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“Blessing of Animals & Pets”

Birth Anniversary of Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion (in parking lot)

Bring your pets, animals, or something to represent them (a collar, picture, toy, etc.)

Last Sunday outdoors, lower level parking lot.

Dress for the weather and bring lawn chairs if you like!

WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE (Indoor worship begins on October 10)

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
- * Faithful Forum (Bible study and discussion with refreshments)
(Youth thru adults, lower level with coffee and refreshments)

10:00 AM - Worship with Holy Communion – (fellowship following)

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 with larger groups 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.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation following the service on October 17 thru October 24. Pastor Larry Balleine will conduct the service. Pastor Dan Bohlman, Yellowstone & Argyle/Apple Grove Lutheran, will be the contact for emergencies (608/543-3088).



From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate

Romans 15 (MSG) ¹⁻² “Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?” ³⁻⁷ That’s exactly what Jesus did. He didn’t make it easy for himself by avoiding people’s troubles, but waded right in and helped out. “I took on the troubles of the troubled,” is the way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it’s written for us. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we’ll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus! So reach out and welcome one another to God’s glory. Jesus did it; now you do it!”

I have encountered and reflected upon this paraphrase of Romans 15:1-7 several times over the past week. It convicts and encourages me; it clarifies my role as a disciple; it reminds me of the character of the God I worship and look to for my life and purpose; it excites me and reminds me that we who believe and place our trust and our lives in the person of Jesus Christ are a part of the great, harmonious “choir” that has been joined together as one body to love and serve one another in the world.

This text is worth taking some time to ponder. How does the vision being put forth translate for us as Grace Lutheran Church in Darlington, Wisconsin? In what places and situations is God already present and working -- in our personal relationships, our church, and in our community -- so that we might see, celebrate, and share with others what God is doing? Where is God calling us to join in **God’s mission**: to build and deepen relationships and to walk alongside those who share in the work of love for our own people *and* our neighbors, the one’s we’ve met *and* the ones we haven’t yet? Come! We are church together! Let us see what new things God has planned for us as we move forward in God’s Grace!

See, I am about to do a new thing; it now springs forth – do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:1

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kate

A Call by the Worship Committee for Worship Ministers

Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Acolytes, Communion Assistants, Bringing Forward the Offering/Elements, Screen Techs

NOTICE: We have a new way to volunteer to serve at Sunday worship services!

- a. **Contact us** with the area(s) in which you are interested in serving.
(e-mail: darlinglutherans@gmail.com; office phone: 608.776-4462)
- b. **Newbies** are not only encouraged, but **welcomed!**
- c. **A schedule will be created and sent** to the volunteers, along with basic instructions for serving and contact information for swapping dates.
- d. **On-site support** is available before and during the service. We recommend arriving early to get acclimated.
- e. **Special Call for Ushers:** We would like to start scheduling a couple people per service in addition to our Head Usher to have help straightening pews after service. **If you are not able or asking not to be scheduled, please notify us.** Otherwise we're hoping to schedule many of our households to serve in this role.

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS! (Confirmation)

You can either:

- partner with another household to provide the simple meal, help serve, then join us for supper and conversation with our Confirmation students,
- or just join us as our guests for dinner and conversation with our students!

Contact Pastor Kate if you would like to participate.

OCTOBER 31 - SPECIAL DAY

Sunday, October 31 is Halloween AND Reformation Sunday! Want to help us plan something special and fun outside our front doors for the community that evening? Contact Pastor Kate or Council President Don Barnard, VP Steve Fleming, or Secretary Kris Fleming.

CARE TEAM

Jalaine Ruegsegger will be contacting people to help put together packages for Halloween. Date will be announced.

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).



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



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 second 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

MISSION IN MOTION: Team to help us look at the needs of our community and beyond, and how we can accompany and serve our neighbors through partnerships.

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 – Screen Tech

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.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- Everyone who contributed snacks, willing hands, open hearts, school bags, organized volunteers, picked up roadside litter, prayed for safety, packed bags and boxes for Lutheran World Relief, and donated school supplies for “God’s Work/Our Hands” Sunday!
- Fellowship Hosts in September – Vicki Johnston and Pat Roelli, Mary Ann Roelli and Heather Blosch, Tina Riechers and Jan Riechers. Thank you for the delicious goodies!
- Jalaine Ruegsegger and Pat Roelli and others who have been watering our plants.
- Pat and Paul Roelli for the beautiful mums in front of the building.
- Jalaine Ruegsegger for decorating the church narthex for fall.
- To all who contributed to the confirmation suppers: Barb Schilling, Jody & Tim White, Brian & Bridget Schilling and Paul & Pat Roelli.
- Everyone who has helped with our outdoor worship with set up & take down, especially Don & Laura Barnard, Kris & Steve Fleming, Jody & Tim White, Don Leinberger and many others!
- Dick Anderson for repairing the storage cabinets in the lower level.
- Bridget Schilling for hanging pictures and dry erase boards in the lower level.
- Our dedicated leaders serving on Council, Reboot Buddies, Worship Committee.
- Those who organized and served the funeral luncheon for the family and friends of R. J. Brunkow.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation: Diane Bredeson (procedure), Barb Nelson (recovering from surgery), Barb Schilling (healing), Gladys Christensen, Billie Ferger, Sandy Reis

Friends and Family: Kathy Anderson (mother of Rhonda Roelli, grandmother of Marta and McKenna - hospice), Bryan Krahenbuhl (nephew of Stacey Smith – cancer), Brian Peck (brother of Pastor Kate - heart surgery 8/31), Dale Egeland, Joyous White, Marilyn Carpenter, John Kowatch, Lindsey Nyffenegger (cancer), Brian Lancaster (hospice), Katherine Schultz (mother of Val Thompson), Ryan Roelli (healing foot), Shirley Hastert (broken arm), Judy Berget (broken arm).

We remember also the family and friends of R. J. Brunkow who passed away on September 16 and to the family and friends of Marilyn Chambers who passed away on September 26.

We pray for Lilly Badertscher and Mercedes & Joel Meyers as they prepare for baptism.



Celebration!



Birthdays:

Duane Nelson (10/02)
Harold Elzen (10/09)

Joe Riechers (10/07)
Ryker Opland (10/10)
Paul Roelli (10/27)

Adolph Blaser (10/08)
Kitty Wilson (10/25)

Anniversaries:

Barb & Bill Schilling (10/07)
Kris & Steve Fleming (10/14)

Alana & Brandon Black (10/08)
Karla & Dick Anderson (10/28)

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! **Anyone want to help be our event photographer?**



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Council Highlights – – September 14, 2021

Things your council is working on:

- * Partnership with Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point
- * Revitalization of our congregation
- * Looking into My Hearing Loop system for church
- * Maintaining property such as replacing sanctuary lights with LEDS; sound system improvements; tree trimming
- * Transition of outdoor worship services from end of August through October 3

Submitted by Kris Fleming, Council Secretary

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

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/>. Check it out!



Faith Formation

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sundays, 9–9:45 AM
(preschool – 4th grade & Faithful Forum)

CONFIRMATION - Wednesdays, 6 - 8 PM, supper is provided.
(5th – 8th grade)

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation known as the **ELCA Youth Gathering**. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering** will take place **July 24-28** in **Minneapolis, MN**.

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 8-10 – Middle School Retreat

October 15-17 – Women’s Retreat

October 30-31 – Elementary Retreat

November 3 – Adult Bus Trip to Fireside Dinner Theater (see info on narthex bulletin board)

More information and registration is available at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org



Taking Faith Home - Christ in Our Home

The October-December edition of *Christ in Our Home* (daily devotional) is available in the narthex).

Taking Faith Home is a weekly resource for families of every size and age; based on the week’s readings (available by email, in bulletins, at entrance).

Some Opportunities to Keep Abreast of Issues, Hear People’s Stories, and Act Generously

- Lutheran Disaster Relief – Lutheran World Relief lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services lirs.org
- ELCA World Hunger elca.org/hunger
- Other ELCA Ministries: *Fund for Leaders, Global Mission, International Women Leaders, Missionaries, and more!* ELCA.org/donate
- Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan lsswis.org
- Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters (LUAD) luad.org

Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently accepting donations. Particular needs right now are canned tuna fish, canned white chunk chicken, canned mandarin oranges, cooking oil, rice, Hamburger Helper, **personal care products** (tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, crème rinse, lotion, etc.), diapers (sizes 3, 4, & 5). **Toilet paper, paper towels and empty egg cartons** are always needed! If you are thinking of donating a turkey, please donated prior to Oct. 31.

Grace Lutheran has donated 84# in September with a year-to-date total of 828#!!! 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).

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).



BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on **Tuesday, October 12** from **12:30-5:30 PM** at the American Legion. For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800/733-2767. Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome!

FISH BOIL

Hope Lutheran Church in Mineral Point is hosting a FISH BOIL on **October 9** with serving from **5:00-7:00 PM**. It is **drive thru only** and the cost is \$15.00/meal. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Upland Hills Hospice.



Confirmand Activities



Lutheran World Relief
Grace assembled and sent 30 school kits along with several boxes of infant supplies, bars of soap and much more!!



October 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)

Pastor on Vacation: October 17 following service thru
 October 24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 AM Grace Space 10:00 AM Worship/HC (in parking lot)	4	5	6 10:00 Worship Committee 5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM Grace Space 10:00 AM Worship/HC (in doors)	11	12 7:00 PM Council Exec.	13 10:00 Hospitality Committee 5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation	14	15	16
17 9:00 AM Grace Space 10:00 AM Worship/HC	18	19	20 5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation at Hope Luth in Min Pt	21	22	23
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24 9:00 AM Grace Space 10:00 AM Worship/HC ----- Pastor on vac	25	26	27 5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation	28	29	30
31 Reformation Day 9:00 AM Grace Space 10:00 AM Worship/HC						



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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
November Newsletter by October 25.