

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for August 9, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kevin Drury, Nichole Johnson
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, 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: Ross Lewis, Katherine Lenhart, Brian Gerling, Josefina Ruiz, Adam Dostalík

Happy Anniversary: Donald and Bonnie Swanson, John and Sharon Schwemler, Gary and Marion Nehmer, Lathrop and Sally Preston, Ralf and Inga Hoifeldt

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in celebration of our anniversary.

Donald and Bonnie Swanson

Coffee & Fellowship

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



Update

Thank you to all who donated, helped set up, assisted during, or cleaned up after the garage sale this past weekend. The sale brought in \$1,955.41!

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.

Printed Directories

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.

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.

August Worship Volunteer Signup is now online

- **August 16 Needs:** Greeter, 2 Communion Assistants

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





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.



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? Leaving on vacation?

Place your extra produce in the Little Free Pantry at Grace or to one of the pantries in front of any of several local schools. 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.



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>

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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