

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for June 28, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Norm Trentman

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

Happy Birthday: Elizabeth Gronert, Steve McCann, Sawyer Shiffler

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Mary Jo and Tom McCleary.

The Roses on the Altar today are in honor of

Roman Peeler, born in May to parents Tanner and Laurie Peeler.

Henry Allen Thompson, born a few weeks ago to parents Patrick and Jamie Thompson, and big sister Ashton.

Coffee & Fellowship

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



Worship Volunteers Needs through July are now online

Please note that for Sundays June 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](#).

- *July 5 Needs: Greeter, Lector, 3 Communion Assistants, Coffee/donuts*



Office Closed Thursday, July 2 as staff will observe the 4th of July holiday. The building will be open for all other previously scheduled meetings.



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, 2026, 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.



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!



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.



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

We are still exploring options so nothing has been scheduled yet. We just want to give everyone a heads up that this is something we are working on.

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

1. Tell us when you or your committee needs access – list all current members,
2. make sure we have your current and updated contact information so we can contact you directly when we do have a schedule.

Once everything is scheduled, we will reach out to all the teams, committees, and groups that use our space. We will also make sure to publicize dates in the announcements, weekly enews, and on the website.



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.



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.

Grace Lutheran Church Garage Sale Saturday, August 1, 8 a.m. – noon

Donate: Drop off donations at Grace Hall on Friday, July 31 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Items not accepted: children's car seats, Christmas trees, console TV's mattresses, strollers, highchairs, play pens, used window blinds, humidifiers, major appliances & air conditioners.

To volunteer in set-up, during the sale, or clean-up after, follow the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A5A62BA1FF2-64541380-garage>



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