Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for November 15, 2026

Immediate Prayer Needs
Kyson Blake Johnson, Bob Merkley – longtime Tuesday morning Bible Study member

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: Amy Batten, John Justice, Mark Ridnour, Haley Dostalik, Gloria Moon, Jeremy Israel, Maddison Robbins, Nick Medhurst Greg Ruckdaschel, Kelley Riordan,

Flowers on the altar are given in thanks to our Heavenly Father and my parents for bringing me into this world. Life is a glorious blessing! *Linda Moravec*

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 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!
  November 29: Women of the New Testament
  December 6: Join us for an overview of Mosaic's mission to empower adults with intellectual disabilities through personalized, 24/7 residential care. As part of this session, we'll discuss the two types of residential care we offer here in Iowa, share insights into our history, highlight our current community work, and outline clear opportunities for your members to make a difference. We look forward to connecting and will leave plenty of time at the end for an open Q&A.



Weekly Education Opportunities:

- **Confirmation Classes: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** Meet in Room 102 downstairs.
- **The Tuesday Bible Study group, 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall**
  The group has finished with the Ethics study, and has moved into the study of Revelations.
- **Thursday Bible Study group, 6:30 p.m. in room 102 downstairs**
  We are currently studying Revelations.

Ordination of Lotegeluaki Ole Lengai
Lotegeluaki Lengai has been called to serve as the next pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in West Burlington. His Service of Ordination is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m.

The ordination will also take place at Peace Lutheran Church, which is located at 13646 Beaverdale Rd., West Burlington, IA 52655. You are invited to attend. The color of the day will be red.



Fall Stewardship Update
Today is commitment Sunday. However, if you haven't yet had time to fill out your pledge card, please know that we will always accept pledges. The deadline helps our finance team with planning the annual budget. If, on the other hand, you have not received your stewardship packet, please call the church office so we can get you one. Thank you!



December newsletter deadline: Tomorrow, Monday, November 16



Grace Church Council Openings 2027
The Grace Church Council is seeking members to serve on council starting in February 2027. The term length is three years with one meeting each month. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving. You can also speak with Tom McCleary if you're considering serving.



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.



Star Tree 2026!
The committee (Joie Gronert, Jane Ridnour, Sally Thielking, Gail and Don Peterson, and Jessye Flannery) is working behind the scenes to gather names and prepare the ornaments.

Look for the tree to be set up by Sunday, November 22nd. Take home an ornament, purchase one of the gifts listed within the recommended $ amount, and return the unwrapped gift with the star by Sunday, December 13th. Make someone's Holiday special!



November - Worship Volunteer Needs

- **November 22:** 3 Communion Assistants, and a Coffee Host
- **November 29:** Greeter, 3 Communion Assistants

Each Sunday 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.



Save the date! Our Annual Dessert Potluck will be on Sunday, December 20th after worship!



Being New Spirituality Center Offerings
Prayer for Peace, Monday, November 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Zoom only
(find live link on the online announcement sheet on our website)
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.

Until the Dawn/Actions for the Work of Advent
Join us for prayer, silence, community, and contemplative practices.
Des Moines retreat at Being New: Saturday, December 5, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Register at centeriowa.org. For more information, contact Julie Honsey, honsey.julie@gmail.com, or Kathleen Schiltz, kathleengrace55@gmail.com