

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 23, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kyson Blake Johnson
The family of Elizabeth Schaller

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Kevin Drury, Hadley Gouley - great-niece of Janet Trentmann, Linda Gronert, Lonnie Jessen, Nichole Johnson, Brad Lint, Joyce Lewis, Darrel Mixdorf – father of Karri Brandsfield, Shyrall 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: Jason Galle, Janice Nordeen, Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann, Linda Gronert, Brady Bogue, Cris Hidalgo, Scott Honsey, Tim Nelson, Phillip Snyder, Joan Fumetti, Todd Prescott

Happy Anniversary: Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim, Scott and Julie Honsey, Courtney and Hans Vander Plaats, Jerry and Diane Westercamp

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given with love by Deanna, Eric and Layne Weber in honor of Shyrall's 80th birthday.

Coffee & Fellowship

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



August Worship Volunteer Signup is now online

August 30 needs: Greeter, 3 Communion Assistants

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



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.



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!



God's Work Our Hands

The Tee shirts have arrived, and will be in the Gathering Hall on a table near the coat closet.

Sunday, September 13 with Mosaic

We are partnering with Mosaic in Central Iowa, looking to build relationships and community as well as offering others a chance to contribute to helping others around the world through Lutheran World Relief. On this morning, we will have an abbreviated Service of the Word in the Sanctuary. Our activity for the day will focus on Lutheran World Relief kit making and quilt tying - our guests will be able to choose activities suited to their abilities, with help as needed by their caregivers and members of Grace. After the activity, we will enjoy a community meal together which will serve as our Communion together.

Mosaic recognizes that people with intellectual disabilities desire and deserve greater independence and closer ties to the community. By developing and expanding community connections, we create new social, volunteer and employment opportunities. Mosaic empowers people in their unique pursuit of happiness. Providing truly personalized services, we help people achieve their goals and dreams.

Mosaic stands alongside people with intellectual disabilities to bring awareness to issues that affect their lives. We actively advocate for disability rights, encourage self-advocacy and promote public policy that positively impacts the people we serve.

"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. *If you have questions, please contact Pastor Mike at mike@gracedm.org*

We will offer multiple days and times:

- The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 15 at 9 a.m., and will spend the first seven weeks on this study before beginning with a study on Revelation.
- Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102
- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102

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.

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 deb carrigerrichards@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.



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