

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for September 13, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kyson Blake Johnson, Isaac Leek (friend of Vicar Apo)

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, 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: John Trickle, Rhonda Jensen, Robert Briggs, Katelyn Jessen, Richard Voelker, Rev. Michael Schmidt, Sarah Helt

Happy Anniversary: Larry and Janice Nordeen

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Bob and Rita Stackhouse in memory of Carrie and John Schall.

Please welcome our guests today from Mosaic of Central Iowa, as we look to build relationships and community.

Sunday, September 13: God's Work Our Hands day!

Yellow Tee-shirts!

Feeling left out without a God's Work Our Hands yellow tee with Grace Lutheran Church on the back? You're in luck! Grab a tee off the table in the Gathering Hall. We still have some available in every size from Youth small to 5XL.



Coffee & Fellowship after worship

Coffee, juice, and donut holes will be in Grace Hall today. Make your way up the stairs or take the elevator to the Office level - 1R. Follow the crowd if you are unsure of where to go!



Service Project!

Cathy and Jill will share directions and examples of our projects for the morning once we are all in Grace Hall. Our activity for the day will focus on Lutheran World Relief kit making and quilt tying. You will be able to choose what project you want to work on, or you can try them all. The kits and quilts we make today will be blessed in worship in October, and then will be shipped all over the world wherever they are needed. The Personal Care Kits we make today are funded through Beth Flannery Memorial Funds.

Lunch

After a short clean-up, we will share in a community lunch together in Grace Hall. We will have trays of sandwiches, individual bags of chips, and some desserts.

September Worship Volunteer Needs

- **September 20:** Greeter

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





Little Free Pantry Request for September: canned tuna, chicken, and beans.

We are focusing on food that provides a good source of protein for the Little Free Pantry this month. Providing protein for food insecurity and hunger is essential for several reasons. It is crucial for growth, development, and maintenance of body tissues, as well as for numerous physiological processes. Protein helps promote fullness by reducing the feelings of hunger.

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.

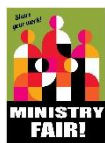


"Why do they think that way?" Fall Bible Study

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 offer the following days and times:

- Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall, begins September 15
- Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102, begins September 16
- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102, begins September 17



Ministry Fair Invitation

Sunday, September 20, Grace Hall after worship

We invite you to share a little bit about your team/committee, whether the work you do serves the building, membership, those in the community, or those in the greater world. We also want to acknowledge and thank you for the work that you do. *If you aren't a part of a team, please stop by to see what fantastic work is being done at Grace, and many of the small but meaningful ways you can participate.*

Please contact the office to let us know who will be representing your group - we suspect you will want to take shifts so you can go see others – and how much space you need.



Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Beginning on September 16, we'll meet in the music room below Grace Hall at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. All singers are welcome to join us!



Elementary Sunday School Begins on September 27 at 10:15 a.m.

K-5 students will meet in the Sunday School room, across from the elevator just up the stairs from the Gathering Hall.

Sunday Morning Adult Education – Women of the New Testament

Middle and high schoolers are considered as adults for Sunday education! Starting on September 27, we will meet in Grace Hall at 10:15, after worship and coffeetime.

Confirmation Classes: Orientation is Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in room 102. Classes begin Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m.



Pet Blessing

October 3, 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Mike. You are invited to bring your furry, fuzzy, fishy or feathered friends to our Annual Community Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 3.



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