

# Bulletin Board

February 25, 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 Divine Worship service 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 second 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 Hannah Society is serving the meal, the menu is walking tacos, 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.

**INVITATION FROM COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH** Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED** becoming registered to officiate high school sports in Iowa? Events are being cancelled in several sports at all levels of competition because there are not enough officials to cover the assignments. We have a few members in the Immanuel congregation that are registered officials. We are willing to host a forum simply to answer questions for anyone that might want to be part of the solution. How do I find games to officiate? If you would like to learn more, contact Dan Klein at [kleindw1@yahoo.com](mailto:kleindw1@yahoo.com) or (319) 269-8138 by 02/23/2024 to reserve a spot at the forum. Immanuel Lutheran will host the Officials Information Forum on Saturday, March 9 at 9:00am.

**ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER** Celebrate Life in Oz Banquet is Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clientservice@alternativescenter.org) or call 319-535-2720. Registration is required. This is their big fundraiser for the year.

**A LIFE QUOTE** "Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own." Pastor Michael Salemink – *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:** Remember the old Sunday School song that starts, "Oh be careful little eyes what you see..."? As simple as these lyrics may be, they hold a profound truth for us. Many of the things our little eyes see today aren't good for us and aren't God-pleasing. Our hearts and minds are imprinted with images and messages that negatively influence how we think and feel about ourselves and others. Be careful to avoid experiences, relationships, web sites, TV shows and song lyrics that don't reflect God's good will for you, His beloved child. His designs and plans for you are oh so much better! "Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways." Psalm 119:37 **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

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

**Psalm 27:1**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**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 21;

Year 2 is page 80;

Year 3 is page 139;

# 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 15:27-28** – “She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” Faith says “Yes” to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus, and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says — even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!

## 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:**  
9:00 a.m.                      Greeting Stuffers  
   Kitchen  
6:00 p.m.                      Exercise  
   Library  
7:00 p.m.                      Hannah’s  
   Kitchen

**WEDNESDAY:**  
8:00 a.m.                      Lent 2  
   Sewing Circle  
   Rm 17  
11:00 a.m.                      Worship  
   Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m.                      Supper  
   Hillmer Center  
6:30 p.m.                      Worship  
   Sanctuary  
7:15 p.m.                      Chancel Choir  
   Sanctuary

**THURSDAY:**  
6:00 p.m.                      Exercise  
   Library

**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

# 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.  
Senior Class of 2024

Crusader Knight at Valley Lutheran School is in the early stages of planning and we are seeking items for our silent auction. If you would like to put together a basket please contact Shaylene Scheele at [shaylene.scheele@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:shaylene.scheele@vlscrusaders.org) or at Valley Lutheran at 319-266-4565. Baskets could be themed such as Family movie night with items such as popcorn and popcorn bucket, candy, and a family movie. A chocolate basket with different kinds of chocolates. Be creative! Feel free to contact me for more ideas. If you'd like to donate a few items but not do a whole

## 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](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.