

Bulletin Board

December 3, 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, we are studying Angels. 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.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP & SUPPERS Midweek services start this Wednesday December 6th with services at 11 am and 6:30 pm. Supper is at 5:30 pm with the Youth Serving this week, the menu is Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, cornbread, crackers, relish tray, dessert and drinks. Join us for fellowship and good food.

POINSETTIA ORDERS are due by this Wednesday December 6th, please make sure to have your orders in to the office by then. We don't want to miss your orders.

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>

GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINE With December being a busy month I am giving you an early warning for the January 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 December 15. You can submit your articles by email to officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org or leave a hard copy in the office.

A LIFE QUOTE "In view of God's display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 Someone once said, "Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash." What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for the coming Christmas celebrations, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal or joyfully helping with household responsibilities are simple ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch... In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

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 4;

Year 2 is page 63;

Year 3 is page 122;

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.

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.

Jeremiah 23:6 – “And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’” Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

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

WEDNESDAY:
8:30 a.m. Sewing Group
 Rm 17
11:00 a.m. Worship
 Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
 Choir Rm
5:30 p.m. Supper
 Hillmer Center
6:30 p.m. Worship
 Sanctuary

THURSDAY:
9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
 Hillmer Center
6:00 p.m. Exercise
 Library

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

SATURDAY:
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting
 Kitchen

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

VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

Christmas Program Valley Lutheran School is proud to present Hear the Good News! our K-12 Christmas Choir Concert. This year the concert will take place on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 in our gym. The concert will feature our choral groups in all ages, a recorder song from 4th and 5th grade and instrumental solos from students of different ages. Join us as we usher in the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Giving Tuesday Thanks! Valley Lutheran School wants to thank all those from our Association Churches for being so generous with their time, talents and financial giving! Valley had 100% participation from our Association Churches and we are truly thankful. Valley raised over \$40,000 and we could not have done it without you! To God be the Glory!!

Youth News

We are going Cosmic Bowling on Friday December 8th at 8 pm. Join us at Cadillac Lanes for some fun. Let me know by Wednesday if you