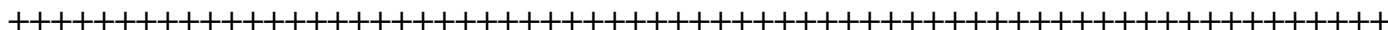


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LENTEN JOURNEY to EASTER



Mid-Week Lenten Vespers

March 29 - 6:00 PM at Grace Lutheran

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2 - 8:30 AM at Hope Lutheran

10:30 AM at Grace Lutheran

Maundy Thursday

April 6 - 6:30 PM at Grace

Good Friday

April 7 - 5:30 PM at Hope

7:30 PM at Grace

Easter (Resurrection Day)

April 9 - 8:30 AM at Hope

10:30 AM at Grace



ONLINE WORSHIP: Available for those who are prevented from attending in person.

* Facebook Live (Facebook.com – search under “People”: Grace Lutheran.Darlington)

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

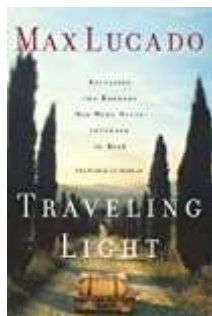


We are continuing to collect items for Lutheran World Relief (LRW) Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits. Collected items as of Easter Sunday will be brought forward as part of the offering that day, but the collection will continue a few weeks longer. A listing of items for the kits can be found posted on the bulletin board outside of church office.

NEW ADDITION FOR THE LWR COLLECTION: We're also now collecting **old t-shirts, all sizes/colors** (not “hole-y” ones) to make into the cloth diapers needed for the kits. This is an on-going need for the ones who make the diapers, so keep them coming! (Tip: Got kids or grandkids who've aged out of activity t-shirts?)



BOOK/BIBLE STUDY



Traveling Light by Max Lucado

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

Description:

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

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:

- **Mondays @ 11:00 AM**, Pointer Café in Mineral Point (optional lunch to follow)
- **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

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	



CARE COMMITTEE



The Care Committee will be sending out and also delivering pop-up Easter cards to our homebound members, Sienna Crest and the Manor. Thank you to the diligent workers that are always willing to lend a helping hand. They are: Diane Bredeson, Pat Roelli, Linda Considine and Sheila Carrington. Please know how much all of you are appreciated! We have also discussed, there will be artificial flowers in front of the church this year instead of real ones. Just not enough hands to water them 3 times a week for 5 months. So be looking for a decorative change this Spring!

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:

Congregation: Bill Schilling (knee replacement), Kris Fleming (healing), 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), Suzi Osterday, and Lacey

Deaths: the family and friends of Rita Flesher and Ramona Flesher



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- Grace Confirmation students for their assistance in leading Lenten vesper services, and for the family support to make it happen!
- Offering Counters in March: Barb Schilling, Hannah Badertscher, Don and Laura Barnard
- Paul Roelli for his assistance in putting together fellowship tables for the "living room" in the Fellowship Hall.
- March Fellowship hosts: Vicki Johnston, Pat Roelli, Tiffany Meyers, Sheila Andrews, Alana Black, Marilyn Johns, Wendy Johns, Linda Considine, and Judy Boll
- Hannah Badertscher for the wonderful Family Fun Night on March 18 and being an awesome and dedicated Sunday School teacher
- Patty and Stu Vamstad for the Lenten decorations and fixing the crosses. They look great!
- Tana Risseuw for contributing cards for Easter care project.
- Meals-On-Wheels volunteers: Marilyn Johns, Pat Roelli, Marv and Sandy Reis, Sheila Carrington, and Jalaine Ruegsegger



Thank You Received

"I would like to personally thank you and all your generous parishioners for the wonderful donations towards the 2022 Christmas Blessing program. We helped 30 families to have a wonderful holiday season. All the families were so very grateful!" --- Sincerely, Karen Reichling, Christmas Blessings Program



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for APRIL

Volunteers are being sought for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services.

	April 2	April 6	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Altar Care	Pat R. Mary R.	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Linda C. Diane B.	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Marilyn J.	Pat R. Mary R.
Reader	McKenna R.		Don B.	Paul R.	Brynn W.	Linda C.
Greeter	Meyers Family		Chuck & Carol Barnard	Duane & Barb Nelson	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Badertscher Family
Ushers	Don L. Gary B.	Don L.	Don L. Paul R.	Don L. Odysa B.	Don L. Serenedy O.	Don L. Lilly B.
Acolytes	Mercedes M.		Ryelyn B.	Lilly B.	Serenedy O.	Odysa B.
Communion	Mary R.	Jalaine R.	Linda C.	Jalaine R.	Marilyn J.	Mary R.
Bread	-----	-----	Pat R.	-----		Mary R.
Counters	April 10-14 _____ April 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).



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

May

- 7 - Renae Johnson/Pat Roelli
- 14 - Bridget Schilling/Laura Barnard
- 21 - Patty Vamstad/Sharan Ohnstad
- 28 - Barb Schilling/Jody White

Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Don Barnard
Vice President: Jody White
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:

- We are changing the structure of executive officer terms. Exec officers (president, vice-president, secretary) will be 6 month terms. Terms will go from January to June/July to December. VP from January-June will become president from July to December.
- Need an alternative for our Synod Assembly attendees as Jody and Blaze White are unavailable. Please let Pastor or a council member know ASAP if you would like to attend.
- Pancake supper went well and we plan to have another one this summer.

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>



Installation of Council



Celebration!



Birthdays

Troy Lobdell (4/2)

Bill Schilling (4/2)

Denise Breen (4/2)

Brian Schilling (4/6)

Shelly McGowan (4/17)

Anniversaries

Mary & Greg Roelli (4/7)

Sheila & Chris Andrews (4/28)

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.

Faith Formation



CONFIRMATION CLASSES for 5th-8th Grade STUDENTS

- Attend and perhaps serve at Holy Week and Easter services
- No confirmation classes on April 5 and April 12
- Last confirmation class: April 19 - Pastor Kate's home 5:30-7:00 PM (includes dinner)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE

Eighth grade confirmands will be participating in an overnight retreat at Bethel Horizons Friday, April 21 – Saturday, April 22. This will be preparation for Affirmation of Baptism be held on Sunday, May 7 during the 10:30 AM service. Those being confirmed are Callie Blosch, Serenedy Opland, and Marta Roelli. A reception and fellowship to follow.

YOUTH GROUP (Semi) LOCK-IN

A semi lock-in will be held on Friday, April 28 from 5:30-midnight for 5th -9th graders from Grace and Hope. Dinner, devotion, games, service project, and movie are on the agenda. Invite a friend! Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 26.

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).

GRATUATING SENIORS

On Sunday, May 21, at both Grace and Hope, a recognition and blessing will be held during the services for the graduating seniors (Catie Blosch and Cayla Golackson). Reception and fellowship will follow the service. Darlington Schools' Baccalaureate will be held that evening at the high school.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 23 during the 10:30 AM worship service will be the Baptism of Sylvia Badertscher. A celebration meal of Sylvia's baptism and first birthday will follow in the Fellowship Hall for the congregation, family, and friends.

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP (www.sugarcreekcamp.org)

Registration for summer camp and family camp is open now! Look for camp brochures online and in your church's information center. For camperships please contact Pastor Kate or your Council President for details.

Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is accepting donations. With the grocery prices at the level they are, an **increasing number** of families 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 2023! **March total was 72#.**

GRACE IN PICTURES



April 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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Palm Sunday 2 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 9:30 Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	3 7:00 PM Council Exec. Committee	4	5 No Confirmation	6 Maundy Thurs. 6:30 PM Worship @ Grace	7 Good Friday 5:30 PM Worship/Hope 7:30 PM Worship/Grace	8	
EASTER 9 8:30 AM Worship/Hope No Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	10 ----- Pastor attending Continuing Education -----	11	12 No Confirmation	13	14	15	
16 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 9:30 Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	17 11:00 AM <i>Travel Light</i> Study & Lunch MP Pointer Cafe 7:00 PM Council	18 10:00 Worship Committee 6:30 PM Hope Council	19 5:30-7:00 PM Confirmation Last class 22/23	20 11:15 AM <i>Travel Light</i> Study @ Grace	21 8th Grade ---- Confirmation Retreat ----	22	
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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
 May Newsletter by April 24

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