

Bulletin Board

April 30, 2023

WELCOME! We praise God for giving us the ability to worship in fellowship today! Please remember that if you wish to social distance there is room, if you want or need to wear a mask we will support you. Please sign the registration books that are in the pews, please pass them to the next person. If you are worshipping from home and watching on Facebook please leave a comment (even if it is just Hi), it would be appreciated.

BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO YOU If you would prefer to have Holy Communion brought to you in the pew on the weeks it is served – **please** let the elder/ushers know prior to the service. We would not want to miss you!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME Join us in the Hillmer Center this week at 10:15 a.m. Please join us this week for Adult Bible class, we will ask questions about the Bible and practices we have.

EASTER LILY You can take your Easter Lily home anytime you want. Thank you for sharing the beautiful plants with us for Easter. I hear that they will survive if you plant them outside. The plants will come up in the spring.

MISSING BABY BOTTLES If you have not returned your bottle please get them to the office as soon as possible. We are still missing 5 bottles. Please call so we know where they are 319-235-6705. Thanks

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL It is time to renew or order the Lutheran Witness for the next subscription which begins in July. The cost is \$19.20 for the year which is 11 issues because they combine the June/July issue. Please let the office know today if you are interested in receiving this informative magazine so we can get the information in on time.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION For a limited time, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is offering a 6-month fixed-rate term note at 4.5%. The minimum investment to open an account is \$500. This offer is for new money only. Check out the table outside of the office for more information

MUFFINS FOR MITES May 14th, Hannah Society will be selling delicious muffins after church. Muffins are being sold for Mites, for celebrating Mother's Day and Music Sunday!! Be sure to get yours before they are all gone!!

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring **male and female camp counselors** for the upcoming summer. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins May 30 and ends August 4. Please contact Alec at [319-848-4187](tel:319-848-4187) or email programdirector@iodiseca.org. if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

A LIFE QUOTE "God's Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God." *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*
Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679.



BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Did You Know: Husbands, want to have a great relationship with your wife, even during times of stress and conflict? Don't try harder to convince her of your point. Don't walk away. Love her. Research supports what Scripture has already told us: During an argument, 72% of wives feel unloved. *"Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself..." (Ephesians 5:33)* It's not just a good idea, it's a clear directive from the creator of marriage Himself. And it actually works! **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org** (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

CATECHESIS – This week for those using the Catechism Study Guide you should be on the following page number according to what year you are on.

Year 1 is page 28;

Year 2 is page 88;

Year 3 is page 146;

GRACE FOOD PANTRY



Anyone wishing to donate to the Grace Food Pantry, these are the top items needed:

Cold Cereal, soups, hamburger / tuna helper, 32 oz juices, spaghetti sauce, crackers, soda crackers, rice, pastas, mac n cheese, canned meat, Peanut Butter, canned fruit, tooth paste Shampoo/Conditioner, Body wash, dish soap, cleaning liquids, laundry soap, razors, deodorant and lotions.

We can always use money too. The committee would like to thank all those who have given generously to the Grace Food Pantry!

Anyone needing assistance with the Grace Food Pantry please contact the church office Anyone interested in helping with the food pantry please contact the office or people listed.

1 Peter 2:11 – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed. We constantly desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul. It urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that in this world, we are sojourners and exiles — we really belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

TODAY:	
9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Commun. <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship <i>Hillmer Center</i>
10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School <i>Hillmer Center/Upper Level</i>
MONDAY:	
6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>
7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting <i>Hillmer Center+</i>
WEDNESDAY:	
8:30 a.m.	Sewing Circle <i>Rm 17</i>
5:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir practice <i>Music Rm</i>
THURSDAY:	
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study <i>Hillmer Center</i>
6:30 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>
SATURDAY:	
8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study <i>Kitchen</i>
NEXT SUNDAY:	
9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Commun. <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship <i>Hillmer Center</i>
10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School <i>Hillmer Center/Upper Level</i>

VALLEY LUTHERAN

Valley Lutheran would like to say, "Thank you", to all those that participated in the Crusader Knight on Saturday, April 22, either by planning, decorating, donating or tearing down. The Crusader Knight went over our \$100,000 goal and brought in \$106,000+. If you were not able to donate during the event, there still is time to by donating directly to the school.

Valley Lutheran would like to invite you to our Senior Baccalaureate Service and Graduation. The Baccalaureate Service is Wednesday, May 3 at 10:50 and Graduation is on Saturday, May 13 at 11.

Valley Lutheran's K-5 Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30. All are invited to come and enjoy the beautiful sound of our Elementary!

Youth News

Check the Grace Greetings for details on the next youth activities.

A REMINDER: Members wishing to contribute to the recent loan for roofing and air conditioning may do so by marking the memo line on your check for the Properties Repair Loan and leaving your donation in the offering plate or office. All donations to the cause will be directly applied to the loan. Thank you for your generous heart.