Bulletin Board

November 5, 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.

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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, we are going to finish the last chapters of Galatians in the next couple of weeks. The Sunday School class will meet upstairs.

<u>VOTER'S MEETING</u> is today, November 5^{th} 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 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.

FROM THE PIE LADIES The Holidays are fast approaching, please reserve your pies this week so we are able to have the kind you would need for your holiday get togethers

THE PROUD IMAGE CHORUS would like to invite the choir members and your entire congregation, to their upcoming Christmas Concert, 'A Christmas of HOPE,' which will be presented by The Proud Image along with River City Chorus from Mason City. 100% of the proceeds will benefit House of Hope The concert will take place on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Valley Church in Waterloo. Tickets are \$10 for adults/\$5 students and available from any Chorus member or by going to: https://houseofhopeccd.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/13788

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 "Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns."

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 They number 16.5 million in the United States today and make up 6.4% of the population. There are 174,000 living in Iowa. There might actually be one sitting next to you right now! For many years, including today, men and women have volunteered to serve to protect our nation. Look around and see a Veteran. Thank him (or her) for their service, on behalf of all who have benefited from their dedication and selfless sacrifice. May God grant peace in this troubled world, and may He bestow His abiding peace in the hearts, minds and lives of all who have served our country. On Veteran's Day and every day, we love our veterans! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

<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 55;

Year 2 is page 114;

Year 3 is page 173;



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 UPDATE

Veteran's Day

Valley Lutheran School will be hosting a Veterans' Day celebration on Friday, November 10th at 10:00 am. Our theme this year is "Called to Serve."

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 am to celebrate our Veterans!

Reminder: Valley Lutheran's Delegate Meeting is Sunday, November 12th at 2 p.m. It will be held in the Music Room.

Festival of Trees

Vote for Valley Lutheran School's tree, Baking Up Memories, at MercyOne's Festival of Trees. The Festival takes place at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Denter Lobby from November 14th through the 19th and has been a kick-off to the holiday season for 35 years. We appreciate your vote!

Coming Soon: "A Little Bit of Drama"

Valley Lutheran's Fall Play will be December 2nd and 3rd. There will be more information coming soon, including when ticket sales will begin!

Basketball Camp: Valley Lutheran will be having a **Basketball Camp** for 1st thru 12th grades. If your student would be interested in participating or to learn more, please contact Mr. Kuhlmann at canyon.kuhlmann@vlscrusaders.org. This camp is open to all area students.

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 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

TODAY:

9:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting 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

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting Hillmer Center +

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

5:30 p.m. Four Oaks CPR/FA Hillmer Center

6:00 p.m. Exercise *Library*

FRIDAY:

8:00 p.m. Youth Bowling @ Cadillac Lanes

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

Youth News

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GIVING STATEMENTS The giving statements are now available in the hall outside the office. Thank you to Randy and Carol for all of their work to keep everything straight for the year. Please let the office know if you need to have your statement mailed to you. Also you can pick up your envelopes and Directory.

GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINEIt's time to get articles ready for the December 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 November 15. You can submit your articles by email to officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org or leave a hard copy in the office.