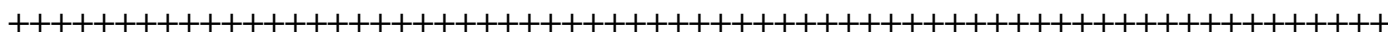


# THE CARILLON



Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



## WORSHIP SERVICES

In-Person thru **June at 10:30 AM at Grace**  
In-Person **July thru December: 8:30 AM at Grace**

### HIGHWAY AND CHURCH CLEAN UP – JUNE 4

The project will begin after a short worship service with a hymn sing and a bit of fellowship. Dress for the occasion and bring gloves! (Rakes may also help). If you would prefer or are unable to help outdoors, a group will be polishing the pews and tiding up the kitchen. Many hands make light work and a lot more fun!



## Congregational VITALITY Assessment

The leadership of Grace Lutheran is asking **YOU whole-heartedly** to participate in a brand new **Congregational Vitality Assessment** of **Grace Lutheran Church**.

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The **Congregational Vitality Survey** is a simple 36-question survey tool provided by the ELCA to gain input from both leaders and congregational participants on how they see key areas for both vitality and sustainability. Questions use a **3-point multiple choice** scale to ask people to assess their understanding of **36 key issues** in congregational life and mission. It also takes a look at how leaders see the ministry in comparison to how regular participants see it - a great help in seeing how perceptions and communication are working within the church.

### **A CONVERSATION STARTER**

The **main value** in using this tool is not the numeric answers produced as each question is scored. Although those numbers will be very insightful, the biggest gains will happen when **these results are used to frame a discussion** to see why people see what they see and said what they said. Grace will receive a report and some key insights for discussing them from our synod's Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM), Rev. Walter Baire. He will also meet with us to help guide our learning and discussion.

### **FOUNDATIONS FOR PLANNING**

The benefits of insights are not for their own ends. Rather, the survey results and the ensuing dialog are **to foster meaningful actions** so that Grace will be able to develop contextually appropriate plans **to move forward in our own setting**. By knowing the key issues and discussing the root causes, ministry adjustments can be developed and implemented. The **real goal** of this survey is not information but **informed action!**

**The cost** for using the tool is **free** – part of being a ministry of the ELCA and one more way that **mission support dollars make a difference for all of us!**

### **SURVEY PROCESS & TIMELINE**

The **WINDOW FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY** is:  
**Sunday, June 11 – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

The survey will be emailed using **two** survey links -- **one** for the Council and **one** for the congregation's members. Grace will be **emailing the survey's link** to all the congregation's members; it is **to be completed online**. If there are multiple household members that use the same email address, each member should take the survey, using the same link.

Members without internet access will be sent a paper version of the survey in the mail to be completed by hand and returned to the church office within the same time frame. The data will be entered electronically from there.

It is **very important** that a **high percentage** of the congregation complete the survey to have a good, accurate assessment as we move forward from there to discussions and action steps.

Feel free to contact Council President Don Barnard, another Council member, or Pastor Kate should you need more information and/or assistance!

**Thank you for partnering  
in ministry and being  
church together in this place!!**



# HOT Summer Book Read!

**Description:** Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. **What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.**

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

**Step 1: Sign up to participate.**

**Step 2: Get the book.** Check out the local library, Kindle, order online, or sign up on the bulletin board for a paperback version (\$10.50).

**Step 3: Enjoy the book!**

**Step 4: (optional) Join a book discussion. (held week of July 10 -15)**

**Step 5: (optional) Come to a viewing of the movie (whether you've read the book or not -- held week of July 24-29)**

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

**A big thank you to:**

- our Worship Committee, Altar Care Team, Humble Choir, Tana Risseeuw, and Mary Knellwolf for their contributions during the busy month of May.
- May Fellowship hosts: Renae Johnson, Pat Roelli, Bridget Schilling, Laura Barnard, Patty Vamstad, Sharan Ohnstad, Barb Schilling, and Jody White
- Offering Counters: Chuck and Carol Barnard
- Linda Considine, Steve Kottke, and Pastor Kate for attending the Synod Assembly



### Thank You Received

"Thank you to my church family for all the support and prayers before and following my brother's death. Special thanks to Carol, Jalaine, Pat, Linda, and Marilyn for attending the visitation and for the cookies (chocolate chip were Remy's favorite). And as Remy noted in her nightly prayers "Uncle Jim will be ok, he has a room in heaven". ---Diane Bredeson

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**We remember in our prayers:**

**Congregation:** Jean Belanger, Duane Nelson, Les Torstenson, Jack Leu, David Chambers, Barb Schilling, Tana Risseeuw, Sandy Reis, Mary Knellwolf, and Gloria Blaser

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

**Deaths:**





## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for JUNE

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Altar Care	Linda Considine Diane Bredeson	Jalaine Ruegsegger Sheila Carrington	Marilyn Johns	Pat Roelli Mary Roelli
Reader	Barb Schilling	Marta Roelli	Kris Fleming	
Greeters *	Barb & Bill Schilling	Diane Bredeson Sheila Carrington	Kris & Steve Fleming	
Ushers **	Don Leinberger Ryelyn Badertscher	Don Leinberger Lilly Badertscher	Don Leinberger Odessa Badertscher	Don Leinbeger
Acolytes	Ryelyn Badertscher	Lilly Badertscher	Odessa Badertscher	
Communion	No Communion	Jalaine Ruegsegger	Marilyn Johns	Mary Roelli
Bread	Pat Roelli	-----	Laura Barnard	-----
Counters	June 10-14 _____ June 25-30 _____			

*\*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](mailto:darlinglutherans@gmail.com)).

### CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee finished with a busy May schedule. There was Affirmation of Baptism for Marta Roelli, Callie Blosch, and Serenedy Opland, recognizing Hannah as our Sunday School teacher, and recognition of high school graduates, Cayla Golackson and Catie Blosch. With summer approaching, things should slow down a bit.



A special thank you to Pat Roelli for helping plant the flowers outside around the church sign.

Thank you to the Care Committee people who are always there to help out in any way!

---- Jalaine R.

# Grace Lutheran Church Council

## Council Contact Information



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:

**June 4<sup>th</sup> Church/Road Clean-up**—We will have a shortened service so we can do some clean-up around the church and on our section of County F.

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Breakfast**—We are planning a pancake breakfast on July 9--bring your appetites!

**Sound System**—Getting the piano to run through the main sound system

**New Laptop Computer**—The laptop being used for the power point during service is dying and will be upgraded.

**August 6<sup>th</sup> Pulpit Supply**

**Family Advocates Gala**—Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a table at the Family Advocates Annual Gala on June 1 – looking to fill more spots at the table.

## 2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Synod Assembly was held on May 20 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Horeb under the theme of “Building, Rebuilding”. Our representatives were Linda Considine, Pastor Kate and Steve Kottke. Our representatives listened to Assembly Architech speaker, Peter B.H. Tan, and were led in worship by Sharon Irving and Quincy Cochran. There was an election of synod leadership positions. Three Resolutions were passed on Care Creation; Updating Reconciling in Christ Commitments, and Land Acknowledgement. A handout can be found in the narthex giving more information.

## Celebration!



**Chad Golackson (6/2)**  
**McKenna Roelli (6/3)**  
**Don Barnard (6/4)**  
**Laura Barnard (6/7)**

### Birthdays

**Pat Stauffacher (6/2)**

**Vera Black (6/4)**  
**Gary Bald (6/8)**  
**Barb Schilling (6/24)**



**Greg Roelli (6/6)**  
**Kris Fleming (6/10)**

### Anniversaries

**Heather & Don Blosch (6/4)**  
**Kate & Mike “Wally Chambers (6/22)**  
**Missy & Dave Zasada (6/26)**

**Jennifer & Steve Kottke (6/19)**  
**Vicki & Bill Johnston (6/24)**  
**Barb & Troy Lobdell (6/28)**

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



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE

The Affirmation of Baptism was held on Sunday, May 7 during the 10:30 AM service. Those being confirmed in their faith were Callie Blossch, Serenedy Opland, and Marta Roelli.



Callie & family



Serenedy & family



Marta & family

## SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP ([www.sugarcreekcamp.org](http://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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade through newly graduated high school (2024). Please contact Pastor Kate **soon** if you're interested!!!



## PASTOR KATE'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Kate will be on vacation June 5 & 6 and June 19-27. In case of pastoral emergency, contact Council President Don Barnard for the "pastor on call". Pastor Kate will be away for spiritual renewal June 14-16 but will be available for emergencies.

## HOPE LUTHERAN FISH BOIL

Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point will be having a Fish Boil on Saturday, June 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Carry out only!





## WE HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

On Sunday, May 21, we honored our graduating seniors –  
**Catie Blosch and Cayla Golackson**



To catch up with them, we asked them to share with us the following:

1. What have been the most significant involvements, accomplishments, or interests you have had during your high school years?
2. What are your plans after graduation?
3. Have you any memorable and impacting faith experiences you care to share?
4. Who has/have been the most influential person/people in your life, faith or otherwise, to date? In what way?
5. Do you have any thanksgivings you would like to share with your community of faith?

**Catie** writes:



1. I have been involved in many clubs and organizations including, LEAD, RAC (student council), NHS, Spanish Club plus many more. I am the class VP and VP of NHS. I'm also involved in volleyball and track and have played a role in mu high school career.
2. I will be attending UWP to major in Biology and then plan to further my education to become a Physician Assistant.
3. When I was in my car accident I could have been severely hurt or worse, but I walked away with minimal bruising. This showed me the power God has. He can cause life altering situations and turn them into lessons.
4. My parents have been the influential people in my life. They have taught me much of what I know and I look up to and admire them for a multitude of reason.
5. I am thankful for my healthy family and friends and for the relationships and bonds that I have made.



**Cayla** writes:



1. Most significant involvement would be basketball, softball, FFA, LEAD member, NHS, and Letterman club. Some accomplishments I have is being the team captain for basketball and softball. Also being 2x all conferences in basketball.
2. After graduation I plan on attending Madison College in the fall. I will be majoring in the Pre-BSN Nursing program Liberal Arts.
4. Someone who was the most influential person in my life would be my dad. He showed me that sometimes life gets hard, but that it doesn't mean you give up, you keep pushing forward.
5. I would like to thank my family, friends, and community for always supporting me and being there when I needed them the most.



## COMMUNITY

### Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently accepting donations. With the increasing prices of grocery/household items there is more demand for the needy families. All types of groceries and household supplies are needed. Particular needs right now are **cooking oil, Hamburger Helper, personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers (sizes 2, 3, & 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 2023! **May total was 6#. The total for 2023 is 262#**

### LAFAYETTE COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

The Lafayette County Dairy breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 10 at the Meylor Family Farms (16209 County Road G). Serving from 6:30 to 10:30 AM (rain or shine). Menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage links, cheese, donuts, pudding, milk, juice, coffee, and ice cream. The cost: Adults: \$5.00, Children 4-10: \$3.00, 3 and under: Free. Live music, door prizes, petting zoo and may more attractions. Free parking and shuttle service is available.



### MINERAL POINT GOSPEL MUSIC FEST



Mineral Point is hosting a Gospel Music Fest on Saturday, June 17 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Country, contemporary, and bluegrass music will be featured. See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

#### **NEW WORSHIP TIME!**

**Beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through December:**

**Grace Lutheran 8:30 am**

**Hope Lutheran 10:30 am**



# June 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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8:30 AM Worship/Hope <b>4</b> 10:30 AM Worship/Hymn Sing/Grace Highway/Church Clean-Up	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
----- Pastor on vacation -----						
8:30 AM <b>11</b> Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	<b>12</b>  7:00 PM Council	<b>13</b>  10:00 Women's Volunteer Brunch	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  5:00-7:00 Hope Luth. Fish Boil (Take out only)
----- Pastor on Spiritual Renewal -----						
----- Congregational Vitality Survey -----						
8:30 AM <b>18</b> Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:30 PM Hope Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Newsletter articles due
----- Pastor on vacation -----						
----- Congregational Vitality Survey -----						
8:30 AM <b>25</b> Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace Vitality Survey	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Youth Retreat at Bethel Horizons June 30-July 1	
----- Pastor on vacation -----						
						<b>July 2 - NEW WORSHIP TIMES</b> 8:30 AM at Grace 10:30 AM at Hope



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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  
 July Newsletter by June 24

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