

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 2nd THROUGH May 9th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Adult Study	Book of Galatians	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: John 15:2 – *“Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”* God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

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

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT: Congratulations to Grace member Mark Peters, who received his vicarage assignment to Our Hope Lutheran Church and School in Huntertown, Indiana. God’s blessings to Mark and his family as he continues his work towards becoming a pastor.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE is **Thursday, May 13th, at 6:30 PM.** This service will be different than the following Sunday’s service. Please join us!

QUARTERLY VOTERS’ MEETING: At the Voters’ Meeting on Sunday, April 18th, the Voters decided to continue Grace’s membership as a Sustaining Member of the Racine Lutheran High School Association.

FREE FOR THE TAKING: The remaining Easter flowers are free for the taking. They are located on the first floor between the elevator door and the food pantry. Help yourself!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School will be **July 19th – 23rd from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** Please invite any children you know to come and learn about Jesus and grow in their faith during this fun and exciting week at Splash Canyon 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!

LAP ROBES: Do you know a person who is house-bound or in a nursing home who would appreciate a lap robe made by the women of Grace? Lap robes are found on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

COVID-19 WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

- We can hold in-person worship services at **100** percent of our seating capacity.
- 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

LADIES LUNCHEON is **Friday, May 7th, at 12:00 PM** at Charcoal Grill. RSVP to Linda Eaton or Jane Kunstman. Thank you!

BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP'S MAY WISH LIST: Medium to large flower vases or large juice cans. These will be used to deliver unclaimed altar flowers to members. You may leave them in the box near the coat room.

BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP'S HOMELESS SHELTER GIFTS UPDATE: A huge **THANK YOU** to all who donated items for the homeless. To date, items delivered to H.A.L.O. on April 13, 2021, were 22 pairs of socks, 14 toothbrushes, 23 tubes of toothpaste, 8 dental floss, 2 deodorants, 8 shower gels, 12 hair conditioners, 5 hand sanitizers, 36 soaps, 23 hand lotions, 4 hairbrushes, and 3 combs.

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.

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE HIRING OF JUSTIN HULLUM: He joins the staff as a teacher, director of the Resource Program, and head of the boys' basketball program. For more details, please see the school's website at RacineLutheran.org.