

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 11th THROUGH October 18th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

| STUDY | TOPIC/TITLE | WHEN & WHERE |
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| Adult Study | One Christ, Many Creeds | 10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall (also live-streamed on Facebook) |

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Matthew 22:5 – *“But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.”* The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God for Ken and Diane Bretl’s 31st wedding anniversary.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: The Youth Bible Study class that was offered during the Bible Study and Sunday School hour is being put on hold for the time being. Youth present during the Bible Study hour are encouraged to either join the adult Bible Study or assist with Sunday School. If attendance changes in the upcoming weeks, we pray that we will be able to resume the class. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: It’s easy to think all Christians believe the same doctrine, but the differences are astounding. Baptism, Communion, and free will are all examples of some of the major differences among Christian denominations. In *One Christ, Many Creeds*, the teachings of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and fifteen other Christian denominations are examined and compared. Students develop a deeper understanding of the similarities as well as the differences that exist between Christian denominations. This Sunday, we will begin our discussion of the United Methodist Church. Please join us!

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!

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.

2021 BUDGET REQUESTS are due to the Board of Stewardship by October 25th. 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.
- 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!

DONATIONS NEEDED: Hospice Alliance has requested a need for clothing protectors. To make this possible, we need donations of one-yard material or a \$250 Thrivent card. If you can help with this, please contact Ruth Anger.

CIRCUIT FORUM: On Sunday, September 27th, Pastor Crane was elected to serve as the next Circuit Visitor for the Racine Circuit, replacing Pastor Daniel Feldscher who decided not to seek another term. Pastor Crane's three-year term as Circuit Visitor will begin in June 2021 following ratification of his election at the South Wisconsin District Convention. The circuit visitor assists the district president, as requested by him, in his doctrinal, spiritual, and ecclesiastical supervision of the congregations, pastors, and other members of the circuit.

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!