

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 10th THROUGH January 17th

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: **Mark 1:7** – *“And (John) preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’”* John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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

ATTENTION ALL BOARDS: All boards are asked to meet and select their chair prior to the council meeting on **Tuesday, January 12th**. The chair of each board is asked to attend the council meeting at **6:30 PM** that evening.

ATTENTION ALL BOARD CHAIRS AND OFFICERS OF GRACE: It’s that time of year! Annual Reports are due to the church secretary by **Friday, January 15th**! Also, newsletter items are due by **January 15th**. Thank you!

VACATION COVERAGE: Pastor Christopher Lockie from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Racine will cover any emergencies while Pastor Crane is on vacation from **Tuesday, January 12th** until **Tuesday, January 19th**. Rev. Lockie can be reached at 262-977-5077.

THANK YOU for the many cards and gifts we received for Christmas. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. We pray that you all have a Blessed New Year as together we serve our Lord at Grace. — The Crane Family

2021 FLOWER CHART is available for sign-up in the narthex. 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.

GROWING STRONG WITH GRACE resumes **Wednesday, January 20th**, at **11:00 AM**. Our guest is our very own Pastor Crane. **Bring your own lunch**; coffee and water will be provided.

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.

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING is available at Grace through Vanco. The electronic giving process has been smooth, and there have been no issues here at Grace. Also, we can now accept credit card giving. Questions can be answered by John Adams or Doug Alexander. Enrollment forms are available in the Office Equipment Room. Completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope and placed into John's or Doug's mailbox outside the church office.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: Quarterly daily devotional books for January through March are available in the narthex. Please help yourself! If you wish to donate to cover the \$5.00 cost per year, please place your gift in the appropriate slot in the narthex. Thanks!

2021 CALENDARS are available for free on the table in the back of the nave. Help yourself!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mail slots.

KWIK TRIP & SPEEDWAY GAS CARDS are for sale before and after the service in the Office Equipment Room. Grace gets a percentage 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!