



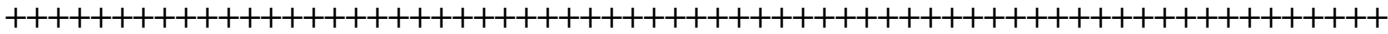
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



We continue with our NEW Sunday Worship Schedule –

9:00 AM Joint Worship Service followed by
Refresh -- Food & Fellowship for ALL ages

1st & 3rd Sundays – Hope Lutheran, Mineral Point (555 Commerce St.)

2nd & 4th Sundays – Grace Lutheran, Darlington (1302 Clay St.)

5th Sundays – 9/29 @ Grace; 12/29 @ Hope

* Offering plates for both churches will be available at each location.

* Consider the fun of *carpooling!* 😊

... from the Keyboard of Pastor Kate

I thought we could all benefit from a reflection of who we claim to be because Christ has claimed us and calls us together to be his body in the world.

Who are we, Church?

We are the baptized members of the Church of Christ who seek to:

- respond in faith (trust) to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel,
- unite together to worship, preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and
- carry out God's mission of
 - * sharing the good news of Jesus Christ,
 - * equipping disciples,
 - * loving and serving one another,
 - * acting in love toward all people and God's creation,
 - * serving those in need, and
 - * advocating for social justice.

We do all this in the name and to the glory of the Triune God: Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

All power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church. All actions of the congregation are to be carried out under his rule and authority.

We confess one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church and are resolved to serve Christian unity throughout the world.

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From the Pastor's Keyboard (continued)

The Church exists both as an inclusive fellowship and as local congregations gathered for worship and Christian service.

Congregations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through congregations.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, therefore, derives its character and powers both from the sanction and representation of its congregations and from its inherent nature as an expression of the broader fellowship of the faithful.

In length, it acknowledges itself to be in the historic continuity of the communion of saints; in breadth, it expresses the fellowship of believers and congregations in our day.

- wording adapted from 2022 Model Constitution of the ELCA

Grace Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church, and in fact the ELCA – may not be around some years in the future, **but Christ's Church will always be from now until the end of the age** because it belongs to Jesus Christ and he ordained it. It will adapt and change, but not fundamentally from what God calls it to be – his bride. God is perfectly faithful.

What we will become as congregations is known only by God. Our call is to be faithful disciples who show up, contribute to, and “do” Church in our local context, whatever that may look like.

What do you need for that to be the case? Pray. Ask the Lord what the church needs, what the world needs, and what you were created and equipped by God to be.

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?

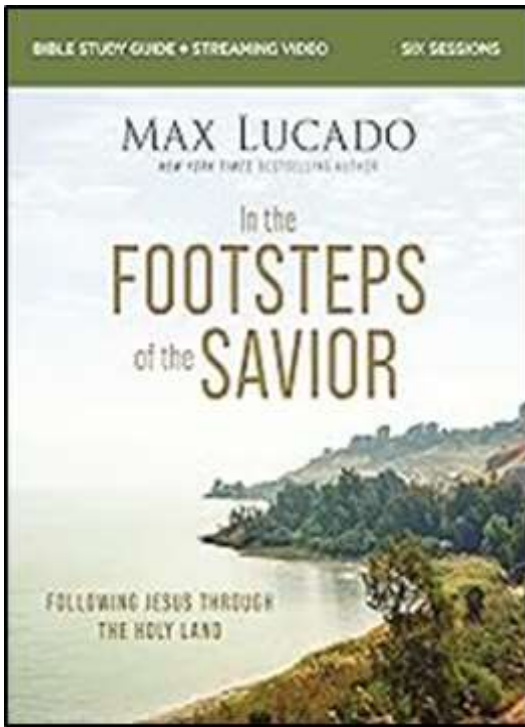
Maybe it's at your place ... perhaps on your porch, at your kitchen table, in your shed, in your treehouse or during chores.

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!** 

NEW! Six-Week Bible Study



In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land

By Max Lucado

“Enrich your faith by walking with Jesus. Join Max Lucado on an inspirational journey through the hills, the dust, and the homes of the Holy Land! Discover, with new eyes, God’s heart for his people and his deep love for you.

In this video Bible study, you and your small group are invited to come with Max through Capernaum, Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more. As Max weaves together insights from his own travels to Israel with teaching from his bestselling books, he will guide you to walk where Jesus walked and ponder the promises he made.

“God has more in store for you than you can imagine! This video Bible study will provide you an encounter with the life-altering Holy One as you follow in the footsteps of the Savior through the Holy Land.”

Study Guides/Video Access \$12

Hardcover Book \$9

available at the study or church office)

The study guide includes discussion and reflection questions, video notes, leader's guide and an individual access code to stream all video sessions online.

Six Sessions (*videos run about 20 minutes*)

1. Capernaum: Following Jesus When You Doubt
2. Sea of Galilee: Following Jesus in Your Storms
3. Mount of Beatitudes: Following Jesus When You Worry
4. Temple Steps: Following Jesus...And Only Jesus
5. Garden Tomb: Following Jesus When You Need Hope
6. Caesarea by the Sea: Following Jesus When You Need Help

10:00 Mondays

Grace Fellowship Hall (*Lower Level*)

or

Hope Fellowship Hall (*Lower Level*)

Sessions 1-3

9/30 Grace; 10/7 Hope; 10/14 Grace

Break (10/21 – 10/28)

Sessions 4-6

11/4 Hope; 11/11 Grace; 11/18 Hope

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation/Homebound: Duane Nelson, Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Stu Vamstad, Eldon Wilson and Dick Johnson.

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Sterling (health concerns), Cait, Dan and Ellie Janosch (Steve & Kris Fleming's (daughter/ granddaughter), JoNell (hip and back problems), Kevin Johnson, and Tana (healing)

Deaths: Family and Friends of Janayn Spellman, Pete Parkinson, Bev Carpenter, and David Reichling

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- for wonderful joint worship services!
- for delicious food and fellowship for joint congregational picnic
- for those who participated in the joint Worship committee meeting and lunch following
- for worshippers coming together and engaging in something new on Sunday mornings
- for our church musicians: Mary Knellwolf (Grace) & Mary Baehler (Hope)
- for wonderful, dedicated Council/Church Treasurers – Angie Schubert (Hope) & Tina Riechers (Grace); Grace Financial Secretary – Steve Fleming
- to Jalaine Ruegsegger for updating our church sign
- to Jalaine Ruegsegger and Sheila Carrington for beautiful fall decorations in the gathering space
- to Sharan Ohnstad and Carol Kammes for cleaning and sorting the music files
- to everyone who has contributed to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kit drives, and for those who helped by providing oversight and organization of the process
- to Tana Risseeuw for being such an awesome office administrator
- for Dave K.'s help with church technology
- for the Sunday School children and teachers for the COOL May Day basket on Pr. Kate's front door (She just figured out it was you!)



CARE COMMITTEE



The Care Committee continues to send cards out to people from our congregation for various occasions. If anyone knows of someone who needs a card sent and their name is not in the bulletin, please contact Jalaine Ruegsegger at 608-482-3031 and she will get one sent out.

A huge thank you goes out to all the very generous people for donating items for the care kits and school supplies. We couldn't do it without you. It is very much appreciated! Thank you to Sheila Carrington for the donation of the many boxes and extra time you put in. And also a big thank you to the people who helped put these kits together. Many hands makes little work!

We will also be brain storming in October what to give our home bound people for Halloween. Any ideas, please let our committee know! We welcome your thoughts!



Celebration!



Birthdays

Duane Nelson (10/2)
Ryker Opland (10/10)
Marv Reis (11/2)

Joe Riechers (10/7)
Kitty Wilson (10/25)
Willie Riechers (11/4)

Harold Elzen (10/9)
Paul Roelli (10/27)
Serenedy Opland (11/10)

Anniversaries

Barb & Bill Schilling (10/7)
Steve & Kris Fleming (10/14)

Alana & Brandon Black (10/8)
Judy & Joe Boll (10/17)

Karla & Dick Anderson (10/28)

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 –

We have some upcoming expenses to consider for next year:

- *Computer in the office is about 10 years old and because of the age, Microsoft will no longer support it after 2025. We will be needing to replace it very soon.*
- *Need to update a component of sound system as it could fail at any time—cost is around \$7,000*
- *Monitor speaker for the piano—cost is around \$600*

Noisy Offering

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 OCTOBER

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Altar Care	Worship at	Pat Roelli. Mary Roelli	Worship at	Marilyn Johns
Reader	Hope	Paul Roelli	Hope	Kris Fleming
Greeters*	↓	Dan & Tiffany Meyers Family	↓	Steve & Kris Fleming
Ushers**	↓	Don Leinberger Joel Meyers	↓	Don Leinberger Steve Fleming
Acolytes	↓	Mercedes Meyers	↓	Serenedy Opland
Communion	↓	Mary Roelli	↓	Marilyn Johns
Bread		Mary Roelli		Mary Roelli

**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).

- October 6 - Hope
- October 13 - Tina Riechers and Jan Riechers
- October 20 - Hope
- October 27 - Kris Fleming and Kate Chambers
- November 3 - Hope





FAITH FORMATION

Middle School (MS) & High School (HS) Youth

Middle School Youth Ministry (5th-8th grades)

High School Youth Ministry (9th-12th grades)

Confirmation Classes

- begins Wednesday, September 11th
- youth faith formation
- led by Pastor Kate
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM, held on designated Wednesdays during the school year Grace Fellowship Hall
- snack provided
- friends welcome!
- Adults interested in supporting – contact Pastor
- **Supplies:** Please bring your Confirmation bag with your bible, a copy of The Good Book (or request one), and last year's supplies (bible highlighters, books of the bible card, journal, anything else you have.)
- **Updated Fall Schedule:** 10/16, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11

Confirmation JUBILEE – October 16

- with area churches @ **Lutheran Church of Peace, Platteville**
- **6:00 – 8:00 pm** (Wednesday, October 16th)
- **Includes** dinner, fellowship, activities and worship
- Meet Pastor Kate **in front of Grace at 5:00 pm** to ride over.

If you are arranging your own transportation, please confirm with Pastor Kate in advance.

“IGNITE!” Youth Group

- **Sundays-- October 13**
- Bowling at Pioneer Lanes -- 4:00 -7:30 PM
- middle school & high school students
- families also welcome to join us that day!
- invite a friend!
- **RSVP** to Pastor Kate: text – (608)732.9688
- **Other tentative 2024 dates** –11/10, 11/24, 12/15





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADVOCATES to help identify, support, and encourage children's faith formation in both congregations. Contact Pastor by September 30th or as soon as possible so a meeting can be arranged. Ideas and other kinds of support are also welcome.

PLAY KITCHEN/TOYS for the creation of a play area for Grace and Hope Fellowship Halls. We are looking for toys that are appropriate for younger children, clean, and in good condition.

BIBLES in very good condition to be used for bible study and jail ministry.

VERY SMALL PROJECTS Hope: covering bulletin boards; Grace: very small paint project (see Pastor Kate)

A KITCHEN HELPER and a **ASSISTING LEADER** for IGNITE! Youth Group

COMMUNITY

LWR KITS

During the past few months we have been collecting for school kits, personal care kits, and baby care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. We assembled 35 school kits, 14 personal care kits, and 7 baby care kits. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these kits.



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! **September total was 19 #!** **The total for 2024 is 509#.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace Lutheran will be delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of November. If you would like to help with this project, contact Marilyn Johns at 608/482-1771.



GRACE IN PICTURES



Joint Outdoor Worship and Picnic
at Hope Lutheran
9/15/24



Assembling & Packing
LWR Kits



October 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
		1 10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor	2	3	4	5
		-----Pastor at ELCA Mission Development Conference-----				
6 9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	7 10:00 AM Joint Bible Study Session 2 @ Hope Conf. Room	8 9:30 Worship Committee @ Grace	9	10 3:00 PM Peeling Onions @ Hope Fellow- ship Hall	11	12 4:45-7:00 PM Hope Fish Boil
-----Pastor @ SSW Fall Theological Conference-----						
13 9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace 10:30 AM Grace Council 4:30-6:30 PM IGNITE! Youth	14 10:00 AM Joint Bible Study Session 3 @ Grace Fellow- ship Hall	15 6:30 PM Hope Council	16 6:00-8:00PM Confirmation Jubilee Platteville	17 10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center	18	19 -----Pastor on Vacation-----
20 9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	21	22	23 Deadline for Submission of names for All- Saints Sunday	24	25	26
-----Pastor on Vacation-----						
27 9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace	28	29	30 5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation @ Grace Fellow- ship Hall	31	<div style="text-align: right; color: #c0504d; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">UPCOMING</div> Nov. 3 - All Saints Sunday Nov. 6 - 5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation Nov. 7 - Region 5 Boundaries Training for Rostered Ministers NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER will be sent out late in Nov.	
-----Pastor on Vacation-----			--Tana Risseeuw, Grace Office Administrator on Vacation (thru Nov. 1)--			



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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
 November Newsletter by November 1

