

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 15th THROUGH July 22nd

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

DAY	STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Today	Adult Study	NO CLASS! VOTERS' MEETING	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall
Today	Adult Study	Adult Inquirers Class (AIC)	12:00 PM – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Our Adult Bible class will not meet today. It will resume next Sunday, July 22nd. Please join us then as we continue our Bible study titled, "Upon This Rock."

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Amos 7:8 – *"And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them."* One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that's no surprise when we consider how God's activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord's own nature.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Memorial Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mary Janiak and Ramone Harrison at the birth of Piper Abigail on July 7th. May the Lord bless and keep this family.

PARENTS OF 7TH & 8TH GRADERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Confirmation Class orientation meeting will be Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend, and please inform the office ASAP of your intention to do so. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: Are you looking for a way to serve your church? Would you prayerfully consider working with the youngest members of our congregation? The Sunday School program here at Grace is looking for Sunday School teachers! If you are interested in teaching Sunday School starting in the fall, please contact Laura Olson for more details. *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 19:14)

NEW CHURCH SECRETARY: We welcome Dorothy McConville as our new church secretary. She is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Kenosha. Her work hours/church office hours will remain the same as Andrea's: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL seeks to hire two individuals for part-time custodial positions for the 2018-19 school year. The first shift is from 2:30 until 6:30 PM, and the second shift is from 6:00 until 10:00 PM. Background checks are required by law. Interested candidates should contact Nate Bickel at 637-6538 before noon Monday through Thursday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018! SONRISE NATIONAL PARK Vacation Bible School is going to be a **FAMILY VBS**, being held **Sunday, July 22nd – Thursday, July 26th**. The times will be **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. There will be classes for EVERYONE! We will begin VBS with a light dinner and opening and then break into groups with Pastor teaching an adult class and the children having their own classes and activities. Dinner, Opening, and Closing will be done as a group. VBS will conclude on Thursday evening with the children singing some of the songs from VBS in the 6:30 PM worship service. Invite your family and friends to this wonderful opportunity to explore God's Word! **Registration forms and a list of needed donations/volunteers** are available in the hallway. Thank you for your donations and help!

WITH THE DEPARTURE of Mark Peters to Concordia Seminary, the Board of Education would like to take this opportunity to remind/inform you that the Bartz Scholarship Fund was established in memoriam of Rev. Herman Bartz to assist in the costs of education for professional church-work students, who will be attending a LCMS institution of higher learning. Our church has used this fund in the past to assist other members who have pursued this type of education. Some members have been asking about how to give a financial gift in support of Mark. You may use the undesignated envelopes in the pew and write "Bartz Scholarship Fund" in the blank. Church Council will be considering the use of these funds in support of Mark in the upcoming months. (Any questions can be directed to Diane Bretl, Board of Education Chair).

BELL RINGERS NEEDED: We need a few more Bell Ringers for the coming year. We are asking for adults and young people from 6th grade through high school. Please contact Elyse in the balcony on Thursday nights or Sunday mornings, or call 632-0219. Bells practice on Thursday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 and usually play the 4th Sunday of the month. We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 20th, at 6:30 PM in the balcony. Please consider playing bells this year. We really need you!

CALLING ALL SINGERS: Grace Choir is always in need of singers. Are you one of them? We begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 12th, from 6:30 – 7:30 in the balcony. Grace Choir usually sings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, plus special holidays. Please consider joining us. Questions? Contact Elyse in the balcony Thursday nights or Sunday mornings, or call 632-0219. Thanks so much!

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES:

TODAY, JULY 15 – Quarterly Voters' Meeting at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall;
August/September Newsletter Deadline

SUNDAY, JULY 22 – Vacation Bible School from 5:00 to 8:00 PM through Thursday, July 26

THURSDAY, JULY 26 – Thursday Divine Service with Holy Communion at 6:30 PM, Vacation Bible School children will sing at the service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 – Jacob Eichers' Ordination & Installation at Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI, at 4:00 PM. The address is 1407 Main St., La Crosse, WI 54601.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 – Last Thursday Divine Service at 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – Confirmation Class orientation for 7th & 8th graders 6:30 PM