

# Bulletin Board

January 7, 2024

**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. The adult class is continuing with the study of Angels following the fellowship time. The Sunday School class will meet in the Library at 10:30 for opening and then go to their classroom.

**ENVELOPES AND DIRECTORIES** The offering envelopes for 2024 and the new phone directories are available in the hallway outside of the office this Sunday. We will help you pick up your envelopes and directory if you need some assistance.

**FLOWER CHART** is now posted in the Narthex if you are wanting to bring fresh flowers to the sanctuary. Please let me know if this is to celebrate a special occasion, remember someone, or if you just want it to God's Glory. The cost is \$37.

**POINSETTIAS** Those that ordered poinsettias may pick them up after service or anytime this week. They are in the hall, feel free to take them at any time. If you are wondering what color you ordered, I still have the forms.

**GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINE** It's time to get articles ready for the February 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 January 15. You can submit your articles by email to [officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org](mailto:officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org) or leave a hard copy in the office.

**ONLINE GIVING** We now have the option of online giving available on our website: [www.gracewaterloo.org](http://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** "What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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** What do the "Mona Lisa," "Starry Night," and "You," have in common? Yep - all three are masterpieces! Da Vinci and Van Gogh created famous works of art, but an even greater Master Craftsman created you. God formed you in your mother's womb and knew you before you were born. You may see clumsy big feet with ingrown toenails, expanding thighs, or a receding hairline. He sees and loves what He has created...a one-of-a-kind, unique you! Be careful not to paint over what He has designed with your own brush of negativity, inferiority, or shame. Thank God for and take care of the body He gave you! "For we are God's handiwork..." *Ephesians 2:10* **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:

**John 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**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 11;

Year 2 is page 70;

Year 3 is page 129;



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

Valley Lutheran School, where we are MORE THAN A SCHOOL, is Hiring a Development Director Full-Time:

Interested candidates may apply by sending their credentials and a letter of interest to Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II, Executive Director, Valley Lutheran School, 4520 Rownd Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa. 50613 or email to [henry.pahlkotter@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:henry.pahlkotter@vlscrusaders.org).

You may request a full job description by calling the school office at 319-266-4565 or emailing [sharron.clement@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:sharron.clement@vlscrusaders.org). Candidates with related education and experience, as well as an understanding of the ministry of Lutheran Christian Schools, are preferred.

### Youth News

We are going to try the Escapology room in Cedar Falls on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please sign up asap so we can get tickets for the room we want.

**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 60:6 – “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.”** Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It’s simply what Christians do: Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: We give with a thankful heart.

### The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

**TODAY:**

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/Library</i>

**MONDAY:**

6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>
7:00 p.m.	Board Meetings <i>Hillmer Center</i>

**WEDNESDAY:**

8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle  
*Rm 17*

5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir  
*Music Room*

**THURSDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Exercise  
Library

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Comm. <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship <i>Hillmer Center</i>
10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School <i>Hillmer Center/Library</i>