

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 18th THROUGH April 25th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
NO Adult Study	VOTERS' MEETING	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: 1 John 3:2 – *“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”* The essence of our sanctification is becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace, we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

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

VOTERS’ MEETING: Our next quarterly Voters’ Meeting is **this Sunday, April 18th**, at **10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Among agenda items will be discussion of Grace’s continued membership as a Sustaining Member of the Racine Lutheran High School Association.

“HERE I STAND” SUNDAY: April 18th, 2021, will be commemorated across the LCMS as *“Here I Stand” Sunday* – marking the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther’s testimony at the Diet of Worms. To make a “Here I Stand” thank offering to support the proclamation of the Gospel on a where-needed-most basis through the Synod’s ministries, please visit lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday.

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY: Please join us **this Friday, April 23rd**, as we continue our study of the Book of Romans. We will meet at **7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School will be **July 19th – 23rd** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. 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. Thanks!

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.

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.
- 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

CANCELLED: APRIL GROWING STRONG WITH GRACE: Because there will be no electricity in the church on Wednesday, April 21st, April's Growing Strong with Grace meeting has been cancelled. We will resume on Wednesday, May 19th.

CANCELLED: GAME DAY AFTERNOON: Since April's Growing Strong with Grace meeting has been cancelled, the game day scheduled for afterwards has been postponed as well. Stay tuned for additional information!

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!**

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.