



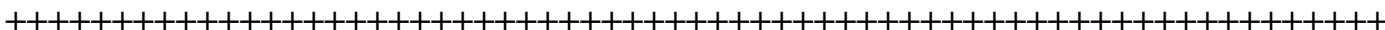
December 2024

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Grace Lutheran Church

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



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 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 – 12/29 @ Hope

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 PM at Hope in Mineral Point

7:00 PM at Grace in Darlington

Plan now to keep worship the center of Christmas.

Reach out and invite your friends and extended family to join you for worship with time together before or after!

Sunday, December 31 – First Sunday of Christmas

9:00 AM – at Hope in Mineral Point

We look forward to a Christmas Hymn-Sing, as well as a special New Year's Blessing of individuals and households.



WELCOME TO ADVENT!

This year's Advent Devotional, **Good News, Great Joy** is now available in the narthex. Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. This devotional explores, shares, and celebrates that joyous good news by continuing a centuries-old Christian tradition of setting aside time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and to anticipate his return. The Advent season of preparation then unfolds in the joy of the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany.



BEST CHRISTMAS



You are invited (Grace and Hope and anyone you would like to come) to attend a showing of “The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever” being shown in theaters now. For those who would like to join as a group for the late afternoon showing on December 8 (hopefully 5:20 PM in Platteville) with an optional meal at Culver’s afterward there is a sign up sheet at both churches. Perhaps people could indicate on the sheet if they can drive.

POINSETTIAS

It’s time to think about ordering poinsettias for Christmas! Order forms are available in the narthex. The cost is \$12.00 per plant this year. The last day to order will be Sunday, December 15. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church. If you wish to bring other flowers or plants to help decorate the sanctuary they will be more than welcome. You may also stop out at Nature’s Gifts and order directly. If you have questions, contact the church office at 776-4462 or darlinglutherans@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Plans are to meet at Grace Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 PM. We will have a short warm-up, lyrics provided, and then visit Lafayette Manor, Sienna Crest, and a few senior homes before going back to Grace for pizza! Sign up at the church if possible if you plan to attend.

MITTEN TREE

The Mitten tree is up and ready for donation of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. These items will be collected for area schools through January.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:



- to Sheila Carrington for delivering the thanksgiving cards and crafting the holiday food drive box
- Jim Harris for leading the worship on November 17
- Kate Chambers for giving the message on November 17 on our area housing insecurity
- our volunteers for delivering the Meals-on-Wheels

Prior to the next newsletter please share your gratitude and thanksgiving with the church office. We do not want to overlook anyone.

Thank you Received

“Grace Friends – Thanks so much for the cards, calls, and gifts after my elbow accident. Everyone is so kind! Love being a part of the Grace family.” Tana



Celebration!



Birthdays

Conrad Blosch (12/2)

Wiley Zasada (12/5)

Diane Bredeson (12/14)

Jennifer Kotte (12/24)

Curtis Blosch (12/2)

Kim Kammes (12/11)

Debbie Golackson (12/16)

Carol Kammes (12/26)

Steve Kottke (12/2)

Dave Zasada (12/11)

Stu Vamstad (12/20)

Ever Schilling (12/29)

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: Duane Nelson, Jean Belanger, David Chambers, Stu Vamstad, and Eldon Wilson.

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Cait, Dan and Ellie Janosch (Steve & Kris Fleming's (daughter/ granddaughter) Susie Beiler and family (work injury), Don Osterday

Deaths: the family of Pastor Bob Wilkins, especially wife, Donna, and the IUCC congregation on the death of their pastor.

CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee and Worship Committee are preparing for the Christmas holidays. The committees are putting together a little gift bag for our homebound people and need your help in providing gifts. Suggested items (please avoid sweets) comb, chapstick, individual tissues, cracker/cheese, cracker/peanut butter packages, hand lotion, slipper socks, satin night caps, note pads, pens, Large Print Word Search/Crossword books. Candy canes are allowed and sugar free hard candy. We will be packing approximately 70 bags. Please drop off in the box in entryway at Grace by **December 15th** to allow time to package them up! If you would like to help put these packages together, watch for a date in the bulletin. We would love to have any extra hands willing to help us out!



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Worship committee is making a challenge to collect food items for the Lafayette County Food Pantry. There is an extra need especially around the holidays. Please drop off your donation in the box under the coat rack. How many pounds can we get? How many items? **Donation deadline is December 22nd**. We have donated 111# since the Drive has begun.



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up!! There are tickets on it from Glennie's, which are due back on **December 3rd to the church** and there are tickets on there from Darlington schools, they need to be back by **December 15th to the church**. Thank you for being a Santa Claus this Christmas and helping out to support our families in need.

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 –

- Preparing 2025 Budget and planning the Annual Meeting
- Review partnership with Hope
- Discussion of future building and technology needs
- 2025 Council Members

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering for September, October, and November went to the Helping Hands Fund, a common fund from Darlington's churches to help people in our town who are experiencing crisis. This fund is administered by our Chief of Police, Szvon Conway. The total giving for September and October is \$147.99. November total is not available at this time.



December Noisy Offering will go to the Lafayette County Food Pantry.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for DECEMBER

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 24	Dec. 29
Altar Care	Worship at	Jalaine R. Sheila C.	Worship at	Mary R. Pat R		Worship at
Reader	Hope	Blaze W.	Hope	Don B.	Paul R.	Hope
Greeters*	↓	Tim & Jody White Family	↓	Tiffany & Dan Meyers Family		↓
Ushers**	↓	Don L.	↓	Don L.	Don L.	↓
Acolytes	↓	Brynn W.	↓	Mercedes M.		↓
Communion	↓	Jalaine R.	↓	Mary R.		↓
Bread	↓	Laura B.	↓	Laura B.		↓

**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

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

- December 1 - Hope
- December 8 - Barb Schilling and Jody White
- December 15 - Hope
- December 22 - Patty Vamstad and Sharan Ohnstad
- December 29 - Hope





FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Classes

- 5:30 – 6:30 PM, held on designated Wednesdays during the school year Grace Fellowship Hall
- snacks provided
- friends welcome!
- **Schedule:** 12/4, 12/11

“IGNITE!” Youth Group

- **Sunday --- December 15**
- 4:00 -6:30 PM
- includes simple meal and activities - \$7.00 / student
- invite a friend!
- **RSVP** to Pastor Kate: text – (608)732.9688
- Adults interested in supporting – contact Pastor



Bible Study

We will be studying the Christmas story on Monday, December 9 at 10:00 AM at Grace’s Fellowship Hall with coffee and snacks and on December 16 at Hope Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

COMMUNITY

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! **November total was 111#! The total for 2024 is 679#.** (This total includes the Food Drive total for November.)

MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace Lutheran delivered Meals on Wheels during the month of November. Thank you to those who volunteered: Paul and Pat Roelli, Jalaine Ruegsegger, Sheila Carrington, Sharen Ohnstad, Gloria Blaser, and Marilyn Johns. We will again be delivering during the month of April. If interested in helping in April please contact Marilyn Johns (608/482-1771).



SALVATION ARMY BELL-RINGING



This year Grace will be providing Bell-Ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at Piggly Wiggly on Friday, December 13 from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the board outside the office. Many volunteers are needed. Funds support those in dire need in our county. All proceeds remain in Lafayette County.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

An Annual Holiday Concert featuring Dave Jeglum, Tom Black, and Diane Dangerfield will be held on Sunday, December 1 at Perry Lutheran Church, Daleyville, beginning at 2:00 PM. A Pre-Concert will be held at 1:30 and an Intermission Performance will feature Mary Sutter, Libby Rowe, and Theresa Judd. Free will offering.



GRACE IN PICTURES



Recognition of Veterans
November 10, 2024



All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO
DAVID CHAMBERS
November 24, 2024



December 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

9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope		9:30 Worship Committee	5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation @ Grace Fellow- ship Hall			
9:00 AM Joint Worship w/Baptism & Fellowship @ Grace	10:00 AM Bible Study @ Grace		5:30-6:30 PM Confirmation @ Grace Fellow- ship Hall	10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center	Salvation Army 9 AM-7 PM	Bell Ringing 9 AM-4:30 PM
9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Hope	10:00 AM Bible Study @ Hope	6:30 PM Hope Council				
9:00 AM Joint Worship & Fellowship @ Grace		Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Worship @ Hope 7:00 PM Worship @ Grace	CHRISTMAS DAY 	Newsletter Deadline		
9:00 AM Joint Worship Hymn Sing & Fellowship @ Hope			December Dates to Remember Dec. 3 Giving Tree Deadline (Glennie's) Dec. 15 Giving Tree Deadline (School) Dec. 15 Poinsettia Orders Due Dec. 22 Last Day for Food Drive			



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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
 January Newsletter by December 26

