

August 2023

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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

July thru December
8:30 AM at Grace
10:30 AM at Hope

WORSHIP NEWS

Joint Outdoor Worship & Picnic – Sunday, August 20

9:30 worship with **Grace and Hope** at Darlington. Picnic to follow.

Location: smaller park shelter west of the church (lower swimming pool park). Restrooms available. Backup location is Grace Fellowship Hall.

Provided: drinks, paper products, electrical strips. Picnic benches are provided. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair.

Sign-up encouraged, but not required. (See church bulletin boards).

Service of the Word – Sunday, August 13

Worship Leader: Kris Fleming

Mission Moment Speaker: Paula Schoenberg from Family Advocates

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, September 10

Students and teachers are invited to bring their school bags for a special blessing. A great time to invite your school friends to this service with fellowship to follow!

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“From the Pastor’s Keyboard”

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.” – Romans 12:15

This line of Scripture came to mind Monday morning as I sat with Hannah Badertscher in my study and heard the news: she and her husband have decided to move to Tennessee to be closer to Hannah’s mother Denise. Their house had sold within days of the decision and so they will be loading the moving truck and leaving Darlington on August 11th. I was so happy for Hannah and this new chapter in her family’s life. Hannah has been carrying a heavy load for awhile now, and this move will ideally give her some respite. And yet at the same time, I couldn’t keep the sadness I was also feeling from spilling out just a little bit.

Hannah, Rylyn, Odessa and Sylvia have been special to the of people of Grace, and no less so to me, though I have known their family for less than three years. Hannah has been a Council member for at least the last four years, acted as our church’s tech support, organized and ran our Sunday School program, just to name just a few things. Hannah reached out and invited families she knew to participate in ministry and worship here, and several came and joined us. She has contributed creative ideas and helped to put them into play. She’s down-to-earth and a go-getter. She is real. She and her family have become our family. They will be deeply missed. And so we rejoice and we grieve at the same time.

When I was in seminary at Wartburg in Dubuque, Iowa, the professor of our Evangelical Mission in the 21st Century class taught us to ask ourselves and the people of our congregations this very pointed question: ***If your church were to close tomorrow, would anyone beyond the congregation notice? Would it matter to your congregation’s neighbors, to your community, to those who struggle in life? Would people outside of your congregation have reason to grieve? Did you “go and serve in Jesus’ name” as you claim nearly every Sunday at the end of the services?***

This is a question I think we must never stop asking ourselves – both as a church and as individuals. We exist as a church to know and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ **and** to go, share, and live out the good news in our community. That takes commitment. That takes work. That takes everyone working together. As we look forward to receiving, understanding, and acting on the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey this fall, each one of us must be determined to be engaged, or we **will** close our doors, and no one will notice or say it mattered.

Pastor Kate

PASTOR KATE’S SCHEDULE

Pastor Kate will be away the following dates. In case of emergency, please contact the Council President or Vice President for the pastor-on-call.

- August 7-10 (continuing education)
- August 11-13 (off)
- August 14; August 18-27 (vacation)



Grace Lutheran Church Council

Council Contact Information



President: Jody White
Vice President Chuck Barnard
Secretary: Kris Fleming

Financial Secretary: Laura Barnard
Treasurer: Tina Riechers
Don Barnard

Things your Council is working on now:

- Pastor Kate and Wendy Johns will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering next year in New Orleans. Look for fundraisers to help with attendee costs.
- Paula Schoenberg from Family Advocates will be presenting about their work, including running the women's shelter, addressing domestic violence and sexual assault, and services for survivors on August 13 during worship.
- Church Picnic with Hope—August 20 at the lower swimming pool shelter—Joint service at 9:30 AM with a potluck to follow
- A new prominent space for the American flag with an accompanying memorial plaque honoring our veterans and service personnel.
- Preparing to meet and discuss the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey with our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM).

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- Hannah Badertscher for being an extraordinary, creative Sunday School Coordinator and teacher, Council leader, Technology Coordinator and Help Desk, and Sister-in-Christ! Thanks to Hannah also for getting the new computer for our projection screen, and for the idea/work behind the memorial plaque in remembering veterans and military service members.
- Ryelyn and Odessa Badertscher for helping Don L. with ushering over the years.
- Patty Vamstad for loaning her beautiful nativity scene for the "Christmas in July" service
- Pastor Kate for safe and kind bat removal (yes, the flying kind!)
- Dave Kieckhafer for tech support with the projection system/computer
- Mary Knellwolf for beautiful music with a smile and serving multiple churches at a time!
- Linda Considine and Paul & Pat Roelli for spontaneous Sunday morning fellowship and coffee
- Tana Risseuw, Chuck Barnard, Paul Roelli, Jalaine Ruegsegger, and Linda Considine for taking care of the altar after heavy rainstorms and skylight leaks



IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation: Gladys Christensen, Jean Belanger, Duane Nelson, Les Torstenson, David Chambers, and Gloria Blaser

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Suzi Osterday, Penny Holum (Gloria Blaser's daughter), Clara Ruegsegger (Bob's mother), Joan Miller (Jan Riechers' sister), KC Ross (Dave & Kate's brother-in-law), Sue Korinek (Dave's sister), Ray Meier, and Linda Judkins

Deaths: Family and friends of Gene Wilson (Eldon's brother) and Tom Osterday



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for AUGUST

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Altar Care	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Marilyn J.	Pat R. Mary Roelli	Linda C. Diane B.
Reader	Sandy R.	Eldon W.	Kris F.	Marilyn J.
Greeters *	Duane & Barb Nelson	Mark & Jan Riechers	Steve & Kris Fleming	Chuck & Carol Barnard
Ushers **	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.
Acolytes	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.
Communion	Jalaine R.	Marilyn J.	Mary R.	Linda C.
Bread	-----	Laura B.	-----	Marilyn J.
Counters	August 10-14 _____ August 25-31 _____			

**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).



Celebration!



Birthdays

Mary Roelli (8/5)

Jax Schilling (8/12)

Karla Anderson (8/15)

Les Torstenson (8/19)

Dave Ohnstad (8/23)

Brax White (8/5)

Cori Golackson (8/14)

Jerry Olson (8/17)

Brandon Black (8/20)

Harvey Andrews (8/30)

Pat Roelli (8/11)

Jan Riechers (8/14)

Jean Belanger (8/19)

Dick Anderson (8/21)

Anniversaries

Tim Jody White (8/9)

Joe & Tina Riechers (8/26)

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



Good-bye and Godspeed, Ms. Hannah!

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye “until we’re together again” to Hannah Badertscher and her family (Jim, Rylyn, Odessa, Sylvia) as they move to Tennessee. Hannah has been the Sunday School teacher these last several years, and has giving her heart, time, creativity and personal resources to teach our children about God, God’s word and God’s grace. Please keep the Badertscher Family in your prayers for a safe and good transition into their new community, as well as Grace’s ministry to children and their families..

The Badertscher Family is moving August 11. Grace is holding a card shower for Hannah and her family. **Cards should be in the church office by August 10** if at all possible. A general card is also available for signing in the church office.

Children’s Ministry Volunteers & Teachers **NEEDED**

Grace is looking for adults and middle/high school youth to help lead our ministry to children and families. We’re looking for faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who love God and God’s children, and who have a desire to help them and their families grow in their relationship with Jesus and within the Body of Christ. **This could look similar or different from our previous program. Please contact Pr. Kate to explore the possibilities.**

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Parent/Volunteer Meetings

6:30 pm, August 30th (Wed), Grace Fellowship Hall – Discussion and planning together for 2023-24 programming

For anyone interested in helping ministry to this population happen for our church in the upcoming year. Contact Pastor Kate.

Middle/High School (MS/HS) Youth Faith Formation

Middle School Youth Ministry (*typically 5th-8th grades*)

High School Youth Ministry (*9th-12th grades*)

MS/HS Youth Ministry (*5th-12th grades, inclusive*)

MS/HS Ministry Parent/Volunteer Meeting

7:30 pm, August 30th (Wed), Grace Fellowship Hall with Pastor Kate and Grace and Hope Lutheran Churches in Grace Fellowship Hall. Discussion and planning together for 2023-24 youth programming.

This gathering is for anyone who would like to see and be involved specifically in making middle and high school youth ministry happen for our churches in the upcoming year. Confirmation classes, youth group, service and support activities, bible camp, and worship involvement are some of the possibilities. Contact Pastor Kate.

Middle School Ministry Kick-Off (Confirmation & more!) **for Students**

Wednesday, September 13th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Includes a meal, devotion, conversation, and introduction/prep for the 2023-24 academic year

Please **RSVP to Pastor Kate by 9/12**

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 8th grade through newly graduated high school (2024). Please contact Pastor Kate soon if you're interested!!!

Adult Faith Formation

We're in the process preparing for our fall opportunities!

Last year's studies were scheduled:

Mineral Point: Mondays @ 11 am with optional lunch to follow

Darlington: Thursdays @ 11:15 am with optional BYOL (*Bring Your Own Lunch*) or items to share.

- **Need an evening or weekend option?**
- **What would you be interested in reading, learning about, discussing, or exploring?**
- **Would you be interested in meeting someplace other than church? A home? A restaurant?**

Connect with Pastor Kate this month to share your thoughts!

Beginning September 10 at Grace and Hope - The GOOD Book by Deron Spoo (Church Edition)

From the book jacket --

A User-Friendly Guide to the Bible.

The Bible gives us joy and hope that we cannot find elsewhere. If you long to start a conversation with God, to know God better, and to experience God more deeply, *The Good Book* can help. By reflecting on 40 bible themes, you will begin to understand the heart of God. You will see God in the great sweep of salvation history, breathing life into Adam, calling Abraham to a land of promise, and fulfilling his word through a young virgin who would bear a child. You will discover what hurts God and what moves God's heart. You will understand God's love for you and others. While reading about the Bible's biggest ideas, which are God's ideas, you will learn how to live close to him – in a life that brings you joy, peace, and a powerful sense of purpose.

While designed to be a 40-day journey through key ideas of Scripture, this easy-to-use guide will be extended over the course of 40 weeks for worship and study as a church.

Order YOUR copy of THE GOOD BOOK (Church Edition) by Deron Spoo TODAY!

- **Go** online, sign up on your church bulletin board, &/or **contact** Tana Risseuw in the church office at Grace: darlinglutherans@gmail.com.
- **Plan to attend** Sunday worship services to hear the Scripture addressed in prayer and preaching.
- **Consider when** you might gather with others for study/discussion. (Don't forget to **communicate** your availability or ideas with Pastor Kate)
- **Attend or create** your own small group to discuss and go deeper!.

As You Look to Plans for Faith Formation in the Fall, Consider the Role of the Home

by the Rev. Dr. David Anderson

Faith formed through relationships and our homes is not new. It's in the Bible. For example, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob exemplify a multi-generational family dynamic of faith formation in the Old Testament. Also, there is Andrew to Peter and Phillip to Nathaniel in John 1, for a New Testament example. What are countless other biblical examples that you can name?

It's in modern research like "Effective Christian Education" (Search Institute, 1990). The results were replicated in the National Study of Youth and Religion noted in the book *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (2005). Similar data was also shown in the Exemplary Youth Ministry study and expanded in *The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry* (2010). Studies continue to happen and continue to point out the vital role of relationships and the home. Go figure! What studies do you rely on for an emphasis on the home and primary relationships in faith formation?

As you plan for the fall, recall the [Five Principles from our Milestones Ministry Frame](#) and note

- 1. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes.** *(This is foundational and radical at the same time.)*
- 2. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and ministry of the home.** *(This challenges Christian education and the larger faith formation as we have been practicing it in our congregations over the past century.)*
- 3. Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too!** *(This is woven into our individual, family, and congregational stories.)*
- 4. Faith is caught more than it is taught.** *(It will take years--and lots of effort--to get this way of thinking into the life of many of our congregations across the land.)*
- 5. If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them.** *(It's worth pursuing again this fall because the Holy Spirit has always worked this way!)*

God bless you in your efforts to nurture the Christian faith in the daily lives of the people of God in Christ.

GRACE IN PICTURES



Christmas
In
July
(July 30)



COMMUNITY



Lafayette County Food Pantry

The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently in **strong need of donations**. They have had a **large increase of families in need!** All types of **groceries and household supplies** are needed. Particular needs are **Hamburger Helper, personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers (sizes 2, 3, & 5)**. **Toilet paper and paper towels** are always needed.

Non-perishable 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 on-going count of pounds for 2023! **July total was 85#.** **The total for 2023 is 352#**

SPIRITFEST

Warren Community Spiritfest will be held on August 13 at St. Paul's Pavilion in Warren. Starting at 5:00 PM and is free admission. Concessions are available. See more details on poster on bulletin board at church.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief is collecting supplies for school bags for kids in need. A list of the needed supplies is available for pickup at Grace. Kits will be packed on September 10. Bins are provided outside the office for collection.

MEALS ON WHEELS

August is Grace's turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels. We have a couple of weeks to fill with volunteers. Contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771) if you would like to help or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.



HOPE LUTHERAN FISH BOIL

Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point is having their second Fish Boil of the year on Saturday, August 12 from 5:00-7:00 (drive through only) in their upper parking lot. All meals are \$18.00 and include fish, potatoes, onions, cole slaw, roll & butter and dessert.

TRAININGS AVAILABLE

COMET - Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory

COMET recognizes our rural values of neighbor helping neighbor, and communities being their own best resource – especially when concerned about another's emotional and mental well-being.

When: Tuesday, August 1 from 5:30-7:30 PM at Southwest Health in Platteville
Check the poster on the narthex bulletin board for details.

safeTALK

At a safeTALK workshop, you will learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing the signs for someone struggling with thoughts of suicide, learn to engage them so they tell their story, and identify resources to connect them to for further support.


When: August 22 – 5:00-8:00 PM at Platteville Southwest Health Eastside Conf. Rm.
See poster on the narthex bulletin board for more information.

August 2023

Pastor Kate's Schedule (608/732-9688)
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com
 Mondays - Thursdays
 Fridays: Off

Church Office Hours
 Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant (608/776-4462)
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

 August - Grace Deliver Meals On Wheels (M-F) (Starts 8/7)		<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> 10:00 Worship Committee	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> 2:00 PM Movie "The Shack"	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> 7:00 PM Grace Council -----Pastor attending Continuing Ed (Mon-Thur)-----	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> -----Pastor Away -----	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> 5:00-7:30 Hope Fish Boil
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<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> 9:30 AM Outdoor Joint Worship @ D'ton with-Grace & Hope Potluck picnic will follow -----Pastor on Vacation-----	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> 1:30 PM Bingo at Laf. Manor -----Pastor on Vacation-----	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> Newsletter articles due	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope Pastor on --Vacation--	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> 10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> 6:30 PM Children/Youth/Family Mtg 7:30 PM MS/HS Mtg. (both for Parents/Volunteers)	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMING IN SEPTEMBER</p> 10 - Blessing of Back Packs 10 - The GOOD Book 13 - Confirmation Kick-Off 5:30-7:30 PM	



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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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Website: GraceLutheranDarlington.net
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Pastor's phone: 608.732.9688

Newsletter Deadline
Items need to be submitted for the
September Newsletter by August 24

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