

Bulletin Board

February 18, 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 Have you picked up your contribution statement yet? Please ask if you need help in finding them, they are in the hallway outside of the office. Also you can pick up your giving envelopes and directory at the same time. Thanks for your help.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE This week is the First Wednesday in Lent, we will have service at 11 am and 6:30 pm. There is a light supper at 5:30 pm every week of Lent. This week the Board of Public Relations and the Board of Stewardship are serving the meal, the menu is sloppy joes, chips, fruit salad desserts and drinks. Please join us for this evening of food and fellowship. There are Lenten Devotional books available at both entrances.

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.

COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH is having their dinner theatre again this year. This is to help raise funds for the spring break mission trip they go on every year (always a mission trip, different places). This is being held on Friday February 23 at 6 pm and Saturday February 24 at 5 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered by calling College Hill Lutheran Church 319-266-1274. The address is 2322 Olive St. Cedar Falls.

INVITATION FROM COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH Monday March 4th the Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, is touring Iowa and will be stopping at College Hill Lutheran Church 2322 Olive St. Cedar Falls at 11:30 am for a midday devotion service. This is a men's choir of pastoral ministry students under the direction of Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. Check the bulletin board in the narthex and in the office hallway for more information.

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER Celebrate Life in Oz Banquet is Thursday April 11th at Cedar Valley Church on Ansborough Ave. at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm). If you are interested in attending or hosting a table you can either email Cara at clientservice@alternativescenter.org or call 319-535-2720. Registration is required. This is their big fundraiser for the year.

A LIFE QUOTE "The state can punish offenders, but it can't give birth to law-abiding citizens. The state cannot love or nurture a child. It takes a family. A radical thought, that, but off limits in our public conversations swept clean of moral discourse. Pray that this will change." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – 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: Tomorrow is President's Day, an opportunity for us to reflect on our nation's past and current leaders. Pray for our current president and for all those who will be voting in the upcoming election later this year. It's important. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."* *I Timothy 2:1-2* **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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 20;

Year 2 is page 79;

Year 3 is page 138;

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.

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.

Matthew 4:4 – “But he answered, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” What good are all the things of this world (food, drink, house, home, wealth, etc.) if we lose the things of God? What’s more important? How should our priorities be arranged?

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/Library

MONDAY:
6:00 p.m. Exercise
 Library

WEDNESDAY:
8:30 a.m. Lent I
 Sewing Circle
 Rm 17
11:00 a.m. Worship
 Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
 Music Room
5:30 p.m. Supper
 Hillmer Center
6:30 p.m. Worship
 Sanctuary

THURSDAY:
6:00 p.m. Exercise
 Library

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

VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

Take a Look Tuesday

Valley Lutheran is having another, Take a Look Tuesday on February 20th from 11-1:30 for families that are interested in giving their students a Great Christian Education and would like to learn more about our school.

Scrap Metal Drive

The Valley Lutheran Seniors and Push Iron & Metals will be hosting a Scrap Metal Drive on March 23rd from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Please bring in your scrap metal to help out your Valley Seniors. More details will be sent as the date comes closer. We appreciate any form of help that our Valley Community gives us.

Youth News

Please check the next Grace Greetings for activities.

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.