Congregational Tidings

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



A weekly newsletter



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August 17, 2022

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you, Evie Waack, and Barb Mardis, for leading worship and communion last Sunday.

Our service this coming Sunday will be led by Rev. David Glenn-Burns of UNI's Three House. Worship leader and children's sermon will be Abbie Chronister, with a special blessing of the backpacks for our students beginning classes next week. See you Sunday!

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RALLY DAY AND FALL PROGRAMMING

Rally day is coming soon! Please put September 11 on your calendars and plan to join us! We are looking forward to getting "back in the groove" this September following our modified programming these past 2 years. Sunday School will begin in the chapel at 9:15am with fellowship, coffee, juice, and something good to eat. At 9:30am, young and old will gather for a shared opening, and then classes will break into their respective corners. More info to follow. We look forward to seeing you!

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TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Prayers for David Young, who begins radiation treatment at Mayo on August 22 for 7 weeks.



CHANCEL AND HANDBELL CHOIRS RESUMING

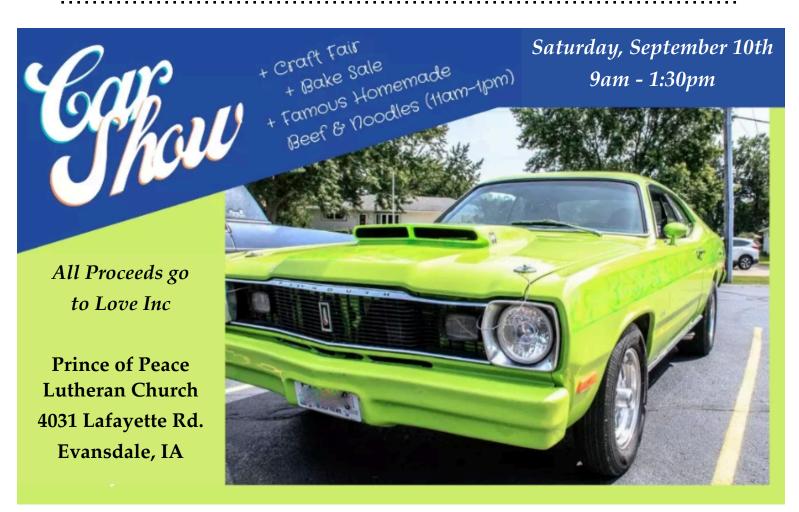
Chancel Choir and Touch of Brass Handbell Choir will resume our regular practices beginning Thursday, August 25th. Touch of Brass rehearses at 5:15pm in the sanctuary and Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:45pm. If you are interested in joining our musical ministries this year, please let Luke know if you have any questions and plan to join us at our first rehearsal!

NORTH EAST IOWA FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER GROUP

We have another group ready to volunteer at the Food Bank this month!

The Trustees will be representing our church on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the NE Iowa Food Bank.





Join LoveInc of the Cedar Valley for a fun-filled day of crafts, car show, and kids activities! Over 30 tables of crafts of all kinds! Door prize tickets available in the Fellowship Hall 9:00-1:30pm. Dozens of homemade goodies, and a famous homemade beef & noodle lunch 11:00-1:00pm for \$10. Car show begins at 10:00am, will present awards at 12:30pm, and conclude with a parade to honor First Responders with a parade of cars at 1:00pm. All proceeds from the event benefit Love INC of the Cedar Valley.



Childcare: There will be NO childcare provided for the September 4th worship service.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Will be on <u>August 21st</u> during service! Bring your backpack to be blessed as we head into this next school year.

Rally Day/Sunday School: is just one month away (starting September 11)! Will your child and/or youth be participating

this year? Do you want to volunteer on a rotating basis? Let abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com know!

FUN AT PALMER'S:

Thanks to our middle and high schoolers who came out to Palmer's last week:







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We Walk to Save Lives!

We're a relentless force! Now imagine how much stronger we'll be working as a team! Heart disease is still the no. 1 killer in out nation and stroke ranks no. 2 worldwide. You could do something to change that.

We are walking together - not only for our own health, but also for yours. And for the health of our parents, our children, and our grandchildren.

The Heart Walk is a time of celebration, joy, and inspiration. It's also an event where people work together to support one single goal - to create a world free of heart disease and stroke.

Be a heart hero. Be a relentless force. Be a part of an unstoppable team. Join us now and together we will help save lives.

Jill Mejia is the organizer for a team through her employer. To donate to her team, visit: https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=7143&pg=team&team_id=688337. Thank you in advance!

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