

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 2nd THROUGH August 9th

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 14:17–18 – *“They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’”* When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that’s exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mike and Jo Ann Brown for their wedding anniversary.

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.

VBS CANCELED: Unfortunately, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS), scheduled to be held August 3–7. Due to several factors beyond our control, it became apparent that it was no longer feasible for us to hold it this year. Thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard to plan our VBS. Thank you also to everyone who made donations of snacks, supplies, and other items. We will keep them for future use at church, including for next year’s VBS. We deeply appreciate your support and understanding. May God bring a quick end to this pandemic. – Pastor Crane

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!

ELEVATOR FUND: So far, we have raised \$72,414 for the Elevator Fund. Thanks be to God for His blessings here at Grace!

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE! We still have 100th Anniversary cookbooks available for \$15 each. All proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. They are available after the Sunday service in the Office Equipment Room. **THE COOKBOOK ADDENDUM** has been published! If you purchased a cookbook, please stop by the Office Equipment Room and pick up your copy.

PAPER TOWEL DISPENSERS are available under the table in the northeast corner of the Fellowship Hall. 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!

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. Masks are also available in those locations. 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!

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