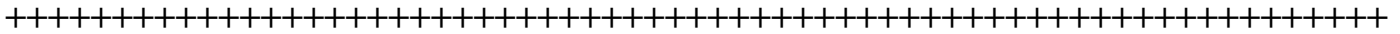


# THE CARILLON



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**NEW WORSHIP TIMES**  
January –June 2024  
8:30 AM at Hope in Mineral Point  
10:30 AM at Grace in Darlington

## WELCOME to the TIME after EPIPHANY (January 7 – February 13, 2024)!!



The time is bookended by **Jesus' baptism** on one end and the **transfiguration of Jesus** on the other. These two events mirror each other, the voice of God declaring that this Jesus is God's beloved son. Ultimately, preaching in the time after Epiphany is about expounding upon the revelation of God in the person of Jesus and, through baptism, in our person, too. This Church Year (B) we are focusing on the **Gospel of Mark** as our primary text.



## ANNUAL MEETING



We are looking forward to gathering everyone together for the annual meeting for Grace Lutheran to be held on Sunday, January 28 following a shortened worship service along with a meal. The main dish (meat) will be provided. Please plan to bring a side item to share. There will be a sign-up sheet for help and sides on the bulletin board. Look forward to opportunities to share ideas and celebrate the past year together. The written report will be available at the church a couple of weeks

prior to the meeting. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact the church office.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are also updating the directory to hand out to members at the Annual Meeting. Please make sure we have your most current information: Name(s), Address, Email(s), Phone numbers (Please be clear on whose number(s) you're giving and the type(s) - home, cell, work, etc.

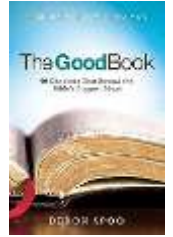


## LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 this year. Worship times will be announced soon.

LENT

## THE GOOD BOOK – Bible study and Discussion



Everyone is invited! Come as you're able -- each session is a new topic. Reading beforehand is encouraged but not necessary. Optional -- books are available or \$12.00. The discussion is held most Mondays at 11:00 AM with optional lunch.

- January 8 - Grace Fellowship Hall: Chapter 15 "Words of Wisdom (Proverbs 1) (lunch provided)
- January 15 - Pointer Café: Chapter 16 "The Real Face of Jesus" (Isaiah 53)
- January 22 - Grace Fellowship Hall: Chapter 17 "Inferiority and Obedience" (Jeremiah 1)
- January 29 - Pointer Café: Chapter 18 "Whose Side is God On?" (Daniel 3)
- February 5 - Grace Fellowship Hall: Chapter 19 "Integrity Under Fire (Daniel 6)
- February 11 - Pointer Café: Chapter 20 "Man on the Run" (Jonah 1)

**Monthly Bible Study and Discussion:** Wednesday, January 17 - 6:00-7:45 PM in Grace Fellowship Hall: Chapters 11-15 "God is Big"

## CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The January-March Christ in our Home is available in the gathering space for pick-up. (Please contact the church office if you need one dropped off or mailed to your home.)

## 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up near the front doors. Please contact the church office if you need one dropped off or mailed.



**ELCA MISSION SPOTLIGHT**  
*Lutheran World Relief* **LWR.org**

SINCE 1945 Lutheran World Relief saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world. We will persist until your love reaches every neighbor. Here's how we're ending poverty:

- Rural Economies and Agricultural Livelihoods – We partner with communities to create jobs and develop productive, inclusive and resilient economies rooted in agriculture.
- Environment – We promote sustainable farming practices so farmers and agribusinesses can improve productivity while conserving their natural resources.
- Humanitarian Assistance – We respond to natural disasters and complex crises, helping people recover, rebuild and reduce their vulnerabilities to future shocks.

***THE LATEST REPORT FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CAN BE SEEN IN OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL REPORT.***

## LEAD 2024



Registration is open for LEAD!! It's our synod's learning/sharing event for lay leaders and volunteers to help support you and others in ministry. It always has good session topics to choose from to support our ministries and will have time to connect with others around similar concerns and contexts. Please consider attending and invite others to do the same! The theme this year is "Building, Learning, Growing".

LEAD will be held on Saturday, February 17 from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac. The presenter is the Rev. Dr. Ulrich Rosenhagen. He is the Interim Director of the Center for Interfaith Dialogue at UW-Madison.

Please contact Pastor to register or have questions by **January 22**. Registration is \$25.00 per person OR \$100 per congregation with five or more persons registered

## IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



**Congregation:** Gladys Christensen, Jean Belanger, Les Torstenson, David Chambers, and Pat Stauffacher (recovery knee replacement).

**Friends, Family, & Neighbors:** Suzi Osterday, Joan Miller (Jan Riechers' sister), Ray Meier, Linda Judkins, Richard Roelli (Greg's brother), Duane Jorgenson, and Buck Virtue (heart issues), Gary and Ruthann Lewis (Jalaine's friend), and Betty Wellnitz (Leona Haven's mother).

**Deaths:**



## Celebration!



### Birthdays

Dylan Zasada (1/3)  
Kate Chambers (1/9)  
Sharan Ohnstad (1/19)  
Tim White (1/27)

Sue Torstenson (1/4)  
Tina Riechers (1/14)  
Patty Vamstad (1/25)  
Janet Andrews (1/28)  
Tash Opland (1/29)

Jody White (1/7)  
Chuck Barnard (1/18)  
Jalaine Ruegsegger (1/26)  
Alana Black (1/28)

### Anniversaries

Barb & Duane Nelson (1/4) 60 Years!!!

Bridget & 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.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for JANUARY

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Altar Care	Linda Considine Diane Bredeson	Jalaine Ruegsegger Sheila Carrington	Marilyn Johns	Pat Roelli Mary Roelli
Reader	Eldon Wilson	Barb Schilling	Serenedy Opland	Blaze White
Greeters *	Barb & Duane Nelson	Marilyn Johns	Joe & Tina Riechers Family	Tim White Family
Ushers **	Don Leinberger Gary Borcheding	Don Leinberger Steve Fleming	Don Leinberger Chuck Barnard	Don Leinberger Brax White
Acolytes	Joel Meyers	Brax White	Serenedy Opland	Brynn White
Communion	Linda Considine	Jalaine Ruegsegger	Marilyn Johns	Mary Roelli
Bread	-----	Pat Roelli	-----	Laura Barnard
Counters	January 10-14 _____ January 25-31 _____			

*\*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](mailto:darlinglutherans@gmail.com)).

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Thank you for those signed up to provide refreshments and conversation following worship. Directions are posted inside the cabinet in the upstairs fellowship area. If you have questions, please call Vicki Johnston (776-4572) or Pat Roelli (482-0572).



### JANUARY

- 7- Mary Ann Roelli/Heather Blosch
- 14 - Diane Bredeson/Carol Barnard
- 21 - Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers
- 28 - Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers

### FEBRUARY

- 5 - Judy Boll/Linda Considine
- 11 - Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada
- 18 - Barb Schilling/Jody White
- 25 - Vicki Johnston/Pat Roelli

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

### A big thank you to:



- all those who helped to decorate/undecorate the church for the season of Christmas
- the Altar Care group – well done with so many extras!
- all who donated poinsettias and those who arranged them
- Tiffany Meyer, Alana Black, and the youth and Sunday School children who gave a musical offering during worship December 17
- the Humble Choir, Mary Knellwolf, and Tana Risseeuw for their musical offerings on Christmas Eve
- Offering counters in December
- Paul Roelli for quite a number of facility projects
- all those who donated their time, talents, financial support, and/or items for our recent projects: the Mitten Tree, the Giving Tree, the Lafayette County Food Pantry, the Care Team Christmas Project, Second-Mile Offering, Christmas Caroling, Salvation Army Bell Ringers, and the Vaccination Clinic.
- those involved with wrapping up our year-end finances/reports

### Thank you Received

“Members of Grace Lutheran Church - Thank you for your continued support of the Lafayette County Food Pantry. Your generous donation will help your neighbors in Lafayette County.”  
Sincerely, Amanda Winslow, Volunteer

## POINSETTIAS

Thank you for all the Christmas poinsettias and donations:

### In Honor Of:

- Mary Knellwolf - Humble Choir
- Our Family – Larry & Carol Kammes
- Pastor Kate - Steve & Kris Fleming
- Church Council - Steve & Kris Fleming
- Cait & Dan Janasch, Nate & Emma Fleming – Steve & Kris Fleming
- Ruth Vamstad - Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Our Children Mike & Miriam, Brad & Jennie, Brian & Hillary - Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Our Grandchildren Dahlia, Diego, Bryce & Thorin Vamstad - Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Our Grandchildren: Alyssa, Bryce, Ryan, Brynlee, Leo & Lucy - Paul & Pat Roelli
- The Barnard Family - Chuck & Carol Barnard



### In Memory Of:

- Adler Roelli , Jakob Roelli & Jeff Krueger - Mary Ann & Greg Roelli
- Shirley & Vernon Johnson, Grandparents Johnson & Olson - Carrington's & Ruegsegger's
- Lyn Koenig, John & Evelyn Fleming, Pat Elsing - Steve & Kris Fleming
- Veronica Garrison - Diane Bredeson
- Granholm & Jacobson Family - Linda Considine
- Robert & Peggy Berg ,Oscar Vamstad – Stu & Patty Vamstad
- Pat Miller, John F. Gille, Jr. – Duane & Barb Nelson
- Thomas D. Johns - Marilyn Johns family
- Deanne Bennett - Judy Elzen
- Gil & Nan Barnard - Chuck & Carol Barnard
- Adolph Blaser & Penny Holum – Gloria Blaser



# Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Jody White  
 Vice President Chuck Barnard  
 Secretary: Kris Fleming  
 Mary Ann Roelli

Financial Secretary: Laura Barnard  
 Treasurer: Tina Riechers  
 Don Barnard  
 Linda Considine

Please make every effort to join us for the annual meeting, worship, and meal.

## SECOND-MILE OFFERING

The designation for the collection in the month of January will be determined at the next Mary/Martha Team meeting to be held on January 16. Funds that were collected during November and December were split between the Lafayette County Food Pantry and the ELCA World Hunger program with each group receiving **\$84.75**.

## CARE COMMITTEE

Our Care Committee had a very busy but fun month packing **75 bags** for our homebound people for Christmas. A huge thank you to all the wonderful people of Grace who donated all the goodies to put in the bags. It was wonderfully over-



whelming what we received!! This could not have been possible without all the help in your generous givings. A very special thank you to the following people who



made this all possible in packing and delivering. They are the glue to this committee: Linda Considine, Pat Roelli, Diane Bredeson, Marilyn Johns and Sheila Carrington.

The door is always open for more members to join this fun group!!

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Giving Tree Gifts ready to deliver



Humble Choir



Christmas Eve

Christmas Readings



Children's Sermon



Sunday School Sings

# COMMUNITY

## Lafayette County Food Pantry

The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently in **strong need of donations.** They have had a **large increase of families in need!** 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 2024! **November total was 50#.** **The total for 2023 is 734#.**

**More interesting statistics:** We served a total of **5,092 people in 2023** (our highest total ever). This surpasses our 2020 (co-vid year) by over 100 people and 2022's total by 1,461!!

## Strongbodies Weight Training & Healthy Eating Class



This exercise class will be held at Grace on Tuesdays and Thursday, January 9-March 21 from 9:00-10:30 AM every week.. The class is sponsored by the UW-Division of Extension. If interested please register online or call/email Bridget Mouchon (608/776-4820) or [BLMOUCHON@WISC.EDU](mailto:BLMOUCHON@WISC.EDU). Space is limited so register soon.

## Suicide Prevention Support Fundraiser

Suicide Prevention Corporation Southwest WI is sponsoring a Bowling and Trivia Tournament along with a Silent Auction on Saturday, February 3 at the Dodger Bowl in Dodgeville. Check the board in the narthex for more information on the tournament and the Suicide Prevention newsletter.



The Lafayette County Survivors of Suicide Grief Support Group meets monthly on the second Monday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Lafayette County Multi-Use Building.

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# January 2024

**Pastor's Schedule** (608/732-9688)

Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com

Mondays - Thursdays

Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

**Office Hours**

Tana Risseeuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)

DarlingLutherans@gmail.com

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6  EPIPHANY Epiphany of Our Lord
<b>NEW WORSHIP TIMES</b> 7 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace  Special Council Meeting Following Worship	8 11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ Grace Lunch provided  Annual Reports Due	9 9:00-10:30 AM Exercise Group @ Grace	10 5:30-6:45 PM Confirmation  6:30 PM Hope Council	11 9:00-10:30 AM Exercise Group @ Grace	12	13
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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 the  
 February Newsletter by January 26

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**GRACE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**January 28, 2024**  
 (weather date – February 4)