



September 2024

# THE CARILLON



Grace Lutheran Church

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

## Be a Part of **FALL KICK-OFF** with Grace & Hope

**Sunday, September 1** **Labor Day Weekend Worship** (8:30 Grace/10:30 Hope)

**Sunday, September 8** **“God’s Work/Our Hands Sunday”**



**Worship** (8:30 Grace/10:30 Hope)

**Blessing of Backpacks & Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits**

*(during worship – Don’t forget to bring your school & work bags!)*

**Grace Cross+Generational Fellowship & Project** (Fellowship Hall)

*(Following worship bring your family & invite your friends, and help pack & bless the LWR school, infant, and personal care kits.)*

**Sunday, September 15** **JOINT Grace & Hope Outdoor Worship & Potluck**

**10:00 AM** Outdoor Worship @ Hope Lutheran

*(555 Commerce St. Min. Pt)*

- under the trees between Hope & Spruce St.
- easy parking in the lower lot behind the church
- Bring your blanket/lawn chair. (metal chairs available)

**FOLLOWED BY Potluck and Fellowship**

- INDOORS, Hope Fellowship Hall
- You’re encouraged to bring a dish to share and your table service.
- Water, lemonade, coffee provided

**Interested in CARPOOLING?**

Contact Grace’s office at 608.776.4462 or [darlinglutherans@gmail.com](mailto:darlinglutherans@gmail.com) by 9/11.

**Sunday, September 22** **BRAND NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS!**

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## ... from the Keyboard of Pastor Kate

### And now for the word we've all been waiting for!

After many conversations and listening posts, the Church Councils of Grace and Hope have decided to try something new on Sunday mornings. **Beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>** we are going to **one joint worship service at 9:00 AM:**

1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	Hope Lutheran Church in Mineral Point
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Grace Lutheran Church in Darlington
5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup> @ Grace; Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> @ Hope

(Offering plates for both churches will be available at both locations)

**Following worship** you're invited to stay for *“Refresh” a time set aside for food, fellowship, and fresh expressions in faith for all ages* in the Fellowship Hall. It's fellowship with a little bit more.

### Why the changes?

There are **many benefits** to having a joint service with a mid-morning start time:

- \* two wonderful groups of people together;
- \* a gentler wake-up and prep time on Sunday mornings for young and old alike;
- \* a fuller worship space to enliven participation;
- \* an earlier ending time for people with later obligations;
- \* the opportunity to get to know some other really cool people;
- \* time to *“Refresh”* with each other – all ages participating in fellowship that is mutually welcoming, uplifting, supportive, and hope-filled;
- \* a wider variety of spiritual gifts, skills, knowledge, ideas, life experiences, perspectives to share;
- \* simpler scheduling and supply of Sunday morning volunteers;
- \* opportunities to share/grow participation in choir, hand chimes, children's programming, youth activities, etc.;
- \* carpooling and caravans 😊
- \* “The more, the merrier,” I always say!
- \* maybe you can think of other benefits to share?

### Your Church needs YOU!

Most of us have no problem driving out of town for all kinds of things – sporting events, dinner, a movie, shopping, visiting family and friends, doctor appointments ... the list goes on. We're a mobile society, except when the weather's not good and the roads aren't safe. (Then we always need to access our own situation and be wise about it. If it's bad in town or for most, we cancel the service for that week.)

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From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate (continued)

God calls us to gather together each week for worship, to be nourished through Word and sacrament, to live in community with one another as God's people, and to care and serve one another in Christian love, to rest and renew. Jesus tells us it's our **top priority** – loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength (and that includes **our time**). A **close second** is to our neighbors as ourselves, especially our siblings in Christ. He tells us this knowing that our culture and even well-meaning family and friends will advise us otherwise.

How many hours are in a week? **Is it too much to ask that we *intentionally* set aside a few hours of those hours for the One who gives us life, Life, and those 168 hours.** It takes faith, love, and guts to set healthy boundaries so we can receive God's best for us and teach our young people by example to do the same.

## **A Friendly Date with Pastor Kate!**

**I would very much like to spend time and get to know YOU!**

Might we meet together for conversation and a beverage?

Maybe it's at your place ... perhaps on your porch, at your kitchen table, in your shed, in your treehouse or during chores.

Maybe it's in a spot where you like to hang out sometimes ... on the bleachers, at the local coffee shop or cafe, on a walk, at a town festival, going for a ride, visiting a park.

**Sign up on the calendar on bulletin board outside my church study, or connect with me through a call, text, or email. Let's set something up!**

😊 **Looking forward to our time together!** 😊

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**We remember in our prayers:**

**Congregation/Homebound:** Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Paul Roelli, Eldon and Kitty Wilson, and Stu Vamstad.

**Friends, Family, & Neighbors:** Brian and Nathan (struggles with ups and downs of mental health); Cait, Dan and Ellie Janosch (Steve and Kris Fleming's daughter/granddaughter); Rijalda (Diane's niece Hannah's fiancée); Tammy (surgery recovery); and JoNell (hip and back problems).



**Deaths:**

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- for Linda Considine for providing coffee for fellowship on Sundays, and for all those who spontaneously provided goodies and warm hospitality
- to The Gladys and Harry Christensen Trust and Cheryl Christensen for the \$50,000 gift towards Grace's endowment for God's mission in the world
- to Linda Considine, Mary Ann Roelli, Don Leinberger, Mary Knellwolf, Tana Risseuw, and others who helped lead worship and "hold down the fort" while Pastor Kate was on vacation this summer.
- to Jalaine Ruegsegger for updating our church sign
- to Sheila Carrington for putting together the children's bags.
- to all the people that helped at Manor bingo. The residents so appreciate us helping them out!
- to Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington for keeping our gathering space "spiffy"
- to Linda Considine, Steve Fleming, Paul Roelli, and others who helped to finalize Grace's insurance
- to Paul Roelli for taking care of the ongoing maintenance "projects" around the church
- for all those who have been showing up, participating in, and supporting one another through worship and fellowship this summer, and for engaging in *Creator, Creation, Created to Be*, the summer theme
- for participants in the August "Listening Posts"
- to God for the provision of safety for our summer travelers
- to God for opportunities for summer fun, relaxation, family reunions, weddings, vacations, and other seasonal activities
- to God for the summer rains and growing things



## Celebration!



### Birthdays

Heather Blosch (9/6)

Chris Andrews (9/8)

Jacob Riechers (9/8)

Linda Considine (9/14)

Tiffany Meyers (9/21)

Brynn White (9/24)

Sandy Reis (9/30)

### Anniversaries

Carol & Larry Kammes (9/4)

Kitty & Eldon Wilson (9/23)

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.

## CARE COMMITTEE

We will be packing schoolbags September 8th after church service. All are welcome to help out for this good cause! We will meet in the basement immediately after service. We would love to see lots of helpers!!

Thank you to Sheila Carrington for putting together the children's bags.

Thank you to all the people that helped at Manor bingo. The residents so appreciate us helping them out! It's always a lot of fun!!!

The Care Committee continues to send cards out to people from our congregation for various occasions. If anyone knows of birthdays, anniversaries, get well wishes etc... that need to be sent, please contact Jalaine Ruegsegger or anyone on the care committee. If their names aren't in our church office they don't get sent out. We don't want to miss anyone! Thank you!



## 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 –

- September 15<sup>th</sup> @10:00 a.m. joint worship with Hope Lutheran in Mineral Point. A potluck picnic following worship. Mark your calendar!!
- September 22 starts a new chapter in our worship schedule. We will be worshipping at 9:00 AM at Grace on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at 9:00 AM at Hope in Mineral Point on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Additional parking is in the works.
- The community health center dental office is reopening down town.
- Grace Lutheran donated \$250.00 to support Family Advocates raise over \$100,000 during their night of "Night of Hope" Gala. Funds from the Gala are used to support the shelter and its mission. Family Advocates, Inc. is dedicated to the eradication of abuse. Prevention and intervention services are provided to victims and survivors of domestic, sexual, child, and elder abuse in Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.

### Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering for **August** amounted to \$35.95 and is going to the support of Apple Grove Lutheran Church (tornado damage).

September and October Noisy Offering will go to the **Helping Hands Fund**, a common fund from Darlington's churches to help people in our town who are experiencing crisis. The fund supports after-hours help with food, shelter, gas, and other emergency needs, and is administered by our Chief of Police, Szvon Conway.





## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for SEPTEMBER

	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Altar Care	Marilyn J.	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Joint Worship with Hope 10:00 AM	Linda C. Diane B.	Marilyn J.
Reader	Serenedy O.	Eldon W.	@ Hope Lutheran	Don B.	Marilyn J.
Greeters*	Diane B. Linda C.	Joe & Tina Riechers	↓	Don & Laura Barnard	Duane & Barb Nelson
Ushers**	Don L.	Don L. Gary B.	↓	Don L.	Don L.
Acolytes	Serenedy O.	Joel M.	↓	Brax W.	
Communion	Marilyn J.	Jalaine R.	↓	Linda C.	Marilyn J.
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 chang-

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Thank you to those who signed up to provide refreshments following worship. If interested in helping please contact Pat Roelli (482-0572).

- Sept. 1 - Pat Roelli
- Sept. 8 - Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington
- Sept. 15 - Joint Worship with Hope in Mineral Point followed by Pot Luck
- Sept. 22 - Mary Roelli and Heather Blosch
- Sept. 29 - Diane Bredeson and Carol Barnard





## FAITH FORMATION

**Middle School (MS) & High School (HS) Youth**  
Middle School Youth Ministry (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
High School Youth Ministry (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### Confirmation Classes

- begins Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- youth faith formation for middle & high school students
- led by Pastor Kate
- held on designated Wednesdays during the school year
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Grace Fellowship Hall
- snack provided
- friends welcome!
- fall schedule: 9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Please confirm program participation by contacting Pastor Kate.

### “IGNITE!” Youth Group

- Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- middle school & high school students
- includes simple meal and activities
- invite a friend!
- RSVP to Pastor Kate before noon, 9/29; text – (608)732.9688
- tentative 2024 dates – 10/13, 11/24, 11/10, 12/15

### Adult Faith Formation

#### *Formational Gathering for the Monday Grace/Hope Bible Study Group*

- Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am
- Wild Blue Yonder Coffeehouse – 215 High St., Mineral Point  
coffee, fellowship, devotion, and establishing group direction for fall; food available
- Friends welcome!

## COMMUNITY

### LWR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will collect supplies for the school bags until **September 8**, at which time we will be packing the bags following the morning worship service. All are invited to help put the LWR kits together.

**In addition** – We are also collecting **T-shirts** (colors and words are okay) to be made into diapers for future kits. (See bin outside office.)



# Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is in its **NEW LOCATION** at the Meadows on Spring Street!! 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 2024! **August total was 59 #!** **The total for 2024 is 490#.**

## STRONGBODIES WEIGHT TRAINING & HEALTHY EATING CLASS

This exercise class will be held at Grace on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 3-December 19 from 9:00-10:30 AM. This class is sponsored by the UW-Division of Extension. If interested, please register with Cristy Alvarado, Strong Bodies Instructor, at UW-Extension (608/776-4820). Space is limited so register soon.

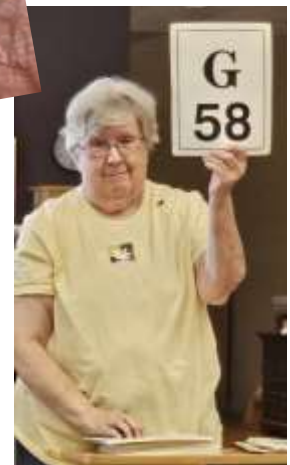


## GRACE IN PICTURES

Childrens Activity bags



Manor Bingo





# September 2024

**Pastor's Schedule** (608/732-9688)  
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com  
 Mondays - Thursdays  
 Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

**Office Hours**  
 Tana Risseuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)  
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 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	2 Labor Day	3 	4 9:30 AM Joint Worship Committee @ Grace  -----Pastor on Prayer Retreat-----	5	6	7
8 <b>God's Work/Our Hands Sunday</b> 8:30 AM Worship/Grace 10:30 AM Worship/Hope	9	10	11 5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation @ Grace Fellow- ship Hall  6:30 PM Grace Council	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM <b>Outdoor Worship @</b> Hope followed by potluck & fel- lowship	16 11:00 AM Joint Monday Bible Study @ Wild Blue Yonder, MP	17	18 6:00 PM Hope Council	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM <b>Joint Worship &amp; Refresh @</b> Grace	23	24 10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor	25 5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation @ Grace FH  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	26 10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center	27	28
29 9:00 AM <b>Joint Worship &amp; Refresh @</b> Grace  4:30-6:30 PM <i>Ignite!</i> Youth Grp. Grace FH	30				<b>REMINDER</b> October 6 9:00 AM <b>Joint Worship</b> @ Hope	



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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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Newsletter Deadline  
 Items need to be submitted for the  
 October Newsletter by September 25

