

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 15th THROUGH November 22nd

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 25:30a – *“And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.”* Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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

GROWING STRONG WITH GRACE returns **this Wednesday, November 18th**, at **11:00 AM**. Our guest is Larry White from the Racine Area Church Security Network. **Bring your own lunch**; coffee and water will be provided.

NEEDLE NICHE: Racine Lutheran High School Harvest “Needle Niche” Sale continues at Grace. Mittens, scarves, hats, dish towels, dish cloths, Christmas items, and microwave items are for sale near the coat room. Please make checks out to Lutheran High Ladies Guild.

CHURCH DECORATING: We will be decorating the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons on **Saturday, November 28th**, starting at **9:00 AM**. Many hands make light work, so please consider joining us for fun and fellowship!

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR: The Board of Christian Care is participating in a program called “Be a Santa to a Senior.” Home Instead Senior Care has supplied Grace Lutheran Church with a Christmas tree and tags with names of seniors who do not have a family. (The tag will also have gift ideas on it.) The suggested cost per gift is \$25-30. Please consider participating in this worthwhile program. You can use a Christmas bag or leave the gift unwrapped but make sure the tag is attached. All gifts need to be brought to church by **Thursday, December 3rd**. Thank you!

QUILTERS: Due to your efforts, we donated 10 lap robes and 36 clothing protectors to Hospice Alliance. Thank you! – Ruth Anger

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.

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!

ELEVATOR FUND: So far, we have raised **\$80,704** for the Elevator Fund. As of November 9, 2020, the balance on our elevator loans stands at **\$356,661.81**. Thanks be to God for His blessings here at Grace!

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**. Please be mindful of the dates of expiry on the packages. If you need food, please take what you need. There are bags available on the shelves. The food pantry is located up a few steps from the elevator on the main floor.

THE CHALLENGE OF ISLAM: On **Saturday, November 21st**, Dr. Adam Francisco will be presenting on Islam at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Union Grove. Dr. Francisco earned his doctorate from Oxford University, has taught in our Concordia system and at the seminary at Fort Wayne, and is now at Concordia University Chicago. He is The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's top expert on Islam. The conference will be held from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.