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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God and the Lord Jesus Christ!

As I'm writing this, its been a month since I started at Grace. Time is flying by! I am so thankful to all of you for your prayers for me and for my family as we have been steadily making the transition to making Darlington our home! We are now official owners of what was once the parsonage (1319 Clay St.)! The moving company will be pulling up sometime on September 21st with our things, so I will be out of the office Monday-Thursday in order to get unpacked and settled. In cases of emergency or dire need, I can be contacted on my cell phone at 608.732.9688. Don't hesitate if there's need.



Finally, I want to say how excited and blessed I am to be your pastor! Everyone has been so kind, welcoming, and supportive! A huge thank you to Jody White and the other members of the call committee (Paul, Jalaine, Diane, Sharan, Brian and Linda) and the members of the Council (Steve, Don, Bridge, Tina, Hannah, Val, and Jody) who helped with arrangements and set-up for the ordination. The people who came thought it was a beautiful church and you all were so hospitable! I also want to say thank you to everyone who has so graciously given their time to giving the office/nursery a remodel (Jalaine, Bob, Sheila, Tim and Paul), as well as all the support I've had with the worship services (Don, Don, Mary, Paul, Hannah, the Humble Choir, and so many others)!

I look forward to meeting, getting to know, and walking the journey of life and faith with all of you! Thank you so much!!!

Warmly,
Pastor Kate

HISTORIC GATHERING

In an historic assembly, The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe was elected August 29 to serve a six-year term as the bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mortensen-Wiebe was elected on the 3rd ballot with 166 votes. The **Rev. Stacie Fidler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church Rock Island, IL** received 165 votes. A very close race indeed! (Our interim bishop, The Rev. Peter Rogness, noted that he too was once elected bishop by a one-vote margin. It is rare but it happens!) It is evidence that the Bishop Call Committee brought us several excellent candidates.

While the Rev. Mortensen-Wiebe is not the first female to be elected bishop of this synod, the election is historic on another level. This is the first time an election for this synod has taken place in which all the gathered were not assembled in person. While normally held at a venue in Madison or the Wisconsin Dells, this year's assembly due to the pandemic was held virtually via videoconference. Credentials reported 347 voting members connected using Zoom and Lumi interactive technologies to elect new leadership of the synod and vote on important matters pertaining to the future of its ministry.



The bishop elect currently serves as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Slinger, Wisconsin. She formerly served the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin as interim Director for Evangelical Mission, and as an interim pastor at Orfordville Lutheran Church. She also previously served as pastor of Living Hope Lutheran Church in Saukville, Wisconsin. From 2004 to 2014, Bishop-Elect Mortensen-Weibe served as an Associate to the Bishop in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. She is married to the Rev. Darin Wiebe and they have two daughters.

The Rev. Joy Mortensen-**Wiebe's installation is set for October 11, 2020. More information about how this will occur will be forthcoming in future issues of What Matters.**

Thank you to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Verona Campus, for providing space for synod staff and nominees, ELCA leadership, parliamentarian, credentials staff, website poster, request-for-voice moderator, Studio Gear audio visual support and help desk volunteers who made this event possible. The videos of the assembly and worship services are available to watch here.

Congratulations and blessings to you Bishop-Elect Joy Mortensen Wiebe!

Starting September 2019

Email vicarapenger@gmail.com to join!

Dwelling in the Word Bible Study

- We are beginning again in Dwelling in the Word, this time in the gospel of Mark.
- 16 Chapters over 8 weeks.
- Our again will be conducting over Zoom.

Sunday @ 7pm-8pm & Wednesday @ 5pm-6pm

2020 Council:

Steve Fleming President
Don Barnard Vice-President
Bridget Schilling Secretary
Hannah Bardertscher, Val Thompson & Jody White Call Committee Chairwomen
Tina Riechers, Treasurer

All the 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

SW Cap Food Pantry is currently not accepting food donations.

- Once they are accepting donations again, We will be in contact to see what their needs are,

A Huge Thank You goes out to Blacks Floor Covering! The flooring they installed in the 2 offices is beautiful and they had it done so quickly. Also Thank You Main Furniture and Home for the beautiful loveseats that now create a welcoming space in what was the pastors Office. Everyone has been so wonderful to work with. Grace Lutheran Thanks you from the bottom of our hearts.

Meal on Wheels, Volunteers needed. It is Grace's turn to cover Meals on Wheels in September, we are looking for people/availability to serve in the scheduled times. Grace is scheduled 2-3 months/year to deliver meals on wheels starting around 11 am, M-F. Ideally it works well to have two people on -- one to drive and one to deliver. This ministry is vital to the people who are served, not only physically through nutrition and a well-being check, but also to the mind and spirit of the people served. Please contact Les Torstenson 608-776-2391 for a day/days that you can help.

Oct. 4 Last outdoor worship service of the season
Worship: Thanksgiving and Intercession on Behalf of Creation Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, Renewer of the Church Blessing of Pets

Oct. 11 Worship scheduled to return inside the church building.

Be sure to like and follow Grace on Facebook for updates.

Facebook.com/grace.darlington.1943
Invite others that may not be a part of our page yet and share information with members who may not have facebook or those who may not receive our email updates.

Have email and not getting emails from Grace? Send a request to be added!



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful farewell on Sunday August 16th. The gifts, including all the cheese, chocolate wine, candle, blanket, basket and tie are very much appreciated. (We have never had so great a variety of cheese in our refrigerator at any other time.

Again, I want to say I thoroughly enjoyed the time I was able to spend with you; and I will continue to treasure the friendship we developed. I wish you all the best as your faith journey continue with Pastor Kate.

In gratitude, Larry B.

Sunday worship will remain at 9:00 am for the foreseeable future. The time will be subject to change at a later date as fall programming is determined.

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

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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



September Schedule

Meals on Wheels Volunteers still needed for September.

Worship remains at 9:00 am

September 20 Dwelling in the word Bible Study begins

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