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WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

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

10:30 AM Worship at Grace Lutheran in Darlington

*** Sunday School will resume class on March 13th***

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, March 2

5:30 PM at Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point

7:00 PM at Grace Lutheran in Darlington

Mid-week Lenten Services - 7:00 PM (Alternating with Hope and Grace)

March 9, 23, & April 6 at Grace in Darlington

March 16 & 30 at Hope in Mineral Point

Maundy Thursday - April 14

7:00 PM at Hope in Mineral Point

(More Holy Week and Easter information in the April Newsletter)

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)

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

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the case of inclement weather or other situation where in-person or worship in general is determined to be cancelled, a notice will be made by 8:00 AM through email, our “individual” Facebook page (Facebook.comDarlingLutherans), WDMP (D99.3), WEKZ (97.3), and Channel 3.



“From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate”

As I write this letter to you, it is not quite March. I don't know if March will come in like a lamb or a lion, but I do know it brings with it the season of Lent this year with Ash Wednesday being on March 2nd.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our forty-day journey alongside Jesus toward Jerusalem and his Passion. Traditionally the day is marked by **fasting**, which can look very differently depending upon the person (i.e. - fasting from sweets, or soda, or big meals, or snacking, or social media, or television, as examples) and **repentance** (*turning away* from the sin that so easily entangles us, weighs us down, and leads to death, and *turning toward* God and practices that bring life to us, our relationships, to others, and creation).

As we mark our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads in baptism. While we join Jesus on our Lenten journey toward the cross, we also remember that through the gift of God's grace in baptism, we have *already been reconciled* to God through Christ. We humble ourselves before God and pray that God will make our hearts clean. *At the same time* we celebrate that “now is the day of salvation.”

What are some ways you might intentionally choose to participate in the Lenten journey? Here are some ideas:

- + Utilize ***Grace Unbounded***, the 2022 daily devotional for Lent (*available at both churches*)
- + Pick up and wear one of our silicon bands with the inscription: ***Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return*** +, as a reminder to take time for reflection.
- + Set aside time to attend the **mid-week Lenten services**. We will be turning toward God's abundance through a simple, 30-minute Service of Word and Prayer that will focus on five divine attributes drawn from the gospel texts for this Lent: ***faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love***. Each service is designed for sustained reflection on the gospel in the context of contemplative prayer, readings, silence, and song. (*See schedule in this newsletter.*)
- + Participate in the **FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS** challenge! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that is in good condition that you no longer wear or need and put it into an extra large trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate the items to a place that can use them to help others (*ex. – Bargain Nook or thrift shop, or check out the area ELCA disaster relief or refugee resettlement needs*)
- + Participate in the Lenten bible study or utilize *Taking Faith Home* with others (*see newsletter*).
- + Download a meditation or Christian *Centering Prayer* **app on your phone**.
- + Plan **walks or drives** to empty yourself, contemplate, pray (*praise, thanksgiving, help, for the people and places you pass by, for creation*).
- + Decide to become more informed and pray over an issue or situation happening in our world today. (*Recommend using reliable sources. You might also look at the daily prayer requests put out by the ELCA – printed copies are available.*)

“From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate” continued

- + Forgo buying or lessen purchasing of certain “extras” (*lattes, fast food, soda, a new outfit, etc.*) and place what you would have spent each time in a collection vessel. At the end of Lent, use the amount collected as a donation to an organization that serves the poor, marginalized, or suffering.

You could also come up with a simple, creative idea of your own! I recommend keeping it doable but meaningful to you. After all, the purpose of Lent isn't to find ways to make ourselves suffer. It's about turning toward God, increasing our awareness, and letting go of things of things that come between us and God's best for us and others. In this journey you are not alone. Millions of Christians around the world are engaging in Lenten practices with you with the same goals. So is your church. And of course, most of all, there is Jesus.

Warmly,

Pastor Kate

Pastor's Schedule

Sundays: Hope – Mineral Point: 8:30 AM service
Grace – Darlington: 10:30 AM service

Mondays: Mineral Point
Darlington (1st/2nd Mondays, Council, 7:00 – 8:30 PM)

Tuesdays: Darlington

Wednesdays: *Daytime hours/places vary weekly with meetings & prep; call for an appointment*
Confirmation (5:15-7:00 PM)
Mineral Point (3rd Wednesdays: Hope Council @ 7pm)

Thursdays: Sermon-Writing

Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

During this peak season of the pandemic and flu season in our area, we are forgoing the sharing of refreshments and goodies.



SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM

Are you desiring to strengthen the communications and connections between Grace and the needs of our community and world? We are looking for individuals to form a Social Ministry Team to continue our outreach ministries and to share and discuss ideas, as well as build congregational awareness and involvement. It's about connecting and building partnerships with what is already being done by others. Please contact Pastor Kate or a Council member if you are interested in helping this important work.

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Altar Care	Linda Considine	Marilyn Johns	Diane Bredeson Linda Considine	Sharon Ohnstad Jalaine Ruegsegger
Greeters*	Tim & Jody White	Brian & Bridget Schilling	Val & Jackie Thompson	Chuck & Carol Barnard
Ushers**	Don Leinberger Brax White	Don Leinberger Even Schilling	Don Leinberger Barb Schilling	Don Leinberger Chuck Barnard
Acolyte	Brynn White	Jax Schilling	Lilly Badertscher	Callie Blosch
Reader	Blaze White	Even Schilling	Sandy Reis	Dave Kieckhafer
Communion	Linda Considine	Marilyn Johns	Linda Considine	Jalaine Ruegsegger
Bread Baker	Carol Barnard	-----	Pat Roelli	-----

**Please arrive 20 minutes early.*

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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).



CARE TEAM

The Care Committee will be getting together in March to prepare for Easter. Details will be coming.

Grace Lutheran Church Council

Council Contact Information



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Custodian: JoNell Coats
Musician: Mary Knellwolf mlknellwolf@gmail.com

Council Highlights – February 7, 2022

Things your council is working on now:

- Beginning of discussions on Sugar Creek camperships and confirmation students. There is a discount if a deposit is made for Sugar Creek before March 24
- In discussions with Hope about Lenten Services
- Easter Service schedules were discussed

NOTE: There are extra copies of the annual congregational report available in the narthex.

Celebration!

Birthdays:

Gary Borcharding (3/3)
Catie Blosch (3/11)
Eldon Wilson (3/19)
Adeline Riechers (3/27)

Judy Boll (3/9)
Carol Barnard (3/17)
Don Leinberger, Jr (3/23)
Jayla Thomas (3/31)

Allyn Gertsch (3/10)
Judy Elzen (3/19)
Mark Riechers (3/25)

Anniversaries:

Greg and Linda Paulson (3/16)

"Gottcha":

Mercedes and Joel Meyers (2/10)

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.



IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:

Congregation: *(for comfort and health):* Billie Ferger, Barb Shilling.

Friends and Family: *(For those friends and family battling illness, cancer, awaiting procedures, recovering, or preparing to leave us: Kevin Johnson, Lindsey Nyffenegger, Rita Flecher, Jim Bredeson and Dave Blaser.*

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- To Jody White and Steve Fleming for serving on the council
- To the confirmand students and Care Committee for construction and delivery of the Valentines to our homebound members.



Thank you(s) Received

I would like to thank Grace Lutheran Church for allowing me to be your Administrative Assistant. I've enjoyed learning the process and hope to fill all the needs of the position. For those who don't know me, my husband Phil is the City Clerk Treasurer and I have worked various places in Darlington before going to Oak Park Dental in Platteville. I have worked there for 16 years and will be totally "retired" April 28th. Many of you will recognize me from playing piano for the DHS musicals for 13 years and Solo and Ensemble for 32 years. We have two sons – Benjamin (Molly) and grandson Kai living in Germantown, WI and son Isaac living in Minneapolis. I think we are looking at my office hours as Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8-12) and 8-2 or so on Wednesday. Stop in and introduce yourself! ----Thanks again, Tana Risseeuw

Thank you so much for the goodies and cards I received at the manor at Christmas. It was so nice of you to think of us at the Nursing Home. -----Joan Webber

Dear Grace Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift of \$300.00 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.

In Christ, The Rev. Robin Brown, Director, Congregational Generosity.

On behalf of the Darlington Community School District, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of hats, mittens, gloves and socks to Darlington Elementary Middle School. Donation was accepted with gratitude at the school board meeting on February 7th. -----Cale Jackson, District Administrator

Thank you for the lovely Valentine gift of a card, candy, and goodies. We really enjoyed and appreciate the thought and gift.

Shirley and Vernon Sincox

Faith Formation



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sundays, 9:30-10:15 AM (*preschool – 4th*)
Grace will begin holding Sunday School starting **March 13**

CONFIRMATION – 5:15-7:00 PM (*5th – 8th grade*)

Confirmation class time will return April 27 at Grace Lutheran. In the meantime, Confirmation students will be serving as worship ministers at the Wednesday evening worship services during Lent. Students will choose their location for Ash Wednesday. The rest of the Wednesday services will follow the location schedule, with students arriving at 6 pm to connect and prepare.

Lenten Bible Study Offerings

Please join whichever time works for you!

Mondays, 11:00 AM-Noon - *with optional lunch to follow:*

March 7, 21, 28, & April 4 – The Pointer Café

March 14, & April 11 – The Red Rooster Café

Thursday, 11:00 AM-Noon – *with optional lunch to follow*

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, & April 7 – Darlington Country Club

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Brochures are now available in the narthex.

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.

GRACE UNBOUNDED: DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2022

Grace Unbounded provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday (March 2) to the Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of Luke. There will be copies available in regular print and a few in large print edition for some who need it. This devotional makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your forty day Lenten journey. **Grace Unbounded will be available beginning Sunday, February 27th in the lobbies of each church.**



STAR INITIATIVE BOOK STUDY

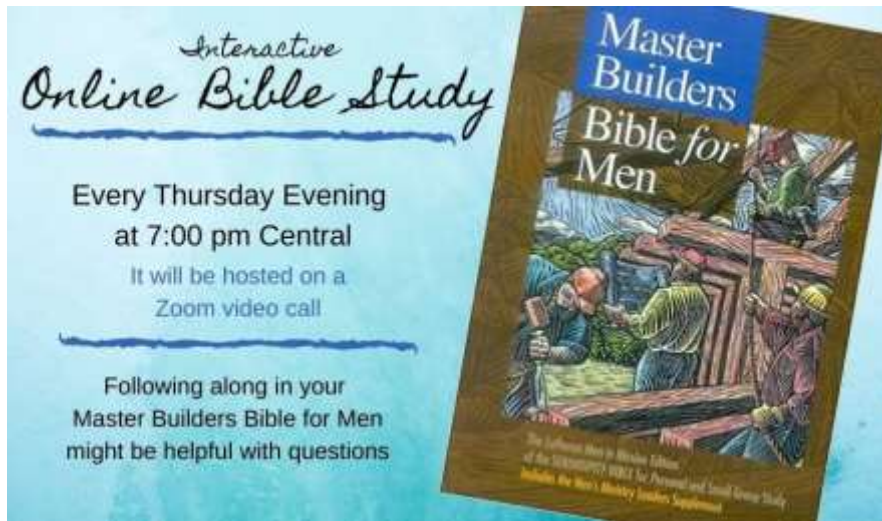
Join the next Small Town & Rural Youth ministry offering: a book club discussion group on the book, *SUSTAINABLE YOUTH MINISTRY*, written by Mark DeVries. Do you ever wonder why most youth ministries don't last? Come learn what you and your church community can do about it? The deadline to register is February 10 and the first ten people will receive a free copy of the book! They meet on the fourth Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 PM (February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26), in-person at Dodgeville's Grace Lutheran Church or over zoom. The reading schedule will be released no later than February 10. For more information contact Pastor Kate.

WHAT MATTERS

Check out the synod weekly news "WHAT MATTERS". The website to access is scsw-elca.org. You will find timely news and topics and an opportunity to sign up for the weekly email.

Lutheran Men in Mission Bible Study Opportunity

Email Kevin Burke for Zoom link: kevin@lutheranmeninmission.org



VALENTINE TREATS

The confirmation students and the Care Team partnered together to create and deliver valentines to the homebound members for Valentine's Day!

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.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

I (We) would like to order _____ Easter Lily(s) 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 Easter Lilly is **\$12.00 per plant this year**. The **final deadline to order will be Sunday April 4th**. Please make checks payable to: **Grace Lutheran Church**. If you wish to 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) with any questions.

1. **Submit the order form and \$12/plant in a clearly marked envelope in the collection plate or church office by Sunday April 4th.**
2. **Your order will be filled and delivered to the church by Nature's Gifts on April 16th.**

Additional "In honor of" Names _____

Additional "In memory of" Names) _____

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, cooking oil, rice, Hamburger Helper, **personal care products** (tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, crème rinse, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, 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 2022! In **January** Grace donated **124#** and in **February** donations were **137#**.

March 2022

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

Church Office Hours (Tana)
 Tuesdays— Thursday 8:00-12:00
 Wednesday—9:00-2:00
 Thursday—8:00—12:00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:00 Worship Comm Ash Wed. Worship 5:30 @ Hope 7:00 @ Grace	3 Bible Study 11:00 @ Darlington Country Club	4	5
6 8:30 AM Worship @ Hope No Sun Sch. 10:30AM Worship @Grace	7 Bible Study 11:00 @ Pointer Café 7:00 Council Executive Mtg	8	9 10:00 Hospitality Committee Lenten Service 7:00 Worship @Grace	10 Bible Study 11:00 @ Darlington Country Club	11	12
13 8:30AM Worship @ Hope Sun.Sch @9:15 10:30AM worship @ Grace	14 Bible Study 11:00 @ Red Rooster 7:00 PM Council	15	16 Lenten Service 7:00 Worship @ Hope	17 Bible Study 11:00 @ Darlington Country Club	18	19
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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
 April Newsletter by March 25

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