

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 11th THROUGH April 18th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Adult Study	Book of Galatians	Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: **John 20:19** – *“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”* The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us as we begin a new Bible study in the Fellowship Hall on the book of Galatians **this Sunday, April 11th**, at **10:30 AM**.

VOTERS’ MEETING: Our next quarterly Voters’ Meeting is **next Sunday, April 18th**, at **10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save The Date! Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School will be taking place **July 19th – 23rd from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Please invite any children you know to come spend this week with us! We hope to see you there. Please save any large pieces of cardboard you may have; the boxes from large items work really well for props that are made for VBS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION: The Sunday School children chose to have this year’s mission offerings help Lutheran Heritage Foundation to translate Luther’s Small Catechism and Bible storybooks into the languages of children around the world. Each book is \$5.00, with our goal of being able to provide 30 Bible story books. If you would like to contribute towards this, there is a donation box in the Office Equipment Room. We look forward to using the gifts we have been given to share the news of Jesus with children throughout the world!

GRACE PENS AND 2021 POCKET CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE in the Office Equipment Room. The pens and calendars are \$1 each, with all money going towards the Elevator Fund. The pens include our church’s name and contact information. They are great for personal use and also could be given to people to invite them to our church!

2021 FLOWER CHART HAS OPENINGS! To reserve a Sunday, please sign your name and occasion for which you are purchasing the flowers on the poster in the narthex. Please make your \$27.00 checks payable to “Grace Lutheran Church” and place in the secretary’s mailbox.

THANK YOU to the 15 people who cut and sewed 84 clothing protectors. They will go to Home Instead and Ridgewood. – Ruth Anger

COVID-19 WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

- We can hold in-person worship services at **75** percent of our seating capacity.
 - Our nave can hold about 300 people, so 75 percent of that is 225.
- 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

APRIL GROWING STRONG WITH GRACE: Our guest will be Sue Craanen, Executive Director, and Laurie Radewan of the Senior Companion Program in Racine. Remember to bring your own lunch at **11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 21st**.

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. **We have many Speedway cards on hand. If possible, please purchase a Speedway card to help us reduce our inventory. Thanks!**

SWD STUDENT FINANCIAL AID: Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM), and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District – LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the SWD. For more information and the two applications required to be considered for Financial Aid, please visit the SWD website (swd.lcms.org) and click on Resources. The deadline is May 15.