

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Bulthuis in memory of her great-grandson Zaxary.

WIDOW'S WALK Widow's Walk meets the first Monday of the month at a local restaurant at 1:00 p.m. for lunch, a devotion and the support we can give each other. R.S.V.P at 812-378-2075. Next meeting will be July 2, 1 pm at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County. Meet at the church at noon to carpool.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY If you would like to become a part of the regular bi-weekly prayer and Bible study meetings drop by the West Wing on **Tuesday, July 3**, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

A VBS NOTE OF THANKS Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and made such a difference at this year's VBS. Special thanks to all those who stepped forward to share Christ's love to the children. We were blessed with wonderful volunteers who joyfully helped make this another successful year. And thank you for sharing your children and grandchildren with us!

A NOTE OF THANKS Thank you so much for planning and providing the wonderful ordination service for Alex & Ashley Harris. We were so touched by all of you—Pastor Armstrong, the elders, Stephen and Elizabeth, the choir, the guild for the reception, Steve Meyer for the photos, the altar guild for the church decorations and all the members for your prayers. Alex & Ashley and our whole family have been blessed by you. The Harris Family

MISSION MOMENT Your Grace Mission Board recently met to disperse 2018 funds. In April distributed over \$49,000! In addition to our usual recipients, such as Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia Seminary, Rolfings, Campus Ministries, Love Chapel, Pregnancy Care Center, and others, this year we were able to help St. Peters Lutheran in Columbus with their Servant Event to Puerto Rico. Grace's own

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, June 24

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Grace International Picnic ~ 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, June 25

Tuesday, June 26

Women's Bible Study ~ 10:00 a.m.
Searching Scripture ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27

Women's Bible Study @ the Armstrong's
and @ the Fitch's ~ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 28

Staff Meeting ~ 8:30 a.m.

Friday, June 29

Saturday, June 30

Sunday, July 1

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.

Bruce, Jeannie, and Ben Otte were participants in this event. Thank you again for all your generous gifts.

HELP NEEDED The fellowship committee would like to have a hay ride or a bonfire later this year. We need someone to host it. Anyone that has a suitable location is urged to speak with a committee member or the office to explore ideas and work out logistics. This is a call for location not a big time requirement.

BABY BOTTLES CAMPAIGN Get involved in making a difference with Clarity (Pregnancy Care). Fill an empty bottle with coins, cash, and/or checks to support the work being done to help women and men facing pregnancy matters realize the hopeful possibilities for their future. Bottle are available in the main foyer.

Our Family Matters

June 24
2018

Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Avenue, Columbus, IN 47203 812-372-4859
<http://www.gracecolumbus.org> ~ office@gracecolumbus.org

You are invited to join us for an ...

International Picnic!! Sun., June 24, 2018 5 – 8 PM

International Friendship Center at
Grace Lutheran Church,
3201 Central Ave.

For more information email
ifc@gracecolumbus.org or call
812.372.4859.



**A Grace Fellowship event!
Tonight!**

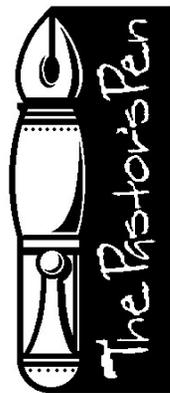


Come and bring a dish to share! There will be games and activities for all ages. Drinks and table service will be provided. There will be tables and chairs, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. Join in the fun of learning to play cricket or sit back and enjoy the company! To help with planning your online registration would be helpful at <https://bit.ly/2rQ7336>.

3 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Join us for a weekly Bible study this summer! Now three different times, days, and locations for study: Tuesdays, 10 AM at Grace, Wednesdays, 7 PM at the Armstrongs', 3389 Woodland Pkwy, and also Wednesdays, 7 PM at the Fitch's, 2634 California. Since summer schedules are varied, each week is not dependent on attending previous weeks. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex where you can review a copy of the book.

"Christ-centered worship, proclaiming the Gospel,
and nurturing all into God's family."



INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT:

The Indiana District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod meets in convention every three years, and most recently June 14-15. Pastor Armstrong was Grace's pastoral delegate, and Mark Stepper was our lay delegate.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Preble (Decatur), Indiana, was elected president of the district.

The convention reaffirmed the Scriptural teaching concerning the creation of the world (six days rather than millions of years).

The convention also addressed the looming pastoral shortage in our Synod by passing a resolution encouraging the LC-MS Council of Presidents to include on congregational call lists those who are on the clergy roster but are not currently called to a congregation.

A resolution was also passed encouraging the District Board of Directors to study how the District might be restructured.

Resolutions were passed encouraging congregations to participate in the "Connect to Disciple" workshop and the "Everyone His Witness" evangelism program.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is time to plan for the 2018-2019 school year. One of the goals of Grace Lutheran Church, is the religious education of our children. Being able to assist members of Grace to provide their children the opportunity to attend a Lutheran parochial elementary school is a true blessing. There is a Scholarship Fund that can aid in this goal. Names of Grace children planning to attend a Lutheran parochial school must be submitted to the church office by June 30. The Fund then will be distributed equally between the participants. The amount provided

will be announced on August 1 on the Fund balance at July 15.

Contributions to the Grace Scholarship Fund are made by the members of the congregation which may also include the parents of the children benefiting directly from the fund. These contributions must be received by July 15 to be included in the next school year.

If you have questions, please contact me or another MMB member. Thank you for your prayers and monetary support of this worthwhile fund.
Lester Moorman, Treasurer

We have 31 more households to invite to Grace this year.

2018 is the fifty-fifth anniversary of our Indiana District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In recognition of this, we will invite 55 households and/or individuals to worship this year. The world needs the Gospel, including our many unchurched neighbors, coworkers and classmates. The cults (Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.) are busy in your neighborhood! Even in Christian churches the Gospel is being distorted, obscured by legalism and self-chosen works in order to gain favor with God. You may invite the same individuals you invited last year (most don't come unless invited several times), or new individuals whom you have yet to invite

Who could I invite?

- **My grandfather who doesn't attend church;**
- **My physical therapist...**

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PRAYER PARTNERS Our young adults face many challenges to their faith. The best thing we can do as a church community is to pray for them! We have 5 students graduating this spring, and we need people praying for them on a daily basis. If you are interested in supporting our young members in prayer, please contact Tammy Mocas (tamaramocas@comcast.net, or call/text 812-350-1718).

MOPPETS DIRECTOR Seeking an individual with a love for children and who recognizes the need for quality child care and teaching focused on Jesus Christ. Director must be able to recruit and supervise workers and teachers and encourage them to grow in their own faith. If you are interested, please contact Bev Tibbetts, Karen Finke or Jolinda Whitlock. This is a part time position for a Grace member.

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

ADULT EDUCATION Three Adult Ed classes are planned for this "no homework" summer - class members are not expected to prepare a lesson in advance of the class. We'd love to have you join us!

"Heaven" Back for a third summer, we will be reading articles from a **Good News magazine** and discussing the Bible study questions included in the magazine. The title of this summer's issue is Heaven. Elders will be leading the class.

"A Longer Look at the Lessons" A CPH Bible study of weekly lectionary readings continues. From June 3rd through July 8th, we will focus on the Gospel readings from the book of Mark, chapters 2 through 6. Patty and Mark Stepper will be leading this class.

"History of Hymns" from the time of early church through English hymnody of the 17th century, we will read excerpts from Ernest Edwin Ryden's classic book "The Story of Our Hymns." And, we will look in our Lutheran Service Book (LSB) for hymns that relate to each week's lesson. Candace Clancy will be leading this class, with help from Stephen Smith and Elizabeth Moses.

ISSUES ETC. SCHEDULE We encourage you to continue to listen to "Issues, Etc." each Sunday at noon, AM 1010, WCSI, sponsored by Grace Lutheran.

June 24th

"The Lutheran Confessions- The Apology of the Augsburg Confession"

Pastor Paul McCain

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