

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 6th THROUGH September 13th

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 18:4 – “[Jesus said:] *Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts – with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: At the Special Voters’ Meeting held on Sunday, August 23rd, the voters decided that we will retain our current worship schedule (Sundays at 9:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM) through the end of the calendar year. The midweek Advent Vespers services will be moved from Wednesday to Thursday. The voters also decided that we will review the worship schedule again at a Special Voters’ Meeting on Sunday, December 13th.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Next Sunday, September 13th, at 10:30 AM, Sunday School classes will resume in the downstairs Sunday School chapel. Sunday School will have a different format this year. We will bring all the children together for devotion with Pastor Crane and learning the Bible lesson. We will then break into smaller groups for fun activities to reinforce and expand on what we are learning. Please join us! “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to Youth Bible Study! We will begin meeting again **next Sunday, September 13th, at 10:30 AM**. We will start in the downstairs Sunday School chapel. Following devotion with Pastor Crane, we will go up to the youth room for class. Youth Bible Study is a place for in-depth conversation and exploration of the Bible and its themes in a relaxed environment. Come join us while we look into the Bible and grow in our faith and apply what we learn to our lives. We look forward to seeing you there!

ELEVATOR FUND: So far, we have raised \$75,239 for the Elevator Fund. Thanks be to God for His blessings here at Grace!

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Tom Clarke upon his death. Tom's funeral service will be held at a later date. May the Lord bless and comfort Tom's family.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Rev. William Robinson upon his death. Rev. Robinson served as Associate Pastor of Grace from 1965–1969. May the Lord bless and comfort Pastor Robinson's family.

COVID-19 WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

- We can hold in-person worship services at 50 percent of our seating capacity.
 - Our nave can hold about 300 people, so 50 percent of that is 150.
- 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). **You may kneel at the rail or remain standing.**
- 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 contact me if you or your family would like to receive Communion from me privately, either at church or at your home.**

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: Quarterly daily devotional books for October through December are available in the narthex. Please help yourself! If you wish to donate to cover the \$5.00 cost per year, please place your gift in the appropriate slot in the narthex. Thanks!