

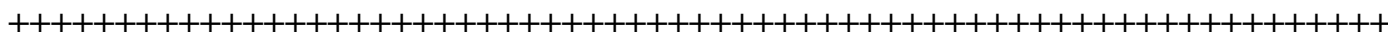
July 2024

# THE CARILLON



Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



## WORSHIP TIMES

July – December 2024

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

Come check out  
Our SUMMER Worship Theme



## FROM the KEYBOARD of PASTOR KATE .....

For your thoughtful reflection, consideration, and conversation with others --

### What is faith, and why is it important?

Martin Luther once wrote, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that you could stake your life on it one thousand times. ... Through faith, a person will do good to everyone without coercion, willingly and happily; serving everyone, suffering everything for the love and praise of God, who has shown such grace." Faith, then, is not about intellectually agreeing to a set of beliefs but about living in a trusting relationship with God in response to God's grace. Faith is our confident hope that living in God's promises sparks renewal to love and serve neighbors, as God in Christ loves us.

### What is a congregation?

A congregation is a community of faith that gathers for worship, fellowship, learning and service. It's a place to find connection with others as you experience and share God's love and grace together and grow in faith and fortitude as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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## From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate ... (continued)

### Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism

We are living in unprecedented times. There is much that we cannot control, but we can control our choices of behavior. **Now is the time to intentionally choose healthy patterns** to offset the isolation, grief, lament, polarization and negativity related to these times.

**Healthy choices include faith practices.** Our Affirmation of Baptism (ELW, p. 237) provides five **faith practices** to integrate into our daily life. The Holy Spirit uses these, **along with prayer, bible study, caring conversations, and rituals and traditions**, as gifts to teach discipleship, stir the embers of faith, create bold leaders, and transform congregations to be communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world. **Communities of Jesus are intended to be life-changing.** Vitality comes as our spirits become alive in Christ through faith practices, each meant to be received as a gift from God. Five faith practices we name in our Affirmation of Baptism are to –

- **Live** among God’s faithful people;
- **Hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord’s supper;
- **Proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- **Serve** all people following the example of Jesus;
- **Strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.

**Every Sunday in worship** ELCA congregations hear God’s word from the Scriptures, pray together and come to the Lord’s Table expecting to receive the mercies that the Triune God promises.

**Throughout the week** ELCA members continue to live by faith, serving others freely and generously in all that they do because they trust God’s promise in the Gospel. In private devotions and small group studies, at the side of the sick and lonely, as we accompany those in need and in our daily work, this faith saturates all of life.

**The Holy Spirit uses the Scriptures to present Jesus to all who listen to or read them.** That is why Lutheran Christians say that the Scriptures are the “source and norm” of our teaching and practice. Despite the diversity of viewpoints and the complexity of the many narratives contained in the Scriptures, Lutheran Christians believe that the story of God’s steadfast love and mercy in Jesus is the heart and center of what the Scriptures have to say. **We are being equipped** to live and serve in the world with all its complexities, tensions and ambiguities with God’s grace and truth.

#### **I encourage you to take the time to do a spiritual self-assessment:**

- **How often am I showing up and participating in worship and fellowship with my faith community?**
- **When and in what ways am I being nourished through the Scriptures?**
- **Do I take personal time with God each day?**
- **Where am I using my spiritual gifts to benefit and support others in Jesus’ name?**
- **When was the last time I invited someone to join me for worship or bible study & a meal?**
- **When was the last time I connected with my pastor about my relationship with God and my spiritual needs?**

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**From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate (continued)**

**These questions are meant to be considered in conversation with the Holy Spirit. They are also helpful for conversation with me and/or other faithful, trusted disciple of Jesus. You are meant for abundant life -- to be growing and flourishing in your relationship with God and with God's people. Don't go it alone!**

With heartfelt love and concern,  
Pastor Kate

**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, humankind, 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.



# Celebration!



## Birthdays

Bella Black (7/3)  
Gloria Blaser (7/9)

Mike "Wally" Chambers (7/6)  
Barb Nelson (7/11)

Blaze White (7/7)  
Katie Riechers (7/22)

## Anniversaries

Pat & Paul Roelli (7/17)  
Dave & Sharan Ohnstad (7/25)  
Linda & Hank Considine (7/25)

Chris & Lexa Barnard (7/24)  
Bob & Jalaine Ruegsegger (7/25)  
Judy & Harold Elzen (7/31)

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.

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- those who volunteered to deliver Meals -on-Wheels during the month of June
- Jalaine, Sheila and others for cards sent out on behalf of our congregation



### Thank Yous Received

“Dear Grace Lutheran Friends,

We want to thank you for your generous offering sent our way after the fire. Your gift and those of many others are certainly helping us get back on our feet.

The fire destroyed our home and almost all of our belonging. Neither Pansy nor I were injured in the blaze. (Other than a low grade burn on my left arm which has healed nicely). Thankfully, some neighbors and fire fighters were able to rescue a couple of important file cabinets and some “sentimental” items. The Monticello community (and many persons from the nearby towns including Darlington, New Glarus and Monroe) have been extremely kind, generous and helpful. Our church has offered a good deal of assistance, and since we are searching for a new pastor, the church board has invited us to occupy the church parsonage for a few months. So we are now back in the home we lived in from 1996-2014.

Another positive note: There is a new home being built in Monticello. In its 1300 square feet are three bedrooms and two bathrooms. And it has no steps. Not a large house by any means, but certainly adequate to meet our needs. It will not be finished until sometime in August, but this could work out well for us.

Again we want to thank you and many others for your generous support which has helped to sustain us through this unforeseen turn of events. I have never hesitated to say that “in the end is NOT the quantity or our possessions that is most important; but rather, what remains most important is the quality of our relationships—with God and each other.”

We are now experiencing firsthand the truth of this statement such that our gratitude outweighs our loss.

We wish you our very best,”

Pansy and Larry Balleine

“Dear Pastor Kate:

We have had another successful tax program this year. Without a place to meet and serve taxpayers, we would not been able to prepare returns for the largely low-income and elderly community in Lafayette County. We had six sessions in Darlington and two in Argyle with some extra days for pick-up of prepared returns.

Our service levels were similar to last year. We assisted 136 taxpayers (including spouses) by submitting 118 tax returns. Assuming an average commercial cost of \$150 to prepare a return, we saved our taxpayers \$17,700. In addition, the total state and federal refund amount was over \$96,000.

The basement of Grace Lutheran is perfect for our purpose. I am sure you are aware how important your space is to the tax assistance program. Please pass on to the Council and the congregation the gratitude from our program and the taxpayers.”

Sincerely, Stanton Bigelow, Local Coordinator, Tax-Aide Program

## IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



**Congregation/Homebound:** Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Stu Vamstad, and Pat Roelli

**Friends, Family, & Neighbors:** Richard Roelli (Greg's brother), Buck Virtue (health issues), Callie Rickard (Jacob Riechers' fiancée), Pastor Larry Balleine and Pansy (cancer/house fire), Cait, Dan and Ellie Janosch (Steve and Kris Fleming's daughter/son-in-law/granddaughter) and Rijalda (Diane's niece Hannah's fiancé).

**Deaths:** Family of Joan Miller (Jan Riecher's sister)

## PRAYER REQUEST

Pastor Dan Bohlman and the congregation of Argyle/Apple Grove Lutheran Church on the loss of the Apple Grove building via an EF-2 tornado on June 22. There is currently a Facebook "Go Fund Me" campaign to raise money to repair the damage to the cemetery, as it was not insured. After a time of grief, the congregation will be in discernment as to God's call and their need of building space. Please keep them and the process in your prayers. Our synod's website/newsletter will be a good place to keep posted on updates (<https://scsw-elca.org>)

## LETTER FROM SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN re: APPLE GROVE

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As you are likely already aware, Apple Grove Lutheran Church, a congregation of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (Green/Grant/Lafayette Conference), was destroyed by a tornado on Saturday, June 22.

Below is an update from Pastor Dan Bohlman, including information about how you can help the congregation as they begin the process of clean-up and recovery.

*It is with great love that our congregation at Apple Grove says thank you to everyone who has reached out with prayers, concern for us, and offers to help both physically and with financial gifts.*

*Our initial need right now is to work on our cemetery. We have somewhere in the area of \$30,000 damage. We want to make sure that the tombstones are picked up and restored to their footings.*

*With the needs of the cemetery in mind, if you would like to give a donation to help restore our cemetery, you can send a check written out to "Argyle-Apple Grove Lutheran Church." The mailing address is: Yellowstone/Argyle-Apple Grove Lutheran, Box 217, Argyle, W 53504.*

*If donations exceed the final cost of the cemetery repairs, the extra funds will be placed in a special account and will be used by the church to cover expenses not covered by insurance.*

*We again want to thank everyone for your love and support as our church journeys through this difficult time. We are so blessed that you are taking some of the burden off of our shoulders.*

*God bless you,  
Pastor Dan Bohlman and our congregation*

Please continue to hold in prayer Apple Grove Lutheran Church and its surrounding community and all those who have been affected by the recent severe weather. Please also visit the Lutherans United Assisting after Disaster (LUAD) website for information about disaster response in our area and how you can get involved.

Alongside you,  
Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebel and the SCSW Office of the Bishop

## 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 --

- Worship committee reports work on plans to update and add new banners, to replacing existing wax candles with oil style, and purchasing new chalice and bread plate.
- Discussion of finding an opportune time to provide an education time
- Replaced current phone due to issues
- Faith Innovation Team training to start in August
- Technology Taskforce to do an assessment of needs and issues
- Discussed a joint picnic (Grace and Hope) for this summer



### NOISY OFFERING

During the offering on Sundays, an **extra** collection is taken up each week for those in need in our community. We will continue with **July's offering** going to support kids attending bible camp.

### 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”. Anyone up for carpooling? Contact the church office or Pastor Kate or a sign up sheet has been posted in the narthex.



### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS



Beginning in mid-July we will be collecting supplies for school bags for kids in need. A list of the needed supplies and guidelines is available for pickup at Grace. Kits will be packed in September. Bins will be provided outside the office for collection.

### NOW COLLECTING!!! USED T-SHIRTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again we are collecting **old t-Shirts, all size/colors** (not “hole-y” ones) to make into the **cloth diapers** needed for baby care kits. (Tip: Got kids or grandkids who have aged out of activity t-shirts?) Thank you to First English Lutheran of Platteville for making and giving back diapers for the kits.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for JULY

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Altar Care	Marilyn J.	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Mary R. Pat R.	Linda C. Diane B.
Reader	Marilyn J.	Blaze W.	Don B.	Marv R.
Greeters*	Linda C. Diane B.	Tim & Jody White Family	Don & Laura Barnard	Marv & Sandy Reis
Ushers**	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.
Acolytes	Don L.	Don L.	Don L.	Don L .
Communion	Marilyn J.	Jalaine R.	Mary R.	Linda C.
Bread	-----	Laura B.	-----	Marilyn J.

*\*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](mailto: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).



## CARE COMMITTEE



The Care Committee has had a pretty quiet month. We continue to send out cards to people with birthdays, anniversaries and also sympathy cards to families. If anyone knows of people that are not on the list at church to send cards to, please let us know so we can send to everyone. Thank you... 😊

# 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! **June total was 6 #!** **The total for 2024 is 387#.**

**An update on numbers:** March total visits was 135 serving 512 people. April total visits was 160 serving 615 people and May total was 175 visits serving 657 people.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers from Grace Lutheran delivered meals the month of **June** and our turn will again be in **November**. Contact Marilyn Johns at 608/482-1771 if you would like to help. The volunteers that helped during June were Paul and Pat Roelli, Jalaine Ruegsegger, Sheila Carrington, Marilyn Johns, Judy and Harold Elzen, Gloria Blaser, and Sharan Ohnstad.



## GRACE IN PICTURES

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon  
June 11





# July 2024

**Pastor's Schedule** (608/732-9688)

Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com  
 Mondays - Thursdays  
 Fridays: 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
No Grace Council Meeting in July  <b>PLEASE NOTE</b> Change of worship times	1  -----Pastor on Spiritual Retreat-----	2	3	4  	5	6
7 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	15	16 11:00-1:00 Salad Luncheon at Hope Min Pt.	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27
28 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope  -----Pastor on Vacation-----	29	30	31			



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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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 August Newsletter by July 25

