

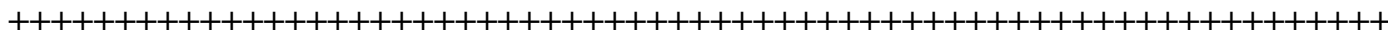
March 2024

# THE CARILLON



Grace Lutheran Church

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



## WORSHIP TIMES

January – June 2024

8:30 AM at Hope in Mineral Point  
10:30 AM at Grace in Darlington

## LENTEN JOURNEY TO EASTER



**Evening Vesper Services: Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 PM at Grace**

**Theme: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart.”**

When our *hearts* hunger – whether it be for peace, love, hope, truth, meaning, healing, or something more, there is only One who is capable of truly satisfying our deepest longings. Join us for a communal (as well as personal), time of reflection and nourishment for your hungry heart. Invite someone to join you!

**Community Soup Suppers: Wednesdays - March 6, 13 and 20 from 5:00-6:15 PM**

Grace Fellowship Hall (prior to evening vespers at 6:30). Free will offering. Proceeds will benefit the Lafayette County Food Pantry. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office for ways to contribute time, food, and service.



## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY - March 24 - 10:30 AM**

Palm procession and the Passion story according to Mark's gospel.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28 - 6:30 PM at Grace**

Jesus washes the disciples' feet, eats his last supper with them, is betrayed, and arrested.

**GOOD FRIDAY – March 29 - 5:00 PM at Hope - 6:30 PM at Grace**

Jesus is put on trial, condemned to death and nailed to a cross, where he dies with criminals and is buried.

**EASTER - March 31 - 8:30 AM at Hope ----- 10:30 AM at Grace**

**HE IS RISEN!!**

## A Season For More

It is the custom to treat Lent as the season of less.

But over the years, I have come to see this time as a season for more. So here is what I am hoping to do during this holy time:

Spend more time in *silence*. And this means silence from virtual noise as well.

Spend more time *reading* than watching television. Oh, there are those good shows that I'll still catch, but so much of the time the machine is just on – talk about junk food!

Spend more time *outside* – so that I am not always chained to my desk (or computer); so I don't drop into my easy chair the minute I get home. Yes, being with Dust my dog gets me outside, and this often turns into sacred time, but I could also go outside to read. I could go out on the deck and be mesmerized by the night sky on crisp nights. I could sit on the front step and simply watch and be. I could take that five minute walk that puts me in the park near the church, or in the woods near the house, and quietly savour God's creation.

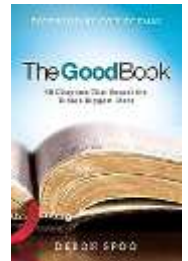
There is so much more I could do during this season of discipleship to become a more faithful follower of Jesus. I hope I do.

---- Thom M. Shuman

## THE GOOD BOOK – Bible Study and Discussion

Come as you're able! Each session is a chapter from the bible and a new topic.

**No book, no problem!** Listen to the scripture as its read aloud, bring your bible, or share with the person next to you. The discussion is held most Mondays at 11:00 AM with optional lunch.



March 4, 11, 18 at the Pointer Café in Mineral Point (Chapters 25, 26, & 27)

March 25, April 1, April 8 –on hiatus during Holy Week and the first two weeks of the Easter season – feel free to read assigned chapters (28, 29, & 30)

April 22 – Reconvene in Grace Fellowship Hall for discussion of the Passion, Easter, and Ascension

## IN OUR PRAYERS



**We remember in our prayers:**

**Congregation:** Gladys Christensen, Jean Belanger, and David Chambers

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

**Deaths:** Family of Zane Riley who passed away this past week



# 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)

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

## Anniversaries

None

**Congratulations** to Judy and Joe Boll on the birth of twin granddaughters, Colbie Jo Ryan and Lennon Marie Ryan, on Thursday, February 22.

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:

- Linda Considine, Mary Ann Roelli, and Jim Harris for attending our synod’s LEAD day at St. John’s Lutheran in Sauk Prairie February 18
- Mary Ann Roelli, Eldon and Kitty Wilson for leading worship services on Sunday, February 11
- David Kieckhafer and Ted Weier for their diligent, creative technology support of our worship services
- All those who helped to prepare our sanctuary gathering space, and services for Ash Wednesday and Lent
- The Worship Committee and Tana Risseeuw for organizing the Lenten soup suppers this year
- Counters – Mary Ann Roelli and Linda Considine, along with Tana Risseeuw



### Thank Yous Received

- “People of Grace – Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. I appreciate it very much. Looking forward to another year working with all of you. Happy New Year” – Tana Risseeuw
- “Dear Congregation, Thank you for your contribution of \$100 to Family Advocates, Inc. With your generous donation, victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder abuse will continue to receive quality services to escape their abusive situations, and create lives free of violence. ...Thank you for your continued support!” - Darlene Masters, Executive Director, Family Advocates, Inc.

## CARE COMMITTEE



The Care Committee will be putting together the Easter gifts for our home bound people on Tuesday, March 19th at 10:30 at Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome to attend and help out!



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for MARCH

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Altar Care	Pat R Mary R	Linda C Diane B	Marilyn J	Jalaine R Sheila C	Pat R Mary R
Reader	Marta R	Barb S	Paul R	Jalaine R	Don B
Greeters*	Mark & Jan Riechers	Bill & Barb Schilling	Paul & Pat Roelli	Marv & Sandy Reis	Don & Laura Barnard
Ushers**	Don L Marta R	Don L Callie B	Don L McKenna R	Don L Steve F	Don L Paul R
Acolytes	Marta R	Callie B	McKenna R	Brynn W	Serenedy O
Communion	Mary R	Linda C	Marilyn J	Jalaine R	Mary R
Bread	-----	Pat Roelli	-----	Mary R	-----

*\*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)



### MARCH

- 3 - Laura Barnard
- 10 - Patty Vamstad/Sharan Ohnstad
- 17 - Jalaine Ruegsegger/Sheila Carrington
- 24 - Ranae Johnson/Pat Roelli
- 31 - Easter

### APRIL

- 7 - Tiffany Meyers/Sheila Andrews  
Alana Black
- 14 - Marilyn Johns/Wendy Johns
- 21 - Mary Roelli/Heather Blosch
- 28 - Diane Bredeson/Carol Barnard

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Lily, Tulip, Hyacinths or Jonquils for the Easter Season at Grace Lutheran Church.

I (We) would like this in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any Living Person)

And/or in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any Deceased Person)

The cost of the **Lilies is \$12.00, Tulips \$13, Hyacinths \$13 and Jonquils \$15 per plant this year.** The **final deadline to order will be Sunday, March 18th.** Please make checks payable to: **Grace Lutheran Church.** If you wish to pick up and bring other flowers or plants to help decorate the sanctuary they will be more than welcome. Contact the Church Office at 776-4462 or [darlinglutherans@gmail.com](mailto:darlinglutherans@gmail.com) with any questions.

1. **Submit the order form and \$ per/plant in a clearly marked envelope in the collection plate or church office by Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>.**
2. **Your order will be filled and delivered to the church by Nature's Gifts on April 8th**

Additional "In honor of" Names \_\_\_\_\_

Additional "In memory of" Names \_\_\_\_\_

**WANT TO DONATE PLANT AFTER EASTER?** \_\_\_\_\_

### GRACE IN PICTURES



Ash Wednesday



Installation of Council



Mary R, Eldon and Kitty lead worship



Helpers at worship



# Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Linda Considine  
Vice President Chuck Barnard  
Secretary: Kris Fleming  
Mary Ann Roelli

Financial Secretary:  
Treasurer: Tina Riechers  
Don Barnard  
Jody White

## Council Highlights – What your council is working on --

- Creating a listening team for faithful innovation to plan for Grace's future
- Creating a Stewardship team to help people utilize their talents and gifts to support the ministry of our church
- Creating an hoc technology committee to advise on the technology needs of our church

If anyone is interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact Kris Fleming, Pastor Kate, or Linda Considine.

## SECOND-MILE OFFERING (formerly Noisy Offering)

During the offering on Sundays, an extra collection is taken up each week for those in need in our community. The designation of the collection for the months of **January thru April** will be given to the **Lafayette County Food Pantry**.

## STAFFING INFORMATION

- Tana Risseew will be out of the office the week of March 24-30 (Holy Week)
- Pastor will be attending the Rural Ministry Conference in Dubuque from March 3 (PM) through March 5. She will be available by phone for emergencies.
- Pastor Kate will be gone April 1-5 as she attends Reformation and Renewal Week at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. She will be available by phone for emergencies.
- Pastor Kate will also be gone April 7 (PM) thru April 14 for vacation. Please contact your Council President (Linda Considine) in case of emergency for the pastor-on-call.

## SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP



The 2024 schedules for Sugar Creek Bible Camp are out!! Check out the Calendar of Events listed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Lots of camps and activities from now through December!! Check it out!! Their website ([www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)) has online information and registration.

## 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, household supplies, 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! **February total was 96 #!** **The total for 2024 is 197#.**



### MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace Lutheran's next time to deliver meals are the months of **June and November**. Contact Marilyn Johns at 608/482-1771 if you would like to help.

### HAM DINNER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in South Wayne will be having a Ham Dinner on Sunday, March 10 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Dine In or Carry Out. Menu consists of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, cheese, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Everyone is welcome!



### GRIEF/SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

A 13-week grief recovery support group is being held at First Baptist Church, Darlington for those who need a safe, comforting place to talk with others about your grief. These are held on Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 PM, March 14-June 6. Additional information and brochures can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### WEEKEND OF NATURE CONTEMPLATION IN THE DRIFTLESS

Trinity Episcopal Church in Mineral Point is sponsoring (and other sponsors including other churches in Mineral Point) a *Weekend of Nature Contemplation in the Driftless* with Barbara Mahany, an author and freelance journalist for the Chicago Tribune for over thirty years. She is known for her writing at the intersection of nature, spirituality, interfaith considerations, and family. The weekend begins on Saturday morning, April 6 with a hike at the Sardeson Preserve. Saturday afternoon will be a Book Talk at Republic of Letters in Mineral Point. Sunday morning, April 7 at 9:30 AM will be a worship service with Ms. Mahany as guest speaker at the Trinity Episcopal Church with coffee hour to follow. Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### STRONGBODIES WEIGHT TRAINING & HEALTHY EATING CLASS

This exercise class is held at Grace on Tuesdays and Thursday, January 9-March 21 from 9:00-10:30 AM every week. Register online or call/email Bridget Mouchon (608/776-4820) or [blmouchon@wisc.edu](mailto:blmouchon@wisc.edu).





## COLLECTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS & BABY CARE KITS



We will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) **Personal Care and Baby Care Kits** during the Lenten and Easter season thru end of April. Collection baskets are in the narthex.

*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)

### 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 light-weight 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, towels, soap) in the kit must be new.



# March 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**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>March 10</b> <b>Daylight Savings Spring Forward</b>		AARP Tax Days Grace Fellowship Hall Mar. 11, 15, & 25		1	2
8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace --- Pastor Attending	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ MP Pointer Café Rural Ministry Conference	5	5:00-6:15 PM Soup Supper @ Grace 6:30 PM Lenten Vespers @ Grace	7	8	9
8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Grace Council	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ MP Pointer Café	10:00 AM Team Mary & Martha	5:00-6:15 PM Soup Supper @ Grace 6:30 PM Lenten Vespers @ Grace	14	15	16
8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ MP Pointer Café	10:30 Care Comm. @ Grace 6:30 PM Hope Council	5:00-6:15 PM Soup Supper @ Grace 6:30 PM Lenten Vespers @ Grace	21	22	23
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	25 Newsletter Deadline	10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor Tana R On vacation March 24-30	27	10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center <b>Maundy Thurs.</b> 6:30 PM Worship	29 <b>Good Friday</b> 5:00 PM Worship/Hope 6:30 PM Worship/Grace	30
<b>EASTER</b> 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/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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