

Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for October 18, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs

Kyson Blake Johnson
The family of Sharon Curry

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, 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.

Last week's celebrations that were left off the announcements – our sincerest apologies!

Happy Birthday: Greg Boeschen, Benjamin Wonderlin, Lucas Radermacher, Theresa Gerling, Deanna Hummel, Lt. Col David Peterson, Victoria Janseon, Samuel Sauerman, Jane Ridnour, James Fenimore, Chris Lawson, Eryn Lenhart, Kyra Lenhart, Maya Lenhart, Vincent Meillier, Kara Jordahl, Roberto Ruiz
Happy Anniversary: Burke and Shirley Shiffler, Louie and Sue Anderson.

This week's celebrations:

Happy Birthday: Isaac Justice, Patricia Schouten, Stuart Turner, James Briggs, Sage Speck, Owen Chenoweth, Ronald Vernia, Slade Irwin, Melissa Kallenbach
Happy Anniversary: Delmar and Linda Vernia, Joel and Stacie Holst, Karri and Aaron Brandsfield

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in honor of Karri and Aaron Brandsfield's 27th wedding anniversary.

Coffee & Fellowship

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

Little Free Pantry Request for September: Soup!

Canned Soup, dry mixes, instant soup, ready to eat soup...

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.

October & November Worship Volunteer Needs –

The online signup now has dates through the end of November. Most 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](#).

Service Project Update: Last Sunday during our all – ages service project, we made 62 fleece hats for the LFP and 50 hygiene kits for LSI. Look for photos in the November Friendly Visitor.



Booverdale: Thursday, October 22 at 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Get the kids dressed up in their favorite Halloween costumes and head to the Beaverdale business district for trick-or-treat fun!



Fall Education Schedules:

- **Elementary Sunday School** – returning on Sunday, October 18 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!
Sundays at 10:15, after worship and coffeetime. Meet in Grace Hall.
- **Confirmation Classes:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet in Room 102 downstairs.
- **Fall Ethics Study continues**
Discussions 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
 - Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102
 - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102

Being New Spirituality Center upcoming offerings:

Prayer for Peace - Monday, October 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m. [Zoom](#) only

Contemplation is not withdrawal from action, but the source of it. —Thomas Merton

Following a 20-minute sit in Centering Prayer or other silent meditation we will watch and discuss a video strengthening our compassionate presence in action. All are welcome. Bring your prayers, your grief, your hope, your wisdom. This is a collaboration of Being New and COCI.

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.

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.



December newsletter deadline: Monday, November 16



100th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 22, 2027:

Building Tours during the day.
Catered Banquet at Stoney Creek Inn in the evening.

Sunday, May 23, 2027:

Worship in the Sanctuary at Grace!



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