

**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for October 8, 2017**

In our prayers: Deb Bradwell (Mother of Jason Bradwell), LaRue Buihner, Leanne Davis, Shirley Dyson, Maxine Fischer (Janet Habick's Mother), Nancy Hook (Mother of Susanne Carney), Arnold Johansen, Joanne Johnson, Gene Krauss, Lucy Krauss, Joseph Mattes, Paula Rissman (Jon Rissman's Mother), Glenda Fontanini (Dana Roby's Mother), Verda Swanson, Dennis Thurston (Ellen Batten's Brother), Ted Tussing, Pattie Woztkiewicz (daughter-in-law of Carl Feilmann), the family of Millie Briggs (Mother of Barry Briggs), the family of Dorothy Duleepsingh, and the others we name before you...

Praying for one another is an important part of the life of a community of faith. In order to do this it is important that the prayer list be as current as possible. If you or a relative would like to be included in the prayers, please contact the church office. Thank You!



Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Jane and Ed Ridnour in memory of their parents.



Happy Birthday! Nelda Sampel, Harlan Mortenson, Joanne Johnson, Riley Mortenson, Christopher Kallenbach, Emily Harmon, Daniel Harmon, Jeramie Mitchell, Alexander Gutmann, Benjamin Wonderlin, Lucas Radermacher, Deanna Hummel, Sheryl Sauerman, Lt. Col. David Peterson, Jessica Warren, Victoria Janson, Jane Ridnour, James Fenimore

Happy Anniversary! Burke and Shirley Shiffler, Louie and Sue Anderson



There is a Prayer Quilt for Gene Krauss in the Sanctuary this morning. The quilt is finished with the exception of the knots. We invite you to tie one of the knots and say a prayer for Gene and his family as you do. It will be delivered after all the knots are tied, and Gene will know that each knot represents a prayer. Please consider sharing in this symbol of support.

Join us to make school kits for Lutheran World Relief during Education hour today.

All ages and groups are invited. School kits are sent to countries around the world to provide basic supplies for children to attend school, so they can learn to read and write, and to do math. These bags have pencils, pens, paper, and other items in them. Many families living well below poverty levels are unable to provide basic tools for learning. Some families cannot afford to send all of their children to school without this help. Let's look at what Martin Luther had to say about the value of quality education together. We will also tie some fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

We will be collecting donations for kit supplies during October, starting today, October 8. Visit the LWR display. Find a yellow envelope in the pews to make a donation. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church, and "LWR kits" should be written on the comment line. Thank you for your support!

Altar Guild service opportunities available for 2018!

If you have ever thought about serving through this kind of ministry, now is the time. We are very low on volunteers and we would love to see this part of our ministry here at Grace grow. Come to the Altar Guild Planning Meeting on November 5 in Grace Hall 2. The time commitment is typically an hour or less per week in addition to attending one of the worship services 2 non-consecutive months out of the year, plus one holiday. Please contact Sue Anderson (279-2690) with your questions or commitment.

***"When we offer ourselves to serve at the altar, we offer ourselves to God as a living prayer."
- Fran McKinney***

Congratulations to Joann Jensen for being recognized as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year at the Governor's Volunteer Awards. Joann has volunteered at Iowa Lutheran Hospital for 50 years. You can see her pictured on the bulletin board with Barb Powers who also has 50 years of service. Thank you, ladies, for your excellent service to UnityPoint Health!

This Morning in:

Grace Hall (*Up the stairs, down the hall past the office – follow the crowd*)

- **Coffee, donuts and fellowship** between services. *You are more than welcome to return to the Gathering Hall with your coffee to relax or chat with friends!*
- **Adult Education at 9:30–**
 - **10/8 Grace members of all ages are invited** to participate in packing LWR school kits and there will also be time for fellowship and to learn about the Reformation as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the Castle Church in Wittenberg.
 - **10/15 Musician's Panel – Reformation Music**
Join this talented panel as they discuss and share with us Music of and During the Reformation.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

- Join us in Grace Hall to school kit packing, fleece blanket tying, and other activities!

Upcoming Events – Save the Date!

- **Religious Discussion Group** 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Conf. room. The discussion on October 11 will be led by Bill Kallestad. And will focus on the lectionary.
- **Des Moines Area Hunger Hike, Today, October 8, 2017**
We walk... To increase community consciousness and concern about local and worldwide hunger and its root causes. To raise funds to be used by non-profit agencies and programs to help alleviate the problem of hunger. ...we have been walking since 1969! For more information go to <http://dsmhungerhike.weebly.com>
- **The Iowa Hunger Summit** is held each year during the World Food Prize's week of events in October at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, preceding the Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium. The Iowa Hunger Summit gathers several hundred leaders from across Iowa involved in groups that lead or participate in projects to confront hunger. We invite you to participate in this unique Iowa event and learn more about domestic and international hunger. This event is free and open to the public. The 2017 Iowa Hunger Summit will take place at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown on Monday, October 16, 2017, 8AM to 3:30PM.
- **Reformation 500 Festival** October 27-29. See color brochure on the bulletin board.
- **Saturday October 14, 9 a.m.**
Fresh paint for the Chapel – Emma and the Men's Work Group need your help! We'll be freshening up the walls for the new music rehearsal space. **Contact emma@gracedm.org, or just show up ready to paint!**
- **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**
Grace Hall, Saturday, October 21, Serving from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
The Lions Club supports eye health through free non-invasive vision screenings especially to young children in their communities. They also support Hertko Hollow Diabetes Camp. Hertko Hollow is staffed with nurses, doctors, and dietitians so diabetic campers can attend and enjoy a sleepaway camp with confidence and while learning to take charge of their own self-care.



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