

# Bulletin Board

April 20, 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>

**ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER** Save the date of Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help. You can make the checks out to Grace Lutheran-in the memo put Lutheran Witness.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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-lll](http://lhm.org/iowaeast-lll) \$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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A LIFE QUOTE** "Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'" *John Stonestreet – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

"Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888.217.8679."

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES** : "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime," wrote Dr. Martin Luther. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection with you today. *Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!* May this eternal Good News be your constant and lasting source of joy, hope, and strength in the days ahead. Easter Blessings to you, your family, and your congregational family from the staff and Board of Directors of Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)  
(515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org)

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

**Job 19:25-27**

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within 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 26;

Year 2 is page 85;

Year 3 is page 144;

# 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: Nancy McHone or Judy DePaepe. Anyone interested in helping with the food pantry please contact the office or the people listed.

*We have a large supply of empty egg cartons,*

*Thank you for your help.*

## VALLEY LUTHERAN UPDATE

**Fine Arts Festival:** Celebrate the Arts at Valley Lutheran School’s Fine Arts Festival, God’s Light Shines through Us. Our grades K-12 will showcase their talents in vocal music, instrumental music, and visual art. Join us on May 2nd from 6:30-8:00 PM!

**Choir Concert:** Support Valley Lutheran School’s high school choir at the Spring High School Choir Concert, joined by Hope Lutheran School touring from Winona, Minnesota. The performance will be at Grace Lutheran Church 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.

**Mark 16:6 – “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here.’ ”** Jesus is risen, but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen — He is risen indeed!

### The Schedule this Week:

The following events have been planned for this week.

<b>TODAY:</b>	<b>EASTER</b>
7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Worship w/Holy Comm. <i>Sanctuary</i>
8:00 a.m.	Fellowship <i>Hillmer Center</i>
9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Comm. <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship <i>Hillmer Center</i>

<b>MONDAY:</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>

<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Sewing Ladies <i>Rm !7</i>
5:00 p.m.	Catechesis <i>Kitchen</i>
5:15 p.m.	Choir practice <i>Music room</i>

<b>THURSDAY:</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Exercise <i>Library</i>

**SATURDAY:**

1:00 p.m. Youth Event  
@ *Palmer's Family Fun*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Comm.  
*Sanctuary*  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
*Hillmer Center*  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study  
*Upstairs/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.

**Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)  
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Parents, grandparents and pew buddies – when we think about what we can do to welcome and encourage young kids in worship, it can be helpful also to consider what not to do. For instance, "shushing" is a natural response to noise, but often only brings about embarrassment and distraction (99.9% of parents are aware of kids making noise and are actively addressing it). Rather, look for ways to build relationships over time and gently ask parents if there's anything you can do to help their young family, following their lead. Another option is to say a simple prayer that God would grant the child(ren) and parents what He knows they need and allow you to keep your focus on Jesus and His good gifts! Recall Jesus' words, *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven,"* and rejoice that He has made us all God's children! **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**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.

**What's in a date?** Do you know how the date of Easter is decided?

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date, based on mathematical calculations, that falls on or after March 21. If the full moon is on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday. Easter can be on any day from March 22 to April 25.

Upcoming Easter dates:

April 20, 2025  
April 5, 2026  
March 28, 2027  
April 16, 2028  
April 1, 2029  
April 21, 2030  
April 13, 2031  
March 28, 2032

**ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED** Grace is asking for help with transportation for Joseph Sanogo at Valley Lutheran School. If you are willing to be an alternate or to take one of the other days, let the office know. It is our hope this will only be a short term as Janet is in the process of obtaining her driver's license and buying a car. Also, if you know of anyone with a dependable car that is for sale for a reasonable price, please contact the Church office. Thank you.

\_"Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ's face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?" *Paul David Tripp, author and speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**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.

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**IDE TODAY** the IDE Today magazine will be offered online very soon. If you wish to receive a digital copy you can sign up at <https://lcmside.org/ide-today-signup/>. Because of the cost of printing they will not send out as many copies, but the digital copy will be able to have more pictures for you to see. You will also be able to read it before everyone else.

**COLLEGE HILL MUSIC CONSERVATORY** is in need of LCMSU members who are interested in teaching music lessons to our area church families and surrounding community members. CH Conservatory offers a variety of lessons, but we are especially in need of piano instructors. Our goal is to provide music lessons in a christian environment, but also to bring up the next generation of church musicians. If you are interested please contact Director-Kaylee Sires at [chconservatory@gmail.com](mailto:chconservatory@gmail.com).

**GRACE'S PIE LADIES** as we look to the holidays, we are looking for more people to join our fun group of pie makers. We split up the jobs so you are not doing everything. So even if you cannot roll out crusts there are other things to do. Just talk to the office and we will get you on their list of helpers. We are encouraging you to place your orders early to make sure you get the kinds you would like. Especially since we are offering two sizes of pies. Along with our 9-inch pies for \$8, we now have a mini pie available for purchase. The mini pies are 5¾ inch for \$3 and are just enough for 1 or 2 servings. We have them available in all the varieties – apple, rhubarb, blueberry, cherry and peach. Just stop in the office and Denise will be happy to help you.

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**ATTENTION DO YOU LIKE TO SEW?** – Our "Sewing Circle" (using needle and thread to go in and out of fabric) has a need to have you join us... if you enjoy embroidering or any kind of hand stitching you will find quilting an easy task. Please join us when you have time in your schedule. On the first and third Wednesday of each month we meet from 8:30 am to 2 pm (bring lunch). On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday we meet from 8:30 am to noon. If you have any questions please call Doris Studer 319-234-0836.

How good are you at memorizing? The Synod has put out a memory verse challenge for each week. Hopefully these verses will bless your week. Maybe we can challenge each other with this verse.

**PIE LADIES** are accepting any and all spare rhubarb that you would be willing to donate. Their supply has been depleted with all the pies that have been sold.

**CELL PHONES** In respect for the Service and out of courtesy to your fellow worshippers – please turn your cell phones off when you come into worship. Thank you!

**SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL** Scholarship opportunities are available, check out the stand in the Narthex. The deadlines will soon be here. You might be eligible for more than one and don't forget that we have a Scholarship here at Grace.

**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.

**THE PIES ARE BACK** Our wonderful Pie Ladies and Gentlemen are back in business. If you are in need of some of the best pie you have ever eaten – give us a call. We have apple, cherry, blueberry, peach and rhubarb - \$8 each, and crust – 2/\$3.00. As we near the holidays, they go quickly. Be sure to call the office (235.6705) and place your order now. You won't be sorry.

**FROM THE PIE LADIES** Do you need some pies for some special event, like Graduation or a family get together? The Grace Pie Ladies recently stocked our freezers and Denise is very willing to help you if stop in during office hours.

**Building Healthy Families: Did You Know: Lutheran Family Service - [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)**  
(515.573.3138 and LFSiowa.org).

**SIMPLY GIVING REMINDER** As you consider your Financial Pledge for next year - our Stewardship Board wants to remind you that we offer Simply Giving (electronic giving) as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. You can set your offerings up any way that is convenient for you. It can be once a month, twice a month or weekly. It can be a certain date(s) of each month or a certain day of the week - it is very flexible. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. As you contemplate, please consider Simply Giving. For additional questions or a form to get started contact the church office or any member of the Stewardship Board.  
Office email: [officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org](mailto:officeadmin@gracewaterloo.org). Thank you for your consideration

**AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** Grace has been blessed to have electronic resources to enhance how we see and hear information and presentations. Additional people are needed to set up, operate and put away the equipment on an as-needed basis. Specific examples include the portable PA system with corded and wireless mics, computer projector, laptop computer usage and the new Smart TV

in the library. Training will be provided. Please contact Dave Koehler at 277.7137 or [dlkoehler1@gmail.com](mailto:dlkoehler1@gmail.com) if you are able to help or have questions.

**OFFICE HOURS**--- **HOURS FOR DENISE** are Monday – Friday from 8-12 noon and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1-4 pm also. The only difference will be if there is a Holiday in the week and the office is closed. **PASTOR'S HOURS** for being in the office are Mondays 8-noon and Thursdays 1-3 pm for sure unless there is an emergency (a death, unexpected hospitalization or serious illness). He will be in the office at other times unless he is visiting shut ins or has hospital visits to make. You can call to schedule an appointment at any time or just call to have him sing to you or visit on the phone.

**DID YOU KNOW...** over the last 34 years the contributions given back to the ministry needs here at Grace and beyond by the Ladies Aid/Pie Ladies has been nearly \$100,000? Now the ladies are in desperate need of more “hands” to carry on this successful outreach and are asking that YOU consider helping to keep this long time tradition going. The only qualifications are: a love of fellowship and a couple hours availability on Monday afternoons (and not even every Monday). Gentlemen are welcome also. Oh, pie and coffee are offered after each session of “pie making.” Questions? Call Mary Ann at 240.3581 or Becky at 269.9092.

**PROPERTIES DONATIONS NEEDED!** As most of you probably noticed, over the past few weeks our AC units have needed some generous attention! Our Properties Board has used almost all their funds from donations over the years (nearly **\$17,000.00!**) to cover the repair and replacement of these units so we can continue to enjoy our worship time in comfort. So we're asking everyone now to give back! If you would like to make a donation to the Properties board to help cover this amount and help fund the way for future properties improvements, you can designate your offering by writing Properties Fund in the memo line of your check or on your envelope. Please give what you can to help cover this cost! And remember to thank the Properties Board for their tireless work!

Take a moment to look over the weekly newsletter from Valley which is posted on the bulletin board in the office corridor. As always, your prayers and support of our Lutheran school are appreciated.

Do you enjoy music? College Hill Music Conservatory invites you to attend our Spring Music recital on Sunday, April 25, at 4 PM. We will have performances by some of our conservatory students, Little Bach's children, and teachers. Recital is at College Hill Lutheran Church (2322 Olive. St., Cedar Falls).

Do you have a little one that loves music? College Hill Music Conservatory has a music class that mixes singing, movement, rhythm, Christ, and crafts two times a month. Anyone is welcome to attend but the program is geared toward 0-5 year-olds. Cost is \$5 per family per time. Our schedule for the next two months is as follows:

Tuesday, April 6, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, May 18, 10:30 AM

Contact Deaconess Faith Swenson at [deaconess.swenson@gmail.com](mailto:deaconess.swenson@gmail.com) with any questions.