



# Darlington and Fayette United Methodist Churches May 2025



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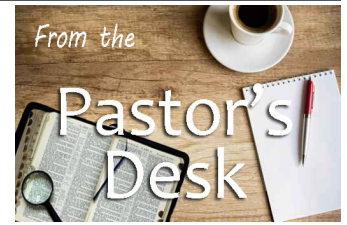
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*Who are you going to trust?*



“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” (Matthew 6:26)

I saw my first Wisconsin Robin of this year a few weeks ago. She was standing on my mailbox, her face raised towards the sun, her red breast shining brightly. I wanted to take a picture of her, but when I reached for my cell phone, I discovered an empty pocket! I had left it at home to charge.

For several weeks I have been frequently observing the lilac tree that Fritz planted in the yard by my front door in late summer last year. In fact, I often had wondered if the tree would be able to withstand the cold during the winter. A few weeks ago... eventually... I discovered tiny buds in the branches of the lilac tree. This is a sign of life and a sign of season of hope.

Isn't it wonderful how God takes care of these little things, that we so often take for granted. The bird enjoying the morning sun with a song on its beak. The tree warmed and watered, now able to bud. Maybe soon it will be blooming.

And isn't it even more wonderful to know that God loves us and provides for us as well. All the worrying we do about where to live, how to get by, what to eat, drink, wear, all will be covered by God. Just for trusting in God, our needs are met.



An inspirational friend of mine, once said, “Worrying is like riding in a roller coaster. It will raise you up, drop you down, spin you around and around, and you will always end up back in the same place you started.”

So, stop worrying, put your faith and trust in God for all things and join with our Robin friends in singing praise to God.

*In Christ, Pastor InSun*

*Guest Preachers*

Below is the list of preachers that will fill in for Pastor InSun while she is absent.

- June 1 Kalee Crist
- June 8 Lori Wick
- June 29 Kent Mieke

**If you have a joy, concern or prayer request** we would like you to share them with Pastor InSun. Please call her at 608-776-4114 to give them to her. Please let us know if you would like that to be shared with the congregation.



**Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of April**

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In memory of Arden Aylesworth given by Lisa & Steve Carpenter.
- In Honor of Rowan Riley McDonald's 2nd Birthday given by Pat Steiner.

Add your loved ones or friends to this list by filling out your offering envelope and designating an **extra** amount to be given in Memory or in Honor of someone to celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary. It's a great way to acknowledge those special people in your life. The amounts will never be listed!



**A look at the Darlington numbers for March**

Income	\$ 13,097.91
Expenses	- 12,471.89
Difference	\$626.02

**YTD 2025**

YTD Income	\$ 34,734.51
YTD Expenses	- 39,710.51
YTD	(\$4,976.00)

**2025 Apportionment Total - \$28,488**

Paid YTD - \$3,424  
 Balance Left for 2025- \$ 25,064  
 Percentage paid - 12.02%

**Online Giving & Mobile Giving**



Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJ3M/home> for our online giving version or download the app in the in your Apple App or Google Play enter with church code **FS4XM7**. Thank you for your continued support to the church.

Midwest Mission, a vital arm of the United Methodist Church. Working alongside the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), they bring hope to those in need, **next door and across the sea!**



Learn how members of our Church can help by visiting [midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org) and **watching the Newsletter** for more information. While you're waiting.....do you have a retired sewing machine, or a bicycle sitting in your garage? You could save the day if you would consider donating them to our Church, and then onto Midwest Mission! Stay tuned for more information!



# Confirmation Sunday



We have many students that have been preparing for **Confirmation**. We will hold **Confirmation on Sunday May 4**. Please join us. Thank you for supporting our students as they adjust to this, they are excited to join our church family!



# Graduation Sunday

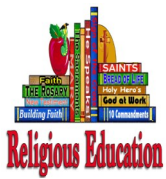
We have one senior this year, Lylah Norgard, that will be Graduating this year. **We will hold Graduation Sunday on Sunday May 18**. Please join us. Thank you for supporting our student as she venture into the "real world".

## Save the Date!

## Fayette Strawberry Social



Our Annual Fayette Strawberry Social is penciled in our the calendar for **Wednesday, June 11**. Serving begins at 4:30 pm. The meal menu includes sandwiches, potato salad and more with Strawberries and Ice Cream for dessert. All items are individually priced and available ala cart.



Classes are Wednesdays  
@ 6 p.m. – All Grades  
May 7-Last Day  
Have a great summer



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Meeting  
May 22, 2025—1:00 pm



**On Sunday, May 18, we will celebrate the Graduation** of the High School student during worship. We give thanks for Lylah Norgard. Let's celebrate!



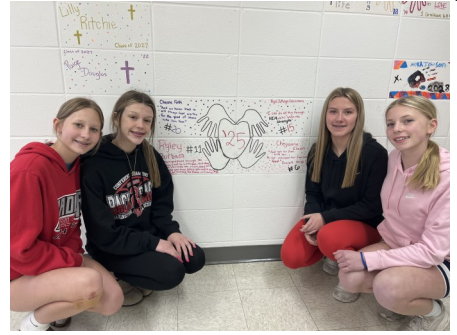
## Lylah Norgard

Daughter of Ken & Rebecca Norgard. Lylah plans to attend Carroll University in the fall to pursue an undergraduate degree in Exercise Science and has already been admitted to the Physical Therapy program to earn her doctorate.

Lylah's favorite church memories are being involved in the Children's Christmas program and helping to serve and read at church.



# Confirmation Square Painting



# Children's Time



# UWF Meeting & Cookie Trays



## An Eagle or a Chicken

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ~Romans 12:2

Once upon a time, a man found the egg of an eagle. It had been abandoned for some reason by its mother, but as it was still warm, the man took it and placed it in the nest of one of his backyard chickens, along with the other eggs already being brooded. After a time, the eaglet hatched. Along with the other chicks from the nest, he began to roam the backyard, doing what the others did. He scratched at the earth for worms and insects. He pecked at the corn the man scattered across the yard. He clucked and cackled as best he could, and as he grew, he would flap his wings and fly a few feet into the air—just like the other chickens.

Years passed, and the eagle grew old.

One day, he saw a magnificent bird high above him in the cloudless sky. It glided gracefully through the powerful wind currents, soaring and swooping, scarcely beating its long, golden wings.

The old eagle watched in awe and asked, “What is that?”

“That is the eagle—the king of birds,” one of his neighbors replied. “He belongs to the sky and the high places. We belong to the earth. We are chickens.”

The old eagle believed it was true. And so, he lived and died as a chicken—because that’s what he thought he was.

Very often in life, our perspective determines our reality. By experiencing the transforming power of God’s love and grace, we begin to see the world, the ministry of the church as a whole, our shared ministry as United Methodists, and even our individual lives in a new and extraordinary way.

Instead of being held back by “what ifs,” fears of failure, or the challenges in front of us, we are able to soar—sustained and lifted by the same grace that has already transformed us.

*Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*



Our celebration of Confirmation Class.

I would invite you to pray for our students and send them a note of love!

Student	Parent	Mailing address:
Ryley Burbach	Joe & Alissa Burbach & Mariah Gibson	17057 King Rd Mineral Point, WI 53565
Cheyenne Elzen	Matt & Jessica Elzen	529 Division St Darlington WI 53530
Chesne Fink	Rick & Laura Fink	12741 Redbird Ridge Rd Darlington, WI 53530
Rya Fitzsimons	Andrew & Heather Fitzsimons	12486 Tama Run Rd Darlington, WI 53530
Ethan Gossens	Mark & Ashley Gossens	420 Olson Ct. Mineral Point, WI 53565
Coby Lancaster	Denise Lancaster	460 Horizon St Darlington, WI 53530
Evan Komprood	Abby Douglas & Ryan Komprood	14268 3rd Rd Darlington, WI 53530
Maicy Norgard	Ken & Rebecca Norgard	12455 Wiegel Court Darlington, WI 53530

Special thank you to our Mentors this year: Mandi Nyffenegger, Doug Kelly, Kalee Crist, Arnie Mieke, Brooke Douglas, Danielle Hardyman, Carly Winslow and Bob Boatman.

Thank you for all you have done for our youth over this year!

Easter



## Annual Conference Ingathering

The Wisconsin Conference Disaster Response Team and Mission Motivation Committee have been working with Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). We will be collecting supplies until June 1. Please have your items to the church or Pastor InSun by then.

Items Needed:

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Re-sealable Plastic Bag

Home Care Kit

- 1 Liquid Household Cleaners (no spray bottles)
- 1 Dish Soaps—42-64 oz
- 1 Liquid Laundry Detergent 100-150 oz total
- 1 Scrub Brush– with or without handle
- 1 5 gal Round Bucket with a re-sealable lid

To provide a kit without shopping or sewing, bring a monetary donation to Annual Conference or send to: Wisconsin Conference of The UMC 750 Windsor Street, Suite 104 Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Please write check to: Wisconsin Conference add “Ingathering Home Care Kit” to memo line.



### NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – MAY 2025

(Schedule-Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete the New Testament in one year.)

<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapter Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
May 3	John 20	_____
May 10	Acts 4	_____
May 17	Acts 9	_____
May 24	Acts 14	_____
May 31	Acts 19	_____

*(Progress Milestone: 108 chapters read – 41.5% of the New Testament)*

### OLD TESTAMENT SELECTED BIBLE READINGS SCHEDULE – MAY 2025

(Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete Year 2025 Old Testament readings.)

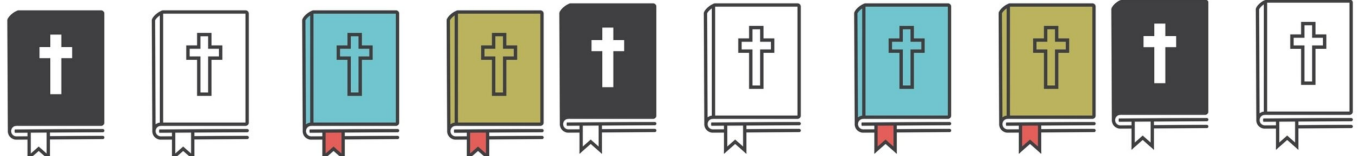
<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapters Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
May 3	Jeremiah 22	_____
May 10	Jeremiah 27	_____
May 17	Jeremiah 32	_____
May 24	Jeremiah 37	_____
May 31	Jeremiah 42	_____

*(Progress Milestone: 108 chapters read – 43.2% of the Books of the Prophets)*

## *Darlington & Fayette United Methodist Churches*

### DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MAY 2025

___ 5/01/25	Revelation 5:11-14 <b>(National Day of Prayer – May 1)</b>	Worthy Is the Lamb
___ 5/02/25	Mark 6:30-44	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
___ 5/03/25	Luke 5:4-7	Jesus – Miraculous Catch of Fish
___ 5/04/25	John 21:1-19	Jesus-Miraculous Catch of Fish
___ 5/05/25	Acts 9:36-43	Tabitha (Dorcas) Raised From the Dead
___ 5/06/25	Hebrews 13:18-21	Jesus – the Great Shepherd
___ 5/07/25	Psalm 23	The Lord Is My Shepherd
___ 5/08/25	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord Will Wipe Away Tears
___ 5/09/25	Revelation 7:9-17	The Great Multitude in White Robes
___ 5/10/25	Deuteronomy 6:1-6	Love the Lord Your God
___ 5/11/25	John 10:22-30 <b>(Mother’s Day – May11)</b>	The Unbelief of the Jews
___ 5/12/25	Acts 11:1-18	Peter Explains His Actions
___ 5/13/25	Psalm 148	All Creation – Praise the Lord
___ 5/14/25	Revelation 21:1-6	The New Jerusalem
___ 5/15/25	Luke 6:27-36	Love for Enemies
___ 5/16/25	Ephesians 4:1-7	Be Humble and Gentle
___ 5/17/25	Nehemiah 1:5-11	God’s Covenant of Love
___ 5/18/25	John 13:31-35	Love One Another
___ 5/19/25	Acts 16:9-15	Lydia’s Conversion in Philippi
___ 5/20/25	Psalm 67	A Prayer for God’s Blessing
___ 5/21/25	Revelation 21:10-27	The Holy City Jerusalem
___ 5/22/25	Revelation 22:1-5	The River of Water of Life
___ 5/23/25	II Peter 1:16-18	Jesus Christ – the Son of God
___ 5/24/25	Luke 3:21-23	The Baptism of Jesus
___ 5/25/25	John 14:23-29	Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit
___ 5/26/25	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in Prison
___ 5/27/25	Ephesians 1:15-23	Thanksgiving and Prayer
___ 5/28/25	Psalm 97	The Lord’s Righteous Reign
___ 5/29/25	Revelation 22:12-21	Jesus Is Coming Soon
___ 5/30/25	John 17:20-26	Jesus Prays for All Believers
___ 5/31/25	Luke 24:44-53	Jesus Ascends to Heaven



# May Lectionary

May 4  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
 Psalm 30  
 Revelations 5:11-14  
 John 21:1-9

May 11  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 9:36-43  
 Psalm 23  
 Revelations 7:9-17  
 John 10:22-30

May 18  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 11:1-18  
 Psalm 148  
 Revelations 21:1-16  
 John 13:31-35

May 25  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 16:9-15  
 Psalm 67  
 Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5  
 John 14:23-29

# Religious Education





May 1 Kathleen Mathias  
 May 1 Judy Whalen  
 May 1 Cameron Schwoob  
 May 1 Monica Wiegel  
 May 1 Audrey Gould  
 May 3 Lisa Carpenter  
 May 3 Margie Stephenson  
 May 4 Robert M. Gould  
 May 4 Ethan Hendrickson  
 May 4 Tyler Smith  
 May 5 Anne Gratz

May 5 Donna Douglas  
 May 5 Belle Watters  
 May 6 Steph Hanewall  
 May 8 Fritz Hanewall  
 May 9 Andrew Fitzsimons  
 May 9 Jerry Paisley  
 May 11 Kurt Cohen  
 May 11 Mary Paisley  
 May 12 Rick Loken  
 May 14 Dave Calvert  
 May 15 Kyle Calvert  
 May 15 Kori Hemming  
 May 16 Heather Fitzsimons  
 May 16 Tanner Havens  
 May 16 Dixie Davis  
 May 17 Lexie Zee  
 May 17 Olivia Schulte

May 17 Kari Boatman  
 May 18 Penelope Bailey  
 May 19 Hayden Hardyman  
 May 19 Becky Upmann  
 May 20 Cedric Flesher  
 May 20 Lori Allendorf  
 May 21 Jeremy Gould  
 May 21 Cheryl Chiaverotti  
 May 26 Mandi Nyffenegger  
 May 26 Laura Smith  
 May 27 Dianne Evans  
 Mar 27 Carter Andrews  
 Mar 27 Lydia Andrews  
 May 28 Kent Mieke  
 May 28 Sadie Goebel  
 May 29 John Steiner  
 May 30 Kalee Crist



May 2 Kevin & Deb Quinn  
 May 9 Tom & Laurie Mathias  
 May 10 Mark & Ashley Gossens  
 May 11 Tommy & Julie Davis  
 May 14 George & Mary Gould  
 May 14 Michael & Rose Gould  
 May 17 Ray & Jean VanMatre  
 May 19 Jerry & Judy Lindsay  
 May 19 Alex & Trisha Douglas  
 May 21 Al & Barb Nemec  
 May 23 Dave & Cathy Calvert  
 May 24 Jeff & Karri McCarthy  
 May 28 Mike & Tammy Reichling  
 May 31 Dick & Lori Allendorf

May Liturgists

May 4 D- Judy Whalen  
 F- Lance Lansing  
 May 11 D- Kent Mieke  
 F- Pam Gould  
 May 18 D- Kent McConnell  
 F- Dennis Wirth  
 May 25 D- Joan Thompson  
 F- Ron Ingwell



May Acolytes

May 4 Evan Komprood  
 Coby Lancaster  
 May 11 Cheyenne Elzen  
 Ryley Burbach  
 May 18 Chesne Fink  
 Maicy Norgard  
 May 25 Cheyenne Elzen  
 Ryley Burbach

May Ushers

May 4 Cathy Paulson  
 Beaver Paulson  
 May 11 Dick Allendorf  
 Tim Osterday  
 May 18 Nick Zuberbuhler  
 Zeke Zuberbuhler  
 May 25 Brooke Douglas  
 Gracie Douglas

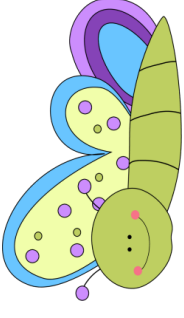
Sneak peak at June 1

Liturgist: D- Kent Mieke  
 F- Lance Lansing  
 Ushers: Beaver Paulson  
 Cathy Paulson  
 Acolytes: Rya Fitzsimons  
 Chesne Fink



COME  
Worship  
WITH US

May 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1 National Day of Prayer 2 3

**4 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
*Holy Communion*  
*Confirmation Sunday*  
 8:30 Worship in Fayette  
 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir

**11 4th Sunday of Easter**  
 8:30 Worship in Fayette  
 10:00 Worship in Darlington



**18 5th Sunday of Easter**  
*Graduation Sunday*  
 8:30 Worship in Fayette  
 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir

**25 6th Sunday of Easter**  
 8:30 Worship in Fayette  
 10:00 Worship in Darlington

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7 Last night of Religious Education  
 6:00 Confirmation Class

6 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

8 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

Pastor InSun's Day Off

13 10:30 Service @ Manor  
 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

15 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

20 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

22 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry  
 1:00 UWF mrg.

27 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

29 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry



Pastor out of the Office  
 May 26-June 2