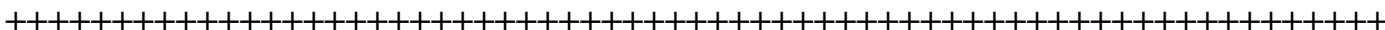


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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Joint Worship Service

followed by *Refresh – Food/Fellowship* for ALL ages

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

2nd & 4th Sundays – Grace Lutheran, Darlington

5th Sundays – March 30 & August 31 at Grace

June 29 & November 30 at Hope

NOTE: The worship time change was enthusiastically supported at both churches' annual meetings in order to help accommodate those with animals and morning chores, as well as those who need more time for preparations and travel. Hope this is a positive for you, too!

LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS



The theme for the season will be “**Lenten Journeys**”. We will be reflecting upon five journeys of faith from the Bible to nourish us in our own journey with God and one another.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5, with a worship service at 5:00 PM at Hope and at Grace at 7:00 PM. Both services will include song, scripture, The Lord’s Supper and the Imposition of Ashes.

On the following Wednesdays, we will be joining with the congregations of Hope and the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Darlington for community soup supper and simple service alternating the location with Grace and Immanuel UCC. Each Wednesday will start at 5:00 PM with a soup supper, with worship beginning around 6:00 PM. Each simple service will be held in the fellowship hall and include scripture, song and reflection. A special offering will also be collected for the Lafayette County Food Pantry.

We will gather at Immanuel on March 12, March 26, and April 9. We will gather at Grace on March 19 and April 2. More information will be coming regarding Holy Week Services.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend all these worship opportunities!

SOUP SUPPER

Soup suppers are planned to begin March 12 prior to the Lenten Vespers on **Wednesdays**. Grace will host the supper on March 19 and April 9 at 5:00 PM. We will need volunteers for set-up, servers, clean-up, and for a list of foods. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at Grace or call Pat Roelli, (608/482-0572). A special offering at the meal will benefit the Lafayette County Food Pantry.



“LIFE RENEWED” DEVOTIONAL FOR 2025 LENTEN SEASON



God brings new life in unexpected ways and in the most unlikely situations. This devotional reflects on how God does this in the creation of all things, the Israelites' rescue from slavery in Egypt, the dry bones and Ezekiel, the fiery furnace, the big fish and Jonah, and more.

Life Renewed provides devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (March 5 to April 19, 2025). The devotions begin with evocative images and brief scripture readings drawn from traditional Easter Vigil texts. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

The 2025 Lenten Devotional “*Life Renewed*” is available for pickup at each church.

RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES

Grace and Hope services are being recorded by Ted in Mineral Point. Each Tuesday a link will be sent to watch the service if you would like (www.youtube.com)



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 YouTube or Spotify

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:



- To everyone who helped host fellowship after worship services this past month: Renae Johnson, Pat Roelli, Mary Roelli and Heather Blosch
- Big thanks to everyone who has helped to keep our plants watered and happy at Grace and Hope.
- Jim Harris for leading worship at Hope on February 16 while Pastor was on vacation.

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>
- AMMPARO -- Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/ammparo



Celebration!



Birthdays

Gary Borcharding (3/3)
Carol Barnard (3/18)
Don Leinberger (3/23)

Judy Boll (3/9)
Judy Elzen (3/19)

Catie Blosch (3/11)
Eldon Wilson (3/19)
Mark Riechers (3/25)

Anniversaries

None

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS



We remember in our prayers:

Congregation/Homebound: Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Stu Vamstad, and the Kleppe family.

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Susie Beiler and family (work injury)

Deaths: families of Les Torstenson and Paul Badertscher

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 – February Meeting

- For Lent, we will be sharing Wednesday services with the Immanuel Church of Christ Church (UCC). We will have a 5:00 PM soup supper with a service afterward in the fellowship hall.
- Our new office computer is here! It will be installed soon...I'm sure Tana can't wait.
- Our new worship time of 9:30 AM started on February 16.
- Remember to say "hi" to the friends from Hope during fellowship.



Installation of Council
February 9

ANNUAL REPORT

There are copies of the Grace Annual Report available outside the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are planning to run a 2025 directory of Grace members. If any of your contact information is incorrect in the current directory or has changed, please let the church office know ASAP.

Noisy Offering

January, February, and March “Noisy” offering is designated to be given to a needy family at Grace. The total for the January and February was \$114.42.



CARE COMMITTEE



The care committee is starting to plan for the Easter season. We are getting things ordered to be put together to be delivered to all of our homebound people over Easter. If interested in helping with this project, please let one of the care committee members know and there will be a date set in the future to put them all together.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for MARCH

	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	March 30
Altar Care	Worship at	Linda C. Diane B.	Worship at	Marilyn J.	To be scheduled
Reader	Hope	Linda C.	Hope	Marilyn J.	
Greeters*	↓	Barb & Duane Nelson	↓	Laura & Don Barnard	
Ushers**	↓	Don L.	↓	Don L.	
Acolytes	↓	Joel M.	↓	Serenedy O.	
Communion	↓	Linda C.	↓	Marilyn J.	
Bread	↓	Pat R.	↓	Pat R.	↓

**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).



Mar. 2 - Hope
 Mar. 9 - Diane Bredeson
 Barb Nelson
 Mar. 16 - Hope
 Mar. 23 - Tina Riechers
 Pat Roelli
 Mar. 30 - Kris Fleming
 Kate Chambers

Apr. 6 - Hope
 Apr.13 – Judy Boll
 Linda Considine
 Apr. 20- Easter
 Apr. 27- Judy Elzen
 Missy Zasada

FAITH FORMATION



Confirmation Classes

No classes are scheduled during Lent

SUGAR CREEK

The 2025 Sugar Creek brochure is available on the bulletin board. Check it out! Grace will pay 100% for their member to attend camp and 50% for a friend. There are also opportunities for families, children, youth, and grandparents.



TIME TO REDISCOVER THE ASTONISHMENTS OF NATURE

See the brochure on **page 7** of this newsletter!!

COMMUNITY



MEALS ON WHEELS

It is Grace's turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels in April. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771).

ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS WITH TAXES

The tax assistance program that is available in Lafayette County is known as the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. The volunteers will be at Grace on Mondays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on March 17, 24, 31 and Friday, April 9 from 9:00-noon to assist seniors with their filing. This tax program also partners with Lafayette County ADRC in Darlington that makes all the appointments with the taxpayers (608/776-4960) or sign up on the bulletin board.



Lafayette County Food Pantry



The pantry is in **need of donations**. They continue to have a **large increase of families in need!** 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! **February total was 67#! The total for 2025 is 85#.**

Some interesting Pantry totals: total people served in 2024 was 5,092 and total people served in 2025 was 6,708.

Nature Contemplation in the Driftless *Rewilding Series*

of Seeking Peace & Justice,
as we interact with the Natural Environment God created.

*"Outdoors we are confronted everywhere with wonders;
we see that the miraculous is not extraordinary but
the common mode of existence. It is our daily bread. -Wendell Berry*

SATURDAY MARCH 22 - 10 AM

Spring Equinox Celebration



Rev. Daniel Cooperrider
Sardeson Preserve
Mineral Point

Wild Church Service
& Fire Pit
Hwy 39 & Betty Lane
Mineral Point, WI

SUNDAY APRIL 6 - 9:30 AM

Creation Care Service

Pastor Kate Kieckhafer
Hope Lutheran
555 Commerce Street
Mineral Point



Saturday, March 22 - 2 PM
Book talk on
Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You
by Daniel Cooperrider
Hosted by Republic of Letters Bookstore,
151 High Street, Mineral Point
Reception at The Book Kitchen



SUNDAY MAY 4 - 10 AM

Wild Church Service

Eric Anglada
Catholic Worker Farm
Soldiers Memorial Park
Mineral Point

SUNDAY MARCH 23 - 10 AM

Indoor Creation Care Service
Congregational UCC
300 Maiden Street, Mineral Point

*These events are all
FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC
Families Welcome!
Participate in all 5 sessions, or just
one. All are welcome!*

SATURDAY MAY 17 - 10 AM

Wild Church Service
with Rev. Daniel Cooperrider
Oak Savanna at Mineral Point Elementary School
611 Cothorn Street
Mineral Point

SUNDAY MAY 18 - 10 AM

Indoor Creation Care Service
Congregational UCC
300 Maiden Street, Mineral Point

Isn't it time we rediscovered the astonishments of nature?

Thank you to our Sponsors for making this Creation Care Series possible:

Wisconsin Conference UCC

Master Gardeners of Iowa County

Driftless Area Land Conservancy

The Republic of Letters

The Book Kitchen

Congregational UCC

Hope Lutheran Church

Trinity Episcopal Church

Generous, Earth Conscious Members of our Community

Southwest Graphics, 426 Main Street, Darlington, WI

March 2025

Pastor's Schedule (608/732-9688)

Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com

Tuesdays - Thursdays



Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays: Pastor's Day Off

Office Hours

Tana Risseeuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)

DarlingLutherans@gmail.com

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	2	3	10:00 AM Worship Committee	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Grace Council Following worship & fellowship			Lenten Ecumenical Supper/Vespers @ UCC Church		10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center			
9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Hope Council Following worship & fellowship				Lenten Ecumenical Supper/Vespers @ Grace			**10:00 AM & 2:00 PM Driftless Re- wilding Series	
9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
**10:00 AM Driftless Re- wilding Series		10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor		Lenten Ecumenical Supper/Vespers @ UCC Church	Newsletter Deadline			
9:30 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship & Grace	30	31	UPCOMING Lenten Ecumeni- cal Supper/ Vespers 4/2 @ Grace 4/9 @ UCC				HOLY WEEK SERVICES 4/13 - 9:30 Palm Sunday @ Grace 4/17 - Maundy Thursday @ Grace 4/18 - Good Friday Services @ both Hope and Grace 4/13 - EASTER Services @ Both Hope and Grace	
		**See article in newsletter for details: <i>Driftless Rewilding Series</i> for details						



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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
- ✚ Follow the way of the cross

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