

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 16, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kevin Drury, Kyson Blake Johnson

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Hadley Gouley - great-niece of Janet Trentmann, Linda Gronert, Lonnie Jessen, Nichole Johnson, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Shyral 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: Cheryl Weatherington, Jeanne Drury, Beverly Russell, Patrick Thompson, Brent Ridnour, Cooper Mortenson, Tom McCleary,

Happy Anniversary: Kenneth and Eleanor Carlson, Ernest and Cheryl Weatherington

Flowers on the altar are given by Carter and Carol Woodruff to the glory of God.

The Rose on the Altar is in honor of Kyson Blake Johnson, born on August 5 to parents Chris and Nichole Johnson and big brother Dakota.

Coffee & Fellowship

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

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.

Printed Directories available in the office

We've had several members update addresses and phone numbers in the past few months, as well as some photos. The online App. updates automatically when you open them on your phone or computer. You can find the link [here](#) on our website, as well as read more about who has access, and how we keep your information private. If you prefer to use a printed version, we have copies ready and available in the office. If you want us to mail you a copy we can do that as well - just email michelle@gracedm.org.

August Worship Volunteer Signup is now online

- **August 23 needs:** 1 Communion Assistant, Coffee & Donut server
- **August 30 needs:** Greeter, Lector, 3 Communion Assistants

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

Toothbrush request:

Lutheran World Relief is looking for toothbrushes for kits to be used this fall. Each brush needs to be individually packed, and fully sealed. Donations can be brought to the church office. Thank you!



Exploring Grace returns!

A warm invitation to learn about our community, faith, and life together.

Welcome! **Exploring Grace** is an opportunity for you to get answers about us and find out about what being a part of Grace might look like for you.

August 30, after worship Enjoy fellowship after worship; then at 10:15 a.m., meet in the office on the main floor: just up the stairs and to the left from the main entry. **Questions? Contact the office at 515-276-6873 or by emailing** Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org. If this date doesn't work for you, just call the office to make an appointment at a time that works for you!



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.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tabs!

This is Joie's latest Pop Tab drop for Ronald McDonald House Charities! This is the third drop she's made since sharing her routine last August, however Joie and many of you have been contributing for years. Pop can tabs raise approximately 50 cents per pound (about 1000 tabs). With people contributing all over the state and US, this seemingly small amount can really add up. Thank you to everyone who keeps sharing their tabs, and thank you Joie!



"Why do they think that way?" Fall Bible Study

If you have ever thought that about someone else, the upcoming discussion series on "Beyond Bumper Sticker Ethics" is for you. These discussions will begin in Mid-September. We are going to be using that book as an entry point into discussions on ethics. Often, our arguments are about varying moral decisions. These morals are based in each person's view of the world, or system of ethics. Through that view, their answer is "right". This series will dive into the various ways people view the world and talk about how to find common ground with family, friends, and neighbors.

We plan to offer multiple days and times. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mike at mike@gracedm.org and also give options for weekly availability.

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 hannahwhetson@gmail.com 515-505-1878.



Property Manager Update:

Nichole Aubert is no longer serving as our Property Manager here at Grace. Brian Gerling will be filling this role on an interim basis.



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