

Bulletin Board

November 26, 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, check to see what we are studying next. Maybe you can suggest what the next topic will be for discussion. The Sunday School class will meet upstairs, they will be practicing for the Christmas Program.

THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD is doing the Christmas Baskets again this year. They are asking for gift cards from different food stores and gas cards, or money for the baskets. Do you know someone in need or just someone you think should be blessed this year, please let the office know and they will be put on the list. All of this will be needed by December 6th, so we can get this to the people before Christmas. Look for more information in the Grace Greetings.

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. Thanks so much!

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. Kick off the holidays by enjoying many of your favorite Christmas carols, such as *Joy to the World*, *Toyland*, *White Christmas*, *Mary*, *Did You Know?* and many more. Tickets are \$10 for adults/\$5 students and available from any Chorus member or by going to: <https://houseofhopecccd.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/13788>

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE would like you to *Save the date for November 28* Support Lutheran Family Service this Giving Tuesday Giving Tuesday 2022 was the single biggest giving day in Lutheran Family Service history! The support of folks just like you has enabled us to provide 6,500 counseling sessions this year – a 55% increase! The Iowa Thrivent Member Network has again chosen to sponsor us for a Giving Tuesday generosity multiplier event, **adding \$1 for every \$2 donated through their online platform on Tuesday, November 28**. Please join us so that next year we can walk with even more people struggling with marital challenges, anxiety, depression, grief, and a host of other mental health issues! *Follow Lutheran Family Service on Facebook, or contact info@lutheranfamilyservice.org for more details.*

A LIFE QUOTE "Being For Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling." *Virginia Flo, 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 Lutheran Family Service supports the work and members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations in Iowa and beyond to care for those in need of grief, mental health or marriage counseling, unplanned pregnancy support, and adoption services. No government dollars means they maintain a Christ-centered focus in all they do! Your partnership gift before year's end will make it possible for someone to receive help at a difficult time regardless of their ability to cover the cost. November 28 is Giving Tuesday, and our Lutheran Family Service is included! Your gift – matched on this one day by Thrivent and an anonymous LFS partner - can be made securely online at www.tiny.cc/GiveLFS. On behalf of those your gift will help, thank you! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Romans 8:38–39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 61;

Year 2 is page 120;

Year 3 is page 179;

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 or one of the following people: Sandy Benedett, Lu Kafer, or Nancy McHone. Anyone interested in helping with the food pantry please contact the office or people listed.

VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

Coming Soon: "A Little Bit of Drama"

Valley Lutheran's Fall Play will be December 2nd at 7 p.m. and 3rd 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 13th for \$5 each. Baked items will be for sale during intermission.

Christmas Program come and join us for our K-12 Christmas Program to get you in the Christmas Spirit! Our program will be on Tuesday December 12th at 6:30 pm at the school.

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

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 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

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>
7:00 p.m.	Hannah's <i>Kitchen</i>

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 a.m.	Sewing Group <i>Rm 17</i>
5:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir <i>Choir Rm</i>

THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>
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SATURDAY:

8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study <i>Kitchen</i>
8:30 a.m.	Decorate the Church for Christmas <i>all over</i>

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m.	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

Check the next Grace Greetings for the fun in December.