

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 20th THROUGH September 27th

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: Matthew 20:9 – *“And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.”* Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God's being.

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

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!

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.

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.

THANK YOU: The Board of Christian Care would like to thank those who have donated food for Harvest Outreach or volunteered to staff their distribution counter. The next open date to volunteer is **Friday, October 2nd**. They are still in need of mac 'n cheese, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups (canned or dry), and tuna helper. You may put your food donations in the marked bin in the coat room or bring them to Grace's food pantry shelves next to the elevator, up a few steps to the right (from first floor), and through the door. Volunteer opportunities are available on the first two Fridays of even-numbered months and every fifth Monday (any month) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at 2000 DeKoven Ave., Racine. Please contact Connie Abrahamson, Becky Gardner, or Becky Saxena to volunteer or for more information.

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**. Thank you!

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.

FREE HANDMADE CLOTH MASKS are available in the back of the nave. Help yourself! Thank you to those who have lovingly made and donated these for us!

THRIVENT CHOICE: If you are a Thrivent member, you may be designated Choice Dollars based on your eligibility. These Choice Dollars can then be designated by you to Grace or to other charities. Call 1-800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com for more information.

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