Bulletin Board

April 16, 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.

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 continue studying Galatians. Sunday School will resume this week, we look forward to having you with us.

BABY BOTTLE FOR ALTERNATIVES Thank you for your generosity in filling the 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.

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 if you are interested in receiving this informative magazine by April 30th so we can get the information in on time.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS FOR VALLEY LUTHERAN SCHOOL If you are saving the receipts for Valley Lutheran School please have them here to church by April 23rd so we can get them to the school. Someone goes through all the receipts and adds them up to turn in totals to Hy-Vee. It does take a little time to get this done before the deadline. Thank you for your help on this project. We will let you know when we can start accepting them again.

IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION is being held Saturday April 29th at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Doors will open at 9 am, convention starts at 10 am and will be finished by 4 pm. The cost is \$15 until April 22 and will be \$18 at the door. Guest speaker is Jeff Craig-Meyer LHM Senior VP, Chief Strategy Officer. Highlights include Gifted for More; Ministry Update on LHM's International Internship Program; Martha Hartwig, Iowa District East LWML President. Check the bulletin board for registration forms.

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

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 <u>319-848-4187</u> or email <u>programdirector@iodiseca.org.</u> if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at <u>www.campiodiseca.org.</u>

A LIFE QUOTE "Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected." Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 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: Ever written down and kept track of your prayers? In a notebook by yourself or on slips of paper in a mason jar with your family, write out your prayer requests and how they have (or haven't) been answered. Then a month, a year, or a decade from now, look back at them and see how God has provided. When you are faced with new trials, it is helpful to look back on God's faithfulness during trials of the past. "Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast." Psalm 119:90 **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.** (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

 $\underline{\textbf{MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE}}$ - This week the verse is:

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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 26; Year 2 is page 85; Year 3 is page 144;

CREATION MUSEUM/ARK ENCOUNTER BUS TRIP is planned for June 5-9. This is a wonderful experience and comes highly recommended. More details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex or across from the office if you are interested in this trip. The best part of this trip is you don't have to drive in the busy cities or navigate your way around the towns. You can relax and enjoy the company of the others on the bus.

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.

VALLEY LUTHERAN

Are you unable to attend Valley Lutheran School's Crusader Knight 2023 happening on April 22nd? Well, you still have two ways you can still make a difference!

- 1. Head to the site, https://secure.qgiv.com/event/crusaderknight2023/, and register for Silent Auction Bidder #. You can then bid on over 60 items! You're sure to find a fun collectible item or gift certificate to use around town! No need to be present to bid on Silent Auction this year.
- 2. Want to contribute but don't have a need for more "stuff"? Consider a donation! It can be done on the site above or mail/ drop off your check at Valley and we'll get it included in the total for the evening!

As we commemorate the 20th school year of Valley, we thank YOU for your faithfulness and celebrate all God has done and will do in the future!

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.

John 20:19 – "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Jesus spent a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus to live lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

TODAY:

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

Hillmer Center

10:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School

Hillmer Center/Upper Level

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Exercise

Library

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Rm 17

5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Music Rm

THURSDAY:

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Hillmer Center
Four Oaks Training

Hillmer Center

Exercise *Library*

FRIDAY:

6:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Youth @ Get Air

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Commun.

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Youth News

We are going to Get Air on Friday April 21 at 7 pm to try out the special lighting they have on Fridays and Saturdays. Check the Grace Greetings for details.