

Bulletin Board

October 22, 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. Following fellowship time we will have Adult Bible Study in the Hillmer Center. The Sunday School class will meet upstairs.

VOTER'S MEETING is scheduled for November 5th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. We will have a short worship service and then go to the meeting. Please pick up a Voter's packet in the Narthex and in the hallway this morning. This is so you are ready to discuss the budget and all of the other questions you might have.

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 "So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us." 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 "He's got the whole world in His hands..." Do you remember the words to this Sunday School song? More than just a fun song, these lyrics speak truth about how much God loves us and is in control of our world – even during the uncertain times we're living in today. Be assured: He has not forgotten or abandoned us. He has a plan, and it's a good one. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." I John 4:9 **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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 54;

Year 2 is page 113;

Year 3 is page 172;

Anyone wishing to donate to the Grace Food Pantry, these are the top items needed:

GRACE FOOD PANTRY



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 either the church office or one of the following people: Sandy Benedett, Lu Kafer, or Nancy McHone. Anyone interested in

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.

Pink Out
A FUN family night ahead! Join us for the Pink Out for ALL Cancer FUN Volleyball Night on Friday, October 27th. Our concession stand will open at 5:00 pm for you to grab a bite (sign up to volunteer below) followed by the volleyball games at 5:30 pm.

Six different teams made up of combos of our students, teachers, and parents will play 9-minute games. The double-elimination tourney will be a LOT of fun. Bring your family to cheer on your favorite team!
***Wear PINK - especially if you purchased a shirt in honor of Mrs. L'Heureux.

Price of admission to the tourney will be a free will donation going to the cancer ministry, Phil's Friends. Here's what Mrs. L'Heureux says about the organization:

Since my cancer diagnosis, I have received the most incredible support from my Valley Family! I cannot express in words how much it has encouraged me to have the love and care of Christ shining through all of you. Every single person who is diagnosed with cancer should have that same love and support, so that's why I have chosen Phil's Friends as the recipient of the Pink Out Volleyball Night proceeds. Phil's Friends sends cards and care packages to cancer patients, and the best part is that these are sent with Bibles, devotions, and prayers. The Gospel message of hope is what every cancer patient needs to hear, and that's exactly what Phil's Friends does. Check out their website at philsfriends.org to learn more about this organization. -Mrs. L'Heureux

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.

Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places “where moth and rust destroy” (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about how we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

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/Sunday School
 Hillmer Center/ Upper level

MONDAY:
9:00 a.m. Greetings Stuffers
 Kitchen
6:00 p.m. Exercise
 Library
7:00 p.m. Hannah's
 Kitchen

WEDNESDAY:
8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle
 Rm 17
5:15 p.m. Chancel Chior
 Choir Rm

THURSDAY:
6:00 p.m. Exercise
 Library

NEXT SUNDAY:

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>

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Youth News

Check GraceGreetings for activities.

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!

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY If you were unable to have your picture taken for the directory and would like one there are some extras in the office. The cost is \$15 and you can see the beautiful job that the PR Board did with these.