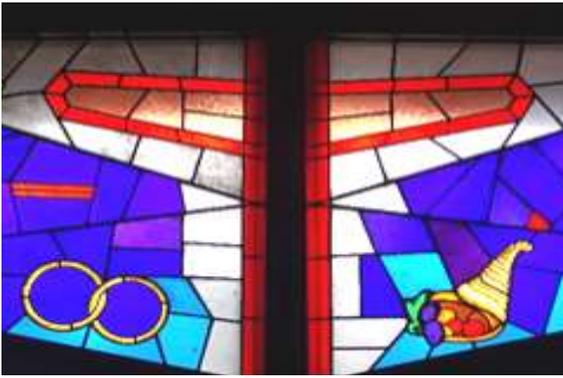


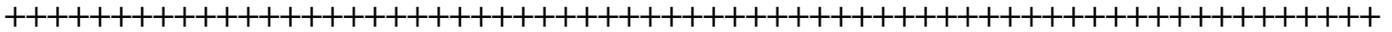
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Joint Worship Service followed by Refresh – Food/Fellowship for ALL ages

Sunday School students will be excused for classes after children's message

1st & 3rd Sundays – Hope Lutheran, Mineral Point

2nd & 4th Sundays – Grace Lutheran, Darlington

5th Sundays – November 30 at Hope

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

...from the Keyboard of Pastor Kate....

We are **Grace Lutheran Church** in Darlington, and **Hope Lutheran Church** in Mineral Point. We are Christians, a part of the one Church of Jesus Christ. We are also a particular denomination (or flavor): Lutherans, and even more specific: members of the ELCA. In today's culture and context, what it means to be a Christian might be confusing, especially for people not steeped in the faith or who have not thought about it in quite some time. It may even be something we take for granted. In the next many months, I am taking the opportunity to share with you who we claim to be as Christians and ELCA members. It is my hope that from this content, we can consider, reflect, ask questions, and have meaningful and fruitful conversation with one another in the weeks and months ahead. Our time of fellowship following worship services could be an excellent place to start the conversation. I hope you will join us!

About the ELCA *--info shared from elca.org*

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 2.7 million members in more than 8,400 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region.

We are church.

We are what God has made us – people whom God has created by grace to live in union with Jesus Christ and has prepared to live faithful, fruitful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:8 -10). In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to God and to each other. As we gather around word and sacraments, this life in Christ is what defines, shapes and guides us as a community of faith, the church.

By God's grace we can and do live confidently and generously in this community of faith and in service of others, amid the mysteries and paradoxes of this life in Christ – including our human limitations and failings, and the ambiguities, uncertainties and suffering that we experience.

continued

We are Lutheran.

We are a church that walks by faith, trusting God's promise in the gospel and knowing that we exist by and for the proclamation of this gospel word. We proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and raised from the dead for the life of the world. As the apostle Paul wrote (Romans 1:16-17), and we echo in our Constitution (2.02), we are not ashamed of this gospel ministry because it is God's power for saving all people who trust the God who makes these promises. "We are to fear and love God, so, that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear it and learn it" (Small Catechism). God's word, specifically God's promise in Jesus Christ, creates this liberated, confident and generous faith. God gives the Holy Spirit who uses gospel proclamation – in preaching and sacraments, in forgiveness and in healing conversations – to create and sustain this faith. As a Lutheran church, we give central place to this gospel message in our ministry.

We understand to be Lutheran is to be ecumenical – committed to the oneness to which God calls the world in the saving gift of Jesus Christ, recognizing the brokenness of the church in history and the call of God to heal this disunity.

We are church together.

Just as God has joined us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in baptism, we are also joined to others, not only in the ELCA and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), but in all communities of Christian faith around the world. In Christ none of us lives in isolation from others. Jesus is our peace and has broken down the walls that divide us – walls of judgment, hatred, condemnation and violence – and has made us into one, new human community (Ephesians 2:14-15). This spiritual communion depends only on God's mercy that comes to us in the word and sacraments. That alone is enough for unity, and so we yearn for this communion with all Christians at the Lord's table.

Because God gives us our unity in Christ, we are able to see and respect the diversity within Christ's body. We receive it as a gift and embrace it, rather than treating it as a threat or a problem to be solved (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). We respect and honor the diversity of histories, traditions, cultures, languages and experiences among us in the ELCA and in the larger Christian community of faith.

We seek full participation of all in the life and work of this church and will strenuously avoid the culture of any one group becoming the norm for all in the ELCA. And we strive to address the ways that racism, sexism, classism and other forms of injustice limit participation and harm people, communities and the whole body of Christ. In all these relationships the ELCA serves reconciliation and healing with other Christians, while repentantly acknowledging its failings and wrongs, trusting in God's forgiving mercy.

We are church for the sake of the world.

Christ has freed us from sin and death, even from ourselves, so that we can live as ministers of reconciliation in loving and generous service of our neighbors (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). In Jesus Christ, all of life – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Freed by the transformative life of Christ, we support ELCA members as they give themselves freely in transforming service with the neighbor. Through a wide range of daily vocations and ministries, we nurture faith, build alliances and gather resources for a healed, reconciled and just world. As church together, we faithfully strive to participate in God's reconciling work, which prioritizes disenfranchised, vulnerable and displaced people in our communities and the world. We discover and explore our vocations in relation to God through education and moral deliberation. We bear witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ through dialogue and collaboration with ecumenical partners and with other faiths. In all these ministries, God's generosity flows through us into the life of the world.

Pastor Kate

REFORMATION SUNDAY – Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday is observed in Lutheran churches to commemorate the Protestant Reformation, particularly Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses in 1517. It recognizes the beginning of the Reformation moment and emphasizes themes of grace, faith, and scripture and continues on. Typically it is celebrated on the last Sunday in October. Grace will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 26. **Wear red to worship on Sunday, October 26!!**



ALL SAINTS DAY – Sunday, November 2



The day is set aside for remembering those in the faith who have died and have gone before us. We will be naming those who have died in the past year, both from our congregation as well as any special loved ones who have passed away. If you wish to share the names of any special loved ones for this service, please contact the church office or Pastor Kate.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- to Eldon Wilson for leading our worship on September 28 when Pastor was on vacation.
- to everyone who contributed in some way to the Lutheran World Relief Kits. Because of your thoughtfulness, Hope was able to provide 11 personal care kits, 15 infant care kits, and 18 school kits. Grace provided 35 school kits.
- To Hannah, Ryelyn, and Odessa Badertscher for all their work starting up the Wednesday Night Prayer Warriors program.
- To Amanda Sennhenn (Hope) and Hannah and Ryelyn Badertscher (Grace) for leading the Sunday School programs.
- To those who helped/served Fellowship refreshments during September.



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, Doc and Edith Goodweiler, Levi Zimmerman, Geri and Dick Austin, Alan Gosset & Dan Lloyd, and Mary Baehler (*surgery recovery*)

Family, Friends & Neighbors: *Grace*-Luis Cartagena and family, Joe Boll, and Sandy Knesting (*Pat & Paul Roelli's sister-in-law*).

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

Death: family and friends of Pastor Judi (McCall) Huseth who passed away on September 1. She was the pastor at GLC from November 1983 - February 1987



Celebration!



Birthdays

Duane Nelson (10/2)
Ryker Opland (10/10)

Joe Riechers (10/7)
Amber Rood (10/22)
Paul Roelli (10/27)

Harold Elzen (10/9)
Kitty Wilson (10/25)

Anniversaries

Bill & Barb Schilling (10/7)
Kris & Steve Fleming (10/14)

Brandon & Alana Black (10/08)
Judy & Joe Boll (10/17)
Dick & Karla Anderson (10/28)

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.



Grace Lutheran Church Council

President: Linda Considine
Vice President: Mary Roelli
Secretary: Kris Fleming
Financial Secretary: Steve Fleming
Treasurer: Tina Riechers

Eldon Wilson
Kitty Wilson
Don Leinberger
Jody White

Council Highlights –

Not available at printing time

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

FINAL CALL!! 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 fall.

CARE COMMITTEE



Our school backpacks were a huge success this fall. Thank you to all who donated and to Mary Roelli for sewing all 35 beautiful bags! We couldn't have done it without everyone's help!! Thank you so much for your generosity so kids could have a great start to their school year!!!

The Care Committee is collecting Halloween candy for the Manor and Sienna Crest to hand out for Halloween night. If anyone would like to donate candy there is a box you can drop your candy off by the front door of Grace. This is such a fun event for the residents but they need enough candy for all the trick or treaters that come through that night. Thank you for helping out so this can be a great night for everyone!!



The Care Committee is also in the process of making out Halloween cards for the Manor and Sienna Crest!

Looking For Duplo Brick Toys



We are in the process of making an area for the “littles” to play safely with these larger type blocks. If you have any that you are no longer using please consider donating to Grace.

If you have “legos” we will start a box for older children.

FAITH FORMATION

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER WARRIORS



We are hosting a weekly faith based dinner and activity! Anyone 5th grade through 12th grade (Grace, Hope, and community) are welcome! The activity is being held in the Grace Church basement from 5:15-7:15 PM. Dinner is provided. Confirmation is included in the programming. 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

CONFIRMATION JUBILEE!

Grace Lutheran in Dodgeville is hosting an event on Wednesday, October 22 from 5:00 -8:30 PM for ELCA Confirmation students in the area (friends are welcome). There will be worship, speakers, activities, and dinner. Transportation is provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Kate. This event will be taking the place of programming at Grace in Darlington on October 22.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has begun! Students will attend the regular church service but will be released after the children’s message. The Sunday School teachers at Grace are Hannah and Ryelyn Badertscher and at Hope Amanda Sennhenn is the teacher.

BIBLE STUDY At Darlington Grace

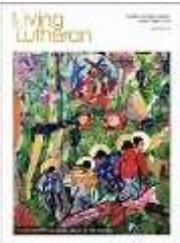
Bible study will be held on Sunday, October 12 and October 26 in Grace’s Fellowship Hall, 10:55-11:45 (continuing fellowship). The study will be centered on the Sunday’s readings. Scriptures will be provided. Your bibles are welcome as well. Invite someone to join you!



BIBLE STUDY at Immanuel United Church Of Christ Darlington

Wednesday night Bible Study **will start on September 10th** 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.

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COMMUNITY

MEALS ON WHEELS

It was Grace’s turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels during September. Thank you to everyone who helped. They are: Paul and Pat Roelli, Eldon and Kitty Wilson, Marilyn Johns, Tash and Ryker Opland, Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington, and Gloria and Sharan Ohnstad.



Grace’s next turn will be in February. If you are interested in helping (there are a few spots open), please contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771).



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 September total was 38#. Our total for 2025 is 469#.**

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.



DINING OPPORTUNITIES

Hope Lutheran will be hosting their fall **Fish Boil on Saturday, October 11** from 5:00-7:00 PM. Drive thru only! Upper parking lot. All meals are \$18.00.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church of South Wayne is hosting a **Soup Supper** to be held on **Wednesday, October 15**. Supper will be served from 4:00-6:30 PM with a **Harvest Sale Auction** starting at 7:00 PM. Dine in and Carry outs are available. Costs are: Adult - \$8.00, Kids 12 and under - \$5.00, and Kids 2 and under are free. Menu is homemade chicken noodle soup, homemade beef noodle soup, chili, cheese, homemade style breads, pie, bars, and beverage.

Peace Lutheran Church in Belmont is holding their **Fall Dinner on Sunday, November 2** from 11:00-1:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per meal. The menu consists of Swiss steak, real mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, bread and pie.

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





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for OCTOBER

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Altar Care	Worship at	Marilyn Johns	Worship at	Jalaine Ruegsegger Sheila Carrington
Reader	Hope	McKenna Roelli	Hope	Sandy Reis
Greeters*	↓	Dan Meyers Family	↓	Judy Boll Sheila Andrews
Ushers**	↓	Don Leinberger	↓	Don Leinberger
Acolytes	↓	Joel Meyers	↓	Serenedy Opland
Communion	↓	Marilyn Johns	↓	Jalaine Ruegsegger
Bread	↓	Mary Roelli	↓	Mary Roelli

*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).

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Thank you to those who signed up to provide refreshments following worship. If interested in helping, please contact Pat Roelli (482-0572).

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



October 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

* Sunday School: Students will be released after children's message for Sun. School			1 5:15-7:15 PM Wed. Night Prayer Warriors @ Grace	2	3	4
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9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope *Sun. School Following Fellowship: Joint Council Mtg	19	20	21	22 10:00 AM Worship Committee 5:00-8:30 PM Confirmation Jubilee! @ Dodgeville Grace	23	24 Newsletter Deadline
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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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