

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for September 27, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs

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

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: Gregory Honnold, Joshua Curry, Jeryl Janson, Bill Kallestad, Ross Peeler, Aaron Page, Robbie Rissman, Katharine Radermacher, Zeppelin Brown, Margaret York, Andy Roat, Eric Barks, Ivy Lawson

Happy Anniversary: Tom and Mary Jo McCleary, Lenny and Pam Palmer

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in celebration of our 4th wedding anniversary. *Pam and Lenny Palmer*

Coffee & Fellowship

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



Exploring Grace With Pastor Mike Sunday, September 27

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. **If you are interested in learning more about Grace and how you fit in, please contact the office at 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org.** We welcome you!



Elementary Sunday School Begins today 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.

Fall Ethics Study continues

Discussions will focus on chapters from the book “Beyond Bumper Sticker Ethics”. 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.

- Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall **WILL NOT MEET on Tues., Sept. 29**
- Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102
- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102



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.

The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the lawn at Grace. Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends and neighbors to attend. If you prefer you may bring a photo of your pet, or one of their toys or other belongings to be blessed.



Yes! We DO have a box for you to donate old eyeglasses!

A number of people were asking Iowa Kid Sight if we could get a box here at Grace, so we've moved this box to the corner table in the entryway where it will hopefully be more visible and accessible. Bring your old glasses/frames, drop them in the box, and volunteers periodically pick them up!



Join us on October 11th after worship for our All Ages Service Project and help us collect kit supplies.

We will be making fleece hats to share through the Little Free Pantry as the weather gets colder. We will also show love to our elder refugee neighbors by creating personal hygiene kits. Lutheran Services in Iowa offers health and personal care classes to this group, and will give these kits to participants at the completion of their class. These elders have become particularly vulnerable with the loss of healthcare coverage and SNAP benefits. Current members of these classes include people from Congo, Sudan, Tanzania, Myanmar, and Bhutan.

Please bring these supplies to the church office by Oct 4:

- Toothpaste, regular size
- Deodorant, regular size, gender neutral
- Lip balm



Belonging to the Earth: Climate Action in the 4 Spaces of Our Lives An Interactive Workshop for Anyone with a Heart for Nature

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 10:00-11:30 AM

Registration opens at 9:30 AM, Labyrinth Walk, Tour, Connection Time: 11:30 AM–12 PM (opt.)

Location: Being New Spirituality Center, Grace Lutheran Church, 5201 Urbandale Ave, Des Moines

Cost: Free. Donations welcome at the event or when you register.

Leader: Tim Gossett, Associate Director, Iowa Faith & Climate Network

Too often, we live as though the Earth belongs to us. But what does it look like to belong to the Earth, and how does that belonging connect to the climate crisis, your faith, and the particular life you are actually living? Those are the questions at the heart of this 90-minute workshop, offered by Iowa Faith & Climate Network in partnership with Being New Spirituality Center. Sign up here: <https://iowafaithandclimate.org/being-new-workshop/>



September Worship Volunteer Needs

- **Sunday, October 4** - greeter, 2 communion assistants

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.

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.



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