

Bulletin Board

October 15, 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. Following fellowship time we will have Adult Bible Study in the Hillmer Center. The Sunday School class

GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINE It's that time again to get articles ready for 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 today. You can submit your articles by email to officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org or leave a hard copy in the office. Thank you for your help.

HANNAH SOCIETY is collecting mites this morning to help fund all the mission projects that they have going. If you have any spare change and would like to contribute to their mission work please stop at either the table in the narthex or in the hall by the office. Thank you for helping further the mission.

VOTERS MEETING is November 5th at 9:30 a.m. please come, this is the budget meeting for the next year. If you have questions this is the time to get them answered. We will try to have the meeting finished by 10:00. Board Directors please have your reports into the office by tomorrow morning.

DO YOU NEED INFORMATION ON MEDICARE COSTS? Open Enrollment is October 15th to December 7th. Call for an appointment 319-272-7857. They would be happy to answer questions or to help you enroll. MercyOne SHIIP Office 2055 Kimball Ave. Suite 320.

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 "For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!" *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – 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 Date night! When was the last time you planned a date with your spouse? A date doesn't have to cost a lot to make it fun. An extra special meal, a drive in the country with the radio on, or recreating your first date are just a few ideas. What counts most is the time you prioritize for each other. Let your spouse know with actions and words that if you had to do it all over again, you would. "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." *I Peter 4:8* **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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 53;

Year 2 is page 112;

Year 3 is page 171;

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.

Ephesians 4:24 – “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” — to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord’s House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.

VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

The 15th Annual Valley Lutheran Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be accepting items for the rummage sale beginning on October 23rd from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please no clothes or large pieces of furniture. We thank you for your donations. Craft Sale Committee

Valley Lutheran's National Honor Society Students are hosting a Blood Drive through the American Red Cross on Monday, October 30th from 1-6. By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship. For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS, (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code-ValleyLutheranCF.

Valley Lutheran School will be hosting a Veterans' Day celebration on Friday, November 10 at 10:00 A.M. Our theme this year is “Called to Serve.” We will be having our annual slide show presentation for those who have served or are currently serving in a branch of the military. If you currently have a picture in the slideshow and would like it to remain, please email Mr. Holtzman with the name and relationship to a Valley student or our ministry. Send a picture, the military branch, rank, and years of service to chad.holtzman@vlscrusaders.org or drop it off at Valley Lutheran School in the office by Friday, November 3. Any pictures not spoken for will be removed.

This event is open to the public. Our Boosters will be hosting a free lunch for veterans after the program. Please join us on Friday the 10th at 10:00 A.M. to

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 Chior Choir Rm
THURSDAY:	
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study Hillmer Center
6:00 p.m.	Exercise Library
SATURDAY:	
1:00 p.m.	Game Day for Youth @Church
NEXT SUNDAY:	
9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Commun. Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hillmer Center
10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School Hillmer Center/Upper level
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Youth News

Saturday October 21st we are going to have games here at church from 1-3 pm. Bring a board game or we have corn hole boards and other games here. Let me know if you plan on coming.