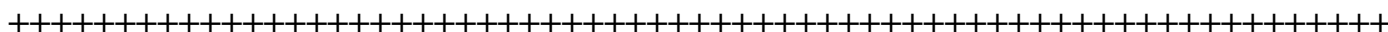


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LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES

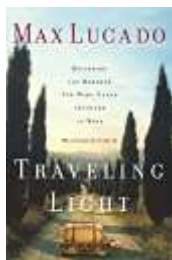
Mid-Week Lenten Vespers – Wednesdays – 6:00-6:30 PM

March 1, 15, 29 at Grace Lutheran

March 8 & 22 at Hope Lutheran

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.



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.”

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Traveling Light Bible Study continued

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 please let Pastor know.

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: Beginning Monday, February 27

- **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!

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	

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 posted on the bulletin board outside of church office.





Celebration!



Birthdays:

Gary Borcharding (3/3)
Carol Barnard (3/18)
Don Leinberger (3/23)

Judy Boll (3/9)
Judy Elzen (3/19)
Rhonda Pahnke (3/23)
Jayla Thomas (3/31)

Catie Blosch (3/11)
Eldon Wilson (3/19)
Mark Riechers (3/25)

Anniversaries

No March anniversaries

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation: 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:

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- Care Team and helpers who delivered Valentine cards to our homebound
- Offering Counters in February: Don and Laura Barnard
- Bobby and Jalaine for updating our sign board in front of the church
- February Fellowship hosts: Barb Schilling, Jody White, Bridget Schilling, Laura Barnard, Patty Vamstad, Sharan Ohnstad, Jalaine Ruegsegger, and Sheila Carrington
- Those who helped to prepare, serve, and clean-up after the "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Supper
- Those Council members who are both outgoing and incoming for their willingness to serve.





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for MARCH

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Altar Care	Pat Roelli Mary Roelli	Marilyn Johns	Linda Considine Diane Bredeson	Jalaine Ruegsegger Sheila Carrington
Reader	Kris Fleming	Barb Schilling	Paul Roelli	Jalaine Ruegsegger
Greeter	Steve & Kris Fleming	Bill & Barb Schilling	Paul & Pat Roelli	Chris W Judy Boll
Ushers	Don Leinberger Paul Roelli	Don Leinberger Ever Schilling	Don Leinberger Odessa Badertscher	Don Leinberger Gary Borchering
Acolytes	Lilly Badertscher	Jax Schilling	Odessa Badertscher	Mercedes Meyers
Communion	Mary Roelli	Marilyn Johns	Linda Considine	Jalaine Ruegsegger
Bread	-----	Marilyn Johns	-----	Mary Roelli
Counters	March 10-14 _____ March 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.

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).

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).



March

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

April

- 2 - Mary Roelli/Heather Blosch
- 9 - Diane Bredeson/Carol Barnard
- 16 - Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers
- 26 - Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers
- 30 - Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada



Grace Lutheran Church Council

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

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Things your Council is working on now:

- Noisy Offering for Lent—going to Turkey for earthquake relief
- Noisy Offering for February went to Food Pantry - \$23.79
- Alliant Energy bill was \$1000 again this month

CONGREGATION SURVEY

Council is asking members to complete a survey for ideas and suggestions on the direction that Grace should be going. 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.

Our goal has been reached!!! Our contributions as of February 26 was \$3,225.00. It was decided at the annual meeting that undesignated Memorial Funds be used to complete the project.

Many thanks to all who contributed to reach this goal !!

CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee is preparing for the Lenten season. We are also in the preparation stages for Easter and are working on ideas for our homebound people. Any thoughts or suggestions are always welcome!!

A big thank you to the following people who delivered to our church homebound people a pop-up window calendar for Lent and Holy Week. They are; Pastor Kate, Pat Roelli, Marilyn Johns, Linda Considine and Diane Bredeson. It is so nice to have such dedicated people in our wonderful church!

Thank you also to Patty Vamstad for gracing us with her amazing decorating skills for Lent. She has that special touch and we are so thankful for her.



Faith Formation



CONFIRMATION CLASSES for 5th-8th Grade STUDENTS

- Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 PM – Grace Fellowship Hall
- Attend and participate in Lenten evening (vespers) services on Wednesdays in March with youth arriving at 5:30 PM for preparation.
- No confirmation classes on April 5 and April 12
- Last confirmation class for the whole class: April 19
- Semi-Lock-In: Friday, April 28, 5:00 PM-12:00 midnight. Youth will be brought home afterwards. Food, devotional activity, movie, games, activities.

8th GRADE CONFIRMANDS

We will be participating in an overnight retreat at Bethel Horizons Friday, April 21 – Saturday, April 22. This will be preparation for Affirmation of Baptism to be held on Sunday, May 7 at the 10:30 AM worship service.

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 8th grade through newly graduated high school (2024).

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Sugar Creek Bible Camp is hosting a Middle School Retreat Weekend March 17-19. For information, see Pastor Kate. Register at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org. We will leave for camp after school is out on March 17 and return Sunday afternoon.

COMMUNITY



VALENTINE'S FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE!

Last month we announced hosting a congregational challenge with Hope in Mineral Point to see how many pounds of food that can be collected for the local pantries by February 19. Grace collected 62# along with cash donations of \$200.00.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The month of March is Grace's turn to volunteer to deliver the Meals on Wheels. Following is the schedule. Thank you to all who volunteered.

March 6-10 – Marilyn Johns

March 13-17 – Pat Roelli

March 20-24 – Marv and Sandy Reis

March 27-31 – Sheila Carrington and Jalaine Ruegsegger



Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is accepting donations. With the grocery prices at the level they are many people are in need of almost any kind of **food products** (i.e. canned goods, Hamburger Helper, cooking oil), along with the need for **personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, hand soap, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers** (all sizes), **toilet paper** and **paper towels**. **Cash donations** (made payable to Lafayette County Food Pantry) are also welcome. The cash is used to purchase specific needs locally.

Donations can be dropped off at Grace in the shopping cart located near the fellowship area. Frozen products and/or cash donations 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! **February total was 62# plus cash donations of \$200.00.**

LEGION STEAK & CHICKEN SUPPER

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

GRACE IN PICTURES



“Fat Tuesday”
Pancake Supper



Valentine Cards
For Manor and
Sienna Crest





Annual Meeting
and Luncheon



March 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
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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
April Newsletter by March 24

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