

# Bulletin Board

September 17, 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.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME** Join us in the Hillmer Center this week at 10:15 a.m. We are studying Galatians after the Gideon presentation in the adult class today that follows fellowship time.

**GIDEON PRESENTATION** Mr. James Bacon is here today 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 is tomorrow evening at 7 pm instead of on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for any confusion in the schedule this month.

**CHURCH MUSICIAN WORKSHOP** is Saturday September 30 from 9 am – 3 pm at College Hill Lutheran Church. Register by September 20<sup>th</sup> at 31-266-1274, please check the bulletin board for more information.

**CREATION MUSEUM AND ARK** There will be a Christmas bus trip to the Creation Museum and Ark December 4-8. More information is in the September Greetings. You will take a 56 passenger Windstar bus that leaves from the Waverly Walmart parking lot at 6 am Monday morning. There are pickup stops in Waterloo also. You will be home sometime on Friday evening. Deadline for having the money in is November 1<sup>st</sup> and that is fast approaching. This is the easy way to go to these wonderful attractions without dealing with the traffic. For more information you can call 319-610-2623 or email [bauerr@mchsi.com](mailto:bauerr@mchsi.com).

**ONLINE GIVING** We now have the option of online giving available on our website: [www.gracewaterloo.org](http://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.

**ALTERNATIVES PREGNACY CENTER** is hiring a part-time Communications Director! Desirable skills include online marketing background, ability to communicate a pro life message effectively, and comfortability navigating social media. This position will be primarily based in Des Moines. If you would like to apply, please send your resume to [execdir@alternativescenter.org](mailto:execdir@alternativescenter.org) Thank you so much! We are truly better together!

**A LIFE QUOTE** "No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888.217.8679.*



**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Did You Know** In addition to pervasive sadness, feeling hopeless and disconnected from others, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. Examples include overgeneralizing – after one thing goes wrong, saying, "Things never go right for me;" exaggerated responsibility for others - "Why aren't you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn't do;" and negative labeling – "I didn't get up in time to exercise today – I'm lazy and a failure." Left unchallenged, these false negative messages to self only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor first and remember that your pastor and Christian counselors like those at Lutheran Family Service who also share your faith can help. **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** - This week the verse is:

**1 Samuel 12:24**

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

**CATECHESIS –** 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.

**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.

**Matthew 6:25 – “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.”** Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

## The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

<b>TODAY:</b>	Gideon Sunday
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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Exercise Library
7:00 p.m.	Hannah’s meeting Kitchen
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Sewing Circle Rm 17
5:15 p.m.	Chancel Chior Choir Rm
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study Hillmer Center
6:00 p.m.	Exercise Library
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Guest Pastor Worship w/Holy Commun. Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hillmer Center
10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School Hillmer Center/Upper level

Pastor will be on Vacation September 23 to October 1, Pastor Rothchild will be preaching on September 24 and October 1. Have a safe and fun vacation Pastor.

## Youth News

# VALLEY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## 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 encourage teachers and staff members.

If you would be interested or would like to learn more, please contact the Adopt A Teacher Ministry Coordinator, Nancy McHone. Her email is [nlmchone@gmail.com](mailto:nlmchone@gmail.com) and her cell phone is 319-230-7608.

Make a difference in the ministry of our VLS staff. Email or call Nancy today!

*Dear Valley Supporters, Mrs.Scheele is looking for someone to cover her on the first Monday of every month. This person would need to fill in for before and aftercare. If this is something you can help with please email her. If you are interested in being a backup for other times please also email her. All volunteers as well as paid personnel must have a background check.*  
[shay.scheele@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:shay.scheele@vlscrusaders.org)

Valley’s before/aftercare coordinator is looking for someone to watch her 4 children 1 or 2 days a week for 2-3hrs. If you know of a college student or homeschool teenager who would be interested in this please email, call or text shaylene scheele. Thank you!  
[shay.scheele@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:shay.scheele@vlscrusaders.org)  
309-830-2538

Corn Hole Tournament at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm. A lunch will be served from 12-1 pm. Prizes will be awarded. Please let me know by next Sunday if you plan on attending. I have to let Our Redeemer know so they have enough food.