

GriefShare program available in Clinton this fall

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It happens to everyone.

It may be sudden or due to long-term illness; but, inevitably, everyone will have to deal with the feelings of sadness, loneliness and isolation following the death of a loved one.

Clinton community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare program at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The 13-week non-denominational seminar series features Christ-centered, biblical teachings which focus on grief topics such as Living with Grief, The Journey of Grief, The Effects of Grief, Why?, The uniqueness of Grief, and God's Prescription for Grief. The DVD seminar features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion and personal reflection.

Many grieving people find they are only starting the work of healing when friends or family have

returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Whether the bereavement experience is recent or long-past, participants will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend.



No matter what the cause of the loved one's death, the series will provide an opportunity to be around people who understand feelings of loss. Participants will learn valuable information about facing a "new normal" in life and renewing their hope for the future. Grief-related books/materials are made available for participants.

GriefShare will be held on Tuesdays from August 17 through November 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1799 Clinton Raymond Road. To register or for questions, call 601-924-9999. The program is free.

Free children's sewing classes offered at the Depot

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Local children and their parents are invited to visit the Olde Towne Depot on Saturday, August 14, for a free kids' craft class with local artist Jeannette Latimer.

Latimer, a great-grandmother and self-made artist, has a variety of talents to share with others, and she will teach a basic sewing class for both boys and girls.

The class will take roughly one hour and is appropriate for ages six and up. Attendees will complete a sewing project to take home at the end of the class.

Two classes will be offered at the Depot – one class at 10:30 a.m., and one at 2:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Reservations can be made by calling the Depot at 601-924-0113, or register online at www.OLDTOWNEDEPOT.COM/latimerartclass.

Clinton campuses improve air quality ahead of school year

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When Clinton Public School District students return to campus for the 2021-2022 school year, the air they breathe will be intentionally cleaner in their classrooms thanks to cutting edge technology.

Over the summer, Star Services installed 560 Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization Technology devices throughout each of the district's eight campuses and Central Office.

These energy efficient devices from Global Plasma Solutions use ionization technology to naturally eliminate 99% of airborne pathogens like the norovirus, mold and SARS-CoV-2 to improve indoor air quality.

Clinton Public School District's Facilities Director Bo Barksdale said these new devices will assist in providing a healthy place for students to learn.

"For years, we've made indoor air quality a top priority in the Clinton Public School District through regular preventative maintenance checks and services on all of our heating and cooling units," Barksdale said. "These bipolar ionization devices add another layer of protection for our indoor air quality."

The five hundred sixty devices were paid for out of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds, or ESSER.

Barksdale said that since these funds were provided by the federal government, the district was able to move quickly on the installation process.

"We were able to take on this project sooner rather than later without having to use building funds, saving the district money," Barksdale said. "What's even better is the project was started and completed before the start of school in August."

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