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NOVEMBER 7 - TIME CHANGE!!!!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7

Remembrance of those Christians who have died in the past year, as well as all our siblings in Christ who have gone before us.

Let Pastor know by November 4 if you have names to be read aloud of loved ones in the faith. Members of the assembly will be invited forward to light a candle as well.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE

9:00-9:40 AM – Sunday School– (K-4 grades, lower level classroom)

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: Masks are strongly recommended indoors among larger groups at this time due to the current recommendations of the Lafayette County Health Department and the CDC.

PASTOR ON RETREAT: Pastor will be out of town for continuing education November 1-3 and November 11-14.

ADVENT BEGINS on Sunday, November 28! Watch for more information coming out via email and worship announcements in mid-November.

NEW! LUNCH BUNCH! - Join Pastor Kate for lunch, devotions, and conversation at the Darlington Country Club Thursday, November 4 and November 18, noon-1:00 PM. (If possible, notify Pastor in advance so we can determine a rough head count.)

From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate



There is so much that is capable of causing worry, anxiety, even fear in our daily lives. Situations regarding mental and physical health, situations surrounding loved ones and neighbors, our ability to make a living, to cope and balance all that's coming at us from every direction (add a pandemic onto that!), increasing outside expectations of us, the worry that we're not enough, that we'll fail, or that we might be "found out" for who we *really* are, situations where we feel lonely, isolated, insignificant, unseen. Not to mention all the societal issues! Try as we might, we cannot escape the endless possibilities available to us when it comes to worry.

And yet we hear throughout scripture that it is not God's will that we spend so much energy worrying. Jesus, speaking the words of the Father, tells us:

"Who of you by being anxious can add a single hour to their life? ... So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

- Matthew 6:27, 31-34

I don't believe Jesus is saying "don't be concerned." After all, he says, "*Each day has enough trouble of its own.*" Jesus knows. Our God knows. Jesus came to us as "*Immanuel*"—*God with Us*, fully God and fully human. Jesus also taught us that to know him is to know the Father, and what Jesus shared with his disciples were the words he received from the Father.

I'm a worrier about some things. I don't want to be, but I am. I'm concerned, but it goes beyond that. Sometimes my mind fixates on a worry. Over and over it loops back through it, trying to see some light, come up with a solution, fix the problem. When I'm in the loop, those worries take up a lot of my time, energy, and creative abilities. They rob me of the peace that is gifted to me in Christ through the Spirit. It isn't long before I get distracted, discouraged; my hope wanes. I feel heavy-burdened, tired, and maybe even depressed. Then I might imagine myself as the infamous Martha, a dear friend of Jesus, who welcomed him and the disciples into her home when he was in Bethany.

On one of these occasions, Mary her sister spent her time sitting at Jesus' feet, listening to all that he was saying, while Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. Frustrated, she pointedly asks Jesus, "Don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus' reply to Martha? Jesus looks into her face, into her soul, and says, "*Martha, Martha,*" (I imagine Jesus saying my name, gazing at me with the same love, speaking to me with gentleness and compassion in his voice – with the grace of God, and not the "mean-girl" voice in my head.) "*You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.*"

"Only one thing is needed."

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness," and all that you truly need will be provided for you as well. Trust me. Spend time at my feet. Come to know me better. Remember once again that you are my Beloved, my little child, and I am with you and for you always and forever. Lay those burdens at my feet, and embrace my love for you instead."

Thank you, Jesus. You're always just what I need. Thank you for reminding me.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kate Kieckhafer

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! Everyone invited!!

You are welcome to join our confirmation students and volunteers for supper on Wednesdays! OR

- a. Join us as our guests for dinner and conversation with our students
- b. partner with another household to provide the simple meal, help serve, then join us for supper and conversation

Sign up outside Pr. Kate's office or contact her as to when you'd like to participate.

CARE TEAM

The Care Committee delivered Halloween bags to the Manor, Sienna Crest and our home-bound people. Special thanks to Diane Bredeson, Linda Considine, Pat Roelli and Marilyn Johns for all the extra help in putting the bags together. I couldn't do it without your help!! Jalaine



Christmas Blessing Program

The family tags for Christmas will be available after the first week in November. The Christmas tree will be in front of Pastor Kate's door with the tags on it. Please follow details and deadlines when packages have to be returned. Hope you can help spread some Christmas cheer to families this holiday season.



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. Help water flowers in front of the church and on/or 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.

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.

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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).

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 -

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- Fellowship Hosts in October – Judy Elzen and Missy Zasada, Barb Schilling and Jody White, Bridget Schilling and Laura Barnard, Patty Vamstad and Sharan Ohnstad. Thank you for the delicious goodies!
- Jalaine Ruegsegger and Pat Roelli and others who have been watering our plants.
- Jalaine Ruegsegger for the pumpkins, gourds, and plants on the altar.
- To all who contributed to the confirmation suppers: Mary Ann Roelli, Don and Heather Blosch Family, Wendy Johns, Marilyn Johns, and Tash Opland.
- Paul Roelli for fixing the lower level bathroom.



IN OUR PRAYERS



- We remember in our prayers:

Congregation: Billie Ferger (*recovery*), Linda Considine (*recovery*), Barb Nelson (*recovering from surgery 9/27*), Barb Schilling (*healing*), Gladys Christensen (*life transitions*), Sandy Reis (*healing*) & Charlie Sleep (*strength & peace*).

Friends and Family: Tiffany Donahoe (*healing*), Kathy Little (*terminal cancer, friend of JoNell Coats*), Michael Thompson (*increased faith and strength*), Kathy Anderson (*mother of Rhonda Roelli, grandmother of Marta and McKenna - hospice*), Bryan Krahenbuhl (*nephew of Stacey Smith - cancer*), Brian Peck (*brother of Pr. Kate – recovering from heart surgery 10/12*), Dale Egeland, Joyous White, Marilyn Carpenter, John Kowatch, Lindsey Nyffenegger (*cancer*), Katherine Schultz (*mother of Val Thompson*), Brian Lancaster (*cancer*).

- We remember also the family and friends of Larry Steffes who passed away this past week.

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



Celebration!



Birthdays:

Marv Reis (11/2)
Bridget Schilling (11/12)
Casey Lobdell (11/17)

Serenedy Opland (11/10)
Callie Blosch (11/15)
Cayla Golackson (11/23)
Sheila Andrews (11/24)

Lexi Graham (11/11)
Barbara Lobdell (11/16)
David Chambers (11/24)

Anniversaries:

Les & Sue Torstenson (11/19)

Phil & Lana Bryson (11/28)

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?**



Grace Lutheran Church Council

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Council Highlights – – October 12, 2021

What your council is up to:

- Purchasing a "mesh" system to address continuing internet issues
- Looking for ideas to mitigate sound in the Fellowship Hall
- Exploring options for parishioners with hearing issues to participate more fully in services
- Continuing talks with Hope Lutheran
- Working on the budget
- Looking for folks to join council next year (Jody's and Steve's terms are up)

Submitted by Kris Fleming, Council Secretary

MY HEARING LOOP – Grace will be meeting with Cory and Mike from *My Hearing Loop* on **November 18th** to get an assessment of our sanctuary and fellowship hall spaces as we look at the possibility of getting the system installed. *My Hearing Loop* works with most hearing aids and with cochlear implants by using a magnetic field and person's own device to remove ancillary noise. If you'd like to join us, let Pr. Kate know. Time yet to be determined. In the meantime check out www.myhearingloop.com for great information and demonstrations.



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**. Contact Jody White for information.

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:

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

November 16 – Pioneer and Volunteer Luncheon

November 11-14 – Craft Retreat

December 3 – Road to Bethlehem (Advent Experience)

December 6 – Yesterday's Youth (Senior Adult Day Event)

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



Taking Faith Home - Christ in Our Home

The December-February 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).

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

Synod Newsletter “What Matters”

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!

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

Grace Lutheran has donated 262# in October with a year-to-date total of 1,090 #!!! YAA!!

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 2021!.

We are in need of a couple regular volunteers who would be able to take the donations down from the church to the pantry. Contact Pastor Kate to help.

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).

NORWEGIAN DINNER

The Wiota Lutheran Church is having a Norwegian dinner on November 7 serving 12:00-2:00 PM. The menu is meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, cheese, coleslaw, buns, lefse, Norwegian treats & desserts, coffee, and milk. Adults \$13.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00 5 and under free. Carryouts are available.



FALL DINNER

The Peace Lutheran Church in Belmont is having a Fall Dinner on Sunday, November 14. Serving is from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM carry out only. The cost of the meal is \$12.00 and consists of Swiss steak, real mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cole slaw bread and apple pie.

AMERICAN LEGION STEAK & CHICKEN SUPPER will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 4:30-7:30 PM at the Legion Hall. The choices are NY strip steak (\$15.00), steak (\$12.00), and chicken (\$10.00). For pre-order for pick-up or del



“Blessing of Animals & Pets”
Sunday, October 3



November 2021

Mon-Thu. 9:00-4:00 AM (Pr. Kate's Best Availability)
Contact: 608/732-9688

Tuesdays—9:00-1:00 Church Office Hours (Tiffany)
(Tiffany out until further notice due to back cocerns)

Fridays—Pastor's Day Off

Pastor out for Continuing Education: Nov. 1-3; Nov. 11-14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday Sch. 10:00 AM Worship/HC (All Saints Day)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Worship Committee</p> <p>5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation @ Hope Lutheran- Min. Pt.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pastor Gone—Continuing Ed ----- Thursday—Sunday -----</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday Sch. 10:00 AM Worship/HC</p> <p>Pastor Gone - Continuing Ed</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Hospitality Committee</p> <p>5:15-7:15 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Noon-1:00 PM Lunch Bunch D'ton Co. Club</p> <p>“My Hear- ing Loop”</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Baptism Preparation Event</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday Sch. 10:00 AM Worship/HC</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No Confirmation</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday Sch. 10:00 AM Worship/HC</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>				



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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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 November Newsletter by November 24.