

Bulletin Board

September 24, 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.

GUEST PASTOR: Pastor is 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. Thank you, Pastor Rothchild, for filling in while Pastor Kane is on vacation. Let the office know if you are in need of pastoral care, we will have someone to help you.

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. Pastor Rothchild will be leading the adult Bible Class today. Come and enjoy the study that he has prepared for us.

LWML SUNDAY – CELEBRATE WITH LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION A special worship service is planned for Sunday, October 8, to celebrate all that God has done through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this every LWML Sunday. Thank you! Our new Lutheran Women in Mission Statement reads – "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 80 years through the LWML! This year's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is "The King is Coming" based on Psalm 24: 7–10. Throughout human history, God pictured the coming redemptive King through various images of His promise, providence, provision, and protection for His people. We could easily become down and out because of the evil of our world, and quickly give up because of the constant bad news; but hope, peace, joy, and love is the promise of our God for His people. Christ

ILSTO "September 24th is Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization Sunday. The organization provides scholarships to make Lutheran education possible for families that would otherwise be financially restricted from this education. The goal is to raise \$1,078,184 to be distributed during the 2024-2025 school year. To date we are 10% funded, please consider making a donation to allow more students to receive the blessing of a Christ-centered education. Donors will receive a 75% tax credit on their taxes in the state of Iowa. Thank you for your generosity!"

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 1st 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.

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.

A LIFE QUOTE "Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over." *Pastor Michael Salemink, 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 From a recent CDC report on Alzheimer's Disease: *Significant increases in Alzheimer's deaths coupled with an increase in the number of persons with Alzheimer's dying at home have likely added to the burden on family members or other unpaid caregivers. Caregivers might benefit from interventions such as education, respite care, and case management that can lessen the potential burden of caregiving and can improve the care received by persons with Alzheimer's.* You think?? Anyone who has loved and cared for a family member suffering from this terrible disease would say *Amen* to that obvious conclusion. Who in your world is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease? They likely won't ask you for help but help anyway. Do yard work, clean leaves out of the gutters, prepare food, or give them the gift of time away while you sit with their loved one. *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Psalm 91:11–12

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

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 o. Anyone interested in helping with the food pantry please contact the office or people listed.

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 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

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
309-830-2538

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.

Ephesians 3:14-15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.

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:	
9:00 a.m.	Greeting Stuffers <i>Kitchen</i>
6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>
WEDNESDAY:	
8:30 a.m.	Sewing Circle <i>Rm 17</i>
5:15 p.m.	Chancel Chior <i>Choir Rm</i>
THURSDAY:	
6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>
NEXT SUNDAY:	
9:00 a.m.	Guest Pastor Worship <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>

Youth News

Corn Hole Tournament
at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday
October 8th 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.

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 Thank you so much! We are truly better together!