

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 13th THROUGH September 20th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Adult Study	One Christ, Many Creeds	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall (also live-streamed on Facebook)
Youth Study	Disastrous!: God's Love Showing through the Darkness	10:30 AM – Youth Room

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Romans 14:7 – *“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”* We just don't belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Gaylord and Bonnie Weidner in memory of Verna, Wayne, and Mary Alice Weidner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This 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. Please join us!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to Youth Bible Study! We will begin meeting again **this 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. 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!

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT? Grace Lutheran Church has 100th Year Anniversary cookbooks for sale for \$15 each. Be sure to ask for the Addendum that goes with it. A brief history of our church with pictures is included. The cookbook contains a lot of international and legacy recipes. Please contact Becky Saxena, Connie Abrahamson, or Becky Gardner for more information.

2020 FLOWER CHART HAS MANY OPENINGS! The cost is **\$27.00** for two bouquets. Please make your checks payable to “Grace Lutheran Church” and place in the secretary's mailbox in the Communication Center. To reserve a Sunday, please sign your name and occasion for which you are purchasing the flowers on the hanging poster in the narthex. Thank you!

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!

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Sharon Tohm upon her death. Sharon's funeral service will be held at Grace. May the Lord bless and comfort Sharon'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.

STITCHING UPDATES: The Board of Christian Care would like to thank our stitchers for the more than 850 masks they have distributed so far and the lap robes and clothing protectors they have donated to various facilities thus far in 2020. Donations of fabric are always welcome; you may contact Ruth Anger, Becky Saxena, Becky Gardner, or Connie Abrahamson for more information. Thrivent Action Team cards are another way to donate.

FREE HANDMADE CLOTH MASKS are available in the back of the nave. Help yourself!