

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for January 11, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs

Barb Zimany, Linda Gronert
The family of Evelyn Dostalík – mother of Marty Dostalík

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Shyril Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, 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.** Cards left in the offering plate 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 or Vicar Lotegeluaki lotegeluaki@gracedm.org*

Dear Community of Grace,

Thank you so much for your constant prayers for the Johansen family over the last month. We are happy to report that the health crisis has abated. Your spiritual support meant the world to us during a very difficult time. Please feel free to remove them from the active prayer list, though we remain grateful for your continued well-wishes.

*Blessings,
Stuart and Martha Mitchell*

Thank you for the condolences and support for Elijah Torres. Your support meant so much and was such a blessing to us.

*Sincerely,
Leslie and Karen Crooks*

Happy Birthday!

Jacqueline Villela, Tessa Fenimore, Nolan Irwin, Laria Preston, Cyrus Stammer, Daniel Robbins

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome Dalton from Lutheran Lakeside, who is joining us for a Missional Moment during worship today.

We also welcome Patrick Minor, the new Community and Interfaith Coordinator at DMARC. Patrick will be joining us before the Congregational Meeting in Grace Hall after worship.



Coffee & Fellowship

Enjoy Coffee, juice, donut holes, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall immediately following worship.



Upcoming Sunday Education Topics:

Sunday, January 11:

- Conversation with Council in Grace Hall. We will also have an introduction to Patrick Minor, the new Community and Interfaith Coordinator at DMARC.
- Sunday school will meet in the Sunday School room.

Sunday, January 18:

- Budget and Finance Forum, and update on the Capital Campaign.
- Sunday school will meet in the Sunday School room.

Sunday, January 25:

- Annual Congregational Meeting, followed by a potluck. Grace will provide desserts. We will take signups for both main and side dishes.



Bible Study has just started a study on the Ten Commandments
We offer two different meeting times to work with your schedule and preferences.
Tuesdays in Grace Hall at 9 a.m., and Thursdays in room 102 at 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class meets Wednesdays in room 102 at 6:45 p.m.



2026 Altar Flowers signup sheet

We invite you to sponsor a bouquet of flowers for the altar. You can include a special message in the bulletin, and the flowers are yours to take home after the worship service on Sunday. The cost is \$25 and you can pay through Grace's online giving site (<https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/> or by check or cash to the office. The Sign-up can be found online at this link <https://volunteersignup.org/7RXMJ> Please put your first AND last name(s) in the first name field and type a special message (optional) in the last name field (in memory of ... in honor of). Contact Kathy at kathybowermaster17@gmail.com or 971-6360 with questions. Thank you!



January Little Free Pantry Request:

We are collecting cereal and individual oatmeal packets for the Little Free Pantry in January. As the weather gets colder, we need items that won't freeze overnight. The [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) is also available to have items shipped to the church. Donations can also be made online through the [GIVE](#) page or send a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Worship Volunteer Needs for January are posted online.

Sign up using the clipboard found in the Gathering Hall, 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](#).



Grace Endowment Fund Applications are Open

Endowment grants are awarded each year to groups both inside and outside of Grace. A certain percentage of the funds given each year must be awarded to community groups outside of the Grace community, so please share and promote this opportunity widely. Requests for specific, finite projects are preferred. The Endowment does not fund operational expenses. Applications are due January 31, 2026. Additional details and examples of projects can be found on our [website https://gracedm.org/support-of-others/grace-endowment-fund/](https://gracedm.org/support-of-others/grace-endowment-fund/)



Exploring Grace With Pastor Mike, February 15 after worship

A warm invitation to learn about our community, faith, and life together. **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. If this date doesn't work for you, there will be another opportunity in February. Or, just call the office to make an appointment at a time that works for you! **Pastor Mike at 515-276-6873 or Mike@gracedm.org**



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