

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for Easter Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Rebekah Baker - sister of Nichole Aubert
The Family of Jan Grannes

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Hadley Gouley - great-niece of Janet Trentmann, 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 or Vicar Lotegeluaki lotegeluaki@gracedm.org

Happy Birthday: Charlotte Nielsen, Sally Preston, Dmitri Woodruff, Laurie Helton, Ashley Ocken

Happy Anniversary: Carol and Carter Woodruff, Mary and Steve McCann, Barb and Ro Zimany

Flowers on the altar are given by Carol and Carter Woodruff to the glory of God and in celebration of families.

Coffee & Fellowship

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



May Education

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 99th 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.

Spring Fundraiser for Grace Lutheran Youth ends today!

Pick up hanging baskets, flowers, herbs, vegetable starts, trees, pots, birdfeeders, garden tools...

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 by the end of May 10, 2026. 10% of pre-tax purchases will be donated to Grace Youth. Form must be presented at time of purchase.

Easter Breakfast Member Care donations

The proceeds from the Free-Will offering for our Easter Breakfast added up to \$547! These funds will help support Member Care in their mission, providing meals and support to Grace Members in times of need.





Worship Volunteers Needs

Greeter, lector, Communion Assistants, and Coffee set-up needed for the next few Sundays. Go to 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](#).

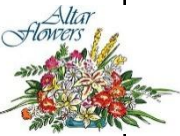


Roof work continues!

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.



Altar Flowers

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. You can sign up online at the link <https://volunteersignup.org/7RXMJ?classic> or contact Kathy Bowermaster or the office.

If signing up online, 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 with questions or to sign up if you are not online. Thank you!

Group Reiki Monday May 11

Reiki is a Japanese, non-invasive energy healing technique for stress reduction and relaxation that promotes overall well-being. Julie Good will be offering a group session on Monday, May 11 at 6:00pm in Room 108, across from the Center. Space is limited. Contact [Julie Good](#) or 515-306-4864 if you plan to attend.



Coming Home - A RECOVERY CAFÉ DES MOINES SERIES A 7-week meditation series for recovery, healing, and presence.

Most of us in recovery learned to leave our bodies, our breath, and the present moment long before we knew we were doing it. This series is about coming back. Over seven weeks, we practice — gently, gradually, and together — the simple skill of being where we already are. No prior experience is needed. Each session offers a brief teaching, a guided meditation, and time to reflect with others on the path. Details on this offering of radical hospitality and community healing [here](#).



Photos opportunity

We're excited to be hosting portrait photographer Tim Barrick in our community on June 6 and 7. He works with churches across North America, creating relaxed, welcoming photo experiences that focus on real connection. In the coming weeks we will be sharing a link to book Pay-What-You-Can outdoor mini sessions for individuals, couples, and families. Tim will be with us in worship on Sunday, June 7, and offering a limited number of simple headshots available after service (great for job searches, profiles, or anyone needing an updated photo). To learn more about Tim and see his work: timbarrick.photos



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