

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 21st THROUGH February 28th

### 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 1:13 – *“And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.”* God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilderness. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

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**VACANT POSITIONS:** The following positions at Grace are currently vacant: President, Treasurer, Board of Elders Member, Board of Stewardship Member, Board of Trustees Member, and Endowment Committee Representative. Please consider serving our church in one of these capacities. If you are interested, please contact John Adams, Valjean Abrahamson, or Pastor Crane. Thank you!

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:** Our Sunday and Lenten worship services can be viewed on Grace’s Facebook page and on our YouTube channel, “Grace Lutheran Church, Racine, WI – LCMS.”

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**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.

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**CONVENTION REFERENDUM:** By a vote of 3,371 to 347 (90.67%), LCMS congregations approved delaying the national LCMS convention from 2022 to 2023 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Grace voted in favor of the delay.) Accordingly, the South Wisconsin District Convention, which was scheduled to be held in June 2021, will be held in 2022.

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**GRACE PENS AND 2021 POCKET CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE** in the Office Equipment Room. There are two varieties of pen to choose from: a click, ballpoint pen that has a stylus on the end and a gel pen with a cap. The pens and calendars are \$1 each, with all money going towards the Elevator Fund. The pens include the name of our church and contact information for Grace. They are great for personal use and also could be given to people to invite them to our church!

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**LCEF “TAKE HEART” SCHOLARSHIP** for high school seniors pursuing further education is available in amounts up to \$3,000. For more information, see [lcef.org/scholarship/](http://lcef.org/scholarship/).

## 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

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**2021 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are in the narthex. We attempted to make the church directory as accurate as possible. However, if you find any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. Thanks! – Pastor Crane

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**2021 FLOWER CHART HAS OPENINGS** and 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.

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**KWIK TRIP & SPEEDWAY GAS CARDS** are for sale before and after the service on Sunday in the Office Equipment Room. If you need to purchase gas cards some time other than Sunday morning, please call the church office to arrange for an alternate day and time. Grace gets a percentage back on all cards sold. Cards are currently available in \$50 and \$100 amounts. **Many thanks to all who have helped to support Grace in this way!**

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**LCMS LIFE CONFERENCE** is **March 20 and 21, 2021**, and there is still time to register. See [lcms-life.org](http://lcms-life.org) for more information.