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WORSHIP

Summer Worship Schedule: 9:00 AM - May 30 – September 5, 2021
(Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend)

Beginning September 12: Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship at 10:00 AM, time of fellowship following

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)

COVID-19 PROCEDURES UPDATE

- * Vaccinated? Feel free to forego wearing a mask or wear if you prefer.
 - * Unvaccinated? Masks are requested to protect those who can't be or are immune-compromised.
- Thank you for putting love of neighbor first!

VACATION

Pastor Kate will be on vacation the afternoon of August 1 through August 8.
Sunday, August 8 Service with Holy Communion will be led by Pastor Tina Koenig.

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

SAVE THE DATE!!! RALLY SUNDAY: AUGUST 29!!!

9:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

- * **Blessing of the Backpacks** (*students and educators: bring yours!*)
- * **Presenting of Bibles** to Sunday School and 5th Grade Confirmation Students

Fellowship Breakfast to follow in the Fellowship Hall (*lower level*)

- * **Sunday School Orientation** (*preschool – 4th grades & parents, 11-11:30 am*)
- * **Jr. High Confirmation Orientation** (*5th-8th graders & parents, 11-11:45 am*)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate

I therefore...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

– *The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6, (NRSV)*

I beg of you, people of Grace, to reach out to your fellow siblings in Christ who you have not seen at worship. Seek them out. Show your care and concern. Show that it matters very much to you how they are doing, what they are doing, where they are experiencing joy, and where life has become heavy and burdensome. Tell them that you miss them and that you need them, and that their church misses and needs them, too: their presence and all that comes with it -- their shared need for Jesus, their perspective, their life experience, their authenticity, the gifts that they have been given by the Spirit to share with the their church.

Do they have questions of faith and life? The best place to bring them and wrestle with them is in Christian community, where there is space to voice them, as well as support, differing perspectives, and fellow sojourners to walk alongside them through it.

Are they burdened or overwhelmed with the realities of life? The church is made up of real people with real problems and pain that come before a compassionate, merciful, loving God who desires to give them a place to “lay their burden down” and give them peace, as well as a place of sanctuary and help for the journey.

Do they know they have a role to play? Martin Luther said that God is so in control that the good we do is really God’s work. We’re nothing but the hands of Christ. In the good we do, we are just “little Christs” to each other. To be Christ to each other requires our being in fellowship with one another.

In all ways, demonstrate your love for them, for that is “the calling to which you have been called”: to love one another as Christ has loved you (*John 13:34*), and to “make love your highest goal.” (*1 Corinthians 14:1a*) Be truthful, but do so with gentleness, kindness and always out of love. This is your calling. Don’t “hide it under a bushel”! Let the light of Christ shine forth!

Together we are the church. We are church together. So “let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.” (*Galatians 6:9, NIV*)

Peace be with you, people of Grace, and know that you are never alone.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor 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.

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 helps keep connections and provide hope and encouragement for the journey between our church, Lafayette Manor, Sienna Crest, and other homebound members, and those experiencing health or situational concerns. Contact: Jalaine Ruegsegger at 608/432-0301 or ru-ganj21@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.

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. *See September's Carillon for new Fellowship Sign-up information!*



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 LUNCHEONS: 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 meets monthly with the August meeting scheduled for August 25 at 10:00 AM. Future meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesdays of the month.

Purpose: The team works to create and maintain an atmosphere of warm, Spirit-driven hospitality through: 1) opportunities for connection, fellowship, community-building, 2) inviting spaces for all, and 3) promoting effective and user-friendly modes of communication for the guests and community of Grace. **Current focus of activities include:** Sunday morning fellowship after worship, funeral meals, hospitality for programs and special events, furnishing and decorating spaces, special cleaning/organizing projects, watering plants, accessible and user-friendly communications, and equipping people for welcoming others.

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) or Pastor Kate.

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? Let us know! There are many creative ways to serve others in Jesus' name.

WORK DAY SCHEDULED – Tuesday, August 31, 9:00 - 11:15 AM

Focus spaces will focus on the lower level nursery/classroom and Sunday School supply cupboards and closets with a possibility of others depending on time and help.

To follow... Lunch and fellowship at *Glennie's* for anyone who would like to join us!

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, EPHESIANS, & FIRE! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Monday nights, August 9, 16, and 23 (chapters 4, 5, & 6 consecutively):

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 & S'Mores! Fire and fixin's on the east side of the church. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!!

IN OUR PRAYERS



- We remember in our prayers: Ryelyn Badertscher (healing from a broken leg), Joan Egen, Bev Mulcahy (mother of Stacey Smith), Dale Egeland, Joyous White, Marilyn Carpenter, Bev Anderson, Denise Williams, John Kowatch, and John Sonsalla.

- We remember also the families and friends of those who have passed away: Dave Chambers (brother in law of Stacey Smith), Bobby Ohnstad (Dave Ohnstad's brother), and Scott Berget.

- We pray for Lilly Badertscher as she prepares for baptism.
- We pray for blessings on the marriage of Chris and Lexis Barnard which was held on July 24 here at Grace Lutheran



Celebration!



Birthdays:

Mary Roelli (8/05)

Jax Schilling (8/12)

Karla Anderson (8/15)

Donald Blosch (8/19)

Richard Anderson (8/21)

Brax White (8/05)

Cori Golackson (8/14)

Jerry Olson (8/17)

Les Torstenson (8/19)

David Ohnstad (8/23)

Pat Roelli (8/11)

Jan Riechers (8/14)

Jean Belanger (8/19)

Brandon Black (8/20)

Anniversaries:

Bobby and Jalaine Ruegsegger (7/02)

Frances and Linda Considine (7/25)

Joe and Tina Riechers (8/26)

Dave and Kate Kieckhafer (7/22)

Tim and Jody White (8/09)

Keith and Shirley Sincox (8/31)

(We missed a couple of anniversaries last month!! Sorry!!)

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 – July 21, 2021

Things your council is working on:

- + Re-engagement of members--council members feel it's important to be reaching out to members of Grace who may not be as engaged as they were in the past. We ask the whole congregation to help us out with that. We will be hosting a church breakfast in the next few months.
- + Part of the re-engagement process is updating our church directory--a big thank you to Judy Elzen for working on this. If you have updates to the directory, please contact a council member or email darlinglutherans@gmail.com with the updates. We WANT to hear from you!
- + We will be participating in God's Work/Our Hands on Sunday, September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with service activities. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. We will be doing road clean-up on County F and assembling backpacks for Lutheran World Relief following our Sunday Service. Lunch will be provided afterward.
- + We continue to have discussions with the Synod regarding a possible shared pastor with another church in our area.

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 Vice President Steve Fleming, Jalaine Ruegsegger, and Pastor Kate. Please keep our church, its leaders, and the team in your prayers.

Update: On July 15 our reps met together with the reps from Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point, who also participated in the training. Together “The Re-Boot Buddies” are continuing to meet to process the learning, planning to get together in July to share insights, discuss ideas, and edify and support one another in our ministries. Our next meeting is at Grace on July 29. The Grace team will also be sharing and discussing its learning with the Council.

BE THE LIGHT

WE MET OUR GOAL!!! The lights are installed and are paid!!
Thank you to all who contributed!!



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 in Elkhorn, WI. Information packets are available in the narthex on the bulletin board.

Lutheran Men’s Retreat – September 10-12 at the MacKenzie Center in Poynette, WI. This retreat has been life changing for many attendees! Join with men of all ages seeking to follow the guidance of Proverbs 27:17. For more information and to view participant testimonials go to South Central synod of Wisconsin website. Register by September 1. Information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Adult Lutherans Organized for Action (ALOA) “EncourAGING and Equipping Congregations for Older Adult Ministry” - ALOA is holding a conference October 4-8 to gather older adult Lutherans for study, worship, music and fellowship. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex or can be found on the ALOA website (aloaserves.org).

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/>.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- For everyone who contributes to insure our church is alive and thriving.
- To everyone who has been helping to keep the flowers in front of the church alive and thriving in this dry season.
- Jalaine and Bobby Ruegsegger for moving the choir loft furnishings out and back for the carpet and upholstery cleaning in June. To Daren's Services of Platteville for a job well done!
- To Hannah Badertscher for serving as Tech Minister in worship and creating the screens.
- To Pat Roelli and Linda Considine for providing fellowship refreshments and treats in August.
- To Paul Roelli for helping to keep our sanctuary comfortable in this hot weather.
- To all who volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels this month (Pat Roelli, Marilyn Johns, Marv Reis, Gary Bald, Jalaine Ruegsegger, Gloria Blaser, Sharon Ohnstad, Judy and Harold Elzen, and sue and Les Torstenson).



THANK YOU RECEIVED

- Thank you for the amazing contribution of your time. It made a world of difference and having your support helped us through this difficult time. I do not know what we would do without the care and love of the church has shown us during this time. XOXO
Denise (Breen), Hannah (Badertscher), and Family
- I am very grateful to have received your gift. It was very thoughtful of you. It will most definitely help me with college when I need it which will be at Iowa Central Community College where I will be majoring in Health Science.
Love, Cori Golackson
- Thank you for funding my trip to Sugar Creek Bible Camp. I had lot of fun. I loved playing games. My favorite game was New Come. I also had lots of fun helping with the horses and riding on them. Thank you again for paying for me to go. I loved it!
Love, Brynn
- Thank you for funding my trip to Sugar Creek.. I had so much fun. Can't wait to go next year. *Brax*
- Thank you for funding my trip to Sugar Creek. I had lots of fun and meet some new friends. Thank you all so much. *Blaze*
- Thank you for paying for my trip to Sugar Creek. *Marta Roelli*

Fish Boil

Hope Lutheran Church at 555 Commerce St. Mineral Point, 608-987-3500, is having a Fish Boil on August 14 serving (carry out only) from 5:00-7:30 PM. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Iowa County Food Pantry.



BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 12:30 to 5:30 PM at the American Legion. For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800/733-2767. Appointments preferred; walk-ins 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), Ham-burger 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).



Faith Formation

Sunday School (*preschool – 4th grade*) begins Sunday, September 12, 9–9:45 AM

Confirmation (*5th – 8th grade*) begins Wednesday, September 15, 6 - 8 PM, dinner provided.

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; based on the week’s readings (available by email, in bulletins, at entrance).

The new edition of *Spark Family Magazine* for kids is available in the lobby.

DIAKONIA

Are you looking for a deeper faith life? Have you been wondering what God has in mind for you? Do you want to be better equipped for Christian service? Diakonia may be just what you are looking for. Diakonia is a program consisting of 12 different, five week courses. Classes are held via distance learning technology from the convenience of your home using your computer and internet connection. Registration is now open with

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

Check out the opportunities at Sugar Creek. Some upcoming events are:

August 23 – Golf Benefit Outing (see bulletin board for details)

September 11 – Annual Auction, 5K, and Craft Fair

September 30 – October 3 – SCBC Craft Retreat

More information and registration is available at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org or contact Pastor Kate if you have questions.



August 2021

Mon-Thu. 8:30-9:30 am Pr. Kate's Devotional Hour
 Thursdays—Pr. Kate's Sermon-Writing Day
 Fridays—Pastor's Day Off

PM August 1 –August 8 - Pastor will be on vacation
 Tuesdays - 9:00-1:00 Church Office Hours (Tiffany)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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9:00 am Worship w/HC After Worship— Altar Care Training for new volunteers	No Bible Study	12:30-5:30 Blood Mobile at Legion Hall 7:00 pm Council Exec Comm.	----- Pastor on vacation -----				
8 9:00 am Worship w/HC Pastor on vacation	9 6:15-7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30-8:30 Fire & S'mores	10 7:00 pm Council Mtg	11 10-11:30 am Worship Committee	12	13	14 5-7:30 pm Hope Luth Fish Boil Min.Pt.	
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22 9:00 am Worship w/HC	9 6:15-7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30-8:30 Fire & S'mores	24	25 10:00 am Hospitality Team TBA Synod Meeting	26	27	28	
29 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:30-11:45 Fall Faith Orientation	30	31 9:00-11:15 Work Day	SAVE THE DATE!!!! God's Work—Our Hands Sunday September 12, 2021 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship followed by community service projects with lunch provided Watch for the September Newsletter for details!!				



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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
September Carillon August 25