

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Don Harris in honor of Cheryl's 60th birthday.

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

ADDRESS UPDATE For everyone that wants to keep in contact with new Pastor Harris and his wife Ashley there new address is: 16835 Willow Wood Dr. Strongsville, OH 44136.

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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.

Monday, July 2

Widow's Walk @ Abe Martin Lodge ~ 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study ~ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day

Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

Staff Meeting ~ 8:30 a.m.

Elder Meeting ~ 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 6

Saturday, July 7

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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.

GRACE LIBRARY MOMENT: Summer time and good food buys at the Farmers' Market. Look for interesting recipes in The What Would Jesus Eat Cookbook, or The Bible Cookbook ,or Faith In Food: The Bible Cookbook. All available in the Grace Lutheran Library.

Our Family Matters

July 1
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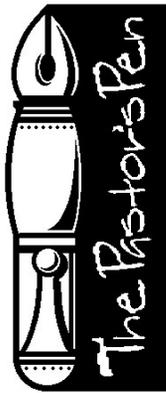
MAILBOX MOVE

As part of the Restoring God's House program the mailboxes in the main foyer area have been moved. The new home for all congregant mail is now by the entrance in the West Wing. The move allows for better and more attractive use of the primary wall in the foyer. The newly exposed foyer wall has decorative panels that will be used to highlight upcoming events and the counter will be less cluttered with only sing-up sheets and Portals of Prayer reducing the use of traffic blocking card tables. The first impression for guests will be greatly improved and the space feels much more open. We hope this new look will not cause any inconvenience but will be a simple way to make the entrance more inviting and more functional.

3 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Join us for weekly Bible study this summer! Now at 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. (Sorry not on July 4)

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



Surprises from an LGBTQ survey:

BuzzFeed News recently conducted a poll revealing that nearly half (46%) of those who identify as LGBTQ are bisexual, while only 32% identify as gay and only 16% lesbian.

But what does it mean to be bisexual, and why shouldn't bisexuals be considered heterosexuals who sometimes feel same-sex attraction?

Obviously, there is a lot of fluidity in how people self-identify and there are no real definitions as to what these categories mean. It is all extremely vague.

There is not even a consensus on what it means to be gay. Some who identify as gay are actually heterosexuals who support the LGBTQ agenda.

Most who identify as LGBTQ are under 40, and studies have shown that many young people will no longer identify as such 10 years later.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is that 61% of LGBTQs are religious and practice their religion. That may be a greater percentage than the population as a whole!

Maybe we should not be surprised.

Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:12-13), and that is one category to which all of us belong. Jesus loves and welcomes all sinners, not to affirm any of our sins but to save us from them.

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 29 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 grandmother who doesn't attend church;**
- **My psychotherapist...**

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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 had 5 students graduated this spring from high school and 4 more from college. 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 This is a "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. Elders will be leading the class.

"A Longer Look at the Lessons" A CPH Bible study of weekly lectionary readings continues. We will focus on the Gospel readings from the book of Mark. 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.

July 1st

"The Vocation of Civil Authorities & Citizens" Pastor Peter Bender

A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's subjects include: The Psalms, The Mass, John the Baptist & Repentance, The Prophet Isaiah and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Go online to www.lhm.org/dailydevotions for interesting, Christ-centered devotions. Try the daily e-mail.