Bulletin Board

September 10, 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.

AED DEFIBRILLATOR In case you are wondering what the white box on the wall in the office corridor, it is our AED Defibrillator. This is located right outside the sanctuary by the bookcase.

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. We are studying Galatians in the adult class today that follows fellowship time.

INVITATION FROM LWML Join us via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 9 am for a Young Women's Bible Study! While these Bible Studies will be focused toward teens and young adults, we welcome all to participate! Some weeks we will dive into a CPH Bible Studies while others will be a special topic session led by a pastor within the Iowa East. Email hmraebel@gmail.com for more information and join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month!

CEDAR VALLEY HOSPICE will hold its annual Release & Remember fundraising event on Today, September 10, 2023 from 1-3 pm (program and mass release at 2:30 pm) at the RiverLoop Amphitheartre, 225 Commercial St. Waterloo. Join us for lunch, children's activities and live music by Flatland Ridge. A butterfly can be dedicated in honor or in memory of someone special for \$30. T-shirts are also available for \$20 at all Cedar Valley Hospice locations. All donations support the programs and services of Cedar Valley Hospice. To dedicate a butterfly, visit cvhospice.org

GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINE It's time to get articles ready for the October edition of the Grace Greetings! For anyone wanting to submit an article or an announcement to be included in the next Grace Greetings, please make sure to have it to the office by September 15. You can submit your articles by email to officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org or leave a hard copy in the office.

CREATION MUSEUM AND ARK There will be a Christmas bus trip to the Creation Museum and Ark the first part of December. More information is in the September Greetings so you can start saving up for the trip. Deadline for having the money in is November 1st and that is fast approaching. This is the easy way to go to these wonderful attractions without dealing with the traffic.

GIDEON PRESENTATION Mr. James Bacon will be here next Sunday to give a presentation. There will be a short one before Church starts and a longer one during the Bible Class time. Come and find out what good things this group is doing.

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE The Hannah's meeting this month is moving to September 18th at 7 pm instead of on the 25th. Sorry for any confusion in the schedule this month.

A LIFE QUOTE "There is no more valuable work for God and for all of Christendom than bringing up your children in the faith and trust of Jesus! It's not hard to believe that if this were our primary aim, that our children would not question their gender, that they would respect their neighbor and love their spouses, that they would welcome the opportunity to serve the public with politics that reflect solid biblical values, and that they would continue to attend church well after confirmation!" Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Did You Know Spend \$1.50 on a new ink pen and you can use it to write 45,000 words before it runs dry. For such a small cost and an investment of a few minutes of time, you can use a cheap ink pen to make an incredible difference in someone's life. This week, use that pen to write an encouraging note to an older man or woman living alone or in a care center in your community, or a grandchild or previous Sunday School student who has moved away, including your favorite hymn or Bible verse or prayer among the encouraging words you share. Perhaps at a critical moment of loneliness or doubt, God will use your note to remind them that they have not been forgotten - by Him or you. Bonus points for extending the value of your investment in that pen: with an average of 40 words per note counting the recipient's name and address on the envelope, you can bring life, light, and joy to the lives of 1125 people this year before that pen runs dry! Happy note writing! **Lutheran Family Service** <u>www.LutheranFamilyService.org</u> (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

2 Samuel 7:22

You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

<u>CATECHESIS</u> — This week_for those using the Catechism Study Guide you should be on the following page number according to what year you are doing.

Year 1 is page 48; Year 2 is page 107; Year 3 is page 166;



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, 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 SCHOOL

Crusader Classic Golf Tournament is Friday
September 15th at Waverly Golf Course. This is a
Foursome Scramble Fundraiser, you can make
your own team of 4 people or you can register as
one person and they will get you on a team. The
cost is \$65 per person or \$260 as a team. There
are sponsorship levels available. Please contact
the school with any questions 319-266-4565 or
email Chaplin Kevin:

chaplain, kevin@vlscrusaders.org

ADOPT A TEACHER MINISTRY:

Can you pray? Would you be willing to drop an encouraging note once a month or so? Would you like to encourage a Valley Lutheran School teacher or staff member as they share the love of Jesus with students and families? If so, please let us know. We need a few additional parents, members of Association Congregations or friends of Valley Lutheran School to actively pray for and

Youth News

This month lets go to Palmers Family Fun Center on Saturday September 16th at 1 pm. Check the Grace Greetings for more information. Please let me know if you are coming by Wednesday September 13th.

Corn Hole Tournament at Our Redeemer Lutheran

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.

Luke 17:18-19 – "Then Jesus answered ... 'Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you — it's only natural. Thus, our stewardship is a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts which enable the church to reach more people with the Good News of Christ.

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

TODAY:

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

Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

Hillmer Center

10:30 a.m. Bible Class
Hillmer Center

Sunday School Classes start

Upper level

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Exercise

Library

7:00 p.m. Boards meet

Hillmer Center

TUESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Foster Parent Support Group

Hillmer Center

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Rm 17

1:00 p.m. World Relief Quilters

Rm 17

5:15 p.m. Chancel Chior

Choir Rm

THURSDAY:

9:00 a.m. World Relief Quilters

Rm 17

6:00 p.m. Exercise

Library

SATURDAY:

1:00 p.m. All Youth

Palmer's

NEXT SUNDAY: Gideons Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

Hillmer Center

10:30 a.m. Bible Class

Hillmer Center

ONLINE GIVING We now have the option of online giving available on our website: www.gracewaterloo.org You will enter a secure site and can setup weekly or one time gifts to your regular giving or to special funds like the building repair fund. Giving can be setup with either a credit card or your bank account. You can create an account that will remember your information for future use. This is a very secure site so you can setup giving with confidence that your information will be safe. You can also setup giving using an app on a cell phone. Just search for Vanco in your App Store. Using this you will need to create an account with your information to allow the app to communicate with Vanco.