

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for January 18, 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, Shyrall 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*

Happy Birthday!

Carli Stee, Lon Friesth, Lonnie Jessen, Stephen Kallenbach, Becky Selander, Tammi Simet, Samuel Speck, Mary Helt, Cheryl Wilner, Donald Peterson, Alice Kulzer, Garry Lenhart

Flowers on the altar are given by Carol and Carol Woodruff to the glory of God and in thankfulness for communities of faith.

Welcome!

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



Coffee & Fellowship

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



Sunday Education this morning, Sunday, January 18:

Budget and Finance Forum, Capital Campaign Update, Grace Hall 10:15 a.m.

What will you hear?

- Updates on the Fall Stewardship Campaign
- The proposed 2026 Budget details
- Current status of the Capital Campaign

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report will be available, and there will be an opportunity for questions.



For the Capital Campaign:

Online you can find a copy of the trifold brochure that can be shared with others, the 12-page brochure which outlines our priorities, and a pledge card. There are also copies in the entryway and information on the hallway bulletin board.

Next Sunday, January 25: Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck

The meeting will take place in Grace Hall after worship. Coffee and donuts will be available in Grace Hall before the meeting.



- **Vote on a new Welcome Statement**

A new welcoming statement will be put forward for a vote of acceptance. You can see that welcoming statement on the back of this sheet.

- **Potluck** A potluck is being planned for after the meeting. There is a signup on the bulletin board, you may also email michelle@gracedm.org or call us to let us know what main or side dish you plan to bring. Desserts are not needed, staff will provide those.



Proposed Welcome Statement that has been shared by TeamGRACE over the past few months.

Grace Lutheran Church commits to welcoming and celebrating all people; those in the LGBTQIA+ community, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and their allies.

We commit to the work of anti-racism, liberation, social and environmental justice for all of God's creation. We affirm the sacredness of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, ability, age, or culture. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.

No matter the labels others may place upon you, or the labels you may place upon yourself, here at Grace you will find a home among friends in need of a Savior. You are welcome here.

ANNUAL
CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS



2025 annual giving statements are available for pickup in the Gathering Hall. We will mail those remaining at the end of the month.

Do you have recurring online gifts set up? Remember to update the amounts in tithe.ly if your 2025 pledges have changed. <https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/>

ALTAR
flowers

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 and February are posted online.

January 25: Greeter, 2 communion assistants, coffee/donut set-up

In addition we are looking for those who can help set up for and clean up after the meal.

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](#).

Closing soon - Grace Endowment Fund Applications are due January 31, 2026.

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/)



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