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“God’s Work, Our Hands”

Sunday, September 12

9:00 AM “Grace Space” (Sunday School – all ages)
10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion (in parking lot)
Fellowship and Service Projects following
(roadside clean up and pack school kits)
(More details in Council Notes)

WORSHIP

September 5 Schedule: 9:00 AM - Worship

Beginning September 12:

- 9:00-9:40 AM –“GRACE SPACE”** – opportunities for faith formation and discipleship
- * Sunday School (K-4 grades, lower level classroom)
 - * Interested in an option for toddlers and preschoolers? – see Pastor Kate
 - * Cross+Generational Learning and Conversations
(Grade 5 thru adults, fellowship hall, lower level with coffee and refreshments)

10:00 AM - Worship with Holy Communion - fellowship following the service

Services on September 5, 12, & 19 will be outdoors in Grace’s lower level parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the last days of summer together!

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

Masks are strongly recommended indoors and in groups closer together at this time due to the current recommendations of the Lafayette County health Department and the CDC. If you are able to wear a mask without adverse effects, we thank you for putting love of neighbor first.



From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate

I have been thankful for the rains we have been receiving as of late, but I have *really not* been appreciative of the hot, humid weather. I avoid being outside. It makes me long for fall, for a bit of crispness in the air. I know I'm not alone. Everywhere I go, it's the topic of conversation. That and COVID's delta variant. Then I receive the weekly newsletter to my "inbox" from our area synod, or an urgent email from Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), or Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), and I am quickly humbled. Here I am complaining about my discomfort and desire to stay in the air-conditioning when around the world people are living through truly hell-ish conditions:

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Aug. 14, and then was hit last week by Tropical Storm Grace, causing severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake. Over 2,100 people are dead and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. More than 12,000 people are injured. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extend of damage is still unknown. On top of it all, Haiti is suffering through a political crisis and the pandemic.

*For two decades, the U.S. Government has employed Afghan allies to serve alongside U.S. troops, diplomats, and other government employees as interpreters, translators, cultural advisors, drivers, and more. Because of their service to the U.S. mission, our allies and their families soon became targets of anti-American violence. As the U.S. armed forces rapidly withdraw from Afghanistan, **more than 20,000 Afghans** who served alongside them face a severe backlog in the processing of their Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs). Our Afghan allies are in grave danger and at risk of retaliatory attacks from the Taliban.*

The 2021 wildfire season is devastating the western United States. A prolonged drought and extreme heat waves are causing wildfires to spread rapidly, which makes them difficult to contain. California is currently the hardest-hit state – the Dixie Fire in Northern California is already the second largest wildfire in the state's history, having burned over 505,000 acres. Tens of thousands of people are under evacuation orders, and hundreds of buildings have been destroyed. But the fires are not limited to California; more than 100 wildfires are now burning throughout 15 states. Smoke from these fires is carried across the country, a sign of the far-reaching effects of worsening wildfires.

I am humbled and thankful that I live where I do and have the means and the calling, along with my siblings in Christ, to give assistance through our church-wide partners within the ELCA. Lutherans have a long and strong reputation for showing up and walking alongside people in need. We take the call of Christ to love and serve our neighbors in need very seriously. We partner with others and make a difference.

Right now you can be a part of God's loving, healing presence in the world by **keeping abreast** of what is going on, **praying** for the needs, spreading the word, participating in or even leading a collection of needed supplies or fundraiser, **and** if you're able, **please give financially**. **To learn more** about what's going on, how you can help, or to donate, see the following websites:

elca.org (wildfire relief)

lwr.org (help Haiti)

lirs.org (help Afghan refugees)

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! Contact 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. Contact 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. The September-January schedule is listed later in this newsletter.

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 meets monthly on the third Wednesdays of the month.

Purpose: The team works to create and maintain an atmosphere of warm, Spirit-driven hospitality. **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. Contact: Pastor Kate

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.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for “after worship” fellowship. Guidelines are posted inside the cabinet in the upstairs fellowship area and will be mailed/emailed out. If you have questions, call Vicki Johnston (776-4572) or Pat Roelli (482-0572).

September

12 – Vicki Johnston/Pat Roelli
19 – Mary Ann Roelli/Heather Blosch
26 – Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers

October

3 – Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers
10 – Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada
17 – Barb Schilling/Jody White
24 – Bridget Schilling/Laura Barnard
31 – Patty Vamstad/Sharan Ohnstad

November

7 – Tiffany Meyers/Sheila Andrews/Alana Black
14 – Marilyn Johns/Wendy Johns
21 – Renae Johnson/Pat Roelli
28 – Jalaine Ruegsegger/Sheila Carrington

December

5 – Diane Bredeson/Pat Stauffacher
12 – Val Thompson/Linda Considine
19 – Vicki Johnston/Pat Roelli
26 -

January

2 – Mary Ann Roelli/Heather Blosch
9 – Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers
16 – Kris Fleming/kate Chambers
23 – Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada
30 – Barb Schilling/Jody White



IN OUR PRAYERS



- We remember in our prayers: Christine Wick (recovering from surgery), Joan Egen and the Egen family (health concerns; move to Black Earth), Keith and Shirley Sincox (life and congregational transition), Bryan Krahenbuhl (nephew of Stacey Smith – colon cancer) Bev Mulcahy (mother of Stacey Smith), Brian Peck (brother of Pastor Kate - heart surgery 8/31), Dale Egeland, Joyous White, Marilyn Carpenter, Bev Anderson, John Kowatch, John Sonsalla, John Jantzen (brother of Judy Elzen), Lindsey Nyffenegger (cancer).

- We remember also the family and friends of Dolores McCauley who passed away on August 15.

- We pray for Lilly Badertscher as she prepares for baptism.



Celebration!



Birthdays:

Heather Blosch (9/06)

Jacob Riechers (9/08)

Linda Considine (9/14)

Ryelyn Badertscher (9/21)

Tiffany Meyers (9/21)

Brynn white (9/24)

Sandra Reis (9/30)

Anniversaries:

Carol & Larry Kammes (9/04) – 50th Anniversary

Kitty & Eldon Wilson (9/23)

Promotion:

Congratulations to Jody White on her promotion to Operations Manager and Account Manager at Securian Financial in Madison.

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!



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Council Highlights – – August 10, 2021

Get a snapshot of what your Church Council has been working on:

- * August 29 – Fellowship breakfast for Rally Sunday
- * September 12 – A “God’s Work, our hands” Sunday: Cross+Generational service opportunities after worship and a short time for fellowship.
 - Cleanup County F
 - Packing backpacks with donated school supplies for Lutheran World Relief
 - Extra offering collection received to help off-set shipping costs of backpacks to final destinations
- * Making decisions at Grace related to Covid-19 Delta variant escalation
- * Decision and preparations to have outdoor worship services starting August 29 and to be re-evaluated after four weeks
- * Taking steps to address phone, sound system, and sanctuary lighting issues
- * “Fire, Fellowship & S’Mores” – three Monday evenings in August outside Grace
- * “Re-Boot Buddies” Ad-Hoc team formed with Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point is continuing to meet and explore ideas for re-vitalizing our churches and re-igniting our missions. The last meeting on July 29 was hope-filled and exciting! Please keep the team, our leadership, and this work in your prayers.

Submitted by Kris Fleming, Council Secretary

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- For everyone who contributes to insure our church is alive and thriving.
- To Jalaine Ruegsegger who has been helping to keep the flowers in front of the church alive and thriving in this dry season.
- To Hannah Badertscher for serving as Tech Minister in worship and creating the screens, and her preparations as Sunday School organizer and teacher.
- To Marilyn Johns for providing fellowship refreshments and treats in August and for the flowers on the altar in remembrance of her mother's birthday.
- to the members of the Worship Committee, Altar Care Team, and the newly formed Hospitality Team for great work in helping to grow and strengthen these important ministries.
- to Kris and Steve Fleming for helping set up the campfire and s'mores.



THANK YOUS RECEIVED

- Thank you for the graduation gift. I will be using it toward my Ag Business degree at UW-Platteville. I appreciate your support very much. Sincerely, Katie Riechers

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).

Lutheran Campus Ministry Connect Project helps connect young adults all across the country to become involved with communities of faith at colleges and universities. If you would like to provide information on a student (any year, not just freshman) who is enrolled in a college/university, please check out www.luminelca.org/refer-a-student/.

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 Formation

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS Sunday, September 12th, 9–9:45 AM
(preschool – 4th grade & Cross+Generational Time)

CONFIRMATION BEGINS Wednesday, September 15th, 6 - 8 PM, dinner provided.
(5th – 8th grade)

Taking Faith Home - Christ in Our Home – Prayer Ventures

The new edition of *Christ in Our Home* (daily devotional 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 classes starting in September. See the Synod newsletter for registration information. Brochures are available in the narthex. If interested, see Pastor Kate.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

Check out the opportunities at Sugar Creek. Retreats for children through adults are available at Sugar Creek. Some upcoming events are:

October 4 – Yesterday’s Youth (Senior Adult Day Event)

October 8-10 – Middle School Retreat

October 15-17 – Women’s Retreat

October 30-31 – Elementary Retreat

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

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).

September 2021

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

Tuesdays—9:00-1:00 Church Office Hours (Tiffany)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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				Pastor's Sept. Prayer Retreat		
5 9:00 AM Worship/HC in Parking Lot	6	7	8 10:00 Wor- ship Comm.	9	10	11
		7:00 PM Council Exec.				
12 9:00 AM Sunday Sch 10:00 AM Worship/HC in Parking Lot	13	14	15 10:00-11:30 Hospitality Comm. 6:00-8:00 PM Confirmation	16	17	18
		7:00 PM Council				
19 9:00 AM Sunday Sch 10:00 AM Worship/HC in Parking Lot	20	21	22 6:00-8:00 PM Confirmation	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM Sunday Sch 10:00 AM Worship/HC	27	28	29 6:00-8:00 PM Confirmation	30		
				Pastor's Oct. Prayer Retreat		

HC = Holy Communion



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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
 October Newsletter by September 27.