Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for November 1, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs – Kyson Blake Johnson

Ongoing Prayer Needs
Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Kevin Drury, Hadley Gouley - great-niece of Janet Trentmann, Lonnie Jessen, Nichole Johnson, Isaac Leek (friend of Vicar Apou), 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: Remington Andersen, Pam Palmer, Sally Thielking, Ben Gronert, Ralph Watson

Happy Anniversary: Deanna and Richard Snyder, Alexson and Paul Calahan

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in memory of Pam's dad, Gene Weir.

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



Sunday Education, Sundays at 10:15 a.m., after Worship

- **Elementary Sunday School**. K-5 students meet in the Sunday School room, across from the elevator just up the stairs from the Gathering Hall.
- **Adult Education**
  November 1: Women of the New Testament
  November 8: Conversation with Council – Budget and Finance
  November 15: Women of the New Testament
  November 22: All Ages Service Project – preparing our annual Christmas Gift Bag. Reach out to Jill Boeschen and Cathy Watson if you or your committee want to contribute an item!



Weekly Education Opportunities:

- **Confirmation Classes: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** Meet in Room 102 downstairs.
- **Fall Ethics Study continues for the Tuesday Bible Study group, 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall**
  Discussions focus on chapters from the book "Beyond Bumper Sticker Ethics". This series dives into the various ways people view the world and talk about how to find common ground with family, friends, and neighbors. We have had a few days off, so will be continuing the ethics study for several more weeks.
- **Thursday Bible Study group, 6:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs**
  We have finished our Ethics study, and will be moving into Revelations this week.



Coming Together for the Harvest
Grace was officially recognized as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation in January but our work is not done. TeamGRACE wants to continue the energy into the future and one of the ways we want to do that is by creating casual time to be together in followship**. Please join TeamGRACE as we come together to celebrate the harvest with a dessert reception on Saturday, November 7th from 2pm-4pm in Grace Hall.** Spiced hot apple cider and desserts will be served. We are looking for volunteers to bring their favorite treat to share. Please email Jessica@gracedm.org if you plan on bringing a treat.

Exodus 23:16: You shall observe the Festival of Harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.



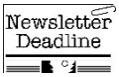
2026 Stewardship Campaign
The 2026 Stewardship campaign has begun. Please keep your eyes open in your mail for the stewardship materials. Next Sunday, November 8, we will offer a conversation with Council to discuss our proposed budget and any questions you have regarding the stewardship campaign.. Return your pledges for 2027 to the office by Wednesday, November 11, or bring them to church to place in the offering plate. Sunday, November 15 will be commitment Sunday, Thank you!



Little Free Pantry Request for November:
Thanksgiving themed items: stuffing, green beans, corn, potatoes, and pumpkin
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.



November Worship Volunteer Needs
Each Sundays we need a Greeter, Lector, 3 communion assistants and a Coffee/Donut Host. If you aren't sure what each entails, just ask someone, or call the office. We'll be happy to walk through everything with you. Sign up for the next Sundays using the clipboard in the Gathering Hall, or go online to: Online Worship Volunteer Signup.



December newsletter deadline: Monday, November 16



Being New Spirituality Center upcoming offerings:

SoulCollage® - 1st & 3rd Mondays in the Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: $15
Join facilitator Cindy Schloss Calhoun and learn to create your own SoulCollage deck with images: a story deck that is yours. It is a powerful way to discover your inner wisdom and find answers to life's questions from within. Email Cindy sinschloss@aol.com or text 515-238-8828 to find out what it is all about.

Sound Healing — Second and Fourth Mondays at 4:00 Room 105 (lower level).
Yoga mats are provided for those who wish to lie down. Bring blankets, eye pillows, etc. There are also comfortable chairs for those who prefer to sit.Space is limited. Contact Julie Good JulieGod03@yahoo.com or 515-306-4864 if you plan to attend. Julie is generously offering her time and suggests that instead of a fee, participants may wish to make a donation to the Center. Julie also offers massage therapy and Reiki in her home office.

First Fridays contemplative gathering. Join us November 6!
9-11 a.m. in Grace Hall
Co-sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa (centeriowa.org) and Being New. All curious seekers are welcome! Questions? Call or text Kathy Reardon at 515-776-0439.

The Way of the Rose: Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary –
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Room 108 (lower level).
We are an open-hearted, inclusive community dedicated to the forgotten Earth wisdom of the rosary, not affiliated with any religious institution. Traditional and non-traditional prayer, chant, and song forms welcome and no prior knowledge of the rosary is needed. Join us in the calming support available to all in the garden of prayer. Contact: Hannah Whetston hannahwhetston@gmail.com for more information

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