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Grace Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Join in Worship with Grace

After thorough, prayerful, and thoughtful consideration and discussion, we have returned to indoor worship at Grace Lutheran Church beginning October 11, 2020.

Please remember there is *no* way to gather in person which *eliminates all risk* of transmitting COVID. There are only safer choices and modifications we can make to reduce the risk to ourselves, those around us, and the community at large. Our personal choices are an expression of care for self and neighbor; they are profoundly faithful decisions.

For the sake of the health and safety of our community, we will be adhering to the following guidelines:

1. If you are feeling ill, have a fever, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last fourteen days, or have a compromised immune system, please do not attend worship in person.
2. The CDC recommends that people over 65 and those with underlying conditions continue to stay safer at home. We trust you will use your best judgement and make healthy decisions based upon your own situation and level of comfort.
3. Face coverings are required to be worn over the nose and mouth in worship and when other people are in the building. If you forget to bring your own, disposable masks will be provided.
4. Please maintain proper social distancing (at least 6' apart) before, during, and following worship. Ushers will assist with seating by household to maintain safe distancing and 25% capacity, and will release participants by household following the service. If we reach capacity, additional persons will be ushered to the lower level for audio attendance.
5. Please keep hands clean and sanitized, including when entering and exiting the building and after coming in contact with common surfaces. Sanitizing stations are provided.
6. There will be no in-person choral or congregational singing. When music is provided, feel free to listen, whisper, hum, or move to the music.

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7. At the present time Holy Communion will not be celebrated. This may change in the future if/when the Council approves a safer procedure.
8. An offering plate will be placed at the back of the Sanctuary for giving upon entrance and exit.
9. To accommodate contact tracing (should it become necessary) and lines of communication, attendance cards are located for your household in each available spot in the pews. Please complete with the date, names in your party, and updated contact information. Place your card and any used writing utensils provided in the basket provided next to the offering plate.
10. There will be no in-person fellowship with refreshments. If choosing to remain inside to connect with others, please keep connections short and maintain social distancing.
11. The Sanctuary and public spaces will be sanitized each week.
12. If you are not able or have made a faithful choice not to attend in-person worship at this time, you can access Sunday services in the following ways:
 - a. Live-stream on Facebook at **Facebook.com/DarlingLutherans**
 - b. **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT69499PsJBJbLq98exjQqQ> (will be available within a day or two of the service and the link emailed)
 - c. Receive an email or mailing with the worship bulletin, a printed version of the sermon, and occasional devotional materials (contact the church office to request at 608.776.4462 or GraceDar@centurytel.net).
13. Due to our internet capabilities and need for bandwidth for the service, please refrain from using the church's wi-fi around the time and during the worship service.
14. Please make sure to update the office with your current contact information so that we can communicate changes and information as necessary.

These options are a low-tech experiment, along with the hope to make adjustments and learning as we go. Please feel free to contact me or any of our council members with any questions, concerns, or constructive feedback!

With good courage,

Pastor Kate Kieckhafer



From the Desk of Pastor Kate

Beloved People of Grace,

When I think of all of you during these strange times, I am reminded of the apostle Paul and his letters to some of the churches he established among the Gentiles and how he longed to see them, be with them, worship with them, and teach them. This last weekend we heard the beginning of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. In it he writes on behalf of himself, Timothy, and Silas:

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering you before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness in hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, [siblings] beloved by God, that he has chosen you... So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.
-- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4, 2:8

How I long for the time when we can be all together in our physical bodies to worship, pray, fellowship, encourage, serve, learn, and commune! I want to meet you in person, get to know you, spend time with you, study scripture and pray with you, and be inspired by the Holy Spirit through you! I know many of you miss being together as well. Some of you have been unable to be physically present at church for much longer than this pandemic as you have fought battles around your health. We have had only a taste of the separation and isolation that you have suffered as someone who is home-bound. It is even harder now that you are limited even more by people being able to visit you.

The pandemic has limited our freedom in many ways, but it has also brought us surprising, beautiful opportunities. It has given us a way to empathize with our home-bound members, neighbors, and others who may be struggling right now in isolation. Perhaps it has given us more time and hunger for prayer and connection. We may not be able to be physically present with one another, but I encourage us to use this time to reach out to those who are isolated. If you're one of them and you're able, reach out, too! Make a call. Send a card. Offer special prayers. Provide treats or something else to be enjoyed. Record a video that can be shared by a caregiver. Watch for opportunities organized by the congregational life team at Grace to connect. Both the recipient and you will be blessed!

A special thank you to Hannah Badertscher for helping us to connect virtually.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Warmly,
Pastor Kate

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Food Pantry Updates

The Lafayette County Food Pantry

(1033 Main St., Darlington; 608.776.3500)

Tuesdays, Thursdays 10 am – 3 pm

Accepting donations.

In particular need right now:

- Canned vegetables (esp. French-cut green beans, yams or sweet potatoes)
- Holiday meal items (such as: stuffing mix, canned gravy, items for green bean casserole)
- Family-friendly soups (such as tomato, chicken noodle; NO CREAM OF MUSHROOM)
- Toilet paper always needed!
- Hamburger Helper

Donations can be dropped off at Grace in the shopping cart near the fellowship area.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED: The pantry is in urgent 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, and are available regularly on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays (winter and spring), please contact Amanda or Liz at the pantry number.

Thank you!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Grace Lutheran is looking for volunteers to find creative and fun ways to stay connected and support one another. The pandemic has changed the way we connect with one another.

Here are a few ideas how we can connect, encourage, and support one.

- ◆ Send cards to organizations in appreciation of their services.
- ◆ Send cards to homebound and those at the manor.
- ◆ Do a Zoom connection.
- ◆ Meal train sign up in a special situation.
- ◆ Create and deliver goody bags to those who are home bound or can't come to worship.

These are just a few ideas. We would like other thoughts and ideas to add to this list. We are looking for people to lend a helping hand when needed. We can do these projects at church or from home.

Please **contact** Jalaine Ruegsegger if you are interested. 608-482-3031

Memorial Gifts Fund

To give a gift in honor or memory of your loved one, contact Judy Boll at 214-4265 Linda Considine at 776-2410

All People of Grace are Ministers!

In fact, we are all consecrated priests through baptism, as St. Peter in 1 Peter 2[:9] says, "You are a royal priesthood and a priestly kingdom..." Martin Luther

All-Saints Day – November 1

During worship we will be remembering the saints who have gone before us – those who have died and are a part of the “great cloud of witnesses.” We especially lift up those who died in the past year. Those from our congregation include John Schulte (3/10/2020), Ronald Hexom (5/26/2020), Adam Blaser (9/13/2020), and Lilas Saalsaa (9/13/2020). If you have someone you would like to have named during the service, please contact Pr. Kate at

Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com or the church voicemail at 608.776.4462 with the following information:

1. Name of the deceased
2. Connection to the person requesting
3. Death date (if known)
4. Name of person requesting
5. Contact number or email if there are questions

Parent Meetings – Wednesday, October 28

Pastor Kate would like to meet with parents and make arrangements for faith formation and ways of connecting with children, youth and families during the pandemic. The following groups will be gathering at the following times in the fellowship hall, one family per table, socially distanced and masks required. Parents, please also feel free to contact Pastor Kate for conversation and information.

6:30—7:00 pm	Sunday School (preschool-4 th grade)	Parents
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Jr. High Youth (5 th -8 th grades)	Parents & youth
7:30 – 8:00 pm	Sr. High Youth (9 th -12 th grades)	Parents &/or youth

Staff

The Rev. Kate Kieckhafer
Tiffany Donahoe/Judy Elzen,
Administrative Assistants
JoNell Coats, Custodian

2020 Council:

Steve Fleming President
Don Barnard Vice-President
Bridget Schilling Secretary
Hannah Bardertscher, Technology
Tina Riechers, Treasurer

Accessing Worship During a Time of Pandemic

Worship looks a bit different during the pandemic, but we are still church together, wherever you are, for the sake of the world!

You can access our Sunday worship services in the following ways:

In person (*see Pastor Kate's letter*)

Via Facebook Live (*participate live or at a later time*)

Via YouTube (*available early in the week*) Do an internet search on YouTube for "Grace Lutheran Darlington"

OR

Look for a link from the church office in your email later in the week, along with a copy of the week's bulletin.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Perry Lutheran—Daleyville, WI

November 21 - 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Bake sale—Norwegian Treats—Arts & Crafts (No Luncheon this year.)

Raffle tickets may be bought from members or the church office and at the Bazaar. Winners of raffle will be notified after the Bazaar.

Please wear a mask, social distancing is encouraged.

November 1st
Worship begins at 10:00am



Grace Calendar

October 28 (W) Parent meetings for Sunday School, Jr. High (Confirmation) and Sr. High Youth

November 1 (Sun)

All-Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time (*fall back an hour*)

Sunday School begins @ 9:00 am

Worship begins @ 10:00 am

November 11 (W) Church Council, 7:00 pm

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Bible Studies, Devotions, Book Clubs and More

Are you looking for spiritual nourishment and possibly an opportunity to imagine, learn, and wonder? A chance to connect with other "saints & sinners" around word, prayer, current issues and events, a special topic, new book, movie, poetry, or something else? The pandemic and colder days are excellent times for any of these!

Pastor Kate is looking to find interested people to explore the possibilities! If interested, please email, call, or fill out/drop off this slip with the information, and together we will see where the Spirit leads!

Name: _____ Date ____/____/____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in (check all that apply):

bible study book club devotional resources prayer group
 Gather (ELCA women's magazine) short-term, special topics
 other: _____

During the pandemic I would be able to participate (check all that apply):

in-person, small group, distanced & masked
 via Zoom (*circle*): audio video I'm not sure...maybe?
 Facebook
 email

I am interested in resources I can utilize at home (circle all that apply):

Gather Magazine devotionals books phone apps
emails Blogs recommendations podcasts
Living Lutheran Magazine movies family devotions
Other: _____

I am interested in serving on an adult discipleship team with Pr. Kate that will provide and support opportunities for people to grow in faith.

I am interested in using or learning to use technology in worship.



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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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Church email: GraceDar@centurytel.net
Facebook.com/[grace.darlington.1943](https://www.facebook.com/grace.darlington.1943)
Pastor's email: Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com
Pastor's phone: 608.732.9688

Upcoming Schedule:

October 28th meetings

6:30-7:00 p.m. Sunday School, 5th-8th grades,
7:00-7:30 p.m. Jr. Youth Group, Confirmation
Parent & Students

7:30-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Ministry, Youth and
Parent.

November 1st

All Saints Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday school begins

10:00 AM Worship NOTE Change in Time

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Newsletter Deadline

Items need to be submitted for December
Carillon by November 24.