

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 22nd THROUGH November 29th

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 25:44 – *“Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’”* With this parable, Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask Him to increase our faith.

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

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

THANK YOU to all those who thought of me on my 90th birthday in September. – Doris Jacobson

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 26, at 10:00 AM

O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD!



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!

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.

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 **Monday, November 30th**. 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.