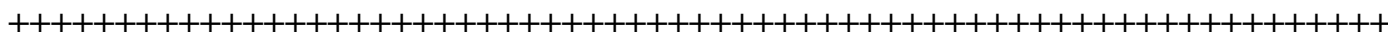


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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

At the present time Grace Lutheran will not be recording and posting worship services.

Alternative options include:

- In-Person thru June: 10:30 AM at Grace (8:30 AM at Hope)
- In-Person July thru December: 8:30 AM at Grace
- View the service on Hope Lutheran's (<http://hopelutheranmp.web.com>)
- Bethel Lutheran via television (WKOW Channel 27 at 10::00 AM Sundays)



May 7 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Those being confirmed are Callie Blosch, Serenedy Opland, and Marta Roelli. A reception and fellowship to follow.

May 14 MOTHER'S DAY Last Day of Sunday School



May 21 GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Recognition and blessing will be held during the services at both Hope and Grace for the graduating seniors. At Grace we will recognize Cayla Golackson and Catie Blosch. A reception with fellowship will follow the service.

May 28 PENTECOST

The color of the day is RED!!
We celebrate the birthday of the church!



June 4 SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

A church grounds and highway (portion of County F) cleanup will follow an abbreviated worship service and fellowship. Dress for outdoors and bring work gloves. UTV transport, vests, bags, water, and water will be provided.



South Central Synod of WI Care of Creation Team Devotional

As I awoke on Easter morning this year and stood outside with my little dog, my senses were overwhelmed. The sky was golden with early morning light. The breeze smelled of warming soil and the sweetness of last year's leaves and early spring flowers. And the sounds - oh my! Songbirds, eager to greet the dawn, were singing their chorus. Woodpeckers were busy filling the air with their rhythmic drumming. Geese, in pair after pair, sailed over my head, honking urgently in what sounded like joyful trumpets announcing something wonderful. **It was as if all creation knew the significance of that morning for me, for us, and indeed for all creation!**

Now, one can say that the geese are just being geese, that the birds are just being birds, and that the golden sky and warming soil are just predictable signs of the seasons' cycle. That is fair. My perception was just that: mine. But what if there was something more at work in creation that blessed morning? What if the "birds of the air" and the "lilies of the field" and, for that matter, all the other plants and animals of God's good creation indeed recognize the gift of Easter? The gift of life? What if, at some level, the non-human beings around us really do resonate with the Holy Spirit, singing along in joy and praise for the gift of life? **What if all creation really was announcing the glory of the resurrection that Easter morning – and that it does so every day?** And if so, would it matter?



To recognize a spiritual awareness in creation certainly changes our perception – not just of birdsong and sunrise on an Easter morning, but of our place in creation and of all that lives by the creative grace of God. And such a change in perception naturally leads to changes in our living and in our witness to the gospel.

Where do you experience creation's song of praise? In what ways does the witness of non-human beings teach you and inspire you to wonder about the life of the Spirit and the power of God? How will it change your ways and your witness?

*The Rev. Peder Johanson
SCSW Care for Creation Team*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION

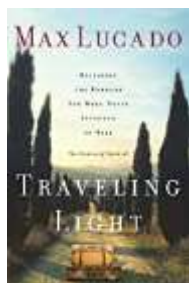


We are continuing to collect items for Lutheran World Relief (LRW) Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits for a few more weeks. A listing of items for the kits can be found posted on the bulletin board outside of church office. Please place donated items in the designated bins outside the office.

We also continue to collect **old t-shirts** to be made into cloth diapers needed for the baby kits. These may also be placed in the collection box outside the office.



BOOK/BIBLE STUDY



Traveling Light by Max Lucado

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

Thursdays @ 11:15 AM, Grace Fellowship Hall;
(optional – bring your own lunch)

Reading/Discussion Schedule:

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	

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- our Worship Committee, Altar Care Team, Humble Choir, Tana Risseeuw, Judy Elzen and Mary Knellwolf for their contributions during Holy Week and Easter.
- to all who contributed the Easter flower garden
- the Confirmation students and parents for their commitment this school year
- April Fellowship hosts: Mary Roelli, Heather Blosch, Diane Bredeson, Carol Barnard, Tina Riechers, Jan Riechers, Kris Fleming, Kate Chambers, Judy Elzen, and Missy Zasada.
- Don and Laura Barnard for their leadership and guidance as offering counters and to all of those who helped
- Mary Roelli for her skill, creativity, and leadership with our eighth grade confirmation project of stoles for the Affirmation of Baptism service.



Thank You Received

“Thank you for the Easter cards and gifts received from parishioners. Thank you for remembering me in your thoughts and prayers.” ----- Pastor Kate

“On behalf of the AARP Tax Program for Lafayette County, our thanks to the Church Council and the congregation for allowing us to use the basement of Grace Lutheran Church for tax preparation. Without a suitable place to work, this program would not have been possible. Working in both Argyle and Darlington, we completed 113 tax returns serving 138 people including spouses. Most of the people we assist are low-income and elderly. We generated over \$107,000 in refunds and saved an estimated \$16,000 in tax return preparation costs. Thanks again for being a vital part of this program.” ----- Stan Bigelow



Easter Flower Gifts

Given In Honor of:

Mary Knellwolf by the Humble Choir
The Barnard Family by Don and Laura Barnard
Our grandchildren by Paul and Pat Roelli

Tash, Ryker & Serenedy Opland, Wendy Johns, Bob and Beppi Johns by Marilyn Johns
Ruth Vamstad, Mike & Mirim Vamstad, Brad & Jennie Vamstad, Brian & Hillary Vamstad,
Dahlia, Diego, Bryce & Thorin Vamstad by Patty and Stu Vamstad
Kames Family by Larry and Carol Kammes
Cait & Dan Janosch, Nate & Emma Fleming, Pastor Kate by Steve and Kris Fleming

Given In Memory of:

Gil Barnard, Nan Barnard by Chuck and Carol Barnard
Adler Roelli, Jeff Krueger, Jakob Roelli by Greg and Mary Ann Roelli
Thomas D. Johns by Marilyn Johns
Vernon & Shirley Johnson, Johnson/Olson Grandparents by Ruesegger
and Carrington Families
Barnard and Siegel Families by Don and Laura Barnard
Pat Miller by Duane and Barb Nelson
John & Evelyn Fleming, Linda Koenig by Steve and Kris Fleming
Veronica Garrison by Diane Bredeson
Adolph Blaser by Gloria Blaser
Robert & Peggy Berg, Oscar Vamstad by Patty and Stu Vamstad
Deanne Bennett by Harold Elzen Family
Gronholm and Jacobson Families by Linda Considine
Charlie & Catherine Meyer, Lecil & Pauline Wilson by Eldon and Kitty
Wilson



CARE COMMITTEE



The Care Committee was busy in April decorating, making out Easter cards, and delivering them to our homebound people. Many thanks to Pat Roelli and Sheila Carrington for helping decorate the church inside and outside. It looks wonderful. We also want to thank Judy and Harold Elzen for their time and decorating of the cross and flower display at the front of the church for Easter. The Care Committee will continue to work on upcoming summer projects. We have a busy May ahead and all are welcome to join us to help out. Always looking for new people and new ideas!!
---- Jalaine R.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation: Billie Ferger, Jean Belanger, Janet Andrews, Duane Nelson, Les Torstenson, Barb Schilling (broken hip), and Jack Leu

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Suzi Osterday, and Penny Holum (Gloria Blaser's daughter)

Deaths:



Celebration!



Kevin Kammes (5/4)
Marilyn Johns (5/11)

Birthdays
Larry Kammes (5/9)
Gladys Christensen (5/17)
Lori Leahy (5/22)

Steve Fleming (5/11)
Marta Roelli (5/18)

Anniversaries
Sandy and Marv Reis (5/28)

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

EASTER PICTURES





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for MAY

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Altar Care	Linda Considine Diane Bredeson	Jalaine Ruegsegger Sheila Carrington	Marilyn Johns	Pat Roelli Mary Roelli
Reader	Linda Considine	Marv Reis	Eldon Wilson	Jalaine Ruegsegger
Greeter	Alana Black Family	Blosch Family	Sheila Carrington Judy Boll	Mark & Jan Riechers
Ushers	Don Leinberger Gary Borcharding	Don Leinberger Callie Blosch	Don Leinberger Steve Fleming	Don Leinbeger Mark Riechers
Acolytes	Serenedy Opland	Callie Blosch	Marta Roelli	McKenna Roelli
Communion	Linda Considine	Jalaine Ruegsegger	Marilyn Johns	Mary Roelli
Bread	Marilyn Johns	-----	Mary Roelli	-----
Counters	May 10-14 _____ May 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).



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
Treasurer: Tina Riechers
Technology & Children's Ministry: Hannah Badertscher

Financial Secretary: Laura Barnard
Hannah Badertscher
Chuck Barnard
Barb Schilling

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Things your Council is working on now:

- Rescheduled Clean-Up Day - June 4
- Synod Assembly Reps are Pastor Kate, Linda Considine, and Steve Kottke
- Discussed camperships and approved \$200/student for camps
- Discussed equipment options for recording online services
- Reviewed proposal from Lifeline
- Determined to discontinue online services for the time being
- Approved donation to "Tunes at Twilight"
- Discussed congregational vitality survey process

Faith Formation



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE

The Affirmation of Baptism will 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.

BAPTISM

We welcome Sylvia Badertscher to our Grace family. She was baptized on Sunday, April 23 during the 10:30 AM worship service. Welcome to Grace, Sylvia!

GRATUATING SENIORS

On Sunday, May 21, at both Grace and Hope, recognition and blessing will be held during the services for the graduating seniors. Reception and fellowship will follow the service. Darlington High School Baccalaureate will be held that evening at the school.

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 for details.

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).

COMMUNITY

Blood Mobile

The Bloodmobile will be at the American Legion on Tuesday, May 30 from 12:30-5:30 PM. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767) or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Darlington WI.



Lafayette County Food Pantry



During the month of May, members of Grace Lutheran will be collecting **canned fruit, cereal, and fruit juice** (not frozen) for the Lafayette County Food Pantry.

Our April donation total was 88#. Total for the year is 256#

The pantry thanks all who contributed to help meet the rising need of food, personal care products, and household supplies.

GRACE IN PICTURES



Good Friday April 7



Palm Sunday April 2



Baptism April 23



May 2023



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

Church Office Hours (Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant)
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com (608/776-4462)
 Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-1:00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 PM Council Exec. Committee					
8:30 AM 7 Worship/Hope 9:30 Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Affirmation of Baptism	8	9	10	11	12	13
	7:00 PM Council		10:00 Worship Committee			
8:30 AM 14 Worship/Hope 9:30 Sun Sch. (Last Day of SS) 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	15	16	17	18	19	20
		6:30 PM Hope Council				Synod Assembly at Mt. Horeb
8:30 AM 21 Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Graduating Senior Recognition PM HS Baccalaureate	22	23	24	25	26	27
			10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor and Afternoon Bingo	Newsletter articles due		
28 PENTECOST 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	29	30	31	 spring cleanup June 4 Church Grounds & Highway Clean-Up		



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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
June Newsletter by May 25

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