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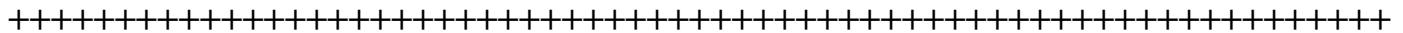
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



KICKING OFF FALL

Sunday, September 10



Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Packing of Kits for Lutheran World Relief

This is a cross+generational event following worship as an extension of fellowship hours. Please bring any final school supply donations today! Lists and bins are provided outside the office for collection

“Patriots Day” Blessing

THE GOOD BOOK – beginning September 24

Delving into The Good Book (Church Edition) by Deron Spoo will be our focus for 40 weeks for worship, discussion, and study as a church. Bible study information, see page 6.

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.

Pick up a copy of THE GOOD BOOK (Church Edition) by Deron Spoo TODAY!

- **Order** online or **pick up** at church
- **Attend** Sunday worship services to hear the Scripture applied in prayer and preaching.
- **Sign up** and/or **gather others** for study/discussion.
- Don’t see a date/time that works? **Connect with Pastor for ideas**

“From the Pastor’s Keyboard”

“It is thus very true that we shall find consolation *only through the Scriptures*, which in the days of evil call us to the contemplation of our blessings, either present or to come.”

– Martin Luther

“One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

– Jesus (*Matt. 4:4*)

Where do you go to find truth?

Where do you seek trustworthy guidance for everyday life -- to get the “big picture” perspective?

One thing we can say about today’s world: there is no lack of information. We’re inundated with it ... completely overwhelmed by it at every turn! So many sources: Email, Facebook, snail mail, junk mail, tv, internet sites, news apps, books, magazines, podcasts, radio, talk shows, advertising, political campaign literature, school papers, work papers, newspapers, newsletters, paperwork (whether actual paper or on-line forms), and of course, whatever the people we’re around are passing out by word-of-mouth.

Yet “information” is not necessarily “truth.” Often times we want to believe it is, either because it’s easier, or because it matches up with our personal views and the views of our “tribe” – those people with whom we’re the closest, who we count on to have our backs.

There has only been one pure source of truth in the world. The gospels tell us that *one source* is the **word of God**. It was through the word of God that all things created - seen and unseen - came into being. The word of God came to humanity by the Spirit, first as spoken word, then written, and then in the person of Jesus Christ, only Son of God -- to show us the way through this life and into the next. It is the One who designed and created all things who is the only one who has the trust, the *whole* picture.

God’s Word was, is, and always will be *life*. God’s word not only *brings* life into being, it *sustains* and *renews* life. That is true of the person, Jesus Christ, and that is true of God’s word that is written, preached, and proclaimed.

As Christians we proclaim in faith that this is true, and yet where do we actually go in search of truth that promises life? More often than not, its not to God or to God’s word, but everywhere else. There’s a song by Casting Crowns called, *What If His People Prayed*, that reflects names our tendency:

*What if the life that we pursue
Came from a hunger for the truth?
What if the family turned to Jesus
Stopped asking Oprah what to do?*

What if we, God’s children, first turned to our God, to the Word, and to prayer to find and follow the truth? What if? God promises to hear and to answer those who seek God with all their heart. I pray that we will each seek out and commit to opportunities with one another for hearing, studying, and growing in Truth.

Please take a look at what is available. You will not find a better source than Truth itself.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- everyone who participated and helped to make our outdoor joint worship service and picnic welcoming and hospitable. A special thank you to Jalaine and Bobby Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington for fellowship/meal and photos, Ted Weier for recording, Jen Clayton for music, and Don & Laura Barnard for equipment.
- Mary Ann Roelli and Vicki Johnston for making the LWR backpacks.
- Mary Ann Roelli and Don Barnard for leading worship on August 27.
- Tana Risseuw for the beautiful bulletin boards and for keeping us organized.
- Jalaine Ruegsegger for getting counts on LWR donations.
- the Meals on Wheels volunteers.
- Mary Ann Roelli for accepting a position on the Council filling a spot vacated by Barb Schilling and Hannah Badertcher
- Linda Considine, Pat Roelli, Sheila Carrington, and Jalaine Ruegsegger for helping with Manor bingo.



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), Gene Wilson (Eldon's brother), KC Ross (Dave & Kate's brother-in-law), Sue Korinek (Dave's sister), Ray Meier and Linda Judkins

Deaths:

WORSHIP

Regular Services: July thru December are: 8:30 AM at Grace and 10:30 AM at Hope

Noisy Offering

The focus for the "Noisy Offering" collection from August –October will be split between the American Red Cross for Lafayette County and Darlington's "Helping Hands" fund.

The change and bills from the "Noisy Offering" collected from Memorial Day to July 31 was \$87.75 and will go to support veterans in need.

Pastor Away – September 15-17

In case of an emergency, please contact the Council President or Vice-President for the pastor-on-call.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for SEPTEMBER

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Altar Care	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Pat R. Mary R.	Linda C. Diane B.	Jalaine R. Sheila C.
Reader	Marv R.	Don B.	Serenedy O	Brynn W.
Greeters *	Marv & Sandy Reis	Don & Laura Barnard	Marilyn J. Serenedy O.	Tim & Jody White & Family
Ushers **	Don L.	Don L. Paul R.	Don L. Gary B.	Don L. Blaze W.
Acolytes	Don L.	Marta R.	Serenedy O.	Brax W.
Communion	Jalaine R.	Mary R.	Linda C.	Jalaine R.
Bread	-----	Mary R.	-----	Pat R.
Counters	September 10-14 _____ September 25-31 _____			

**Please arrive 20 minutes early.*

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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).

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Fellowship - Refreshments and conversation following worship. Directions are posted inside the cabinet in the upstairs fellowship area. If you have questions, please call Vicki Johnston (776-4572) or Pat Roelli (482-0572).



September

- 3 - Renae Johnson/Pat Roelli
- 10 - Tiffany Meyers/Sheila Andrews/Alana Black
- 17 - Marilyn Johns/Wendy Johns
- 24 - Maryann Roelli/Heather Blosch

October

- 1 - Diane Bredeson/Carol Barnard
- 8 - Tina Riechers/JanRiechers
- 15- Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers
- 22- Judy Boll/Linda Considine
- 29- Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada

Grace Lutheran Church Council



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

Financial Secretary: Laura Barnard
Treasurer: Tina Riechers
Don Barnard
Mary Ann Roelli

Things your Council is working on now:

- Children's Ministry/Leadership—With Hannah Badertscher moving away, we need to re-think how we are doing Sunday School.
- We will be purchasing Office 365 to keep up-to-date on our technology needs

Grace Leadership Meeting

Grace leadership will be meeting with Rev. Walter Baires Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) on September 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM.



Celebration!



Birthdays

Heather Blosch (9/6)

Chris Andrews (9/8)

Jacob Riechers (9/8)

Linda Considine (9/14)

Ryelyn Badertscher (9/21)

Tiffany Meyers (9/21)

Brynn White (9/24)

Sandy Reis (9/30)

Anniversaries

Larry & Carol Kammes (9/4)

Eldon & Kitty Wilson (9/23)

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.

HELPING HANDS at MANOR BINGO



Faith Formation



CALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Grace is looking for adults and middle/high school youth to help lead and assist with our ministry to children and their families. We're looking for faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who love God and all God's children, and who have a desire to help families and children grow in their relationship with Jesus within the Body of Christ. Sunday School will reconvene Sunday, September 24 following time for fellowship. **Please contact Pr. Kate for the most up-to-date information.**

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*)

“IGNITE!” YOUTH NIGHT

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

Middle school/Confirmation students; High school students also welcome!

Includes meal, learning, and activities to kick off the new year!

RSVP to Pastor Kate by 9/12 for the event and this year's program: 608/732-9688 (cell).

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will kick-off on Wednesday, September 27, 5:30-7:00 PM.

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). **Registration for the Gathering BEGINS September 15!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study and Discussion on The Good Book to begin the week of September 24.

See the front page of this newsletter for more information on The Good Book.

Studies are scheduled for:

Mineral Point: Mondays @ 11:00 AM at Pointer Café (optional: lunch)

Darlington: Thursdays @ Noon (optional: bring your lunch or snack)

Don't see a group that works? Or consider starting your own!

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 38#. The total for 2023 is 390#**

MEALS ON WHEELS

August was Grace's turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels. Thank you to those who delivered the meals during August. They were Paul and Pat Roelli, Mark and Jan Riechers, Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington, and Harold and Judy Elzen.



Grace's next turn will be in January. Contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771) if interested for January.

GRACE IN PICTURES



Joint Outdoor Worship & Picnic with Grace and Hope
Sunday, August 20





September 2023

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

Church Office Hours
 Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant (608/776-4462)
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 -12:00

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope		10:00 Worship Committee				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 AM Worship/Grace & Special Events 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	7:00 PM Grace Council		5:30-7:30 PM Youth Night Event		-----Pastor away -----	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope -- Pastor away --	6:30-8:30 PM Grace Ldership Meeting w/ Rev. Baires DEM	6:30 PM Hope Council				Newsletter articles due
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 AM Worship/Grace Sunday School Begins 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	11:00 AM Lunch w/Friends Study & Lunch MP Pointer Cafe		5:30-7:00 PM Confirmation Begins	10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor Noon Bible Study @ Grace		



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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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Pastor's phone: 608.732.9688

Newsletter Deadline
Items need to be submitted for the
October Newsletter by September 23

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