

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for June 14, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Rebekah Baker - sister of Nichole Aubert

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Ernie Dostalík – father of Marty Dostalík, 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.** You may also choose to simply call 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org

Happy Birthday: Joel Holst, McLissa Lawson, Zoe Volius, Joseph Honsey, Matthew Jordahl, Rita Stackhouse, Arbor Calahan, Marilyn Nizzi, Cecelia Stammer

Happy Anniversary: Robert and Rita Stackhouse, Brian and Theresa Gerling, Nick and Kristin Medhurst

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given **with gratitude for Vicar Lotegeluaki from the Irwins.**

Coffee & Fellowship Today in Grace Hall with the Dessert Potluck!

Join us in Grace Hall for coffee, plates full of delicious desserts, and a short presentation of appreciation for Vicar Lotegeluaki’s journey with us at Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome!



If you have recently donated stock to Grace Lutheran Church, can you please contact Mike Hilsabeck, so that we may properly credit your account? Our brokerage firm does not identify the source of incoming stock and no other documentation has arrived that would let us know who to credit. Thank you for your generous donation!

Giving to Grace

There are many ways to donate, tithe to, or support the various missions at Grace Lutheran Church, including:

- Donating Shares of Stocks or Mutual Funds: Donating appreciated shares can give you a full income tax deduction and eliminate capital gains taxes on those shares.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions: Must be 70 ½ before you can utilize QCD’s with IRA funds.
- Planned Gifts: Gifts through wills and living trusts can be arranged through an attorney.



Did you know? Possible Urbandale Avenue Parking Ban

The City is considering a request to ban parking along Urbandale Avenue between 34th Street and Merle Hay Road, backed by the Bike Collective. Urbandale Avenue was striped for bike lanes in 2010, as a Bike Lane with Intermittent Parking (BLIP). Jeff Wiggins from the city’s Traffic and Transportation Department, speaking at recent neighborhood Association meetings, called it “an idea whose time has come and gone” because it forces cyclists out into moving traffic when they encounter a parked vehicle in the bike lane.

Wiggins has said that: Spot checks show one or two parked vehicles every quarter mile to third of a mile along the stretch. If parking is banned, there are alternate places to park. Of the 115 houses along Urbandale, only six do not have garages. All have driveways. Parking is available on the north-south side streets. Wiggins said more than half live within 125 feet of a side street and 85% live within 200 feet of side-street parking.



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 mid-July are now online

Please note that for Sunday June 21, 28, and July 5 we will need a total of four Communion

Assistants instead of the usual three. Sign up for next Sunday using the clipboard in the Gathering Hall, or go online 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](#).

- **June 21 needs:** Greeter, Lector, 4 Communion Assistants

Gift Cards for Vicar Apou's Pantry!

The Internship committee is asking for gift cards to help Vicar Apou fill her pantry with basic food staples before her first paycheck arrives. Cards to local stores, such as Price Chopper, Hy-Vee, and Wal Mart would be ideal. A few to local restaurants and fast food spots would also be a welcome addition as she will also have a teenage cousin living with her this summer, until college dorms open for fall semester.

These can be mailed to the church, or dropped off at the office. Thank you!



Mission Action Fund Applications 2026

It is Christ's call to care for others. That is one of the essential elements of being a community of faith. The Mission Action Fund would like to help with the causes that you care about. Thanks to the overwhelming response last summer, the Mission Action Fund is asking for applications for support.

We are asking that applicants be connected with Grace Lutheran Church through activities hosted here or through membership. We are asking for applications, including:

- Your contact information,
- A short essay about why this is important to you.
- And some basic budget information and/or how the donation would be used.
- If there are other funds available in support of the project/ministry

It's that easy!

The deadline is June 30, 2022, and donations will be awarded in July. The applications can either be mailed to Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310 in care of the Mission Action Fund, or emailed to mission@gracedm.org

The Mission Action Fund was established with the goal to respond quickly to needs in the immediate neighborhood and beyond (statewide, nationally, and internationally), and not to be used for the Congregational Budget. This is not a one-time request for applications. Our hope is that this second round of donations will lead to increased applications and requests in the future.



Prayer for Peace, Monday, June 15, 10:00-11:00 a.m. | [Zoom](#) only

Contemplation is not withdrawal from action, but the source of it. —Thomas Merton

Following a 20 minute sit in Centering Prayer or other silent meditation we will watch and discuss a video strengthening our compassionate presence in action.

All are welcome. Bring your prayers, your grief, your hope, your wisdom. This is a collaboration of Being New and COCI.



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