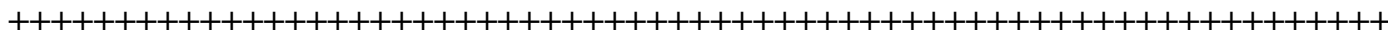


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## GRACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5 (weather date February 12)

10:30 AM Worship

11:15 AM Annual Meeting (Fellowship hall)

Meal to follow – Shredded beef from Avon; potluck sides/desserts  
(Sign up for items on bulletin board or contact church office.)

Please check your email mid-week for questions to consider ahead and  
bring your thoughts and ideas with you to the meeting.



## “FAT TUESDAY” PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, February 21

5:00-7:00 PM Grace Fellowship Hall (4:30 PM seating/seniors)

\***ALL-You-Can-Eat:** Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, dessert, beverage (milk, juice, coffee)

\*Take-Out available

\*Cost: \$8.00 (\$6.00 – seniors and children 6 years and under)

\*Funds will support youth attendance at 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

\*Dessert and volunteer sign-up on bulletin board in narthex



## LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS

**Ash Wednesday** – February 22 – Services

(with Imposition of Ashes)

5:30 PM at Hope Lutheran

7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran

**Mid-Week Lenten Vespers** – Wednesdays – 6:00-6:30 PM

March 1, 15, 29 at Grace Lutheran

March 8 & 22 at Hope Lutheran

**Travel Light Study** – Wednesdays – 6:35-7:30 PM (following Vespers)

March 1, 15, 29 at Grace Lutheran

March 8 & 22 at Hope Lutheran

(Lenten Journey continues on next page)





## LENTEN 2023 DEVOTIONAL – “WATER & SPIRIT”

*Water and Spirit* provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

## LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

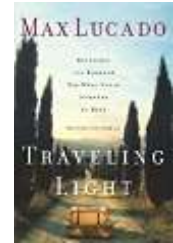
We are collecting items during Lent for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) **Personal Care Kits** and **Baby Care Kits**. Collected items will be brought forward as part of the offering on Easter Sunday.

A listing of items for the kits can be found on page 8 in this newsletter.

## BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

*Traveling Light* by Max Lucado

**Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear –  
The Promise of the 23rd Psalm**



### Description:

*“We’ve all seen weary travelers—everything they own crammed into their luggage, staggering through terminals and hotel lobbies with overstuffed suitcases, trunks, duffels, and backpacks. Backs ache. Feet burn. Eyelids droop. We can all be people like that—if not with our physical luggage, then at least with our spiritual loads.*

*“There are certain weights in life that we simply aren’t designed to carry, and Max reminds us that the Lord is asking you to set them down and trust him. He is the father at the baggage claim. When a dad sees his five-year-old son trying to drag the family trunk off the carousel, what does he say? The father will say to his son what God is saying to you. “Set it down, child. I’ll carry that one.”*

*“What if we took God up on his offer? We just might find ourselves traveling a little lighter.”*

**Sign up** to participate in a small group study on board outside the office, phone/email or perhaps read on your own.

**Books** are available to purchase online through Amazon in various formats (kindle, large-print kindle, paperback, hard-cover, audio; new or used). To request a copy ordered for you indicate where you sign up before 2/22 (Ash Wednesday). Paperback - **\$11**.

**Readings** are short with good stories and relatable examples. Study/discussion questions are provided in the back for personal and group use. Each chapter is capable of standing alone (so no stress at falling behind).

### Available sessions:

- **Mondays @ 11:00 AM**, Pointer Café in Mineral Point (optional lunch to follow)
- **Wednesdays @ 6:35 PM** following vespers services (alt. Grace & Hope)
- **Thursdays @ 11:15 AM**, Grace Fellowship Hall; (optional – bring your own lunch)
- **Alternative:** Create your own small group of two or more at a time and place that works for you!

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## Traveling Light Bible Study continued

**Reading/Discussion Schedule:** 5 Sessions in Lent; 2-week break; 5 Sessions after Lent

|                  |                                 |                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Feb. 27 – Mar 2: | Pastor's Introduction & Ch. 1   | The Luggage of Life           |
| March 6 – 9:     | Ch. 2 – The Middle C of Life    | (The Burden of a Lesser God)  |
|                  | Ch. 3 – I'll Do It My Way       | (The Burden of Self-Reliance) |
| March 13 – 16:   | Ch. 4 – The Prison of Want      | (The Burden of Discontent)    |
|                  | Ch. 5 – I Will Give You Rest    | (The Burden of Weariness)     |
| March 20 – 23:   | Ch. 6 – Whaddifs and Howells    | (The Burden of Worry)         |
|                  | Ch. 7 – It's a Jungle Out There | (The Burden of Hopelessness)  |
| March 27 – 30:   | Ch. 8 – A Heavenly Exchange     | (The Burden of Guilt)         |
|                  | Ch. 9 – Get Over Yourself       | (The Burden of Arrogance)     |

**April 2 – Holy Week (Break for Holy Week Services)**

**April 9 – Easter Week (Break)**

|                |  |                                |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| April 17 – 20: | Ch. 10 – I Will Lead You Home            | (The Burden of the Grave)      |
|                | Ch. 11 – When Morning Comes              | (The Burden of Grief)          |
| April 24 – 27: | Ch. 12 – From Panic to Peace             | (The Burden of Fear)           |
|                | Ch. 13 – Silent Nights and Solitary Days | (The Burden of Loneliness)     |
| May 1 – 4:     | Ch. 14 – The Crowing Rooster & Me        | (The Burden of Shame)          |
|                | Ch. 15 – Slippery Sheep and Healed Hurts | (The Burden of Disappointment) |
| May 8 – 11:    | Ch. 16 – Jam Session                     | (The Burden of Envy)           |
|                | Ch. 17 – God's Loving Pursuit            | (The Burden of Doubt)          |
| May 22 – 25:   | Ch. 18 – Almost Heaven                   | (The Burden of Homesickness)   |
|                | Conclusion                               |                                |



# Celebration!



## Birthdays:

**Wendy Johns (2/03)**  
**Kylie Schilling (2/07)**  
**Vicki Johnson (2/16)**

**Ruby Black (2/06)**  
**Missy Zasada (2/07)**  
**Chelsie Golackson (2/22)**

**John Roelli (2/06)**  
**Jack Leu (2/13)**  
**Sheila Carrington (2/28)**

## Anniversaries

**Janet & Harvey Andrews (2/12)    Patty & Stu Vamstad (2/16)**

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 February

| WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | <b>February 3</b>                            | <b>February 12</b>               | <b>February 19</b>                   | <b>February 26</b>           |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Altar Care         | Jalaine Ruegsegger<br>Sheila Carrington      | Mary Roelli<br>Pat Roelli        | Linda Considine<br>Diane Bredeson    | Marilyn Johns                |
| Reader             | Marv Reis                                    | Marta Roelli                     | Callie Blosch                        | Blaze White                  |
| Greeter            | Marv & Sandy<br>Reis                         | Mark & Jan<br>Riechers           | Blosch Family                        | White Family                 |
| Ushers             | Don Leinberger<br>Serenedy Opland            | Don Leinberger<br>McKenna Roelli | Don Leinberger<br>Ryelyn Badertscher | Don Leinberger<br>Brax White |
| Acolytes           | Seremedy Opland                              | MaKenna Roelli                   | Callie Blosch                        | Brynn White                  |
| Communion          | Jalaine Ruegsegger                           | Mary Roelli                      | Linda Considine                      | Marilyn Johns                |
| Bread              | -----  | Pat Roelli                       | -----                                | Laura Barnard                |
| Counters           | February 10-14 _____<br>February 20-28 _____ |                                  |                                      |                              |

*\*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.

See the bulletin board in the narthex for a more extensive schedule.

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

Fellowship - 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).



### February

- 5- Barb Schilling/Jody White
- 12- Bridget Schilling/Laura Barnard
- 19- Patty Vamstad/Sharan Ohnstad
- 26- Jalaine Ruegsegger/Sheila Carrington

### March

- 5 - Vicki Johnston/Pat Roelli
- 12 - Tiffany Meyers/Sheila Andrews/  
Alana Black
- 19 - Marilyn Johns/Wendy Johns
- 26 - Linda Considine/Judy Boll



## Grace Lutheran Church Council

President: Don Barnard  
Vice President: Steve Kottke  
Secretary: Kris Fleming  
Barb Schilling

Chuck Barnard  
Financial Secretary: Laura Barnard  
Treasurer: Tina Riechers  
Technology: Hannah Badertscher

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Things your Council is working on now:

- Our annual meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>...immediately following the church service. The alternate date is February 12. Please plan on attending and help our church plan for the coming year and see what we accomplished in the past year.
- Pancake and Sausage Fundraiser to be held on February 21.
- Planning for Council installation and work day is beginning. Please consider becoming a member of a team in an area that interests you! (Children/youth/family, worship, fellowship, stewardship, mission, building/grounds, faith formation)

### CONGREGATION SURVEY

To better align the goals of Grace Lutheran with our members and congregation, the council is asking for your feedback via a survey. Paper copies of the survey are available in the narthex or can be completed online using the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q68RM3R>

### First there were **LIGHTS ...** Now **CAMERA ...** Then **ACTION!**



**Project Description:** Recording equipment for worship services. Check out the display in the back of the worship space for commitment cards/envelopes  
Please consider giving toward this important project.

**Our contributions are at \$2,475.00 as of January 22!! Thank you!!**

### CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee will be asking the people of Grace to sign **TWO** big cards for Valentine's Day the beginning of February. The cards will be at the Sunday worship services to sign. These will be delivered to the Manor and Sienna Crest. We will also be sending out individual cards to our church homebound members. Let's fill the gift cards with lots of love and hearts!!! Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful people of Grace who filled the mitten tree over the holidays. It was so nice to see it full. **We collected 53 pair of gloves, 34 hats, and 7 pair of socks!**  
Thank you to Tina Riechers for delivering them to the Darlington Schools so kids can stay warm and cozy over the winter!! Thanks again for everyone's generosity!



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

### A big thank you to:



- Care Team and donators for the gifts and cards for Homebound
- Offering Counters in January: Don and Laura Barnard
- Everyone who helped with undecorating and refreshing after Christmas
- Those who helped to prepare and serve at the two funerals at Grace
- Paul Roelli for his expertise in repairs
- Wendy Johns for confirmation food and beverage donations
- Bobby and Jalaine for traversing the snow to change our outdoor sign
- January Fellowship hosts: Diane Bredeson, Carol Barnard, Tina Riechers, Jan Riechers, Kris Fleming, Kate Chambers, Judy Boll, Vicki Johnston, Judy Elzen and Missy Zasada

### Thank You(s) Received

“Thank you for your gift of \$28.91 to Lutheran Disaster Response.... Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and across the globe. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.” ---Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity, ELCA

“Thank you for your generosity this past year. Mission support, the money your congregation sends to the synod, goes to strengthen congregations throughout the south-central part of Wisconsin, train and form rostered leaders, and accompany congregations in transition. Approximately half (48%) of what you give to the synod goes to Churchwide to support ministries of the whole church such as: Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. These are vital expressions of God’s love in the world. Thank you for your contribution to our shared ministry.” ----- The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Bishop, and The Rev. Peter Beason, Associate to the Bishop for Generosity, Southwest-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA

“Thank you so much for your very generous donation to the Salvation Army program in Lafayette County. As I am sure you can imagine, the tough economic times we are experiencing has created a significant increase in requests as well as dollar amounts requested. Thank you and God Bless” ---Reg Gill

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### We remember in our prayers:



**Congregation:** Jan Riechers, Billie Ferger, Gloria Blaser, Jean Belanger, Janet Andrews, Duane Nelson, Les Torstenson, and Jack Leu

**Friends, Family, & Neighbors:** Harold Colbeck, (brother-in-law of Chuck and Carol Barnard), Mark Mallard (Paul Roelli brother-in-law), Jim Bredeson, Rob Nelson (son of Duane and Barb Nelson), Jenna Gill and family, Joe Leu, (Jack’s brother), Gene and Emmy Wilson, Devin, Duane Jorgenson, and Kathy Jenamann (JoNell Coates’ sister-in-law). And Sue Korinek (David Kieckhafer’s sister/Pastor’s sister-in-law)

**Deaths:** the family and friends of Evie Evans and Rachel Suthers

# Faith Formation



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES for 5th-8th Grade STUDENTS

- Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 PM – Grace Fellowship Hall
- February 8 – Class 5:30-6:15 followed by Youth Gathering meeting 6:15-7:00
- No class will be held on February 15 and February 22
- Attend and participate in Ash Wednesday and evening (vespers) services on Wednesdays in March with youth arriving at 5:30 PM for preparation.
- February 12, 5:00-7:00 PM – Food, devotion, game, craft/service project for Valentine’s Day!

## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024: NEW ORLEANS

The Youth Gathering for 2024 will be held in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024, (with travel time to be added). This event is for youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade through newly graduated high school (2024). There will be an **informational youth/parent meeting on February 8 from 6:15-7:00 PM**. A kick-off fundraiser is schedule for **February 21 “Fat Tuesday” Pancake & Sausage Supper**. See details on front page of this newsletter.

## SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Sugar Creek Bible Camp is hosting at Middle School Retreat Weekend March 17-19. For information, see Pastor Kate.

## COMMUNITY

### VALENTINE’S FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE!



Both churches (Grace and Hope) are hosting a congregational challenge to see how many pounds can be collected for the local pantries by February 19. Share the love of Christ through feeding the hungry!

## Lafayette County Food Pantry

The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently accepting donations. Particular needs right now are cooking oil, Hamburger Helper, **personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers (sizes 2, 3, & 5)**. **Toilet paper and paper towels** 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 2022! **January total was 34#.**



## LEGION STEAK & CHICKEN SUPPER

The Darlington Legion will hold their Steak and Chicken Supper on Saturday, February 11 from 4:30-7:30 PM. For carry out orders call 608/774-4041 after 4:30.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) PERSONAL CARE KITS & BABY CARE KITS



*All in new and good condition; no religious symbols, messages or church name; no items decorated with U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.*



### PERSONAL CARE KITS

#### Each kit will need:

- ONE light- or medium-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ONE sturdy comb
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- ONE toothbrush

### BABY CARE KITS

#### Each kit will need:

- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO pairs of socks
- ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

#### Important Guidelines for Baby Care Kits:




- Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts. Download a Diaper Tip Sheet from our website (LWR.org).
- If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
- Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.
- Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. All other items (diapers, towel, soap) in the kit must be new.



# February 2023

**Pastor's Schedule** (608/732-9688)  
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com  
 Mondays - Thursdays  
 Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

Church Office Hours (Tana)  
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com (608/776-4462)  
 Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-1:00

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|---|---|---|--|---|-----|--|
|                                  |   |   | 1<br>5:30-6:45 PM<br>Confirmation  | 2   | 3   | 4  |
| 5<br>8:30 AM<br>Worship/Hope<br>9:30 Sun Sch.<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship/Grace<br>11:15 Annual Mg<br>followed by Meal | 6<br>6:30 PM<br>Council Execs   | 7<br>9:30 Worship<br>Committee  | 8<br>5:30-6:15 PM<br>Confirmation<br>6:15-7:00 PM<br>2024 Youth Gath.<br>Parent/Student Info<br>Mtg  | 9<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship at<br>MP Care Cnt. | 10  | 11<br>4:30 -7:30 PM<br>LEAD Conf. @<br>Middleton |
| 12<br>8:30 AM<br>Worship/Hope<br>9:30 Sun Sch.<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship/Grace<br><br>5:00-7:00 PM<br>Youth Grp      | 13<br>7:00 PM<br>Council  | 14<br>         | 15<br>----- Pastor on Vacation -----   | 16  | 17  | 18   |
| 19<br>8:30 AM<br>Worship/Hope<br>9:30 Sun Sch.<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship/Grace<br>Pastor on Vacation                 | 20  | 21<br>6:30 PM<br>Hope Council<br><br>4:30-7:00 PM<br>"Fat Tuesday"<br>Pancake &<br>Sausage Supper | 22<br><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>Worship 5:30@ Hope<br>7:30 Worship @ Grace  | 23<br>Newsletter<br>articles due            | 24  | 25   |
| 26<br>1st Sun in Lent<br>8:30 AM<br>Worship/Hope<br>9:30 Sun Sch.<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship/Grace                    | 27<br>11:00 AM<br><i>Travel Light</i><br>Study & Lunch<br>MP Pointer Cafe | 28<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship at<br>Laf. Manor  | <b>Wednesday, March 1</b><br>Lenten Vespers 6:00-6:30 PM at Grace (youth arrive at 5:30)<br><i>Travel Light</i> Study 6:35-7:30 PM<br><b>Thursday, March 2</b><br><i>Travel Light</i> Study 11:15AM at Grace |   |     |  |



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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  
 March Newsletter by February 23

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**GRACE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**February 5, 2023**  
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