

Bulletin Board

February 4, 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.

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 This 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 will be holding 2 more 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: 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 and we can get you on the list. 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!

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
Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679.



BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Did You: Who's your favorite NFL team and coach? (...bonus points if you answered Andy Reid and the Chiefs!) Researcher George Barna rightly notes that great parents are much like great coaches as they demonstrate these four qualities when relating to their "winning team": 1) the impact of a great coach (parent) on his player (child) is proportional to the depth of the relationship fostered with them; 2) great coaches (parents) whole-heartedly embrace the outcomes they are pushing their team (children) to achieve; 3) great coaches (parents) are great communicators; and 4) great coaches (parents) have a comprehensive plan for building a winning team (family). So, coach, how are you and your team doing?? **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 15;

Year 2 is page 74;

Year 3 is page 133;

GRACE FOOD PANTRY



Anyone wishing to donate to the Grace Food Pantry, these are the top items needed:

Pancake mix, syrup, cold cereal, soups, hamburger / tuna helper, 32 oz juices, spaghetti sauce, crackers, soda crackers, rice, pastas, canned chicken, peanut butter, canned fruit, tooth paste, toilet paper, kleenex, 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 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.

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 Escapology on Saturday February 17th at 7 pm. Please check the Grace Greetings for details.

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.

Luke 8:5 – “And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot ...” Know any farmers like this? Who just throws their crop seed wherever? That’s crazy! But God’s ways are not our ways — He is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to His image, may we also learn the joy of generosity and giving!

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

TODAY:
9:00 a.m. Valley Lutheran School Sunday Worship
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
7:00 p.m. Board Meetings
Hillmer Center

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

THURSDAY:
6:00 p.m. Exercise
Library

FRIDAY:
8:30 a.m. Four Oaks CPR/FA
Hillmer Center

NEXT SUNDAY:
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

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.

POINSETTIAS All poinsettias are available to anyone that would like to take them. Thank you and we will get ready for the Easter lilies.