilyn Nizzi*



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.

- **October 26:** Congregational Service Project, tying fleece blankets and purchasing hygiene supplies for YSS – a youth emergency shelter in Des Moines
- **November 2:** How Can We Live — Really? 1 John 5:1-13

Exploring Grace with Pastor Mike, after worship

A warm invitation to learn about our community, faith, and life together.

Welcome

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!



Mark your calendars!

We move the clocks back one hour on
Sunday, November 2, 2025



Stewardship packets!

Steward packets were mailed last week

If you haven't yet received yours, extra packets can be found at the back of the Sanctuary, in the entryway, and in the office.

If you are reading this online and missing your packet, please call the office and we will get one mailed out to you.

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.

Weekly Bible Study on Exodus

Led by Pastor Mike and Vicar Lotegeluaki. If you are reading this, you are welcome, you do NOT need to be a member or even familiar with Grace to participate!

- 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.



Worship Volunteer Needs –November needs have been added to the online calendar

Please note there will be additional volunteers requested, beginning November 30, for Advent.

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 [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.

Increased Food Pantry Need in November

As it is very likely that families and children who rely on SNAP Benefits will not receive assistance in November, please keep the Food Pantries and Little Free Pantries in mind. Ways you can help:

- Consider donating extra produce as you clean out your gardens.
- Before heading out of town for holidays, donate unexpired canned and boxed goods, bread, produce, cheeses and other unopened dairy products*, bags of pasta and beans, etc.
**Foods that need to be refrigerated or frozen can be taken to one of the many local Community Fridges – St. Andrews and the Franklin Library are close to Grace.*
- When making sandwiches, lunches to go, baking cookies, etc., make an extra packet and leave in one of the community fridges. Small donations are just as important as larger ones.
- Donate hygiene items – when people are struggling to eat, they need to make difficult choices. Donating hygiene items helps make those choices easier while helping to preserve dignity and reducing embarrassment at work and school.



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