

June 2024

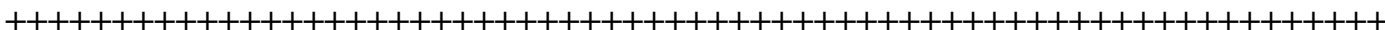
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Our SUMMER Worship Theme



WORSHIP TIMES

January – June 2024

8:30 AM at Hope in Mineral Point
10:30 AM at Grace in Darlington

July – December 2024

8:30 AM at Grace in Darlington
10:30 AM at Hope in Mineral Point

PLEASE NOTE:

Our worship time will change beginning with the worship on July 7 and continuing thru December.

THE GOOD BOOK – Bible Study and Discussion

WRAPPING UP – 11:00-12:45 – Grace Fellowship Hall – Lunch Provided
(NOTE change of location)

June 3 Chapter 39: Straight Talk (James 1)
Chapter 40: Becoming Your True Self; Epilogue (1 John 3)
Epilogue



An Excellent Devotional Book for Your Summer Reading (or anytime!) –

Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation

By Sam Hamilton Poore



How are Christians to respond as stewards of God's creation? Explore through prayer the interconnecting love that binds God, human-kind, and creation--forming a sacred trust.

Earth Gospel offers four weeks of prayer (seven days per week with prayers for morning, midday, and evening) to encourage care of God's creation. Each daily reading includes scripture, hymn texts, beautiful poems and reflections from sages across time, and blessings. Featured voices include Emily Dickinson, Wendell Berry, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther, E.E. Cummings, Julia Esquivel, Annie Dillard, Henry David Thoreau, Catherine of Siena, and many others.

Paperback copies for purchase at church for \$11.00. Also available through Amazon.

WE HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRAD

On Sunday, May 19, we honored our graduating senior:

Ryker Frost Opland



To catch up with him, we asked him to share with us the following:

1. What have been the most significant experiences, learning, accomplishments, or interest you have had during your high school years?

I was able to complete my high school virtually which was a challenge I made to myself and my mom.

2. What are your plans after graduation?

Unsure, but I have always aspired, since first grade, to be a voice actor so working toward that goal is a first thought.

3. Have you any memorable and impactful faith experiences you care to share?

Due to my Autism, it has always been hard for me to get out of the house and so going to church has been hard.

4. Who has/have been the most influential person/people in your life, faith, or otherwise, to date?

In what way?

My mom and my grandma. I trust and love them. They have always been there to help me when I need something or when something is bothering me. They are also sane, unlike my siblings. 😊



Congratulations Ryker!!

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- Steve Kottke for being our representative at the Synod Assembly held on May 18
- to all those who helped with the celebration of life and meal for the family and friends of Gladys Christensen on May 17
- for all those who helped to make Graduate Recognition Sunday special
- to our Council leadership



Thank You Received

“Thank you for allowing the Lafayette County Home and Community Education (HCE) to use your Fellowship Hall for our Spring Fling. We had a nice turnout and your facility worked very well. Thank You!” Lafayette County HCE
(A donation of \$50.00 was received.)

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation/Homebound: Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Stu Vamstad, Kitty Wilson

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Joan Miller (Jan Riechers' sister), Richard Roelli (Greg's brother), Buck Virtue (health issues), Callie Rickard (Jacob Riechers' fiancée), Pastor Larry Balleine and Pansy (cancer/house fire), Scott Glendenning, and Rijalda (Diane's niece Hannah's fiancé).

Deaths: the family and friend of Gladys Christenson who passed away last week



Celebration!



Birthdays

Pat Stauffacher (6/2)

Vera Black (6/4)

Gary Bald (6/8)

McKenna Roelli (6/3)

Greg Roelli (6/6)

Kris Fleming (6/10)

Don Barnard (6/4)

Laura Barnard (6/7)

Barb Schilling (6/24)

Anniversaries

Heather & Don Blosch (6/4)

Kate & Mike Chambers (6/22)

Missy & Dave Zasada (6/26)

Jennifer & Steve Kottke (6/19)

Vicki & Bill Johnston (6/24)

Barb & Troy Lobdell (6/28)

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.

Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Linda Considine
Vice President Chuck Barnard
Secretary: Kris Fleming
Mary Ann Roelli

Financial Secretary: Steve Fleming
Treasurer: Tina Riechers
Don Barnard
Jody White

Council Highlights – What your council is working on --

(Information not available a printing time)

NOISY OFFERING



During the offering on Sundays, an **extra** collection is taken up each week for those in need in our community. The total of our **May offering** during worship, as well as additional contributions, will go to Pastor Larry and Pansy Balleine to help with recovery from the house fire and needs related to Pastor Larry's cancer treatments. If writing a check, please make payable to Grace Lutheran Church **but you MUST put in the Memo: Pastor Larry or Balleine donation.**

June's Noisy offering will go to support Lutheran Camping Ministries.

CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee would again like to thank all the generous people who donated cards to our committee to send out. We are short on anniversary cards so if anyone has some they would like to donate that would be wonderful. Thanks!



The care committee would like to thank Marilyn Johns and Linda Considine for helping at Manor bingo on May 22. It was another fun afternoon with the residents!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH



A Volunteer Appreciation brunch for the people of **Hope and Grace** will be held on Tuesday, June 11 beginning at 10:30 Am in Grace Fellowship Hall. This brunch is hosted by Pastor Kate. **All are Welcome!!!**

Please RSVP if possible to darlinglutherans@gmail.com or 608/776-4462, or text Pastor Kate at 608/732-9688 by Sunday, June 9.

HOPE FISH BOIL



Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point will be hosting a Fish Boil on June 15 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The menu includes fish, potatoes, onions, cole slaw, roll & butter, and dessert. Volunteers and donations (cookies, bars, roll, apple sauce) needed!

SALAD LUNCHEON at HOPE

Hope Lutheran is hosting their Annual Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, July 16 from 11:00-1:00 PM. The luncheon will be held in the church basement. The cost is \$7.00 for dine in or “to-go’s”



CONFIRMATION CAMP



Prayers for safe travels, good weather, growth, and transformation for Mercedes Meyer and Pastor Kate! They will be attending confirmation camp at Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferryville, WI on June 16-June 21.

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

The 2024 schedules for Sugar Creek Bible Camp are out!! Check out the Calendar of Events listed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Check it out!! Their website (www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org) has online information and registration.



CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DAILY DEVOTIONAL

The issue for July/August/September will be available in the gathering area at church in early June.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) PERSONAL CARE KITS & BABY CARE KITS



We have completed our drive for items for Personal Care and Baby Care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be putting the kits together later in the fall. Watch for notice of when we will need some help putting them together. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the completion of these care kits!!!!





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for JUNE

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Altar Care	Linda C. Diane B.	Marilyn J.	Mary R. Pat R.	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Linda C. Diane B.
Reader	Linda C.	Serenedy O.	Kris F.	Eldon W.	CallieB.
Greeters*	Judy B. Sheila A.	Linda C. Diane B.	Steve & Kris Fleming	Chuck & Carol Barnard	Don & Heather Blosch Family
Ushers**	Don L. Joel M.	Don L. Serenedy O.	Don L. Steve F.	Don L. Chuck B.	Don L. Gary B.
Acolytes	Joel M.	Serenedy O.	Marta R.	Don L .	Callie B.
Communion	Linda C.	Marilyn J.	Mary R.	Jalaine R.	Linda C.
Bread	Marilyn J.	-----	Mary R.	-----	Pat R.

**Please arrive 20 minutes early.*

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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

Fellowship refreshments following services will be taking a break during the summer months and will resume in September. If interested in helping when we resume please contact Vicki Johnston (776-4572) or Pat Roelli (482-0572).



COMMUNITY

Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently in **strong need of donations**. They have had 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 2024!

May total was 32 #! The total for 2024 is 381#.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace Lutheran's next time to deliver meals are the months of **June** and **November**. Contact Marilyn Johns at 608/482-1771 if you would like to help.



GOSPEL MUSIC FEST

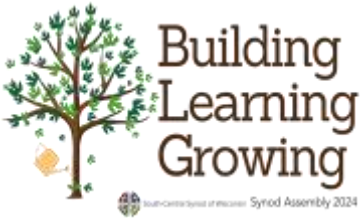
Mineral Point Gospel Music Fest will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Iowa County Fair Grounds in Mineral Point. Gospel music will be presented by many Christian signers and groups (Nondenominational). Free admission and food will be available to purchase. Free will offerings will be given to the music groups. Check out the poster on the narthex bulletin board.

WISDOM ACTION NETWORK

WISDOM's work for environmental justice has centered on the "Rights of Nature". In the Rights of Nature movement, we *recognize that nature – water, land, animals – have a right to exist and to be healthy. The natural world does not exist solely to be exploited for economic gain. Humanity is part of the natural world, not its owner. The concept is simple, but the implications are enormous.*



We are invited to participate in a webinar on June 5, called "What's New in Rights of Nature?" We can learn about the surprising progress that has been made here in Wisconsin, and around the world. More importantly, you can learn more about what kinds of commitments we need from those who want to represent us in Madison next year. You can register for the webinar by going to info+wisdom-action-network-inf@email.actionnetwork.org



2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2024 Synod Assembly was held Saturday, May 18 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville under the theme of “Building, Learning, Growing.” Steve Kottke from Grace and Ted Weier from Hope along with Pastor Kate attended the Assembly.

The keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Lebrija, Executive Director of the TryTank Research Institute. Lorenzo took assembly participants on a journey to explore the current landscape of the Church, contemplate its potential future, and rekindle our faith in God’s abundant grace. Emphasizing the importance of innovation and forward-thinking, Lorenzo invited us to explore how embracing design thinking can transform the ways we seek to engage with the world around us. View Rev. Dr. Lebrija’s presentation slides and read his invitation to join in monthly discussions at: www.trytank.org/janesville

In the business portion of the Assembly, the 2025-2026 Spending Plan, a resolution regarding the war between Israel and Hamas, a number of changes to the SCSW constitution, the 2025 Compensation Guidelines were all approved, and the election of leaders to a number of positions.

To view the complete recap of the Assembly go to www.scsw-elca.org and click on “2024 Synod Assembly in the top of the page.

GRACE IN PICTURES



Sermon of the Day
May 26



Pentecost
May 19



Student Recognition
May 19

Humble Choir



June 2024


Pastor's Schedule (608/732-9688)

Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com
 Mondays - Thursdays
 Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

Office Hours

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	2	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ Grace Lunch provided	3	4	6:30 PM Grace Council	5	6	7	10:00 AM- 5:00 PM Min. Pt. Gospel Fest @ Iowa Co. Fair Grounds	8
8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	9	10	10:30 AM Volunteer Appr. Luncheon @ Grace Fellow- ship Hall	11	12	13	14	15	12:00 -2:00 Synod Open House 5:00-7:00 PM Hope Fish Boil	
8:30 AM Worship/Hope 10:30 AM Worship/Grace	16	17	18	6:00 PM Hope Council	19	20	21	22	----- Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek Bible Camp -----	
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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 the
 July Newsletter by June 24

