

# Bulletin Board

January 28, 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.

**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. 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.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** The contribution statements are ready for you to pick up. They are on the table with the offering envelopes right across the hall from the office. If you need these mailed to you please let us know. Thank you for helping us make sure you receive them. Also you can pick up your giving envelopes and directory at the same time. Thanks for your help.

**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.

**VALLEY SUNDAY** Next Sunday is Valley Sunday, there will be staff here to answer questions about what is happening at Valley Lutheran School. Also a short presentation before service and more time during the adult Bible Class. Bring your questions and ideas for them to answer.

**FROM VALLEY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** Valley Lutheran has started Registration for the 2024-25 school year. Please call April at 319-266-4565 to set up an appointment to get your student registered! Valley Lutheran will have a few opportunities to come to the school. Open House with a free will meal provided by our Boosters will be on Thursday, February 1 from 5:30-7. Take a Look Tuesday on February 6th from 11-1:30. This is a great time to see the school and talk with our Admissions Director.

Valley Lutheran will be holding 3 forums on finishing the school building and would like your input! With the passing of Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) along with the deep commitment of our faith community to make an eternal difference in the lives of students and families, Valley has grown and we are running out of space. We have already seen positive life-impacting growth in the lives of the new students who have joined us this fall as a result of the passage of ESAs. Everything is pointing to more significant growth for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. Valley Lutheran School is preparing itself to be ready to welcome these opportunities as we strive to be More Than A School for Christ by sharing God's truth and grace with our students and families both now and for many years to come. Saturday, February 3 at 9:30 am, Tuesday, February 6 at 5 pm, Thursday, February 8 at 7. If you would like to be a part of one of these forums please call 319-266-4565 or email [sharron.clement@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:sharron.clement@vlscrusaders.org) and we can get you on the list.

**WATERLOO ZONE LWML PRAYER SERVICE** and Spring Gathering will be held Saturday February 17 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 904 Bluff Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Coffee and light brunch at 8:30 AM with Prayer Service at 9 AM. A brief business meeting and Servant Project to follow the service. Hosted by Our Redeemer and Peace Lutheran.

**A LIFE QUOTE** "The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ." Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – 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:** Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism in which we make decisions based on the question, "How will this effect ME?" How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: "How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?" Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

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

**Isaiah 30:15**

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

**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 14;

Year 2 is page 73;

Year 3 is page 132;

# 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 the church office. Anyone interested in helping with the food pantry please contact the office.

**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.

**1 Corinthians 9:25 – “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”** Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. We have received new life in Christ by His grace. Now He calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and with intention.

## 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*

**MONDAY:**  
6:00 p.m.                      Exercise  
   *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:**  
8:00 a.m.                      Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study  
   *Kitchen*

**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](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.

# 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 Escapology on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please check the Grace Greetings for details.

**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.