

Bulletin Board

January 14, 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. Your giving statements will be ready this week.

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. Anyone interested in a poinsettia please talk to Denise.

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 tomorrow, January 15. You can submit your articles by email to officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org or leave a hard copy in the office.

FROM VALLEY LUTHERAN SCHOOL Valley Lutheran School, grounded in His truth and grace, prepares, trains, and teaches our students and families to serve and live for Christ. How do we do this?

-By equipping His children with the truth as revealed in God's Word. -By equipping His children to live out their faith and be strong witnesses for Christ in the world.

-By equipping His children with academic excellence to fulfill God's unique calling in their lives.

Learn how Valley Lutheran School seeks to be "More than a School" at our ***Prospective Family Open House*** happening on *Thursday, February 1st*. It will be hosted from 5:30 to 7:00 pm and all prospective families will receive FREE tickets to our Boosters Dinner!

If you've longed for a Christian education for your children, but figured you couldn't afford it, the State's Education Savings Account (ESA) program now makes Valley affordable! The program covers ALL incoming kindergarteners, ALL public school transfers no matter their grade level, and ALL fully homeschooled students. *Registration opens to the public on February 1st BUT by attending this church, you can register a WHOLE WEEK earlier on **January 25th!*** So don't delay as space is limited in several of our classes. Give us a call at 319-266-4565 to set up an appointment to visit today!

A LIFE QUOTE "Abortion has only ever represented a symptom. The sickness has always consisted of the deeper reality of sin. So, law never embodied the finish line or the prize. Our Savior's victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let's press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life*

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BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Did You: Christians who suffer from depression often experience guilt, mistakenly believing that "true Christians" should feel joy - not daily sadness. Here's important and good news: a weak faith is not a cause of depression. Martin Luther struggled with depression (melancholy) as have many other faithful church leaders over the years. If you feel depressed, you're not alone so don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea when he wrote, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Don't retreat into solitude; talk to your pastor, friend, family member, or a trusted counselor at **Lutheran Family Service**.

www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Romans 6:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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 12;

Year 2 is page 71;

Year 3 is page 130



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



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. You may request a full job description by calling the school office at 319-266-4565 or emailing 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 20th at 7 pm. Please sign up asap so we can get tickets for the room we want.

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.

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.

John 2:5 – “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, “What does this have to do with me?” (John 2:4). But she knew that whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knew what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That’s still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives, including in our generosity toward the Lord’s work in the church.

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

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

WEDNESDAY:
8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle
 Rm 17
5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
 Music Room

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

SATURDAY:
7:00 p.m. Youth Event
 @Escapology

NEXT SUNDAY:
9:00 a.m. Worship
 Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
 Hillmer Center
10:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
 Hillmer Center/Library

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.