

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 26th THROUGH August 2nd

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Adult Study	One Christ, Many Creeds	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall (also live-streamed on Facebook)

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Matthew 13:45–46 – *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”* Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by John and Elyse Adams for their anniversary on August 3rd.

A SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING will be held on **Sunday, August 23rd**, at **10:30 AM** to discuss and possibly make changes to our worship schedule.

NO CHURCH PICNIC THIS YEAR: Due to the current pandemic, there will be no church picnic this year. We look forward to next year’s picnic!

THANK YOU! The Grace Youth Group would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Brats & Bingo Luncheon held on Sunday, July 19th. We had a great meal and a fun time playing bingo!

SIGN UP TODAY TO PLUNGE IN TO VBS 2020! Splash Canyon VBS is **August 3rd – 7th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Registration is open for all children age three through sixth grade. Please stop by the table near the coat room for more information. We need donations of items as well as help with this fun and exciting week. There are also registration forms available to share with any children you know who would be interested in attending.

FREE ITEMS are available on and under the table in the northeast corner of the Fellowship Hall. Items include paper towel dispensers and used light bulbs. Please help yourself.

FOOD PANTRY: If you would like to donate food pantry items, you can drop them off at Grace between **9:00 AM and 2:00 PM Monday – Thursday**. Please place items on the shelves in the pantry, which is up the steps from the elevator. Many thanks for your donations!

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS: As a member 16 or older, you are designated Choice Dollars based on your eligibility. You may also be eligible to provide a Thrivent Action Team project for a cause you are passionate about here at Grace or in the community. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 or go online to Thrivent.com for all the details.

NEWSLETTERS: The August-September newsletter has been placed in your mail slot.

UPDATED COVID-19 WORSHIP GUIDELINES (as of July 24, 2020):

- We can hold in-person worship services at 50 percent of our seating capacity.
 - Conservatively, our nave can hold about 300 people, so 50 percent of that is 150. I do not anticipate that we will exceed the 150-person limit at any one service.
- Social distancing (six-foot distance between people, except for members of the same family) will be followed as much as possible.
 - Please keep your distance as best you can from other people.
 - Some rows of pews are blocked off.
- **Please see the separate announcement below regarding the City of Racine's mask ordinance.**
- A linen dipped in alcohol will be used to wipe the rim of the common cup (chalice) between communicants.
- The individual cups will be spaced throughout the trays to reduce the risk of touching another cup besides your own.
- Please keep some distance from others while at the Communion rail (families can remain together). Also, please remain standing so as not to touch the rail and possibly contaminate it.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on stands near the trays for the used Communion cups for those who wish to use it.
- The children will not come forward for Catechism Time.
- The offering plates will be located at the back of the nave.
- The Fellowship Pads will not be completed at this time.
- Please try to follow social distancing as much as possible when leaving by not congregating at the exits.
- **Please contact me if you or your family would like to receive Communion from me privately, either at church or at your home. I will wear a mask if required or desired.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please let me know. May God bring an end to this pandemic soon. – Pastor Crane

MASK ORDINANCE: Per the City of Racine's mask ordinance, effective July 27, 2020, all people aged five years and older must wear a mask or face covering inside our building unless otherwise exempted by the ordinance for medical, hearing, or other specified reasons. Please see the text of the ordinance for more information. A copy of the ordinance is available in the elevator lobby and in the back of the nave. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

KWIK TRIP & SPEEDWAY GAS CARDS are for sale before and after the service in the Office Equipment Room. Grace gets 5-10% back on all cards sold. Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. Many thanks to all who have helped to support Grace in this way!

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a **head cheer coach**. Interested individuals should contact Mr. Block at jblock@RacineLutheran.org.