

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 27th THROUGH October 4th

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 21:26 – *“But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”* Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God for Elyse Adams' birthday.

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 thanks our stitchers for the more than 850 masks, as well as the lap robes and clothing protectors donated so far in 2020. Donations of fabric are always welcome; 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 **this 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!

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Marie Kanetzke upon her death. Marie's funeral service will be held at Grace. May the Lord bless and comfort Marie'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.
- Per the City of Racine's mask ordinance, all people aged five years and older must wear a mask or face covering inside our building unless exempted for medical, hearing, or other reasons.
- 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

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!

NEWSLETTER: Copies of the October/November newsletter have been placed in the mail slots in the back of the nave. **Please pick up yours today to help us save on postage costs! Thanks! ☺**

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.