

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 19th THROUGH February 26th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Adult Bible Study	To Be Determined	10:30 AM – To Be Determined

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: *Matthew 17:8* – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

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

2023 FLOWER CHART is in the narthex. The cost of **\$27.00** is for both altar bouquets. To reserve a Sunday, please sign your name and the occasion for the flowers. Make checks payable to “Grace Lutheran Church” and place in the secretary’s mailbox.

VACANCY PASTOR: Pastor David W. Hintz from Green Bay, Wisconsin will be serving as our vacancy pastor until we find a permanent pastor. Pastor Hintz can be called or texted at (920) 227-7915, or you can email him at revdwhintz@hotmail.com.

KWIK TRIPS CARDS FOR SALE ON THURSDAY AND SUNDAY: Kwik Trip cards are available before Thursday evening’s worship service from Walter Bohn or Dennis Eaton. The gas cards will also continue to be sold before Sunday’s service in the Office Equipment Room and before Bible Study on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Grace gets a percentage back on all cards sold. Kwik Trip cards are currently available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. Thank you for supporting Grace this way!

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES AND 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS 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!

KING’S DAUGHTERS FROM CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH in Racine is hosting the following senior trips: 1) The Fireside to see "Grumpy Old Men". Cost is \$103 and includes lunch, matinee and transportation. **Friday, April 14th**. Transportation will leave from Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3350 LaSalle Street, Racine. 2) Senior Trip to Graceland/New Orleans - **May 13th - May 21st**. Cost is \$1,035. It is a 9-day, 8 nights trip that includes 14 meals, motorcoach Trans and all hotels. If interested in either one of these trips, please contact Linda Stephens at 262-989-6023.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Doris Pauline Kleinschmidt upon her death on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Doris' funeral service will be held here at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on **Friday, February 17th at 11:30 AM.** You may visit at Grace from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

NO WORSHIP SERVICE on **Thursday, February 23rd** because of the Ash Wednesday service.

.LENTEN MEALS: We will be having Pot Bless meals again this year before our Lenten services. Meal themes will be announced.

LADIES OF GRACE: Our luncheon is scheduled for **Friday, March 10th at 11:30 AM** at Charcoal Grill (8300 Washington Ave). Please RSVP to Linda Eaton or Jane Kunstman.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES: At the Ash Wednesday service on **February 22nd at 6:30 PM**, we will offer the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. It is completely optional. The name "Ash Wednesday" comes from this ancient custom. The pastor dips his thumb into some ashes (traditionally made from the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and marks an ashy cross on each person's forehead while saying, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This custom uses the biblical image of ashes (Job 42:6) to remind us that we, too, shall die and therefore need forgiveness from Jesus, which He won for us on the cross. (*adapted from Ordering Our Days in His Peace: An Introduction to the Christian Church Year, Concordia Publishing House*)

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mail slot in the back of the nave. A few boxes are on top of the mail slots. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: While we are looking for a new part-time secretary, we are hoping some of our members will volunteer to pitch in on some necessary tasks such as preparing bulletins, bi-monthly newsletter, counting/attendance reports or even monitoring the phone. Any help would be appreciated. If interested, please let Bill Galis know. Kay will also answer any questions you may have.

FOOD PANTRY: If you would like to donate food pantry items, you can drop them off at Grace between 9:00 AM and 1:00 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. These donations also service Harvest Outreach. The food pantry is located up a few steps from the elevator on the main floor.