

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for Easter Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Hadley Gouley - great-niece of Janet Trentmann, Rebekah Baker - sister of Nichole Aubert),  
Linda Moravec  
The family of Dorothy Selander - Mother of Tom Selander  
The Family of Jan Grannes

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Linda Gronert, Lonnie Jessen, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Shyral Nelsen – Deanna Weber’s Mother, Livia Ocken, Ed Ridnour, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Alan Schmidt – brother of Pastor Mike, Deb Ubom, Barb Zimany

**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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org) or Vicar Lotegeluaki [lotegeluaki@gracedm.org](mailto:lotegeluaki@gracedm.org)

**Happy Birthday:** Helen Ringgenberg, Todd Haugen, Dylan Rutter, Karla Swanson, Hannah Honsey

**Happy Anniversary:** Jon and Cherie Rissman, Justin and Carolyn Andersen

**Flowers on the altar** are given by Janet and Norm Trentmann to glorify God.

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**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



**May Education**

**Sunday, May 3:** Elementary Students will meet in the Sunday School Room at 10:15 a.m., while Pastor Mike and Vicar Lotegeluaki participate in a conversation with you about their faith journeys. Bring your questions!

**Tuesday, May 5:** No morning Bible Study due to the First Call Pastor's Retreat.

**Sunday, May 10:** Mother's Day - No continuing education.

**Sunday, May 17:** Celebration Sunday immediately Following Worship. **We have much to celebrate!**

- All we've accomplished since September 2025, bible studies, celebrations, successful stewardship and capitol campaigns, a new roof, many amazing service projects...
- Our graduates!
- The (almost) 99th Anniversary of the founding of Grace Lutheran Church!

**Cinnamon Rolls!** We will have our usual donuts, juice, and coffee, PLUS fresh baked Cinnamon Rolls and bacon or sausage! Come and enjoy!

**Grace's (almost) 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

We are beginning to formulate plans for our 100th Celebration in 2027, and will share some of the ideas we've had, and ask for your opinions and suggestions. We have recently been gifted some historical information, and thought we would share some of those items with you as well.

**Plant Sale -Spring Fundraiser for Grace Lutheran Youth**

We are once again teaming up with Goode Greenhouses! Pick up a flier in the entryway or print one from our website, and present it when making a purchase at Goode Greenhouses between May 4 & 10, 2026. 10% of pre-tax purchases will be donated to Grace Youth. Form must be presented at time of purchase.





**Hospitality volunteers wanted!**

**Grace Lutheran Church and the Being New Center are hosting the Iowa First Call Theological Education Retreat which begins this evening and runs through Tuesday**

Their Theme is "Practicing grounded presence in your first three years of ministry"

Hospitality: directing people in between sessions, keeping the coffee and hot water full, etc.

Kitchen help: Prepping vegetables today at 11:15 with Pastor LeAnn Stubbs, Monday between 11:30 – 1:30, setting out real dishes/utensils, napkins, cups, etc., and cleanup (with dishwasher).

If you can help assist on either day, please contact see Joan Fumetti after worship [fumetti.j@gmail.com](mailto:fumetti.j@gmail.com)

**Worship Volunteers Needs for May have been posted**

Greeter, lector, Communion Assistants, and Coffee set-up needed for the next few Sundays.

Go to [gracedm.org](http://gracedm.org) and click on the word "Volunteer" in the upper right corner of your screen; then follow directions on the page. Or, just click here: [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).

**Roof work continues!**

This week they are working on the AC units on the roof, and the flat roof work will be next.

Both driveways are currently open, but be aware as you approach that different sections of the driveway or parking lot may be sectioned off to keep you and the workers safe.

The lot should be clear and open in the evenings and on the weekends.

**May LFP Request**

We are collecting individual snack items for the Little Free Pantry in May: applesauce & pudding cups, granola bars, fruit & grain bars, and protein/nut bars. 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.

**Grace Vegetable Garden wants your help! We will be planting on Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m.!**

We will have plants, seeds, a map of what goes where, and some larger tools. Bring your own gloves, hand trowels, and knee-pads or seats. We could also use a little help in organizing/inventory of the takeaway containers left over from last summer.

We will tour the garden and discuss the plans for the season, which includes a few beds designated as "U-pick" - this allows visitors to the Little Free Pantry to choose what produce they need, and helps cut down on the harvesting required of volunteers in the garden.

Summer Volunteers be taking one day a week, which makes planting, watering, and harvesting easier, and allows much more flexibility for vacations and weather. Currently covered are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

We are also looking for those who ONLY want to help harvest one day a week - filling small containers to place in the Little Free Pantry. This would be a tremendous help, making fresh produce available to the Little Free Pantry throughout the week on a regular basis, cutting down on harvesting for volunteers, and allowing more time for volunteers to water and weed. Of course, if you also want to help water and replant through the summer, we will happily hand you the hose! If you cannot attend, but would like more information, please email [michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:michelle@gracedm.org)



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