

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!  
Announcements for June 21, 2026**

**Immediate Prayer Needs**

**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

Rebekah Baker - sister of Nichole Aubert, 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](mailto:mike@gracedm.org)

**Happy Birthday:** Paul Kallenbach, Jay Lounsberry, Zayden Appenzeller, Martha Mitchell, Sharena Curry, Megan Riordan, Delmar Vernia, Donald Scouten

**Happy Anniversary:** Leonard and Helen Ringgenberg, Jeff and Nancy Robbins

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given by Mike and Marilyn Nizzi.

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**Coffee & Fellowship**

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



**Did you know? Possible Urbandale Avenue Parking Ban**

The City is considering a request to ban parking along Urbandale Avenue between 34<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Re-keying Grace – Who needs access to the building?**

Don't panic! We are still exploring options and nothing has been scheduled yet. We just want to give everyone a heads up that there WILL be a change sometime this year.

Staff is starting to build the list of who currently needs access, and would like you to reach out to the office (via phone or email) to:

1. Tell us when you or your committee needs access,
2. make sure we have your current contact information so we can contact you directly when we do have a schedule,
3. make sure we aren't forgetting anyone! We know there are people who take care of specific jobs they have done quietly and without fanfare for years, and don't want you to find yourself locked out.

We will publicize dates in this weekly enews, the website, and the Sunday announcements when we do have a schedule.



### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.



### Being New Spirituality Center Offerings: Church of the Wild Book Group

Starting Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 at Being New. Weather permitting, bring a chair and we will meet at the labyrinth. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Koch at 515-230-8410.



### 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: [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).

*June 28 Needs: Greeter, 1 communion Assistant, Coffee/donuts*



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