

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 30, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kyson Blake Johnson, Isaac Leek (friend of Vicar Apo)
The family of Elizabeth Schaller
The family of Tom Haugen (father of Todd Haugen and Kari Dostalík)

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, 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: Leonard Ringgenberg, Eleanor Carlson, Gary Nehmer, Cindy Peeler, Michelle Voelker, Heather Burgett, Rich Snyder, Kiley Brandsfield

Happy Anniversary: Martin and Kari Dostalík, Kurt and Kathy Bowermaster, Brent and Valerie Culp, Don and Gail Peterson, Elizabeth and Todd Prescott, Chuck and Tammy Denton, Lon and Denise Friesth

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in loving memory of Norman and Lenora Iverson by their family.

Coffee & Fellowship

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



September Worship Volunteer Signup is now online

- **September 6 needs:** Greeter, Lector, Coffee server
- **September 13 needs:** Greeters, Meal set-up/servers, and cleanup: see page 2 for details.
- **September 20 needs:** Greeter, Lector, Coffee server

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.



God's Work Our Hands

The Tee shirts have arrived, and can be found 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.



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!



"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 expect this study to take about 7 weeks. The Tuesday and Thursday groups will continue with a study on Revelation beginning in early November. *If you have questions, please contact Pastor Mike at mike@gracedm.org*

We will offer multiple days and times:

1. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 15 at 9 a.m.
2. Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102
3. 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.

First Fridays at Grace

September 4: Kathy Reardon, "What's Love Got to Do with It? (Everything!)"
Mark your calendar to join in these robust contemplative conversations from 9 – 11 AM at Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Ave in Des Moines. All curious souls are welcome. Questions? Contact Kathy Reardon, 515 – 776- 0439



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