

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 17th THROUGH January 24th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

| STUDY | TOPIC/TITLE | WHEN & WHERE |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| NO Adult Study | | |

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: 1 Corinthians 6:19b–20 – *“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”* God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

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

GUEST PASTOR: Thank you to Rev. Andrew Barkley for serving as our guest pastor on **Thursday, January 14th**, and **Sunday, January 17th**. Rev. Barkley is a retired pastor. He is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Kenosha.

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

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 **this Wednesday, January 20th**, at **11:00 AM**. Our “guest” is Pastor Crane. **Bring your own lunch**; coffee and water will be provided.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN BULLETIN: The chart of financial information on the back page of the bulletin has been updated. The weekly receipts now include monies taken in from all sources of budgeted income, including gas card sales receipts and rental property total receipts. The previous chart did not include these two items but focused instead on income received through tithes and offerings. This change helps to explain why the last column of the chart has increased from \$230,984 in 2020 to \$311,211 in 2021. In addition, we will also include in the bulletin the total of the elevator loan balance, and starting in mid-February, we will include information on year-to-date receipts versus expenditures. These totals will be updated monthly. If you have any questions about these changes, please feel free to contact Yvonne Nowak, John Adams, Valjean Abrahamson, or Pastor Crane.

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!

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

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: At the **January 24th** Voters' Meeting, Grace Lutheran Church's continued membership as a Sustaining Member of Racine Lutheran High School will be discussed. This meeting will be held at **10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall **on January 24th**.

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.

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.

2020 OFFERING STATEMENTS AND 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mail slots.