

Bulletin Board

March 10, 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.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE This week is the fourth 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 Chancel Choir is serving the meal, the menu is Chicken and Noodles, relish tray, dessert and drinks. Please join us for this evening of food and fellowship. There are Lenten Devotional books available at both entrances.

GRACE GREETINGS DEADLINE It's time to get articles ready for the April 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 March 15. You can submit your articles by email to officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org or leave a hard copy in the office.

EASTER LILIES If you are interested in getting a Lily for Easter, Wednesday is the last day to order Easter Lilies. Since Easter is earlier this year, we don't have as much time to order. I need to get the order in so we will have them this year. Thank you for helping brighten the sanctuary on Easter.

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL It is time to renew or order the Lutheran Witness magazine for the next year. The cost is \$20.65 for 11 issues (they combine June and July issue). The deadline for letting me know that you want to renew the magazine is April 28th so I can get the information sent in. I will need payment by June.

LOVE INC. is hosting A Redemptive Compassion Conference on Saturday April 6th from 9 am to 12 pm, doors will open at 8 am. This is at Cedar Valley Church on Ansborough Ave. The guest speaker is Lois Tupy, who has written a book on the subject. Please register by April 1st. Enjoy breakfast, snacks, and refreshments while you learn.

NAMI PEER-TO-PEER Free Education Program. The class runs Thursday, April 18 to June 6th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the First congregational Church on W. 4th St.. Deadline to register is Wednesday April 3rd. There is more information on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and in the office hallway.

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 "With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would 'hear and grant our fervent plea.' Come, Lord Jesus!" Dr. Carol Geisler – 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 was the man God used to bring the Gospel to convert pagans to Christ over 1600 years ago in Ireland? Most of the world will celebrate him next weekend with green beer and parades but without an awareness of his significant role in Christian history. The little known and incredible story of St. Patrick is researched and well told by *physicist and writer, John Murphy Ball, a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Look it up, share it with your children and grandchildren this week, and be amazed again at the many ways our loving Lord directs the paths of His faithful, from the beginning of time until this very day. Find St. Patrick's story on the web at <https://witness.lcms.org/2011/in-search-of-st-patrick-3-2011/>*
Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is:

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

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 23;

Year 2 is page 82;

Year 3 is page 141;

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.

John 6:8-9 – “One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?’” The disciples focus on the numbers — so little for so much! But the Lord’s grace will not be limited by the narrow vision of His disciples. The Lord has a plan to use even the little for His work of greatness. So let us be faithful even in the little and watch the Lord use it for His great works!

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:
8:00 a.m. Lent 4
 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

SATURDAY:
1:00 p.m. All Youth activity
 @Ninja U

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

Youth News

Saturday March 16th the youth are going to Ninja U at 1 pm. Please let me know if you plan on coming by Wednesday the 13th. Check for details in the Grace Greetings.



VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

Plant Sale

The flowers will soon be blooming! It’s time for the Annual Valley Lutheran Plant Sale! To order, you may contact a Valley student or teacher in your congregation or visit Mrs. Clement in the Valley office. You may also order online at janetsjungle.com, or there is a link to this website on the Valley Facebook page. The sale will run from March 4 - April 3. Questions about the Plant Sale? Email Mrs. L’Heureux at amanda.lheureux@vlscrusaders.org.

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 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 basket that's fine too! Thank you for your continued support!

Take a Look Tuesday

Valley Lutheran is having another, Take a Look Tuesday on March 5th 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.