

# Bulletin Board

November 12, 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.

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

**GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINE** It'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](mailto:officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org) or leave a hard copy in the office.

**GIVING TUESDAY AT VALLEY LUTHERAN** The theme for our second annual GIVING TUESDAY event this November 28th is "Fishin' TODAY and Fishin' TOMORROW!" Our goal is to raise \$60,000 which will be split. 50% will go towards our yearly budget and 50% will go toward renovation and expansion of our spaces inside our walls to meet projected growth over the next two years. On the evening of Monday, November 27th, through the evening of Tuesday, November 28th, Valley will be streaming live videos from our campus to share the exciting things that are being done TODAY and how we are planning to do TOMORROW...beginning Fall 2024 and in the future. Further, we will be having a family friendly FREE WILL dinner of Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs beginning at 5:00 pm and lasting until 7:30 pm when we have our last live broadcast and announce the generosity of God's people and our Giving Tuesday TOTAL. At 5:30 pm, a FISHIN' CARNIVAL will begin for children as we want them, their families, our supporters, our friends, and YOU to be there for this exciting event. Will you prayerfully consider giving a one-time gift or pledge to give a gift quarterly or monthly to help us reach our goal of \$60,000? Your gift is never too small or too large to help us make an eternal difference in the lives of our students and families. Help us fulfill our mission and stretch toward our vision of growing and sharing Christ with more K-12th grade students in the Cedar Valley!

**ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER** We're Hiring! Alternatives is hiring for the position of part time accountant (6-10 hours a week)! If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please email our director at: [execdir@alternativescenter.org](mailto:execdir@alternativescenter.org). Thanks so much!

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

**A LIFE QUOTE** "What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'" *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – 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** We all need encouragement and hope in these difficult days – something real and substantive, not just the trite "have a nice day" or "think positive!" Where do we find truthful words that will make a difference? We – along with Simon Peter - confess, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." God's own Word has power to change our hearts and minds. Open your Bible or Bible app this week and choose one passage to commit to memory. Recite it over and over during the week and see what a difference it makes. You might even want to make a habit of memorizing a new verse each week! Do it on your own or join the LCMS Memory Verse Challenge (<https://www.lcms.org/worshipmemory-verse-challenge>). **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) (515.573.3138 and [LFSiowa.org](http://LFSiowa.org))

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

**1 Peter 1:24–25**

The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.

**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 57;

Year 2 is page 116;

Year 3 is page 175;

## 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 either the church office. Anyone interested in helping with the food pantry please contact the office or people listed.



## VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

**Reminder:** Valley Lutheran's Delegate Meeting is today, 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 Center Lobby from November 14<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. There will be 3 short plays, The Fairyland Detective Agency, Dad-Joke Intervention and Jonah and the Big Fish. Tickets will go on sale November 13<sup>th</sup> for \$5 each. Baked items will be for sale during intermission.

**Basketball Camp:** Valley Lutheran will be having a **Basketball Camp** for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If your student would be interested in participating or to learn more, please contact Mr. Kuhlmann at [canyon.kuhlmann@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:canyon.kuhlmann@vlscrusaders.org). Camp is on Saturdays, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**Philippians 1:5 – “I thank my God ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”** God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the kingdom of God.

**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:**  
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  
5:30 p.m.                      Four Oaks CPR/FA    *Hillmer Center*  
6:00 p.m.                      Exercise    *Library*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
9:00 a.m.                      Worship    *Sanctuary*  
10:15 a.m.                    Fellowship    *Hillmer Center*  
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Youth News

Check the next Grace Greetings for the fun