

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for October 25, 2026**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Yvonne Barker – Aunt of Brian Gerling, Elizabeth Santing, aunt of Vicar Apou

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Kevin Drury, Hadley Gouley - great-niece of Janet Trentmann, Lonnie Jessen, Nichole Johnson, Kyson Blake 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: Joyce Lewis, Tina Meadows, Ilah Ocken, Wilder Voelker, Marla Gowdy, Jessica Russell-Alsted, Graham Jordahl, Monte Wilner, Tanner Peeler

Happy Anniversary: Hal and Michele Turner, Michael and Marilyn Nizzi

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given in celebration of our 48th anniversary. *Mike and Marilyn Nizzi*

Coffee & Fellowship

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

This morning: Exploring Grace With Pastor Mike

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. Pastor Mike offers this opportunity through the year, if today doesn't work for you, the next opportunity will be on Sunday, November 29 – watch our publications and our website calendar for reminders. Or reach out to 515-276-6873, or email Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org. We welcome you!

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**
 - October 25: Women of the New Testament.** Meet in Grace Hall. Middle and high schoolers are considered as adults for Sunday 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!

Fall Back Time Change!

We gain an extra hour of sleep next weekend – turn back your clocks before bed on Saturday, October 31. If you find yourself here an hour early, help yourself to coffee - you might have to make it first!

Office Closed:

The Church office will be closed on Monday, October 26, and Tuesday, October 27.





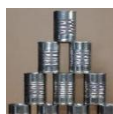
Weekly Education Opportunities:

- **Confirmation Classes:** Will NOT meet on Wednesday, October 28, and will resume Nov. 4
- **Fall Ethics Study** will NOT meet Tuesday, October 26. We will resume on Nov. 3
We will remain in the ethics study for several more weeks.
- **Wednesday Ethics Study group, 5:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs**
We will be finishing up our Ethics study this week. Currently there is no plan to move onto another study.
- **Thursday Bible Study group, 6:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs**
We will be finishing up our Ethics study this week, and moving into Revelations the first week in November.



2026 Stewardship Campaign Pre-Announcement

The 2026 Stewardship campaign will be starting shortly. Please keep your eyes open in your mail for the stewardship materials. Thank you!



Little Free Pantry Request for October: 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.



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](#).



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 fellowship. 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.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you doesn't hardly seem adequate for the cards, visits, phone calls, and prayers during my recent health challenges. Grace is special because of its people and that has been proven again! Thanks again! Kevin Drury

A huge thank you goes out to my Grace family during my health scare that started a year ago. My 6 month hospital stay was a very long journey & I appreciated the prayers, cards & visits. I truly am a miracle walking. Linda Gronert

December newsletter deadline: Monday, November 16



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