

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 2, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kevin Drury

The Family of Rev Stephen Ullestad, son of Norman Ullestad

The Family of Ernest Dostalík, father of Marty Dostalík

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Rebekah Baker - sister of Nichole Aubert, 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, Shyril Nelsen – Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Ed Ridnour, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Alan Schmidt – brother of Pastor Mike, Norm Trentman, 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 or Vicar Apou Apou@gracedm.org.

Happy Birthday: Kevin Drury, Deborah Helt, Matthew Trickel, Jolee Feeney, Kayleigh Medhurst, Donald Swanson, Rev. Ro Zimany, Riannon Brown, Layne Weber, Teri Koch

Happy Anniversary: Melissa and Paul Kallenbach, Alice and Howard Kulzer

Flowers on the altar are given by Janet and Norm Trentmann to the glory of God.

Coffee & Fellowship

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



August LFP Request: School supplies!

Notebooks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, folders, scissors, backpacks.

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.



August Worship Volunteer Signup is now online

Sign up for next Sunday using the clipboard in the Gathering Hall, or go online to: [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).

- **Augus 9 Needs: Greeter**, Lector, 3 Communion Assistants,
This week will be Service of the Word, no communion assistants needed. Thank you to those who had previously signed up.

Conscience & Conversation Zoom Studywith Bishop Current

All are invited to take part in a two-session study led by Bishop Current as part of the ELCA's Social Statement reconsideration process. "Conscience and Conversation: A Study During the Reconsideration of Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, August 12, and Wednesday, August 19, from 6:30–8:00 PM.

Participants will have the chance to study, learn, pray, and share their own voices in this important churchwide conversation. Click below to learn more about the study from Bishop Current or to join the Zoom session. [An Invitation from Bishop Current — Southeastern Iowa Synod - ELCA](#)



Is your garden overflowing?

Are contemplating leaving zucchini on neighbors porches and in the cars? Bring produce to the Little Free Pantry at Grace or to one of the pantries in front of any of several local schools.

Leaving on a vacation and have bread products, produce, unopened milk or yogurt, or other unopened/unexpired groceries? Shelf stable items such as bread can be left in the Little Free Pantry too!

Items that require refrigeration, or that may wilt in hot weather (lettuce, herbs), consider donating to one of the nearby Community Fridges:

- 5720 Urbandale Ave (St Andrew's Church)
- Franklin Library, 5000 Franklin Avenue, just inside the main entrance.



Backpack Blessing

In Worship, Sunday, August 16.

Students of all ages, teachers, school employees, and parents: bring your backpacks with you — or just yourselves if you prefer — as we prepare to bless those headed off to a new school year.



The Mission Action Fund is pleased to announce two donations that were approved during the July meeting. The first is a \$2,000 donation to the Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa. EDCI is a non-profit founded in 2010 by a group of passionate volunteers with a mission to provide inclusive education about disordered eating and to change cultural narratives regarding food, bodies, weight, and health. More information can be found at edciowa.org.

The second donation is \$5,000 to Lutheran World Relief in response to the earthquake in Venezuela. We ask your continued prayers for the families impacted by the earthquake and those responding to their needs.



Lutheran Disaster Response - U.S. Severe Storms Fund Donations

With recent severe storms hitting our neighbors in Iowa and throughout the United States, you are invited to consider a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response's U.S. Severe Storms Fund. LDR uses donations to this fund to "coordinate immediate needs while also preparing for the long road ahead — debris removal, repair and rebuilding, case management, and the ongoing emotional and spiritual care so many survivors need." Click here to make a donation. <https://give.elca.org/page/79711/donate/1>



8-Day Centering Prayer Retreat – September 13–20, 2026

South Dakota and Nebraska Contemplative Outreach invite you to an [8-day Centering Prayer Retreat](#) at Creighton Retreat Center near Griswold, Iowa. Nestled among trees with comfortable accommodations, walking trails, and a labyrinth, this retreat offers a peaceful setting for deep prayer and renewal. A few spots are still available! Cost: \$700. Thanks to generous support from the Divine Economy, the retreat fee has been greatly reduced.



Ongoing offerings at the Being New Center

- Enneagram Coaching, Julie Honsey, honsey.julie@gmail.com Certified in the Narrative Enneagram
- Spiritual Direction, Contact Deb Richards debcarrierrichards@proton.me or Julie Good Juliegood03@yahoo.com
- Massage and Reiki with Julie Good, 6077 Bradford Lane, Johnston. Contact her for an appointment, 515-306-4864.
- Massage Therapy, Reflexology & Reiki by appointment for those seeking relaxation and balance. Aromatherapy and guided meditation are included in all session work. Contact Hannah Whetston hannahwhetston@gmail.com 515-505-1878.



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