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## NEW WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Beginning on Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM Worship at Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point

9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School at Grace

(Sunday School will resume January 16)

10:30 AM Worship at Grace Lutheran in Darlington

**ONLINE WORSHIP:** Available for those who are prevented from attending in person.

- \* Facebook Live (Facebook.com – search under “People”: Grace Lutheran.Darlington)
- \* YouTube (YouTube.com – Grace Lutheran Church Darlington Wisconsin)

**COVID-19 PROCEDURES:** Masks are strongly recommended indoors among larger groups at this time due to the current recommendations of the Lafayette County Health Department and the CDC.

**NEED AN EARLIER/LATER WORSHIP TIME?** Take the opportunity to visit our partner, Hope Lutheran Church! Offerings should continue to be dropped off/mailed to one's respective congregation.

**During Epiphany we worship Jesus,  
who has given all humankind access to God through himself.**

**Epiphany (or the Season after Epiphany)** is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or epiphany, from the Greek *epiphaneia*) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the Feast of the Epiphany the Theophany (“revelation of God”). When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Jew and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi. The Season after Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This year we have eight Sundays. The season is marked at its beginning and at its ending by two important feasts of Christ: the Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 9) and the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Feb. 27). The Season of Lent follows with its beginning on Ash Wednesday (this year, March 2).

## Call by the Worship Committee for Worship Ministers

**Members of the Worship Committee** will be putting together a schedule hopefully out by mid-January for those serving in the various volunteer capacities in worship (greeters, ushers, communion servers, acolytes, readers, altar care). Watch your email, snail-mail, and bulletin for updates.

## WEDNESDAY SUPPERS! Everyone invited!!

Join us for **Wednesday Night Suppers** and participate in a meal and caring conversations with the Confirmation students from Grace and Hope! Connect with Pastor Kate for details.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - Lunch Bunch conversation and bible study will be on hiatus until March when it reconvenes for the Lenten season.

## COMMUNION BREAD

Interested in helping to make communion bread? Please connect with Pastor Kate.

## HUMBLE CHOIR

The Humble Choir is making its come-back!! (Contact Sharan Ohnstad if you are interested in participating.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM

Are you interested in helping Grace and its people stay abreast and engaged in opportunities to serve and support those in need in our community and world? We are looking to form a Social Ministry Team to continue lifting up our outreach ministries and sharing new ideas. Please contact Pastor Kate or a Council member if you are interested in helping this important work.

## MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is in the narthex ready to receive collection of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, neck gaiters, and socks to be donated to the local schools for students' needs. Collections will continue until early-January.



## TOILET PAPER CHALLENGE

Thank you all who contributed to the Toilet Paper Tree project. Thank you to Serenedy Opland and other youth who constructed and decorated the tree. The rolls will be taken to the Food Pantry this month.

## MEALS on WHEELS

December was Grace Lutheran's turn to deliver those meals to the shut-ins. Thank you to Les and Sue Torstenson, Pat Roelli, Marv Reis, Jalaine Ruegsegger, Barb Schilling, Gary Bald, Sharan Ohnstad, Gloria Blaser, Marilyn Johns, and Harold and Judy Elzen.



## POINSETTIAS

Thank you for all of the Christmas Poinsettias and donations.

### In Honor Of:



- Pastor Kate – Diane Bredeson
- Art & Elaine Koenig, Cait Fleming & Dan Janosch;
- Nate Fleming & Emma Anderson – Steve & Kris Fleming
- Our Family – Larry & Carol Kammes
- Our Children Mike & Miriam, Brad & Jennie, Brian & Hillary – Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Ruth Vamstad – Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Our Grandchildren Dahlia, Diego, Bryce & Thorin – Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Mary Knellwolf – Humble Choir
- Our Grandchildren – Paul & Pat Roelli

### In Memory Of:

- Clarion Wick – Christine Wick
- Hubert Gent, Willian & Irene Utech,
- William & Elizabeth Kieckafer – Dave & Kate Kieckhafer
- Adler Roelli & Jeff Krueger & Jacob Roelli – Mary Ann Roelli
- Veronica Garrison – Diane Bredeson
- Lyn Koenig, John & Evelyn Fleming – Steve & Kris Fleming
- Granholm & Jacobson Family – Linda Considine
- Shirley Johnson, Johnson & Olson Grandparents- Carrington's,
- Ruegsegger's & Vernon Johnson
- Robert & Peggy Berg and Oscar Vamstad – Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Pat Miller – Duane & Barb Nelson



### Donations to the fund:

- Kitty Wilson
- Dave & Sharan Ohnstad

## CARE TEAM



I would like to thank the following people for all their hours of work and donations in preparation for getting things ready for Christmas. Everything from cutting material, to making the church look so beautiful, to writing Christmas cards and putting together the baskets, bags and goodies for all the homebound, Sienna Crest, Manor and workers at the facilities. It was a big job but with many hands and

helpful hearts we got it all done! I couldn't do it without my helpful elves!!! Thanks so much to the following people: Vicki, Diane, Pat, Marilyn, Linda, Kitty, Laura, Sheila, and Pastor Kate.

You are all angels....

Thanks again for everything, Jalaine

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING PROGRAM – GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who contributed to the giving tree and made thirteen families' Christmas a special one. Our church is blessed to have so many wonderful people willing to help out.

Thanks for opening your hearts!! Jalaine



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE



- To Chuck, Don, and Laura Barnard for all their work in replacing the light bulbs in the sanctuary with LED alternatives.
- To the Care Team for cards and goodies for the homebound and residents at Lafayette Manor and Sienna Crest, as well as filling Christmas goodie bags to give out to children after the Christmas program.
- To the Altar Care Team and Worship Committee members for Advent and Christmas preparations.
- To current participants in the Humble Choir (Sharan Ohnstad, Mary Knellwolf, Marilyn Johns, Carol Kammes, Jan Riechers, Patty Vamstad) for their contributions to congregational worship music and for helping to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.
- To Les Torstenson and all those serving for December Meals on Wheels.
- To those who donated flowers for the altar this month, including the poinsettias.
- To December's Fellowship Hosts for bringing and serving on Sundays: Diane Bredeson, Pat Stauffacher, Val Thompson, Linda Considine, Vicki Johnston, and Pat Roelli.
- Our regular offering counters: Don and Laura Barnard.
- To Jalaine Ruegsegger and Patty Vamstad for lending their time, talents, and materials to decorate the front entrance and narthex for Advent and Christmas.
- To all who helped keep the poinsettias watered: Jalaine Ruegsegger, Paul & Pat Roelli, Linda Considine.
- To Dick Anderson for putting up the outdoor nativity.
- To Don Barnard and Steve Fleming for their ongoing work and communications with Hope Lutheran.
- To Chris Andrews and Paul Roelli for their help with the front door lock.
- To the people who provided meals for Confirmation nights: Chuck and Carol Barnard (Dec. 1) and Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington (Dec. 8)
- To Kitty Wilson for helping to lead the Lunch Bunch (Dec.2)

### Thank You Received

"I would like to thank you all for hosting the funeral service and luncheon for my father, Charlie Sleep. I know how much he appreciated your fellowship and support over the years. The stories many of you shared about him were very heartwarming and consoling."

Merry Christmas,  
Dave Sleep

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Following are those scheduled to provide fellowship after worship. Guidelines are posted inside the cabinet in the upstairs fellowship area. If you have questions, call Vicki Johnston (776-4572) or Pat Roelli (482-0572).



### January

- 2 – Mary Ann Roelli/Heather Blosch
- 9 – Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers
- 16 – Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers
- 23 – Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada
- 30 – Barb Schilling/Jody White

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### - We remember in our prayers:



**Congregation:** (*Healing & recovery*): Billie Ferger, Barb Nelson, Sandy Reis, Linda Considine, (*for those experiencing life transitions*) Gladys Christensen & Jack Leu (*for those preparing for baptism*) Lilly Badertscher.

**Friends and Family:** (*For those friends and family battling illness and cancer*): Kelly Lynch, Penny Holum, Kathy Littel, Bryan Krahenbuhl, Lindsey Nyffenegger, Bernie Wedig, Dale Egeland, Marilyn Carpenter, John Kowatch (*for those awaiting medical procedure*) Devin Kloepfer

- We remember also the family and friends of Sue Schilling (sister-in-law of Bill and Barb Schilling) who passed away in December.

## Celebration!

### Birthdays

Dylan Zasada (1/3)

Jody White (1/07)

Tina Riechers (1/14)

Patty Vamstad (1/25)

Tim White (1/27)

Don Thompson (1/04)

Kate Chambers (1/09)

Chuck Barnard (1/18)

Jalaine Ruegsegger (1/26)

Janet Andrews (1/28)

Tash Opland (1/29)

Sue Torstenson (1/04)

Tom Johns (1/14)

Sharan Ohnstad (1/19)

Stacey Smith (1/27)

Alana Black (1/28)

### Anniversaries

Barb and Duane Nelson (1/04)  
Bridget and Brian Schilling (1/10)

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

# Grace Lutheran Church Council

## Council Contact Information



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## Church Staff

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Judy Elzen (newsletter)  
Custodian: JoNell Coats  
Musician: Mary Knellwolf [mlknellwolf@gmail.com](mailto:mlknellwolf@gmail.com)

## Council Highlights – – December 14, 2021

### Things your council is working on now:

- Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2022. Watch for more details and the annual report.
- A spending plan was approved by the council. Talk to a council member for more info.
- Planning on addressing the acoustical issues in the fellowship hall as well as developing a small-group space.
- If you are interested in serving on council, please see Don Barnard or Steve Fleming



## Faith Formation

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sundays, 9:30-10:15 AM (*preschool – 4<sup>th</sup>*)  
(Resumes on January 16 – **new time**)

**CONFIRMATION** – 5:15-7:15 PM, supper is provided. (*5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade*)  
(Resumes on Wednesday, January 12 at Grace)  
(Jan. 12 & 19 at Grace Lutheran – Jan. 26 at Hope Lutheran)

## WINTER FUN DAY

Small Town & Rural Ministry Event for 5<sup>th</sup> -12th grade students! January 15, 1:00-5:00 PM at Bethel Horizons Bible Camp, 4651 County Road ZZ, Dodgeville. Activities include snow-shoeing, ice fishing, sledding, and a warmup with hot cocoa and a bonfire. The cost is \$12.00 per student and adult leaders may attend for free. **RSVP by January 12.** Pastor Kate can transport six and we can make arrangements if there are more who want to attend! Any interested parents are encouraged and welcome to come along!

## TAKING FAITH HOME

*Taking Faith Home* is an insert in weekly bulletins for faith conversations and devotions **in the home** and **small groups** (Council & committee meetings, bible studies, etc.). Extra copies are available in the welcome center, as well as acrylic stands to use at home.

## CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The January-March edition of this devotional is available in the narthex.

## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

A campaign we called “Fill the Stable” is happening December 19-January 2. We collected donations on behalf of our children to buy animals. Donations will help purchase an animal in the stable and help those in need all over the world.

## TORNADO RELIEF

On the night of December 10 and early morning of December 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Homes and businesses were destroyed. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors’ immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Donate **online:** <https://community.elca.org> or **by phone:** 800/638-3255 with a credit card (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM) or **by mail:** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America % ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

## Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently accepting donations. Particular needs right now are canned tuna fish, canned white chunk chicken, canned mandarin oranges, cooking oil, rice, Hamburger Helper, **personal care products** (tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, crème rinse, lotion, etc.), diapers (sizes 3, 4, & 5). **Toilet paper, paper towels and empty egg cartons** are always needed.

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 2021! **Grace Lutheran has donated a total of 2,028 # of food/supplies in 2021!!**



**Baptism – December 5  
Joel and Mercedes  
Meyers  
Welcome to Grace’s  
family**



**Preparing Christmas Baskets**



**Children’s Christmas Message  
December 19**



**Humble Choir**



**CHRISTMAS**



**ADVENT**



**We continue to look for pictures of the people and events of Grace.  
Please send your pictures to Pastor Kate and/or the church office email.**



# January 2022

Mon-Thu. 9:00-4:00 AM (Pr. Kate's Best Availability)  
 Contact: 608/732-9688

Tuesdays—9:00-1:00 Church Office Hours (Tiffany)

Fridays—Pastor's Day Off

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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8:30 AM Worship @ Hope No Sun Sch. 10:30AM Worship @ Grace	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> —Pastor's Prayer Retreat—	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
8:30 AM Worship/HC @ Hope No Sun Sch 10:30AM Worship/HC @ Grace	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Council	<b>12</b> 10:00 Worship Committee 5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation @ Grace	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Winter Fun Day Bethel Horizons for 5th-12th Gr.
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Return Service Requested



### Mission 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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Newsletter Deadline  
Items need to be submitted for  
February Newsletter by January 26

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