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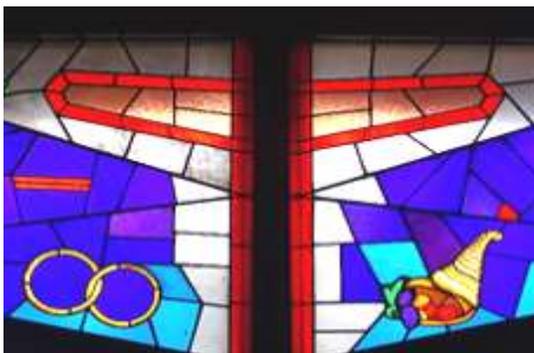
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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THE TIME OF EASTER EASTER and ITS SEASON



Easter is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost. This extended season – one seventh of the year – is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Savior.

Easter is the richest and most lavishly celebrated festival of the Church Year. While not as lavish, this joyous and celebratory tone echoes down through the Sundays of the Easter Season. The colors of Easter are white and gold. After a long absence in Lent, *Alleluia* returns at Easter and is heard everywhere in the service! During the Easter season, we greet one another with a special Easter greeting and response that began with the early Christians: “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord, who ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ. Thus, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord. The color for the Day of Pentecost is red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire received on the first Pentecost and the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.

During Easter, we rejoice in our salvation.

Matthew 28
John 12:24-25; 20:1-29; 21:1-14

Luke 24
Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4

An Easter Prayer:

O Lord,
How amazing is your love,
A love that overcomes, endures and redeems.
How astounding is your life,
A life that sustains, heals and creates.
How awesome is your hope,
A hope that promises, restores and inspires.
How absorbing is your truth,
A truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.
How we worship you, as we remember the moment when your love conquered.
When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose to release forgiveness to the world.
Each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.
Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives.
How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter.

A Note from Pastor Kate –



A blessed Easter season to you, my beloved siblings in Christ. I hope that you are able to recognize and find wonder and delight in the evidence of all kinds of new life rising up around you as our Lord continues to bring new life and transformation to this world, not just through nature, but in your life and through the stories of people everywhere.

At the same time, we also pray, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.” We recognize that we’re in the time of “here and not yet”. Jesus Christ has conquered the powers of sin, death, and evil and is bringing about new life everywhere, but until Christ returns and ushers in the end of time and the full renewal of Creation, we continue to serve as active participants in the Holy Spirit’s work in our world. Together with God, we seek kindness, justice, peace for the world that God created and loves. Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

A final note to you who are reading this message – Do you find these reflections helpful? What do you appreciate about the newsletter? What would you like to see more of? less of? Don’t be shy! Share with me your thoughts! These newsletters are for you!

Warmly, Pr. Kate

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 8:30 AM! At this time offerings should continue to be dropped off/mailed to one’s respective congregation.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



May

- 1 - Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers
- 8 - Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers
- 15 - Judy Boll/Stacey Smith
- 22 - Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada
- 29 - Barb Schilling/Jody White

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Altar Care	Pat Roelli Mary Roelli	Linda Considine	Sharon Ohnstad Jalaine Ruegsegger	Diane Bredeson Linda Considine	Marilyn Johns
Greeters*	Alana Black Family	Sheila Carrington Jalaine Ruegsegger	Barb & Duane Nelson	Judy Boll Jalaine Ruegsegger	Jalaine Ruegsegger Sheila Carrington
Ushers**	Don Leinberger Paul Roelli	Don Leinberger Steve Kottke	Don Leinberger Brynn White	Don Leinberger Steve Fleming	Don Leinberger
Acolyte	Serenedy Opland	Ryelyn Badertscher	Brynn White	Lilly Badertscher	Don Leinberger
Reader	Serenedy Opland	Marta Roelli	Serenedy Badertscher	Callie Blosch	Linda Considine
Communion	Mary Roelli	Linda Considine	Jalaine Ruegsegger	Linda Considine	Marilyn Johns
Bread Baker	Marilyn Johns	xxxxxxxxxxx	Laura Barnard	xxxxxxxxxxx	Carol Barnard

**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).

CARE TEAM

The Care Committee would like to thank all the wonderful people who donated candy and goodies for our Easter baskets for the Manor, Sienna Crest and our homebound people. We had such a great variety of things. It is much appreciated!! We filled 78 baskets/bags!! And thank you to Tana for donating the beautiful Easter cards for our church homebound people. A special thank you to the AMAZING ladies that are always so generous and willing to help do the packing and delivery: Pat Roelli, Linda Considine, Diane Bredeson and Marilyn Johns. You are such a remarkable bunch of ladies!! I am so blessed to work with all of you!! ---- Jalaine



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Council Highlights

Things your council is working on now:

- ICON update—Judy Elzen continues to update info
- Hope Lutheran Pastor Installation: June 26, 2022 10:00 AM joint service with Hope with a meal after
- Retreat for Church Council--May 21 at 3:00 PM

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – Collection for Ukraine

During Lent and Easter, Grace has been collecting toward a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$422,000 for the people of Ukraine. 100% of the funds will be used for food, shelter, quilts, medicine and supplies for clinics. The collection at Grace for this challenge was **\$1,643.00**.

UPDATE: An email was received Tuesday from the Lutheran World Relief to Grace Congregation (a copy of the complete email is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex)–

Due to the amazing response from Grace Lutheran and response from others the LWR has committed \$7 million to respond to the crisis in Ukraine and are expecting to increase this amount as they receive additional support. With millions of individuals displaced in Ukraine and tens of thousands continuing to flee Ukraine each day, the needs grow daily.

If you wish to continue to support this effort you can go to lwr.org/match or you can mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1601. Please write "Ukraine match" in the memo line.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE



- Fellowship Hosts for April: Tiffany Meyers, Sheila Andrews, Alana Black, Marilyn Johns, Wendy Johns, Diane Bredeson, Carol Barnard, Mary Roelli, and Heather Blosch.

- Those who were Altar Care and Worship volunteers during the month of April. Thanks for all the “extras” that Lent, Holy Week, and Easter bring? You’ve done a marvelous job!

- Decorations for spring and Easter – Patty Vamstad, Jalaine and Bobby Ruegsegger
- Easter Cross and Garden – Sheila Carrington, Linda Considine, Judy and Harold Elzen
- Spring clean-up volunteers – Paul and Pat Roelli, Tim and Blaze White, Duane Nelson, Gary Borcharding, and Don Barnard
- Sunday School subs for Ms. Hannah – Tiffany Meyers and Alana Black
- Musical contributions – Mary Knellwolf and the Humble Choir
- Everyone who contributed to the LWR collections for personal care kits and the Ukraine collection.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:

Congregation: *(for comfort and health):* Billie Ferger, Hannah Badertscher, Marv Reis, McKenna Roelli and Steve Kottke.

Friends and Family: *(For those friends and family battling illness, cancer, awaiting procedures, recovering, or preparing to leave us:* Kevin Johnson, Lindsey Nyffenegger, Rita Flesher, Jim Bredeson, Dave Blaser, Jet Matteson, Joan White Schraeper, Patty Tuescher, Ray Elgen, “Tom”, Emily Wilson, Donna Lawinger,

“Huxtyn”, “Hank”, “Dave”, “Susie”, “Brad”, and all those suffering in silence.

The World: The people of Ukraine and Russia; peace, hope and justice.

Thanksgiving and prayers for the newest member of the Badertscher family, Sylvia Rose Badertscher, who arrived on Wednesday, April 20.



Celebration!

Birthdays:

Kevin Kammes (5/4)	Larry Kammes (5/9)	Steve Fleming (5/11)
Marilyn Johns (5/11)	Gladys Christensen (5/17)	Marta Roelli (5/18)
	Lori Leahy (5/22)	

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.



Faith Formation

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **last day** for Sunday School this year will be **May 8**.

HOLY COMMUNION FAITH MILESTONE PREPARATION: Sunday, May 1

Families with children are invited to attend an interactive workshop on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. The event begins with 10:30 AM worship at Grace in Darlington, and continues with lunch, teaching, and activities in Grace's Fellowship Hall, wrapping up by 2:00 PM.



This event is geared toward grades 2-4 but younger children are welcome to participate. Families are encouraged to come together but at least one parent, godparent or grandparent needs to attend with their student(s). The celebration with the congregation will **May 15**. Please register in advance with the church office. Any questions please contact Pastor Kate.

CONFIRMATION NEWS



Confirmation Camp- A reminder to students completing 5-7 grades to register for the June Confirmation Camp (June 12-17) at Sugar Creek now. The full amount will be covered by Grace for the students. There will be a special sending on June 12 and sharing on June 19 during worship.

Confirmation Schedule

May 4 & May 11 – Preparation at Hope for our students being confirmed May 15: Blaze White (Grace), and Jessica Schubert, Annison Goninen, and Riley Sennhenn (Hope)

BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS

- Bible Study will be held at Glennie's in Darlington every Thursday through May. Come at 7:30 AM or earlier for breakfast, coffee and conversation. Bible Study begins at 8:00 AM.
- Pastor Kate is looking for interested members in summer bible study opportunities, day or evening. Please contact her with your interest so that plans might be made

SUGAR CREEK

Sugar Creek has some amazing opportunities for summer camps for children, youth, and families. Information and registration is available at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org. Check it out!



TAKING FAITH HOME

This weekly bulletin insert is designed to inspire and guide faith conversations **in the home** and **small groups**. Extra copies are available in the welcome center, as well as acrylic stands to use at home.

EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who ordered the many lilies and plants for Easter!!



Given In Honor of:

Tash, Ryker & Serendy Opland by Tom and Marilyn Johns
Mary Knellwolf by Humble Choir
Mary Knellwolf and Pastor Kate by Diane Bredeson
Ruth Vamstad, Mike & Miriam, Brad & Jennie, Brian & Hillary
and Dahlia, Diego, Bryce & Thorin by Patty and Stu Vamstad
Kammes Family by Larry and Carol Kammes
Cait Fleming, Dan Janosch, Nate Fleming, Emma Anderson, Pastor Kate by Steve and Kris Fleming
The Barnard Family by Don and Laura Barnard

Given in Memory of:

Gil Barnard, Nan Barnard by Chuck and Carol Barnard
Adler Roelli, Jeff Krueger by Greg and Mary Ann Roelli
Albert & Violet Johns and Ordean & Marion Olson by Tom and Marilyn Johns
Shirley Johnson, & Grandparents Johnson/Olson by Vernon Johnson, Sheila Carrington, Jalaine Ruegsegger
Gil Barnard, Nancy Barnard, Bill Siegel by Don and Laura Barnard
Hubert Gent by Pastor Kate and Dave Kieckhafer
Karen (Nelson) Brooks by Duane and Barb Nelson
John & Evelyn Fleming, Linda Koening by Steve and Kris Fleming
Veronica Garrison by Diane Bredeson
Robert & Peggy Berg, Oscar Vamstad by Patty and Stu Vamstad
Deanne Bennett by Harold Elzen Family

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 and paper towels** 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! April total was 47#. The Pantry ladies say many thanks.

MEALS on WHEELS

May is Grace Lutheran's turn to deliver those meals to the shut-ins. Thank you to those who have volunteered to deliver. They are as follows:

May 2-6: Marilyn Johns and Pat Roelli; **May 9-13:** Judy & Harold Elzen and Jalaine Ruegsegger; **May 16-20:** Barb Schilling and Laura Barnard; **May 23-27:** Gloria Blaser, Sharan Ohnstad, and Les Torstensen; **May 30-June 3:** Gary Bald and Barb Schilling.





Palm Sunday



Easter Basket Assembly



Lent



Easter



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.

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Pastor's Schedule (608/732-9688)

Mondays: Mineral Point
 Tuesdays: Darlington
 Wednesdays: Hours/place vary
 Thursdays: Sermon Writing/Bible Study
 Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

Church Office Hours (Tana)
 Tuesdays— Thursday 8:00-1:00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 AM Worship/Hope 1 9:30 Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Holy Communion Faith Milestone Preparation	2 Council Exec. Committee is Cancelled this month	3	10:00 AM 4 Worship Committee 4:30-6:00 PM Confirmation @ Hope	5 8:00 AM Bible Study @ Glennies (Darl.)	6 -----Synod Assembly-----	7
8 Mothers Day 8:30 AM Worship/Hope 9:30 Sun Sch. (last day SS) 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	9 7:00 PM Council	10	11 10:00 AM Hospitality Committee 4:30-6:00 PM Confirmation @ Hope	12 8:00 AM Bible Study @ Glennies (Darl.)	13	14
8:30 AM 15 Worship/Hope No Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Affirmation of Baptism & Holy Communion Milestone	16 -----Pastor attending Festival of Homeletics-----	17	18 6:30 PM Hope Council	19 8:00 AM Bible Study @ Glennies (Darl.)	20	21 3:00 PM Grace Council Retreat
8:30 AM 22 Worship/Hope No Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Graduate Recognition 7:00 PM Baccalaureate	23	24	25 -----Pastor on Vacation-----	26 8:00 AM Bible Study @ Glennies (Darl.) June Newsletter articles due	27	28
29 8:30 AM Worship/Hope No Sun Sch. 10:30 AM Worship/Grace -----Pastor on Vacation-----	30	31				June 5 Pentecost Sunday



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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
June Newsletter by May 26

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