

Bulletin Board

April 13, 2025

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!

FELLOWSHIP TIME Please join us in the Hillmer Center following the service today and enjoy a sweet treat and coffee or juice, Bible Study will start at 10:30 am, we are discussing the Bible Readings.

PODCAST WITH DAILY BIBLE READINGS This podcast is designed to take a chronological approach to the reading of the Bible. Each day, we bring you a new edition with special guests taking turns reading from God's Word chronologically, which means that we will take the Bible and read it from the first events to the very last as it happened. visit <https://ingodstime.podbean.com/> to listen to the podcasts every day. You can also access the podcast from various other podcasting sites by visiting <https://www.ilcv.org/the-in-gods-time-podcast>

HOLY WEEK Maundy Thursday is this Thursday and Good Friday is this Friday, there will be church services at 11 am and 6:30 pm. Easter is next Sunday with a sunrise service at 7 am followed by a fellowship time before the service at 9 am. There will also be a time for fellowship following the service.

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

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER Save the date of Thursday May 1st for the annual banquet. If you would like to be a table host check out the poster in the narthex and the main hallway for more information.

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT Thank you for your generous support of the baby bottle project, we would like to wrap the project up next week with the return of the baby bottles. Please turn the bottles into the office or the baskets in the hallways.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS It is that time of the year again when we need to stop collecting the receipts. April 27th is the last Sunday to turn in the receipts for them to count, so please turn in all that you have saved by the deadline, We will start collecting again June 1st for the next school year.

LUTHERAN WITNESS it is time to start deciding about a subscription to the Lutheran Witness Magazine. The price is \$20.65 for the next year. They combine the June and July months into one magazine. This has a lot of good information in them. I will need to know in the office if you are interested by April 20th. Thank you for your help. You can make the checks out to Grace Lutheran-in the memo put Lutheran Witness.

INVITE FROM VALLEY LUTHERAN SCHOOL This Tuesday, April 15th, you are invited to our K-12th Family Open House from 5:30 - 7:00 pm for prospective as well as current families! The night will feature a fun night of Book BINGO with books as prizes, a chance to meet our dedicated educators, an opportunity to register for TWO free registrations, and an overview of Valley: Elementary at 5:45 pm and MS/HS at 6:15 pm. Supper is FREE for all prospective families! ESAs open on the 16th, so we'll also be sharing how the majority of tuition is paid for through this State program.

JOIN THE IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION on Saturday, April 26. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will share the keynote address. The IDE LWML and IDE LCMS will bring greetings and updates. Information for the day: Saturday, April 26 – St. Paul Lutheran Church, 915 27th Street, Marion, IA. 9:00 a.m. Registration Opens. 4:00 p.m. Convention Concludes. Complete the Online Registration form by April 20 at lhm.org/iowaeast-III \$18 per person for lunch.

INVITATION FROM OUR REDEEMER IN CEDAR FALLS to join them for a memorable afternoon as two distinguished Lutheran Pastors present: What is driving the decline in U.S. church attendance? & The widespread availability of online church services: pros and cons. Sunday April 27th from 4 to 6 pm at 904 Bluff St. Cedar Falls. They will allow plenty of time for questions and comments from those in attendance.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED a former member is back in the area and would like to start coming to church here. She lives off of University by Alabar Hills area. Contact the office for more information.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE - This week the verse is Romans 5:8
God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 24;

Year 2 is page 83;

Year 3 is page 142;

GRACE FOOD PANTRY

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

Top Needs

Pancake mix, syrup, dry cereal, stick butter, spaghetti noodles, crackers, rice, canned fruit, peanut butter and 32 oz. juice, ramen noodles, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, Hair conditioner, body wash, deodorant (men & women).

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 either the church office or one of the following people:

Chair Concerts: Anyone interested in helping with the Spring Valley Lutheran School's high school choir at the Spring High School Choir Concert, joined by Hope Lutheran School touring from Wilton, please contact the church office on May 7th at 5:30 PM, and will feature a variety of Christian music for you to enjoy!

Can/Bottle/Scrap Metal Drive: Valley is hosting a Can, Bottle, and Scrap Metal Drive on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 am to noon. We'd love for you to drop off your redeemable cans, plastics, and bottles at the school's circle drive AS WELL AS any scrap metal you have (examples: steel, cast iron, copper wire, tin, etc). Due to very limited storage, we are not able to store your donations ahead of time, so be sure to mark the day on your calendar!

VALLEY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS: On Tuesday, April 29th, at 3:30 p.m., an organizational meeting to begin a ministry for Valley and Immanuel Lutheran School alumni and friends. If you are interested in helping us plan a Fall All Alumni Event and/or getting a regular newsletter going that highlights where Valley and Immanuel alumni and where they are today, PLEASE join our meeting in the Conference Room.

J.O.Y. (JUST OLDER YOUTH) meets in April on Tuesday, April 15th, from 1 to 3 p.m. We are going to play the game SORRY and reflect upon what it truly means to be "sorry." Anyone who considers themselves a "just older youth" and enjoys fun, fellowship and faith is invited. Valley Lutheran School is a place for all ages! Please join us.

10:30 a.m.

MONDAY:
6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY:
11:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY:
7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Hillmer Center
Bible Hour/Sunday School
Hillmer Center/upper level

Exercise
Library

Sewing Ladies
Rm !7
Catechesis
Kitchen

Ladies Bible Study
Hillmer Center
Maundy Thursday w/Holy Comm.
Sanctuary
Choir practice
Music room
Maundy Thursday w/Holy Comm.
Sanctuary

OFFICE CLOSED
Good Friday Service
Sanctuary
Good Friday Service
Sanctuary

Sunrise Service w/Holy Comm.
Sanctuary
Fellowship
Hillmer Center
Worship w/Holy Comm.
Sanctuary
Fellowship
Hillmer Center

Youth News

Saturday April 26, 1 pm to Palmer's Family Fun Center. Come join the fun, check the Grace Greetings for details.

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

TODAY:
9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday
Worship w/Holy Comm.
Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Fellowship