

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!**  
**Announcements for November 9, 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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org)*

**Happy Birthday:** Zoe Lawson, Kurt Bowermaster, Jasey Bradwell, Zachary Jensen, Linda Moravec, Amy Batten, John Justice, Mark Ridnour

**Happy Anniversary:** Gabe and Kelley Brown, Amy and Ellen Batten

**Flowers on the altar** Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Jane and Ed Ridnour.



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 9:** What is our standard of living? Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
- **November 16:** Are we singing the standards of wisdom? Proverbs 1:20-33
- **November 23:** Capital Campaign Launch: Kevin Drury and Capital Campaign team



**Building a Legacy “For the Next 100 Years”**

Grace Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2027. To that end, we will be embarking on a new capital campaign to position Grace for the next one hundred years. This campaign was initially scheduled to begin in 2020 ... the COVID epidemic disrupted those plans. The time is right to restart this campaign.

A steering committee has been working diligently to prepare for the campaign. Based on the campaign planning work completed in 2020, we will soon be ready to share with the congregation the needs of Grace moving forwards.

Please mark the Sundays of November 16 and 23 on your calendars. The steering committee will be hosting tours of Grace on those dates. Additionally, November 23 will be kickoff Sunday for the Building A Legacy campaign. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding special events for that Sunday.



### 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.



**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](mailto:mike.h@gracedm.org)



### Desserts, Desserts, Desserts!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Dessert Potluck! On Sunday, December 14, we will enjoy coffee and desserts in Grace Hall after worship. There will be a sign-up after Thanksgiving for those who want to share a treat — homemade OR storebought.

Find more holiday dates in the [November newsletter](#) on our [website](#)!



### 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](mailto:debcarrierrichards@proton.me)



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