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## WORSHIP

**SUNDAY SERVICES** continue at 10:00 AM and are accessible in-person with safety measures in place and Facebook Live (new and improved sound and visuals), and recordings made available later on YouTube. We continue with the season of Easter throughout the month of April and May to Pentecost Sunday on May 23.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Worship time **will change** from 10:00 AM to 9:00 AM on May 30, Memorial Day weekend. We will continue with Facebook Live and YouTube and will use the projection screen along with a simplified bulletin.

**CHURCH FELLOWSHIP** will resume on May 9 – Mother's Day. Please contact Vicki Johnston (608/776-4572) or Pat Roelli (608/482-0572) if interested in helping with Fellowship.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be a part of worship on a **weekly** basis with safe practices in place.



If you or someone you know is unable to attend worship in person and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Pastor Kate to make arrangements, particularly if this is a new situation.

**NEW MEMBER INTEREST:** Those who are interested in becoming members of Grace or learning more about our faith community and our mission, please contact Pastor Kate. We will be receiving new members during worship on May 23.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for worship roles on Sunday mornings. See **sign-up** sheets in the narthex by the office for the following: Greeters – Ushers – Readers – Bringing forward the communion elements and offering – Communion assistants – Acolytes – Contacts for special music (including community members).

We are also seeking volunteers to assist in **taking communion to the homebound** on a regular basis. It is our hope to assign volunteers to visit a particular person or two on a regular basis. Contact Pastor Kate if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

## From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate....



Beloved Siblings in Christ –

Grace and peace be with you all! We are Easter people, and this Easter season (April 4 – May 23) is especially spectacular as we experience increasing light and life emerging from the winter’s slumber. As I talk with people, I am hearing even deeper appreciation and gratitude for spring as we are also emerging from the isolation of the pandemic as well. Human beings were not designed to live in isolation. We have been created in the image of God, and one of those ways is that we were made to be in mutually loving relationships – relationship with God, and relationship with others. We do not truly live (certainly not the abundant life for which Jesus came to bring)—without them. We are being reminded of our needs and God’s provision as we step out, literally and figuratively, into life being awakened and renewed all around us!

Just as we’ve been experiencing it individually and in the Darlington community (or wherever this letter may find you), we are experiencing it as Grace Lutheran Church as well! You need to hear my deep appreciation to all of you who so faithfully met together during our six weeks of Lenten mid-week worship, and our worship during Holy Week on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Thank you to those of you who joined together to help the home-bound know that they continue to be a beloved part of us and remembered, through phone calls, cards, Lent-in-a-bag, decorations, treats, and opportunities to worship at a distance. Thank you, leadership of Grace, for continuing to meet together (on Zoom and in person), for looking out for and supporting the work of this congregation, for Council spending four hours on a Saturday in March to take inventory and move toward envisioning God’s call for our congregation with curiosity and imagination as we walk together as disciples of Christ for the sake of our neighbors.

We are church together! Of most importance is your continued presence at worship each week. This is our vital link of connection to one another. If on-line worship is how you need to be present in worship, we ask that you stay in touch with the Council, and other ministry leaders, encouraging them with your continued support through prayer, involvement, and ideas for the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church. At worship we continue to wear masks, sit in family groups with 6 ft. between, enjoy music while singing softly or humming, and receive communion with modifications, trusting that our attention to safer practices allows us to come together with loving consideration for each other and those beyond us who depend upon our health for theirs.

The prayer below is one of the most honest descriptions of our faith life together – Grace Lutheran Church in Darlington, Wisconsin. We are one in the body of Christ, and though we are not able to see where God is leading us, we know whose we are and the One who leads us and walks with us, taking us by the hand and promising: “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

*“Lord, you call your servant to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden and through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”*

Again, grace and peace be with you all!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kate Kieckhafer

## IN OUR PRAYERS



We remember in our prayers: Steve Kottke, Meghan Douglas, Lindsey Nyffenegger, Tony Bunjer, Paul Roelli's brother-in-law Mark, Erica Droessler and family, Bev Mulcahy, Denise Williams, Marge Rowe, Liz Barth, Dale Ege-land, Marilyn Carpenter, Richard Breen, and Sandy Reis.

We remember also the families of Pat Miller (sister of Barb Nelson), Mary Lou Weaver, Auggie Haas, and Mary Lindell.

We prayer for Lilly Badertscher as she prepares for Holy Baptism.



## Celebration!



### Birthdays

Kevin Kammes 5/04  
Marilyn Johns 5/11  
Lori Leahy 5/22

Larry Kammes 5/09  
Gladys Christensen 5/17

Steve Flemming 5/11  
Marta Roelli 5/18

### Anniversaries

Marv and Sandy Reis 5/28



### Anniversary, Birthdates, Retirements, and Gottcha

**Dates:** Please send us your dates. Just the month and day. The year is not needed. We would like to list them in the newsletter each month, so we can celebrate with you.



## Pictures of Grace

We continue to look for pictures of the people of Grace – shots of smiling faces and faith and ministry in action wherever you are – at home, in the community, and at church! Please send your pictures to Pastor Kate and/or the church office email. We'd like to use these for newsletters and outreach. Help us to spread the word!



Pastor on the farm

Pastor & Bob R.  
working in the fields



Pastor and Vernon  
Johnson



Pastor and  
Rachel Suthers

# Grace Lutheran Church Council

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## Council Minutes Highlights --- – April 14, 2021

A review of the church council retreat held on March 13, 2021 was discussed. Discussed opportunities with development of leadership related to committees. Suggested survey presented to congregation for feedback to poll membership on understanding interest in various committees along with willingness to serve. Discussed opportunities of shared pastor.

Light Fund discussed. New lighting is needed for the basement with a cost of \$2,000.00. A fund raiser will be established and will end the end of May. (See special article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Technology – The email has been fixed and the internet is being improved. Discussed the purchase of a new laptop for use in the balcony for Sunday services. Motion carried to allocate up to \$500.00 for new laptop.

Discussed and motion approved to donate \$150.00 to Build a Pool fund.

Committee reports and Pastor's report were given



## COMMUNITY & CONGREGATIONAL Care



**Care Team:** The Care Team is busy preparing spring gifts and deliveries to Sienna Crest, Lafayette Manor, homebound and others in our community. The Care Team organizes and carries out projects and activities in meaningful ways that connect our church to each other, to the community of Darlington, and to our world. If interested contact Jalaine Ruegsegger at 608/432-030 or [ru-ganj21@gmail.com](mailto:ru-ganj21@gmail.com).

### ALTAR CARE/COMMITTEE

Our first training session for the Altar Care Team took place the end of April. It is the goal of the Worship Committee to have at least eight people trained so that teams of two are servicing one time a month. If interested, contact Pastor Kate.



### BE THE LIGHT

We need new lighting in our newly remodeled fellowship hall. When trying to fix a light, our electrician informed the Property Committee that the “ballasts” were no longer available for purchase. We need to replace the fluorescent lights with new LED lights. The price to do this will be approximately \$ 2,000.00.

We are havin a fundraiser to raise these funds. Please see the back window between the sanctuary and narthex to take a donation card. Please take a complimentary flash-light. We truly appreciate any and all help. As we begin to “open-up” from the COVID pandemic, our Fellowship Hall will be used again. We don’t want to be in the dark/ flickering light mode.

*Jesus came to reveal the true nature of His Father in heaven and showed what God is really like. ... We must always take care that we fix our eyes on the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ so that we can continue to be the light in the darkness that he left us here to be. Matthew 5:14*

Barb Schilling, Chairperson  
“Be the Light” Fundraiser

**HOSPITALITY:** Are you interested in thinking with others about ways that Grace can become more hospitable? The Fellowship Committee is one facet of hospitality. In what other ways might we be more hospitable with our space and practices? If interested, contact Pastor or come to the first meeting on May 20 at 9:00 am.

# “GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”

## -COMMUNITY Care-

### COMMUNITY THANK YOU RECEIVED

Grace Lutheran Church ! Thank you!!! Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship to the Bunny Hop!! Your support is truly appreciated!!



Amy and Meghan

## Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently accepting donations. Particular needs right now are **canned pasta**, **canned beans** (pork and beans, pinto, kidney, chili, etc.), family-friendly **non-cream soups** (such as tomato, chicken noodle; NO CREAM OF MUSHROOM), Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, non-sugared cereals such as Chex, Cheerios, corn flakes etc., **personal care products** (tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, crème rinse, lotion, etc.). **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.

The pantry is also in need of volunteers. If you are under the age of 70, able-bodied, have no underlying health conditions, and are not going home to someone with any, please contact Amanda or Liz at the pantry number (608/776-3500).

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace’s next month to deliver Meals on Wheels is July. Look for information in June’s Carillon.



## LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE



Join LIRS webinar on May 23 at 4 p.m. ET for our first annual **Stand Up, Speak Up Spring Vigil**. Together with hundreds of interfaith communities across the country, we will examine our roles as compassionate friends and justice-seekers through prayer, reflection, and stories from migrant and refugee families.

Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service

Register online at the LIRS website: [lirs.org/speakup](http://lirs.org/speakup)



## Faith Formation

**Sunday School 9 – 9:35 AM**  
*In person K - 4<sup>th</sup> grades*  
*Contact: Hannah Badertscher*  
*Last day: May 23*

**Jr. High Youth Group/Confirmation**  
**Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 PM**  
*In person 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades*  
*Last day: May 19—Cook Out at*  
*Pastor’s House*  
*Reminder: Confirmation Camp at*  
*Sugar Creek June 13-18*

### Study with a Different Look

Weekly Bible Study is held every **Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:45 AM**. Meet in the sofa area of Grace. Everyone is most welcome and the plan and time can be flexible. No need to feel guilty if you need to miss occasionally because each time will not hinge on the last week. It is informal with time provided for connecting, support, prayer and requests, devotional time with deeper look into related Bible passages. It is organized by Kitty Wilson with group input.

### Taking Faith Home - Christ in Our Home – Prayer Ventures

All of these devotionals are available in the narthex. Christ in our Home is available in both small and large print. Taking Faith Home is a weekly resource for families of every size and age that is lectionary-based (based on the week’s readings) and is emailed, as well as available at worship each week. Prayer Ventures lists daily petitions and guides for prayer for the global, social and out-reach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

### Sugar Creek Bible Camp

**Don’t forget** to get your kids and/or family signed up for camp this summer! Register at [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)

Brochures are available in the church lobby. Opportunities abound for families, students K-12, and adults. Check out the opportunities!

Grace Lutheran is offering **scholarships** of \$200.00 per student for the half-week sessions and \$400.00 per student for full-week sessions. Contact pastor if you have questions.



Children’s Sermon  
with Paul R.  
Sunday, April 11



## CHURCH CALENDAR for MAY

Sunday	May 2	Fifth Sunday in Easter *Sunday School, 9:00 am *Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 am
Wednesday	May 5	Bible Study, 9:00 am Jr. High Youth, 5:30 pm Council Executive Committee, 7:00 pm
Sunday	May 9	Sixth Sunday in Easter – <i>Mother's Day</i> *Sunday School, 9:00 am *Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 am
Wednesday	May 12	Bible Study, 9:00 am Jr. High Youth, 5:30 pm Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Thursday	May 13	Worship Committee, 9:00 am
Sunday	May 16	Seventh Sunday in Easter *Sunday School, 9:00 am *Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 am
Wednesday	May 19	Bible Study, 9:00 am Jr. High Youth, 5:30 pm (Last Day)
Thursday	May 20	Hospitality Team, 9:00 am
Sunday	May 23	Pentecost *Sunday School, 9:00 am (Last Day) *Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 am New Member Reception Graduate Recognition LI RS Vigil (webinar), 5:00 pm Darlington High School Baccalaureate, evening
Wednesday	May 26	Bible Study, 9:00 am
Sunday	May 30	the Holy Trinity *Worship with Holy Communion, <u>9:00 am</u> ** ** Note: Summer schedule begins





**EASTER IN REVIEW**





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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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**MAY 23—Celebrate with us!**  
**PENTECOST – the birthday of the Church!**  
 - **Worship with Holy Communion**  
 - **New Member Reception**  
 - **Graduation Recognition**

Newsletter Deadline  
 Items need to be submitted for June  
 Carillon May 25