

# Bulletin Board

March 24, 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.

**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.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** This week is Holy Week, Thursday we will have the Maundy Thursday Service at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. Friday is Good Friday services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday we have our Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. and Easter Service at 9 a.m.

**HELP NEEDED FOR ALTERNATIVES** Alternatives Pregnancy Center is asking for our help with their Banquet this year. We have been asked to bring 200 dinner rolls for the meal, nothing fancy. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway by the office if you are willing to bring some. Please bring the rolls to church by Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> so we can get them picked up early the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER** Rev. Bruce and Brenda Boyce will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 7th. They were married at Grace Lutheran Church in Waterloo, IA on Sunday April 7th, 1974. Their two daughters, Rachel and Valerie, are hosting a card shower for them. The couple requests no gifts, just a note or letter from their friends and fellow congregants. Pastor Boyce served as the Director of Christian Education at Grace Lutheran Church in Waterloo from 1977 to 1984, then served as an LCMS Pastor in northern Iowa for many years before returning to the area and serving as Pastor at St. John's Lutheran in Reinbeck from 2000 to 2014. Rachel, Valerie and their families thank you for the joy this will bring! Check with the office for the address.

**CRUSADER NIGHT** Grace is donating a UNI basket for Valley's auction at this event on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Anything "UNIish" is welcome! Please have your contribution at Grace by Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**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 28<sup>th</sup> so I can get the information sent in. I will need payment by June.

**EASTER MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME** We will be having fellowship time on Easter Morning from 8-8:45 am and from 10:15-10:45 am. Anyone wishing to bring something is invited to help us make the day special. We will have donuts and what everyone else is bringing. It could be cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, coffee cake or fruit. Please let the office know so we are prepared to put your offerings out.

**LOVE INC.** is hosting A Redemptive Compassion Conference on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy breakfast, snacks, and refreshments while you learn.

**NAMI PEER-TO-PEER** Free Education Program. The class runs Thursday, April 18 to June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm at the First congregational Church on W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.. Deadline to register is Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 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** "So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, 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:** As we begin perhaps the most important days of the church year, remember that Holy Week can be a confusing time for young children. Take them with you to all the special services this week but don't assume they know what you know. They may wonder, "What does *Maundy* mean?" "Why does everyone at church seem so sad and quiet?" Read John 18-19 aloud with them. As you reflect on feelings of fear and sadness at Jesus' brutal treatment, crucifixion, and death, share His message of hope and promise from John 14:1-3. Remind them (and yourself!) that while Good Friday is dark and scary, it's not the end - only the beginning of the story. Remind them we're Easter people and Resurrection Sunday is coming! [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) (515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** - This week the verse is: **Hosea 6:1-2**

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.



# 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.



# 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](http://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](mailto:amanda.lheureux@vlscrusaders.org).

Valley Lutheran is in need of volunteer mowers and trimmers. If you are willing to help our team, please contact Jerry Walter at 319-989-3453.

Valley Lutheran School's 13th annual Crusader Knight will be held on Friday, April 19th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls. The funds raised at this event help bridge the gap between the amount of tuition parents pay and the true cost to educate a child - an almost \$2,000 difference. Crusader Knight is always a fun night celebrating our school with a yummy catered dinner, both silent and live auctions, a fun program emceed this year by 2019 alumni, Owen Dawson, and our "famous" dessert frenzy! We hope you can join us in person for the event. If not, you can still participate through the silent auction or by donating! Doors open at 5:30 pm with our program and dinner starting at 6:00 pm. To purchase tickets, donate, or to become a sponsor, please visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/crusaderknight2024/> OR give the school a call at

## Youth News

Check the Grace Greetings for your next activity.

**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.

**Zechariah 9:9 – “Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”** No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

## The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

<b>TODAY:</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Greeting Stuffers Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	Exercise Library
7:00 p.m.	Hannah's Kitchen
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Four Oaks CPR/FA Hillmer Center
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle Rm 17
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Choir Rm
6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Sanctuary
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Worship Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Sanctuary
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service w/Holy Comm Sanctuary
8:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hillmer Center
9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship w/Holy Comm Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hillmer Center

**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 25; Year 2 is page 84;

Year 3 is page 143;