

September 2025

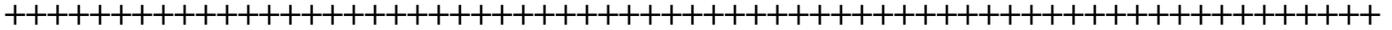
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

**9:30 AM Joint Worship Service**

followed by *Refresh – Food/Fellowship* for ALL ages

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Hope Lutheran, Mineral Point*

*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Grace Lutheran, Darlington*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – November 30 at Hope*

Pastor's Regular Work Days: *Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays; Off --Mondays & Fridays*

## Synod News –

Mark your calendars for the South Central Synod of Wisconsin's Fall Conference September 14, 15, and 16!

We will gather under the theme "The Grace Between Us" at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kristin Du Mez, Professor of History at Calvin University and author of *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*. In addition to the keynote presentations, the conference will include worship, workshops, and time for fellowship and conversation.

September 14 – Evening Event - Open to Everyone!

September 15 – Day-long Event – Open to rostered and lay leaders in the SCSW

September 16 – Morning Event – Open to rostered leaders in the SCSW

More details, a full schedule, and registration information will be available on the South Central Synod of Wisconsin website <https://scsw-elca.org/> soon.

## Assembly Elects New Presiding Bishop

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was in session from July 28 - August 2 in Phoenix, AZ. Among the many important decisions made by the assembly that week were the election of a new presiding bishop and new secretary of the ELCA. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and current ELCA Secretary Deacon Sue Rothmeyer both did not seek re-election.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the ELCA. Curry has served as **the bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019.**

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE



### A big thank you to:

- to Linda Considine and Mary Roelli for leading our worship on August 10 when Pastor was on vacation.



### *Thank you Received*

“Hello, I hope everyone is in very good health! My name is Luis Cartagena, a 23-year-old young man with many dreams and goals that I want to fulfill with God's help. I arrived in this country two years ago, anxious to be able to work and help my parents who are in Honduras, our country. I was unable to work for a long time because it didn't exist. Thank God, I found work and was able to help my parents for a while.

After a few months, everything changed. I started losing weight, bruises appeared on my body, and I never sought a doctor because I didn't want to stop working so hard and so much. I got so sick that I got to the point where my heart couldn't support walking, I was too tired, and I had headaches. December 31, 2024, was my last day of work because I went to the doctor, and he told me I couldn't work. He recommended that I had to go to Madison, but I insisted that I had to work. My sister told me that I had to go to the doctor. So I went to Madison, and there they diagnosed me with cancer.

It was terrible for me. When the doctor told me you have cancer, but we don't know what type of cancer it is, my life fell apart because the first thing I thought about was my parents, who I want to help so much. The doctor told me we had to do a bone marrow biopsy, that's when they realized it was leukemia.

Since that moment, everything has changed. Thank God — for him, everything is possible. Today I've been on chemotherapy and different treatments for almost 7 months. Thank God — he put Cristy Alvarado in my path. She helped me a lot to find help for my transportation. Then she told me about Pastor Kate, who wanted to help me too. Thank God as well for Pastor Kate and Paul Roelli because I know it was God who sent them into my life.

Thank you! I am eternally grateful to them and to all of you who have been looking out for me and my family. Thank God that everything is improving and every day I am getting closer to the goal that God has for me. My treatment is working very well. As I continue with the chemotherapy, of course there are days when it is very hard, but everything is a process. Maybe some words can't be heard well because the translator will be used to translate this message, but I just want to say thank you all for taking care of me and my family. “

Blessings to all,  
Luis

## IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



**Congregation/Homebound:** *Grace* – Jean Belanger, David Chambers, and Stu Vamstad. *Hope*- Joanne Helms, Krissy Helms, Ron Wallace, Lettie & Jim Wehrle, Tim Wehrle (*health/life transition*), Doc and Edith Goodweiler, Levi Zimmerman, Geri and Dick Austin, Alan Gosset, Dan Lloyd, and Mary Baehler (*Surgery recovery*)

**Family, Friends & Neighbors:** *Grace*- Nathan Kittoe, Luis Cartagena and family, Phil Mosley, Laura Halverson, Richard Kelly, Doug Groom (*head injury-bike accident*), Dr. Guler, Steve Fitzsimons and Rhonda Wildes. *Hope* - Jim & Alice Kruser, Mark Wallace (*health/eyesight*).

**Deaths:** the family and friends of Jim Meylor

**Safety During Military Service:** Alex Kruser, Jordan Kittleson, Zach McAllister, and William Wehrle.



## Celebration!



### Birthdays

Tana Risseeuw (9/5)  
Linda Considine (9/14)  
Tiffany Meyers (9/21)  
Sandy Reis (9/30)

Heather Blosch (9/6)  
Kip Rood (9/15)  
Eleanor Rood (9/22)

Chris Andrews (9/8)  
Ryelyn Badertscher (9/21)  
Brynn White (9/24)

### Anniversaries

Larry & Carol Kammes (9/4)

Eldon & Kitty Wilson (9/23)

*Please let the office know if we have missed your birthday, anniversary, or retirements in the listing so we can add your special day to our records.*

## CARE COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the backpacks for the school year. We have enough materials to complete 35 backpacks. We couldn't do it without all of your generosity. Thank you so much to the people of Grace for all you have done to complete this huge project.

Thank you to Mary Roelli for sewing the 35 backpacks for our school supplies. They are amazing!! Your time and talent is much appreciated.



Thank you to Pat Roelli and Judy Boll for the donation of all the specialty cards. These cards are much appreciated as we continue to send them out for special occasions.

Thank you for all the helpers at Manor bingo for August: Marilyn, Tash, Pat, Serenity, Sheila, Rykker and Jalaine. It was another great day spending quality time with the re



## Grace Lutheran Church Council

President: Linda Considine	Eldon Wilson
Vice President: Mary Roelli	Kitty Wilson
Secretary: Kris Fleming	Don Leinberger
Financial Secretary: Steve Fleming	Jody White
Treasurer: Tina Riechers	

**Council Highlights – Grace Council** was held **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** (after worship & fellowship) at the home of Kris and Steve Fleming – with an extended time for lunch, business, mission & visioning as a team:

- Beginning to discuss next year's spending plan
- Begin thinking about whether you would like to be on Council next year. If so, please reach out to a current member for information.
- Grace is starting a Wednesday Night Warrior group for kids in 5th-12th grade. We are looking for help with snacks and a light meal for the kids. There's a sign-up if you're willing to help out.
- Grace and Hope Councils are planning to meet together sometime soon.

## NOISY OFFERING

A separate offering “Noisy Offering” at Grace is being collected September, October, November for the “Friendship Fund”. This organization raises money primarily through cash donations and items to be auctioned off at their annual live auction. The auction this year is at the American Legion in Darlington, Sunday October 5. The money raised is used to assist individuals/families who have faced an illness, accident or other unexpected events.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please keep the offices updated with any change you may have to your church directory information. We hope to have updated versions available later this summer.

## FAITH FORMATION

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT WARRIORS

Starting Wednesday, September 17, we will be hosting a weekly faith based dinner and activity! Anyone 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12th grade (Grace, Hope, and community) are welcome! The activity is being held in the Grace Church basement from 4:30-7:15 PM. Hannah and Ryelyn Badertscher are the coordinators for this activity. For more information check out the Facebook group: “Wednesday Night Warriors”.

See the signup for volunteers for food and help on the bulletin board or contact Hannah at 608/482-0945 or email hannahfam19@yahoo.com

## Sugar Creek Bible Camp

The 2025 Sugar Creek brochure is available on the bulletin board for year round opportunities for all ages. A Quilt Auction and Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 13. Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can also check out their website at [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)



## Bible Study



## Immanuel United Church Of Christ Darlington Bible Study

Wednesday night Bible Study **will start on September 10<sup>th</sup>** in the fellowship hall (UCC) **4:00 to 6:30 PM**. This year we will be watching “The Chosen” followed by discussion on what resonated with us and look at Scripture to see how we can apply Jesus’s lessons to our own lives and the world around us. **All are welcome!** You can join in any time during the year.

## COMMUNITY



## Lafayette County Food Pantry

The pantry is in **need of donations**. 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 ongoing count of pounds for 2025! **Our July total was 25# and August total was 55#.** **Our total for 2025 is 431#.**

## MEALS ON WHEELS

It is Grace’s turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels during September. If you are interested in helping (there are a few spots open), please contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771).



## LWR SCHOOL KITS

We have collected enough school supplies to complete **35 backpacks!!** Thank you to all who donated and helped to assemble these kits.

## GRACE'S MISSION IN MOTION



Grace continues support for Luis Cartegena (age 23) and his family while Luis is undergoing cancer treatment at UW-Hospital and Clinics for Leukemia.

-- Thank you to everyone who has been able to contribute by giving rides to/from the hospital and cash or gift cards for groceries, gas, clothing, and other needs while Luis is unable to work.

-- Gift cards would be a big help (Casey's, Walmart, Farm & Fleet, Piggly Wiggly, Good Will, etc.) If donating cash or gift cards please give to Pastor Kate or Tana in the office.

-- Clothing is a need as well: Luis: Men's shirt M/L; pants 32x30; Wendy, Luis' sister: women's top (M) and pants 11; Luis' young nephews - Alexander: boy's shirt (M), pants 10/12; Jose: shirt (M) pants 32x30.

See display outside Grace's church office.

## Iowa County Jail Ministry

*Pr. Kate – I minister to inmates approximately 1x/month for prayer, bible study, and applying God's word to individual lives. Inmates struggle in many areas from substance use/abuse, trauma, PTSD, mental health and cognitive issues, experiences of abuse and neglect, poverty, exposure to violence, as well as injustices of all kinds. Usually it's a combination of these things that, in addition to personal choices, contribute to the incarcerated person's current situation. I meet with those who are interested in hearing about, exploring, and/or growing in a relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit to lead them and guide them on their personal journeys. The stories are real and incredible testimonies to the healing and life-giving work of God in the world and in people's lives.*

**If you or someone you know would like to contribute to this work, we are always in need of Recovery bibles (NLT) and materials.** Any money given will be used to buy new copies to give out to inmates who are interested. The easier, everyday translation and added support for addiction recovery have proven to assist people with their relationships and continuing journey toward recovery. Please see Pr. Kate if you are interested.



## RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES

Grace and Hope services are being recorded by Ted Weier from Hope in Mineral Point. Each Tuesday a link will be sent to watch the service if you would like.

Other opportunities to watch or listen to a live worship broadcast are:

**TV** – WKOW Channel 27 at 10:00 AM – Bethel Lutheran of Madison or on Bethel's YouTube channel

**Radio** – WDMP 99.9 FM at 9:00 – Grace Lutheran Church, Dodgeville

**Radio** – WPVL 1590 AM at 10:00 AM – First English Lutheran, Platteville

**Or** – 8:00 AM on Sunday FELC Platteville on YouTube or Spotify

## ***Keeping Our Ears to the Ground –***

The following are ways to stay abreast of news from our synod, ELCA church-wide, and partners in our common mission. You can sign up to receive updates and information on areas you are particularly interested in, or just go directly to the source. You can also search for these organizations in **Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms:**

- **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (SCSW) newsletter & emails** <https://scsw-elca.org/engage/>
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** -- <https://www.elca.org/news>
- **Wisconsin Council of Churches** -- <https://www.wichurches.org/>
- **Lutheran World Relief** – <https://lwr.org/>
- **Lutheran Disaster Response** -- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>
- **Lutheran Global Refuge** -- <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>
- **Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Great Lakes** -- <https://www.lsswis.org/>
- **ELCA Advocacy** -- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/advocacy>
- **AMPARO** -- Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) [www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/ammparo](http://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/ammparo)





## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for SEPTEMBER

	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Altar Care	Worship at	Mary R. Pat R.	Worship at	No Communion
Reader	Hope	Callie B.	Hope	Brynn W.
Greeters*	↓	Blosch Family	↓	Eldon and Kitty Wilson
Ushers**	↓	Don L.	↓	Don L.
Acolytes	↓	Marta R.	↓	Brax W.
Communion	↓	Mary R.	↓	No Communion
Bread	↓	Marilyn J.	↓	No Communion

\*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.

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)).

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

We will resume the scheduled fellowship starting with Sunday, September 14. If interested in helping, please contact Pat Roelli (482-0572).

Sep. 14 - Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington

Sep. 28 - Mary Roelli and Heather Blosch

Oct. 12 - Diane Bredeson and Barb Nelson

Oct. 26 - Kris Fleming and Kate Chambers

Nov. 9 - Judy Boll and Linda Considine

Nov. 23 - Judy Elzen and Missy Zasada

Dec. 14 - Patty Vamstad and Sharan Ohnstad

Dec. 28 - Marilyn Johns and Wendy Johns



# September 2025



**Pastor's Schedule** (608/732-9688)  
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com  
 Tuesdays - Thursdays  
 Mondays & Fridays: Pastor's Reg. Days Off

**Office Hours**  
 Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)  
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com  
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon



**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

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7 9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace  10:50 AM Grace Council  -----So-Central Synod Fall Conference-----	15	16 10:00 AM Worship Committee	17  4:30-7:15 PM Wednesday Night Warriors	18  1:00 PM IA Cty Jail Ministry	19	20
21 9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope  10:50 AM Hope Council	22	23	24  4:30-7:15 PM Wednesday Night Warriors	25  Newsletter Deadline	26	27
28 9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace  Pastor on Vacation	29	30				



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Return Service Requested



### Mission/Vision 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

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Newsletter Deadline  
Items need to be submitted for the  
October Newsletter by September 25

