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WORSHIP

Summer Worship Schedule: 9:00 AM - May 30 – September 5
(Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend)

Online Worship: A portion of the service is 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)

COVID-19 PROCEDURES UPDATE

- * Vaccinated? Feel free to forego wearing a mask.
- * Unvaccinated? Masks are requested to protect those who can't be or are immune-compromised.

Thank you for putting love of neighbor first!

RETREAT AND VACATION

Pastor Kate will be on vacation and attending a retreat beginning on June 27 thru July 11.

Pastor Larry Balleine will be presiding over worship while Pastor Kate is gone.

- * Sunday, July 4 (parking lot service – car radio: 1100AM – lawn chairs optional)
Sermon title: “Daily Dependence”
- * Sunday, July 11 (indoor service with communion)
Sermon title: “Purposeful Living”

If Pastoral need arises while Pastor Kate is out of town contact: Council President Don Barnard (920/246-9534)

HOLY COMMUNION



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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are Tuesdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate...

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Hebrews 25:23-25

It has been a tremendous joy and privilege to serve the people of Grace as your pastor over the last 10 ½ months, but if I'm honest, I am enjoying it so much more now that we are able to engage with one another more freely. I love that we are able to come together in worship and to sing, to gather for times of fellowship, conversation, and growth opportunities, to serve side by side in both established and in fresh, new ways, and to spur one another on in the life of faith through a blossoming relationship with Jesus Christ.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it has made us aware of how we have taken so many important things for granted, and that includes our ability to come together physically as One Body in Christ. The Holy Spirit has held us together in our need to physically distance, but that is not the ideal for the people of God or the church. We who are called to love, to walk alongside, to serve, and to encourage one another experience it tangibly and powerfully through physical presence, for we were created by God as embodied creatures to experience life on earth in the flesh, using our God-given senses. When we come together, we see and hear that we are not alone on this journey of faith and life. We join our voices with others as we praise God in word and song, as we pray for one another and for our community and world. We hear the word of God read and preached as the good news of God's saving grace. We lend our time, abilities, gifts, and bodies for the work of the church and God's mission within and beyond our walls, and we gather together as siblings in Christ around the Lord's table to eat, to drink, to taste and to receive the gift of Jesus' living presence with us and within us. As we receive the blessing, we are sent out into the world, nourished and strengthened to carry God's love wherever we go.

I ask you, how can we be filled with God's grace, receive nourishment for the work ahead of us, and practice our love for one another if many of us continue to forgo meeting together on a regular basis? How can Grace Lutheran Church and its people grow as a positive, hopeful and active presence for the good of our community if we don't commit ourselves to the most basic and fundamental element of our life of faith – communal worship?

We lost the ability for so long. "Let us not neglect meeting together as some are in the habit of doing..."! Come! Join with us as we come together with joy to thank God for all God's blessings and to receive the gift of God's grace, freely given for you and all people, and while you're at it, expect God to show up in surprising, wonderful, and life-giving ways!

I long to see your faces. Please reach out to each other and encourage one another in this.

With the love of Christ and a grateful heart -- Pr. Kate



FAITH IN ACTION!!!

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This could be helping plan Bible and book studies, presenters, devotions, online experiences, and more! The sky's the limit! See Pastor Kate with ideas.

ALTAR CARE: It is the goal of the Worship Committee to have at least eight people trained for altar care so that teams of two are serving one time a month. We could still use a couple more people. If interested, contact Pastor Kate. Training is provided.

ALTAR FLOWERS/PLANTS SIGN-UP: A sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the narthex for those of you who would like to contribute flowers/plants for the altar for a special occasion, person, remembrance, or for no special reason at all!

CARE TEAM

The Care Team helps keep connections between our church, Lafayette Manor, Sienna Crest, and other homebound members, and those experiencing health concerns. They provide encouragement and hope for the journey. Contact: Jalaine Ruegsegger at 608/432-0301 or ruganj21@gmail.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Many possibilities fall under this umbrella, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Jr. High youth ministry and activities, Sr. High ministry, planning special services and events around milestones, service projects, etc. See Pastor Kate to explore.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP following worship has resumed: Please contact Vicki Johnston (608/776-4572) or Pat Roelli (608/482-0572) if you would like to assist or provide food and refreshments. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

FLOWER CARE: A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board to help water flowers in front of the church and on the altar (when applicable).



FUNERAL LUNCHESES: We would like to “fill out” our list of potential meal helpers/servers for funeral luncheons. Teams are formed for individual events based upon availability. Coordinator: Barb Schilling (608-482-2876, bbschillings@gmail.com).

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The committee meets monthly and covers many aspects of hospitality toward others on behalf of Grace.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

This committee deals with all manner of repairs, improvements and special projects. Never dull! Great team! Contact Tim White or Paul Roelli.

TECHNOLOGY

There are so many possibilities in this field – worship, faith formation, education, office, and more! Contact: Hannah Badertscher (608-482-0945, hannahfam19@yahoo.com)



VISITING THE HOMEBOUND: It is our hope to assign volunteers to a particular person or two and could include serving communion periodically. Contact: Pastor Kate

WORSHIP MINISTERS for Sunday Mornings: There are sign-up sheets in the narthex by the office for the following: Greeters – Ushers – Readers – Offering – Communion Assistants – Acolytes - Music.

GOT A GIFT, ABILITY, KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, PASSION, OR TALENT to share? Ongoing or here-and-there? See a need or place where you could contribute? Let us know! There are many creative ways to serve others in Jesus' name.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace will deliver “**Meals on Wheels**” in July. The schedule includes the following volunteers:



July 5- 9: Pat Roelli and Marilyn Johns

July 12-16: Marv Reis and Gary Bald

July 19-23: Jalaine Ruegsegger, Gloria Blaser, and Sharon Ohnstad

July 26-30: Judy Elzen and Les Torstenson.

Thank you to all volunteers. It will be Grace's turn to deliver again in December. If you are interested in helping for a day or for a week, contact Les Torstenson (608/726-0092).

BE THE LIGHT

We are almost to our goal to cover the new lighting in our fellowship hall! The final cost was \$2,414.72. As of June 27 we have raised \$1,992.55! Any extra taken in will be put towards work to be done on our sound system.

Please see the back window between the sanctuary and the narthex to take a donation card and take a complimentary flashlight.

Any and all help is truly appreciated. Thank you all who have contributed to this point.



Barb Schilling, Chairperson

IN OUR PRAYERS



- We remember in our prayers: Bev Mulcahy (mother of Stacey Smith), Dale Egeland, Joyous White, Marilyn Carpenter, Bev Anderson, Denise Williams, John Kowatch, and John Sonsalla.

- We pray for those with upcoming surgeries: Rich Leinberger on June 28, Barb Schilling on June 29, and for Denise Williams on July 7.

- We remember also the families and friends of those who have passed away: Betty Kraus, Mary Stutz, Kay Zasada, Lorraine Terrill, and JoAnne Nethery Shosie.

- We pray for continued openness to the Holy Spirit among the whole Sugar Creek community that God would guide and empower their work, including summer Bible camp.



Celebration!



Birthdays:

Bella Black (7/03)

Michael Chambers (7/06)

Carson Lobdell (7/06)

John Jantzen (7/07)

Blaze White (7/07)

Gloria Blaser (7/09)

Barb Nelson (7/11)

Katie Riechers (7/22)

Anniversaries:

Pat and Paul Roelli (7/17)

Sharan and Dave Ohnstad (7/25)

Judy and Harold Elzen (7/31)

Anniversary, Birthdates, College Graduates, Retirements, and Gottcha Dates: Please send us your calendar dates. Just the month and day. The year is not needed unless is a calendar event. We would like to list them in the newsletter each month, so we can celebrate with you!

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!



Grace Lutheran Church Council

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Council Highlights – June 16, 2021

- Discussion was tabled on the scheduling of a church breakfast. Looking at October.
- Discussed records update taking place over the summer..
- President Fleming discussed email contact with Marie Leafblad from the synod regarding shared ministry opportunities with Hope in Mineral Point and will report back to the Council
- New Business: Celebration of Pastor's anniversary of her ordination/installation (August 1).
- Nearing end of "Be the Light campaign
- Addressing the sound system issues

VITAL CONGREGATIONS RE-BOOT CAMP

Grace Lutheran formed a team to participate in *Vital Congregations Re-Boot Camp*, a course for churches interested in gaining tools and ideas for revitalizing our ministries and re-ignite mission. The course offers ideas for best practices and strong foundations for congregations who have historically been identified as being in the important times of redevelopment, transformation, and renewal. We are engaging in this opportunity to discern, kickstart efforts, and begin to reimagine in the hopes of growth in vitality, sustainability, and reaching new people. Representatives from Grace include Council President Don Barnard, Council members Jody White and Steve Fleming, Jalaine Ruegsegger, and Pastor Kate. Please keep our church, its leaders, and the team in your prayers.

Update: *Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point also formed a team to participate in the training. The leadership from the two churches are planning to get together in July to share insights, discuss ideas, and edify and support one another in our ministries.*

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

WELCA – Biennial Convention and Fall Retreat

The WELCA Biennial Convention/Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 24-25 at Lutherdale Bible Camp. Information packets are available in the narthex on the bulletin board.

Synod Newsletter

The synod newsletter comes out weekly on Thursdays and gives up-to-date information about issues and opportunities in our area and in the ELCA. You can read or subscribe to our synod's newsletter by visiting the following link: <http://scsw-elca.org/news/>.

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, EPHESIANS, & FIRE!

Monday nights for six weeks, July 12 – August 23:

6:15-7:30 pm -- Bible study of **Paul's Letter to the Ephesians** with refreshments at the home of Pastor Kate and her husband Dave (*1319 Clay St. – directly across from Grace*). Bring a bible if you have one or use one provided. Come for as many weeks as you are able!



***Ephesians:** The Apostle Paul is writing his letter to readers who were experiencing the radical transformation of their identities as they were being formed into disciples of Christ and the family of God. Ephesians is a comprehensive portrait of God's plans and purposes, as well as individual and communal instruction for the fruitful life of believers in Jesus Christ.*

7:30 pm: Campfire, Fellowship & S'Mores at Grace on the grassy space parallel to Clay Street. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. All are welcome!

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, chili, etc.), **canned vegetables** (peas, corn, etc), family-friendly **soups** (such as tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom), Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, **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).

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- To Sheila Carrington for beautifying our indoor fellowship and worship spaces with lovely arrangements of greenery for Ordinary Time (the season that celebrates and encourages the growth of individuals and the church).
- To Don and Laura Barnard for the gift of a firepit for fellowship and ministry activities.
- To everyone who has been helping to keep the flowers in front of the church alive and thriving in this dry season.
- To everyone who has supported the “Be the Light” campaign to replace the lights in the Fellowship Hall with LEDs.
- To Jalaine Ruegsegger, Jody White, Don Barnard, and Steve Fleming for their participation on behalf of Grace in the ELCA’s church revitalization training.
- To everyone who helped in cleaning cupboards last month: Barb Schilling, Diane Bredeson, Pat Roelli, Marilyn Johns, Linda Considine, and Jalaine Ruegsegger.
- To Hannah Badertscher for serving as Tech Minister in worship and creating the screens.
- To Paul & Pat Roelli for hosting the “Donuts for Dads” fellowship on Father’s Day with delicious S’More- and French Toast-flavored donuts from Lucky Cow, as well as altar flowers this month.
- To Barb Schilling and family for wonderful job of organizing the “Be the Light” campaign.
- To Judy Elzen for her ongoing work with cleaning up our church records.



COMMUNITY THANK YOU RECEIVED

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran Church:

Thank you all for the \$150.00 Hoden sponsorship donation for our upcoming Golf Outing. Your generous gift will also be matched by our anonymous donor. Your support is very heartwarming for all of us. God bless you and thank you again!

Tom Schroeder, Development Director

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Sugar Creek Bible Camp! This will allow our ministry to make a positive impact for years to come as we share the love, joy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ with all who come to experience this special place.

Jesse Klosterboer, Executive Director



Faith Formation

Confirmation Camp Week at Sugar Creek Bible Camp

The confirmands attended a camp week this past June 13-19. Those attending were Serenedy Opland, Blaze White, Marta Roelli, and Callie Blosch. Lots of fun, fellowship, worship, and learning was had. Look for pictures elsewhere in this newsletter!

High Schoolers - A day trip to Devil's Lake is being planned on **Wednesday July 21 (new date)** for middle and high school students by Rachel Mueller, the synod youth coordinator for the Small town and Rural ELCA churches in our area (such as Darlington, Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Platteville, Cuba City, Wiota, Argyle, etc.). The State Park has some nice hiking trails and water activities, including kayaks and canoes. It's also a beautiful place to relax and enjoy nature. Friends welcome! Please contact Pastor Kate know **by July 14** if you'd like to participate and we will work out transportation.



Sugar Creek Bible Camp



Don't forget to get your kids and/or family signed up for camp this summer! Opportunities abound for families, students K-12, and adults. Check out the opportunities! www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

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 Kate if you have questions.

DAY TRIP to SUGAR CREEK

Any children interested in a day-trip together with Pastor Kate to Sugar Creek for “a taste of camp”? Parents/grandparents are welcome to go as well! Please contact Pastor Kate soon if you have interest in planning a day together!

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP! Mark your calendars for Monday, August 23 (12:30 PM start with supper at 5:00 PM). Cost is \$75 per golfer. Put together a team of four and join us for this fun day. Or, if you don't golf you can be a sponsor (a contribution of at least \$50 makes you a sponsor!) Contact sugar Creek, 608/734-3113 for more information or download a registration form at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org. Register by August 17, 2021.

Taking Faith Home - Christ in Our Home – Prayer Ventures

The new edition of *Christ in Our Home* (available in the narthex).

Taking Faith Home – 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.

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK JUNE 13-18, 2021





CHURCH CALENDAR

July

Sunday June 27-Monday, July 5 Pastor Kate on vacation
Tuesday, July 6-Sunday, July 11 Pastor Kate gone on retreat

Sunday	July 4	Sixth Sunday in Pentecost Worship in parking lot with Pastor Larry, 9:00 am
Wednesday	July 7	Council Executive Committee, 7:00 pm
Thursday	July 8	Revitalizing Congregations (final session)
Sunday	July 11	Seventh Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Pastor Larry, 9:00 am
Monday	July 12	"Faith, Fellowship, Ephesians, & Fire", 6:15 & 7:30 PM
Wednesday	July 14	Deadline to sign up for youth trip to Devil's Lake
Thursday	July 15	Worship Committee, 9:00 am
Sunday	July 18	Eighth Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am
Monday	July 19	"Faith, Fellowship, Ephesians, & Fire", 6:15 & 7:30 PM
Wednesday	July 21	Youth Trip to Devil's Lake Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
Friday	July 23	Rehearsal, Barnard/Erieau Weddding, 5:00 pm
Saturday	July 24	Barnard/Erieau Wedding, 2:30 PM
Sunday	July 25	Ninth Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am
Monday	July 26	"Faith, Fellowship, Ephesians, & Fire", 6:15 & 7:30 PM
Wednesday	July 28	Hospitality Committee, 10:00 am



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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 August
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