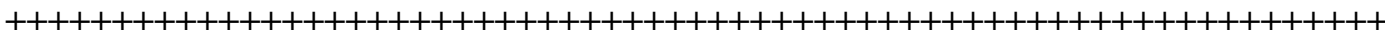


THE CARILLON



Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Joint Worship Service

followed by *Refresh – Food/Fellowship* for ALL ages

1st & 3rd Sundays – Hope Lutheran, Mineral Point

2nd & 4th Sundays – Grace Lutheran, Darlington

5th Sundays – August 31 at Grace

June 29 & November 30 at Hope

May Devotional Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe

I've just started going for walks again after my recent knee replacement surgery. For the last two years, I haven't gone on walks of any significant length, so it's exciting to rediscover my neighborhood.

My dog, of course, is thrilled to be getting this extra attention again. But truth be told, I've also forgotten how to walk her.

You see, I've always been the kind of dog owner who believed dog walks were meant to wear the dog out. But now — because I'm already worn out before we even start — I've come to see these walks differently. **I now believe dog walks are for sniffing, pausing, and enjoying the scenery.**



This is a significant shift for me. Pre-surgery, I was all about seeing how many miles we could cover. Not so much anymore.

Here's what I've discovered: it's amazing what you see when you slow down. My dog — and I'm sure yours as well — experiences a whole different world than I do. **Coconut has shown me the beauty of God's creation this spring: tiny white flowers blooming in sidewalk cracks, a small bird crouched in the gravel, the tiniest bugs crawling on a blade of grass.** And those pesky rabbits around every turn — you can imagine her reaction!

Eugene Peterson once said, *"If you keep the Sabbath, you start to see creation not as somewhere to get away from your ordinary life, but a place to frame an attentiveness to your life."*

As we walk together as partners in the South-Central Synod, I'm thankful for each of you. I'm thankful for the God who calls us to Sabbath rest.

May we all find ways to discover and embrace the abundance of God's creation — and allow it to give us new attentiveness to God's goodness and presence.

God's peace,
Bishop Joy

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation/Homebound: Grace - Jean Belanger, David Chambers, and Stu Vamstad. **Hope-Francis Smith**, Joanne Helms, Krissy Helms, Ron Wallace, Lettie Wehrle, Doc and Edith Goodweiler, Levi Zimmerman, Geri and Dick Austin, Alan Gosset and Dan Lloyd, Bev Harris, and family of Laurianna Dannenberg McAllister

Friends and Neighbors: Grace- Nathan Kittoe, Luis Cartagena and family.

Safety During Military Service: Alex Kruser, Jordan Kittleson, Zach McAllister (deploying to Kuwait in June) and William Wehrle.

Deaths: family and friends of Jerry Smith and Pastor John Henning



Celebration



Birthdays

Kevin Kammes (5/4)

Steve Fleming (5/11)

Marta Roelli (5/18)

Larry Kammes (5/9)

Marilyn Johns (5/11)

Anniversaries

Dick & Renea Johnson (5/12)

Marv & Sandy Reis (5/28)

Please let the office know if we have missed your birthday, anniversary, or retirements in the listing so we can add your special day to our records.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- to everyone who helped host fellowship after worship services this past month: Judy Boll, Linda Considine, Judy Elzen, and Missy Zasada
- to all who donated flowers and/or time to prepare our sanctuary for the Easter season.
- to all those who helped with Holy Week and Easter Services and their preparations.



Thank You Received

“Thank you for your faithful support for Sugar Creek. You truly empower this ministry! We are grateful for the opportunity to serve your church (and community) and to partner in your gospel work. Blessing to you!” Jesse Klosterboer, Executive Director, Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

“I just wanted to say how grateful I feel – the ecumenical Lenten services went above and beyond. Thank you all for making it a special moment in our shared religious life. Yours in Christ, Linda Considine”

EASTER FLOWER GIFTS

IN HONOR OF



Our parents and grandparents by Bobby & Jalaine Ruegsegger

Our parents and grandparents by Jonathan & Sheila Carrington

Our grandchildren by Paul and Pat Roelli

Cait, Dan & Ellie Janosch, Nate & Emma Fleming, Art & Elaine Koenig by
Steve & Kris Fleming

Ruth Vamstad, Mike & Miriam, Brad & Jennie, Brian & Hillary, Dahlia, Diego, Bryce
& Thorn by Stu and Patty Vamstad

IN MEMORY OF

Our parents by Paul & Pat Roelli

John Gille, Jr. by Duane & Barb Nelson

Will Lawinger by Diane Bredeson

Tom Johns by Marilyn Johns, Wendy Johns, Tash, Ryker & Serenedy

Gronholm & Jacobson Families by Linda Considine

John & Evelyn Fleming, Lynda Koenig, Pat Elsing by Steve and Kris Fleming

Adler Roelli, Jakob Roelli, Jeff Krueger by Greg & Mary Ann Roelli

Robert & Marilyn Berg; Oscar Vamstad by Stu & Patty Vamstad

Deanne Bennett by Harold & Judy Elzen Family

Pastor John F. Henning by the Elzen Family



Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Linda Considine
Vice President: Mary Roelli
Secretary: Kris Fleming
Financial Secretary: Steve Fleming
Treasurer: Tina Riechers

Eldon Wilson
Kitty Wilson
Don Leinberger
Jody White
Don Barnard

Council Highlights –

- The food pantry really needs donations as they lost a lot of funding with cuts from the Trump administration. Families are only able to access the pantry one time per month now.
- The Lenten services went very well and everyone appreciated the cooperation between churches.
- Thank you Linda Considine and Pat Roelli for attending Synod Assembly!

NOISY OFFERING

A separate offering “Noisy Offering” at Grace is being collected (during March, April, May) for Luis Cartagena, a 23-year-old in our community battling Leukemia who is unable to work. April collection was \$80.67.



LENTEN MONETARY DONATION

The Lenten mid-week soup suppers and worship services with UCC and Grace totaled \$1,819 in offerings. \$216.00 was collected from the Maundy Thursday service and \$270.00 from the Good Friday service for a **total of \$2,305.00** donated from Grace, Immanuel UCC, and United Methodist Church to the Lafayette County Food Panty.



CARE COMMITTEE

The Care and Worship committees will be handing out carnations at church to all the ladies of Grace and Hope for Mother's Day, May 11th. Hope to see you there to receive your flower and honor the Mother's on this special day.



Thank you to all these lovely ladies for the many hours of help they give to the church. We all work so well together to make gifts for our home bound people each holiday and enjoy each others company while doing it. Couldn't do it without this fabulous group! Thanks for all you do!!! We welcome new people to join us!

FAITH FORMATION



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will be held on May 7 and May 14 (last class of the 2024-2025 year). No class on May 21 as previously scheduled.

Holy Communion Instruction

Holy Communion preparation meetings will be held following worship with fellowship on Sunday, May 4 and Sunday, May 18 at Hope in Mineral Point.

Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism will be held on May 11 at Grace for Brynn White and on June 8 for MaKenna Roelli.



Sugar Creek Bible Camp

The 2025 Sugar Creek brochure is available on the bulletin board. Check it out! Grace will pay 100% for their member to attend camp and 50% for a friend. There are also opportunities for families, children, youth, and grandparents.

REWILDING SERIES Continues

May 17 – 10:00 AM – Wild Church Service with Rev. Daniel Cooperrider, Oak Savanna at Mineral Point Elementary School, 611 Cothorn Street, Mineral Point

May 18 – 10:00 AM – Indoor Creation Care Service at Congregational UCC Church, 300 Maiden Street, Mineral Point



CHURCH IN THE WILD – Worship, Wander, Pray, Wonder

The SCSW Care for God's Creation Team invites you to:

Church of the Wild held on Saturday, **May 10 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at Vermont Lutheran Church Legacy Prairie and Woodland (9886 Vermont Church Road, Black Earth).

We will gather at 10:00 AM for a brief worship followed by plenty of time to wander in God's beautiful creation. We will close with Holy Communion followed by a Bring-Your-Own picnic lunch.

This unique worship experience is open to all ages and abilities. Mobility help is available for those who need it so that all are able to take in the awesomeness of God's creation.

RSVP by going to <https://scsw-elca.org/creation/ciw2025>

COMMUNITY

Lafayette County Food Pantry



The pantry is in **need of donations**. All types of **groceries and household supplies** are needed. Particular needs are **Hamburger Helper, personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers (sizes 2, 3, & 5)**. **Toilet paper and paper towels** are always needed.

Non-perishable donations can be dropped off at Grace in the shopping cart located near the fellowship area. **Frozen products** can be dropped off at the Food Pantry on Tuesdays or Thursdays (10:00-3:00). Tell them you represent Grace Lutheran Church, and your donation will be added to our ongoing count of pounds for 2025! **April total was 65#. The total for 2025 is 280#.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

Thank you to all who delivered Meals On Wheels during the month of April. They were: Jalaine Ruegsegger, Sheila Carrington, Paul and Pat Roelli, Marilyn Johns, Tash Opland, Gloria Blaser and Sharan Ohnstad. Grace will again be delivering meals in September. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771).



GRACE'S MISSION IN MOTION

We have a couple of drivers able to assist taking Luis C. to UW Hospitals and Clinics for treatments and appointments, which are usually Mondays & Thursdays, and its looking like most Mondays the Lift service will help. However, we would welcome a couple back-up possibilities.

Luis, his sister Wendy, and nephews Alexander (10) and Jose (14) are in urgent need of clothing. We are collecting clothing in the area outside the church office. Sizes: Luis shirt (M/L) and pants 32x30: Wendy top (M) and pants 11: Alexander shirt (M) pants 10/12: Jose shirts (M) pants 32x30. On the display outside the office there are envelopes containing the size and item needed per person so we can keep track of new items, but all donations are welcome.



Other help for Luis and his family could include cash to assist with rent, groceries, gas, and other personal needs. Gift cards would be a big help (Casey's, Walmart, Farm & Fleet, Piggly Wiggly, Good Will, etc.) If donating cash or gift cards please give to Pastor Kate or Tana in the office. Any questions please contact Pastor Kate at 608.732.9688 or pastor.gracedar@gmail.com.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Anyone interested in learning some basic conversational Spanish? There is an opportunity to set up some group time with our friend Christy Alvar. Please connect with Pastor Kate or sign up on the board if interested.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

May is Suicide Prevention Month. The Mental Health Matters group in our area has a website with events, etc. Take a look at their newsletter at www.suicide-swwi.org for all of the events and trainings planned.

GRACE IN PICTURES



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for MAY

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Altar Care	Worship at	Linda Considine Diane Bredeson	Worship at	Marilyn Johns
Reader	Hope	Eldon Wilson	Hope	Marta Roelli
Greeters*	↓	Sheila Andrews Judy Boll	↓	Joe & Tina Riechers
Ushers**	↓	Don Leinberger	↓	Don Leinberger
Acolytes	↓	Vera Black	↓	Mercedes Meyers
Communion	↓	Linda Considine	↓	Marilyn Johns
Bread	↓	Marilyn Johns	↓	Marilyn Johns

**Please arrive 20 minutes early.*

***Please arrive 25 minutes early.*

If you are unable to fulfill your role on a given weekend, please contact another person/family on the Worship Leader Schedule and swap or have someone cover for you.

Please indicate changes ahead of time on that master schedule, **or** if need be, contact the office with changes. (Office: 608.776.4462; darlinglutherans@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Thank you to those who signed up to provide refreshments following worship. If interested in helping please contact Pat Roelli (482-0572).

- May 4 - Hope
- May 11 - Jalaine Ruesegger
Sheila Carrington
- May 18 - Hope
- May 25 - Laura Barnard
Carol Barnard



As of this time, no fellowship is scheduled for the month of June at Grace.

RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES

Grace and Hope services are being recorded by Ted in Mineral Point. Each Tuesday a link will be sent to watch the service if you would like.

Other opportunities to watch or listen to a live worship broadcast are:

TV – WKOW Channel 27 at 10:00 AM – Bethel Lutheran of Madison or on Bethel’s YouTube channel

Radio – WDMP 99.9 FM at 9:00 – Grace Lutheran Church, Dodgeville

Radio – WPVL 1590 AM at 10:00 AM – First English Lutheran, Platteville

Or – 8:00 AM on Sunday FELC Platteville YouTube or Spotify

Keeping Our Ears to the Ground –

The following are ways to stay abreast of news from our synod, ELCA church-wide, and partners in our common mission. You can sign up to receive updates and information on areas you are particularly interested in, or just go directly to the source. You can also search for these organizations in **Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms:**

- **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (SCSW) newsletter & emails** <https://scsw-elca.org/engage/>
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** -- <https://www.elca.org/news>
- **Wisconsin Council of Churches** -- <https://www.wichurches.org/>
- **Lutheran World Relief** – <https://lwr.org/>
- **Lutheran Disaster Response** -- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>
- **Lutheran Global Refuge** -- <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>
- **Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Great Lakes** -- <https://www.lsswis.org/>
- **ELCA Advocacy** -- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/advocacy>
- **AMPARO** -- Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/ammparo



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year! It was founded by U.S. Lutherans after WW II. It works with partners to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering in over 16 countries. Did you

know that LWR collected and distributed 689,814 quilts and kits in 2024 all over the world? Check out their website for more interesting information at <https://lwr.org>.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES


Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is being hugely impacted by the administration’s cuts, as are Global Refuge and LWR. Each has information to share about the impact on what they do and how people can help. Check out their websites listed above.



May 2025

Pastor's Schedule (608/732-9688)
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com
 Tuesdays - Thursdays
 Mondays & Fridays: Pastor's Reg. Days Off

Office Hours
 Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
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9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope Holy Communion Prep following worship @ Hope	4	5	10:00 AM Worship Committee	6	7	10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center	8	9	10	
9:30 AM Joint Worship & Aff. of Baptism & Fellowship @ Grace	11	12	13	5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation @ Grace Fellowship Hall (Last Class for 24/25 yr) 6:45 PM Grace Council	14	15	6:00 PM Hope Council	16	17	17
9:30 AM Joint Worship w/ Grad Recogn. & Fellowship Holy Communion Prep following Fellowship @ Hope	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	----- Pastor Away -----		
9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace	25	Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28	29	30	31	----- Pastor Away -----	



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Return Service Requested



Mission/Vision Statement

We are Grace people. Jesus Christ sends us out to:

- ✚ Feed the hungry
- ✚ Welcome every child
- ✚ Seek out the stranger
- ✚ Give thanks to God in all things
- ✚ Follow the way of the cross

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 Items need to be submitted for the
 June Newsletter by May 26

