

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for September 6, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kyson Blake Johnson, Isaac Leek (friend of Vicar Apo)
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: Nely Ruiz, Ethan Meadows, Joie Gronert, Ian Galle

Happy Anniversary: Aaron and Martha Page, Tom and Ashley Ocken

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in memory of our loved ones. *Brent and Valerie Culp*

Coffee & Fellowship

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



September Worship Volunteer Signup is now online

- **September 13 needs:** Greeters, Meal set-up/servers, dessert, and cleanup: see below for details.
- **September 20 needs:** Greeter, Lector

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



God's Work Our Hands

If you need a tee shirt for next week, they can be found in the Gathering Hall 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. We are looking for a few people to bring a dessert as well – we've added signups to the worship volunteer sheet in the gathering Hall and online.

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!



The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. All other activities will occur as scheduled.



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 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



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.

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.



Exploring Grace with Pastor Mike

Did you miss last Sunday's opportunity to learn about our community, faith, and life together? You'll have another chance on September 27! And again on October 25.

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. **Join Pastor Mike on Sunday, September 27, 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](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org).



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