

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for Easter Sunday, May 31, 2026**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

Ernie Dostalík – father of Marty Dostalík, Rebekah Baker - sister of Nichole Aubert

**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, Linda Moravec, 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:** Lindsey Nelson, Barbara Bergman, Dean Watson, Leslie Denton, Virgil Olson, Molly Riordan, Natasha Voelker, Debbie Curry

**Happy Anniversary:** Patricia and Donald Schouten

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Jenny Rehder.



**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee Members wanted!**

Four people have signed up already (THANK YOU!) so you won't be shouldering this effort alone. The planning committee will have a number of duties: working on finding an appropriate space for the Sunday meal, sending out Save The Date cards, contacting former leaders, etc. They will also determine other needs and what other teams are needed for this event.

**Tentative Plan for May 22 & 23, 2027**

**Saturday, May 22** afternoon or evening: Open House for prior leaders

**Sunday, May 23:** Worship at 9 a.m., building tours, followed by a lunch and program off-site, at a location to be determined.



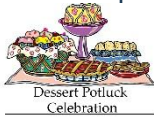
**Photos opportunity Next Saturday and Sunday**

**Sign up for Saturday morning/Afternoon family/group photo sessions**

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.

**Saturday, June 6:** Tim is offering 15 minute Pay-What-You-Can outdoor mini sessions for individuals, couples, and families. [Tim Barrick Photos | Booking](#) If reading this in printed form, you can find a live link to the sign-up by going to our webpage [www.gracedm.org/resources/bulletins/](http://www.gracedm.org/resources/bulletins/) and clicking on the announcements for today.

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](http://timbarrick.photos)



### Send Off Celebration for Vicar Lotegeluaki

It is difficult to believe that our time with Vicar Lotegeluaki is coming to an end. We are planning a sendoff dessert potluck on Sunday, June 14th after worship. There will be a “Rite of Sending” during the 9:00 a.m. worship service and then a congregational dessert potluck and a short presentation of appreciation for Vicar Lotegeluaki’s journey with us at Grace Lutheran Church.

Please join us! We will put out a sign-up for the desserts later this week, but you can always let us know in the office if you plan to bring a dessert!



### June LFP Request

We are collecting personal care items during the month of June, such as toothpaste, deodorant, soap, and feminine products. 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 Volunteers Needs through June are now online

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](#).

### From the SouthEastern Iowa Synod:



#### Intentionally Christian Online Study

You’re invited to a six-session online study on **Sundays, May 31–July 5**, at 4:00 PM led by Dr. Craig Nesson exploring Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together* and what it means to be the church in our time. We’ll focus on both personal spiritual depth (“soul care”) and caring for one another in community (“mutual care”) as we seek to live faithfully in today’s world. All are welcome—individuals, small groups, and leaders. [Registration and the study guide are available by clicking here.](#)



#### Holden Pilgrimage on the Prairie: A Gathering of Worship, Creativity, & Faith

Although Holden Village in Washington has temporarily closed due to recent landslides, its spirit continues this summer in Minnesota. “Holden Pilgrimage on the Prairie,” a collaborative five-day retreat hosted by Holden Village and Shalom Hill Farm, will take place in Windom, Minnesota, **August 2–7**. Attendees can look forward to communal worship, creative workshops, and faith exploration, including nightly Holden Evening Prayer and new liturgical music. Special sessions and activities such as poetry workshops, crafts inspired by the prairie, and musical gatherings will be led by former Holden Village Directors and talented presenters from both communities. [Click here for more information.](#)



### Garage Sale: Save the Date!

Grace Annual Garage Sale, Saturday, August 1, 2026 in the morning.  
We will be accepting donation drop offs on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Specific times to be announced later.



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