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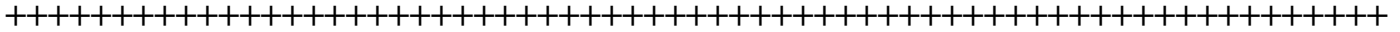
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Joint Worship Service

followed by **Refresh – Food/Fellowship** for ALL ages

1st & 3rd Sundays – Hope Lutheran, Mineral Point

2nd & 4th Sundays – Grace Lutheran, Darlington

5th Sundays – March 30 & August 31 at Grace

June 29 & November 30 at Hope

LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on March 5 and continues until Easter on April 20. The theme for the season is “**Lenten Journeys**” reflecting upon five journeys of faith from the Bible to nourish us in our own journey with God and one another.

We joined with the Darlington Immanuel United Church of Christ congregation for mid-week community soup supper and simple service alternating the location with Grace and Immanuel UCC. A special offering will also be collected for the Lafayette County Food Pantry.



Mid-Week Lenten Vespers

April 2 - 5:00 PM Soup Supper – 6:00 PM Worship @ Grace

April 9 - 5:00 PM Soup Supper – 6:00 PM Worship @ Immanuel UCC

Holy Week Services:

April 13 – 9:30 AM – Palm/Passion Sunday at Grace

April 17 – 6:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Service at Darlington United Methodist Church (Grace, Hope, IUCC, & community guests)

April 18 – 1:00 PM – Good Friday Worship at Hope

6:00 PM – Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Grace with Immanuel UCC and the Darlington UMC and community guests



**April 20 – EASTER SERVICES – 8:30 AM at Grace
10:30 AM at Hope**

SOUP SUPPER



Soup suppers are planned prior to the Lenten Vespers held at Grace on Wednesday, April 2. We will need volunteers for set-up, servers, clean-up, and for a list of foods. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at Grace or call Pat Roelli, (608/482-0572).

“LIFE RENEWED” DEVOTIONAL FOR 2025 LENTEN SEASON

God brings new life in unexpected ways and in the most unlikely situations. This devotional reflects on how God does this in the creation of all things and events.

Life Renewed provides devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (March 5 to April 19, 2025). The devotions begin with evocative images and brief scripture readings drawn from traditional Easter Vigil texts. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts.



The 2025 Lenten Devotional “Life Renewed” is available for pickup at each church.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



Name(s): _____
Phone: _____

I (We) would like to order _____ Lily, Tulip, or Hyacinths 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 is **\$13.00 per plant this year**. The **final deadline to order will be Sunday, April 6th**. 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 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 April 6.

2. Your order will be filled and delivered to the church by Nature’s Gifts on April 19.

Additional “In honor of” Names _____

Additional “In memory” Names _____

DO YOU WANT TO DONATE PLANT AFTER EASTER? _____

DUE APRIL 6

Keeping Our Ears to the Ground –

The following are ways to stay abreast of news from our synod, ELCA church-wide, and partners in our common mission. You can sign up to receive updates and information on areas you are particularly interested in, or just go directly to the source. You can also search for these organizations in **Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms:**

- **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (SCSW) newsletter & emails** <https://scsw-elca.org/engage/>
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** -- <https://www.elca.org/news>
- **Wisconsin Council of Churches** -- <https://www.wichurches.org/>
- **Lutheran World Relief** – <https://lwr.org/>
- **Lutheran Disaster Response** -- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>
- **Lutheran Global Refuge** -- <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>
- **Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Great Lakes** -- <https://www.lsswis.org/>
- **ELCA Advocacy** -- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/advocacy>
- **AMPARO** -- Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/ammparo

RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES



Grace and Hope services are being recorded by Ted in Mineral Point. Each Tuesday a link will be sent to watch the service if you would like.

Other opportunities to watch or listen to a live worship broadcast are:

TV – WKOW Channel 27 at 10:00 AM – Bethel Lutheran of Madison or on Bethel’s YouTube channel

Radio – WDMP 99.9 FM at 9:00 – Grace Lutheran Church, Dodgeville

Radio – WPVL 1590 AM at 10:00 AM – First English Lutheran, Platteville

Or – 8:00 AM on Sunday FELC Platteville YouTube or Spotify



Celebration!



Birthdays

Bill Schilling (4/2)

Brian Schilling (4/4)

Anniversaries

Mary & Greg Roelli (4/7)

Chris & Sheila Andrews (4/28)

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:



- to everyone who helped host fellowship after worship services this past month: Diane Bredeson, Barb Nelson, Tina Riechers, Pat Roelli, Kris Fleming and Kate Chambers.
- to Ted Weier – beautifully cleaning carpets at Hope
- to Mike Finkelmeyer & Bill Kinsman for replenishing the wood piles at Hope
- to Jim Harris and Mary Ann Roelli for covering worship while Pastor Kate was out sick
- for all the prayer, cards, and encouragements for while Pastor Kate was convalescing
- the gracious outpouring of help to Luis C. and his family for food, clothing, rental assistance, transportation to chemo appointments, and other needs while he is navigating this difficult time.
- to Paul Roelli for work getting the plumbing fixed/updated on our downstairs bathroom sinks and fixing the door closures
- for all who contributed time, service, and food for the March soup supper/service
- for those helping create a hospitable and serviceable space for our Hispanic neighbors as they come to learn English and receive support in these difficult times
- our offering counters: Grace—Linda Considine, Mary Ann Roelli; Hope—Diane Smith
- to Paul Roelli for being Luis' regular driver to UW-Hospitals for chemo/appointments
- to all those who have been helping with money, gift cards, grocery items, meat for families in need in our community
- to Pat Roelli for applying and leading a Trivent Team event (Lenten suppers & vespers)
- to Tim White for snow removal

Thank You Received

“Dear Grace Church Family: We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and kindness. Your generosity and spirit of community mean so much to us and we are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and all the ways you show love and care to one another. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to walk this journey of faith with you. May God continue to bless each and ever one of you. With warmest thanks, Kleppe Family.”

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation/Homebound: Grace - Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Stu Vamstad, the Kleppe family. Hope-Francis Smith, Joanne Helms, Krissy Helms, Ron Wallace, Lettie Wehrle, Doc and Edith Goodweiler, Levi Zimmerman, Geri and Dick Austin, Alan Gosset and Dan Lloyd, Deb Finkelmeyer, Bev Harris, family of Laurianna Dannenberg McAllister, Ted Weier (knee surgery 3/25)

Friends and Neighbors: Grace- Nathan Kittoe

Safety During Military Service: Alex Kruser, Jordan Kittleson, Zach MaAllister (deploying to Kuwait in June) and William Wehrle.

CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee will be putting together the Easter projects to be delivered to our homebound people on **April 14 at 10:00 AM** at Grace.

If interested in helping with this project, please let one of the Care Committee members know.



Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Linda Considine
Vice President: Mary Roelli
Secretary: Kris Fleming
Financial Secretary: Steve Fleming
Treasurer: Tina Riechers

Eldon Wilson
Kitty Wilson
Don Leinberger
Jody White

Council Highlights – March Meeting

- We are still looking for someone to attend Synod Assembly on May 16. If you are interested, please let Pastor or a council member know right away.
- Grace is hosting English as a Second Language classes. Please “Welcome the Stranger” to our building.
- Did you know we host an exercise class in the Fellowship Hall? Ask a council member or Pastor for more info.
- Watch for some changes in the Sanctuary!

Noisy Offering

A separate offering “Noisy Offering” at Grace is being collected (during March, April, May) for Luis Cartagena, a 23-year-old in our community battling leukemia who is unable to work. See additional information the family on page 7. March collection was \$76.48.



FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Classes

No confirmation classes are scheduled for the season of Lent. Classes will resume after Easter.

Holy Communion Instruction

Holy Communion instruction classes will begin Sunday, April 6 for children/families.

Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism will be held on June 8 at Grace for Brynn White and MaKenna Roelli.

Wednesday Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM at the Mineral Point Hotel. We will be reading The Frozen River by Arian Lawhon. All are welcome.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

The 2025 Sugar Creek brochure is available on the bulletin board. Check it out! Grace will pay 100% for their member to attend camp and 50% for a friend. There are also opportunities for families, children, youth, and grandparents.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for MARCH

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Altar Care	Worship at	Jalaine R Sheila C.	TBA	Mary R. Pat R.
Reader	Hope	Kris F.		Paul R.
Greeters*		Mark & Jan Riechers		Jalaine R. Sheila C.
Ushers**		Don L.		Don L.
Acolytes		Brynn W.		MaKenna R.
Communion		Jalaine R.		Mary R.
Bread		Laura B.		Laura B.

*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).

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Thank you to those who signed up to provide refreshments following worship. If interested in helping please contact Pat Roelli (482-0572).



April 6 - Hope
 April 13 - Judy Boll
 Linda Considine
 April 20 - Easter
 April 27 - Judy Elzen
 Missy Zasada

May 4 - Hope
 May 11 - Jalaine Ruegsegger
 Sheila Carrington
 May 18 - Hope
 May 25 - Laura Barnard
 Carol Barnard

COMMUNITY

MEALS ON WHEELS

It is Grace's turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels in April. If you are interested in helping, (there are a few spots open), please contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771).



Lafayette County Food Pantry

The pantry is in **need of donations**. They continue to have a **large increase of families in need!** All types of groceries and household supplies are needed. Particular needs are **Hamburger Helper, personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers (sizes 2, 3, & 5).** **Toilet paper and paper towels** are always needed.



Beginning in May, clients of the Food Pantry will be allowed to come to the Pantry only once per month due to limited essential supplies.

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 2025! **March total was 130# The total for 2025 is 215#.**

GRACE'S MISSION IN MOTION

We have a couple of drivers able to assist taking Luis C. to UW Hospitals and Clinics for treatments and appointments, which are usually Mondays and Thursdays, and its looking like most Mondays the Lift service will help. However, we would welcome a couple back-up possibilities.

Luis, his sister Wendy, and nephews Alexander (10) and Jose (14) are in urgent need of clothing. We are collecting clothing in the area outside the church office. Sizes: Luis shirt (M/L) and pants 32x30: Wendy top (M) and pants 11: Alexander shirt (M) pants 10/12: Jose shirts (M) pants 32x30. On the display outside the office there are envelopes containing the size and item needed per person so we can keep track of new items, but all donations are welcome.



Other help for Luis and his family could include cash to assist with rent, groceries, gas, and other personal needs. Gift cards would be a big help (Casey's, Walmart, Farm & Fleet, Piggly Wiggly, Good Will, etc.) If donating cash or gift cards please give to Pastor Kate or Tana in the office. Any questions please contact Pastor Kate at 608.732.9688 or pastor.gracedar@gmail.com.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Anyone interested in learning some basic conversational Spanish? There is an opportunity to set up some group time with our friend Christy Alvar. Please connect with Pastor Kate or sign up on the board if interested.

REWILDING SERIES CONTINUES!!!

Nature Contemplation in the Driftless
Rewilding Series
of Seeking Peace & Justice,
as we interact with the Natural Environment God created.
"Outdoors we are confronted everywhere with wonders;
we see that the miraculous is not extraordinary but
the common mode of existence. It is our daily bread. -Wendell Berry

SATURDAY MARCH 22 - 10 AM
Spring Equinox Celebration
Rev. Daniel Cooperrider
Sardeson Preserve
Mineral Point
Wild Church Service
& Fire Pit
Hwy 39 & Betty Lane
Mineral Point, WI

SUNDAY APRIL 6 - 9:30 AM
Creation Care Service
Pastor Kate Kleckhafer
Hope Lutheran
555 Commerce Street
Mineral Point

SUNDAY MAY 4 - 10 AM
Wild Church Service
Eric Anglada
Catholic Worker Farm
Soldiers Memorial Park
Mineral Point

SATURDAY MARCH 22 - 2 PM
Book talk on
Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You
by Daniel Cooperrider
Hosted by Republic of Letters Bookstore,
151 High Street, Mineral Point
Reception at The Book Kitchen

SUNDAY MARCH 23 - 10 AM
Indoor Creation Care Service
Congregational UCC
300 Malden Street, Mineral Point

*These events are all
FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC
Families Welcome!
Participate in all 5 sessions, or just
one. All are welcome!*

SATURDAY MAY 17 - 10 AM
Wild Church Service
with Rev. Daniel Cooperrider
Oak Savanna at Mineral Point Elementary School
611 Cothurn Street
Mineral Point

SUNDAY MAY 18 - 10 AM
Indoor Creation Care Service
Congregational UCC
300 Malden Street, Mineral Point

Isn't it time we rediscovered the astonishments of nature?

Thank you to our Sponsors for making this Creation Care Series possible:
Wisconsin Conference UCC The Republic of Letters Congregational UCC
Master Gardeners of Iowa County The Book Kitchen Hope Lutheran Church
Driftless Area Land Conservancy Trinity Episcopal Church
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Southwest Graphics, 424 Main Street, Burlington, WI

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Pastor's Schedule (608/732-9688)
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com
 Tuesdays - Thursdays
 Mondays & Fridays: Pastor's Reg. Days Off

Office Hours
 Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Flower Orders Due April 6		1	2 Lenten Ecumenical Supper/Vespers 5:00 Supper 6:00 Vespers @ Grace	3	4	5
6 9:30 AM Joint "All Crea- tion Sings" Wor- ship & Fellow- ship @ Hope	7	8 10:00 AM Worship Committee	9 Lenten Ecumenical Supper/Vespers 5:00 Supper 6:00 Vespers @ UCC 7:00 PM Book Club @ MP Hotel	10	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace Grace Council following Wor- ship/Fellowship	14 10:00 AM Care Committee	15	16	17 10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 PM Ecumenical Comm. Service @ UMC	18 GOOD FRIDAY 1:00 PM @ Hope 6:00 PM Ecumeni- cal Community Service @ Grace	19
20 EASTER 8:30 AM Worship @ Grace 10:30 AM Worship @ Hope	21	22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26
----- Pastor Away for Time of Renewal -----						
27 9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	28	29	30			



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Return Service Requested



Mission/Vision 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

