

## News & Announcements

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Lester & JoAnn Peters in honor of Sarah Peter's birthday.

**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER (IFC) NEWS** Sat., Aug. 11th 9 AM - Learning to Build Relationships with Various Backgrounds Workshop - Cynthia Kahn of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach will be speaking with us on how to build relationships with our international neighbors. Many of the principals though will also apply to people of a wide variety of backgrounds. Continental breakfast will be provided.

**HELP NEEDED** The trustees are looking for someone to do periodic weeding and light trimming of the gardens around the church building. If you have any interest in helping us keep up appearances please contact Dan Rumsey 812-343-5719 or call the church office.

**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.

**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 August 6.

**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 Wednesday, July 18, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

**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

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, July 8

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

Monday, July 9

Tuesday, July 10

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

Wednesday, July 11

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

Thursday, July 12

Staff Meeting ~ 8:30 a.m.  
MMB Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 13

Saturday, July 14

Sunday, July 15

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

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 their new address is: 16835 Willow Wood Dr. Strongsville, OH 44136.

**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

July 8  
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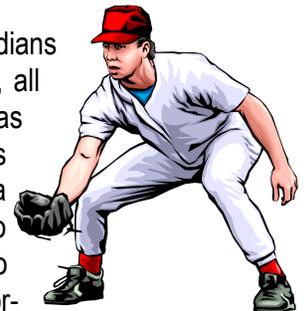
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## MAILBOX MOVE

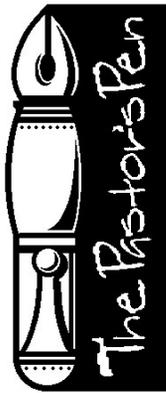
As part of the Restoring God's House program the mailboxes in the main foyer area have been moved. The new home for all congregant mail is now by the entrance in the West Wing. The move allows for better and more attractive use of the primary wall in the foyer. The newly exposed foyer wall has decorative 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.

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME FRIDAY, JULY 27

The Grace family goes to the Indianapolis Indians baseball game Friday, July 27! All the family, all ages are invited to enjoy the evening at Victory Field as part of an International Friendship Center outing. Tickets are \$10 per person with a limited number available in a pre-purchased block. To request tickets, please go to <https://bit.ly/2tYrdbx>. Payment will need to be made to Grace by Fri., July 20th to hold your spot. For more information call 812.372.4859 or email [ifc@gracecolumbus.org](mailto:ifc@gracecolumbus.org)



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



# The Christian's Identity

(reprinted from "Cranach," the blog of Gene Edward Veith)

"In this era of "identity politics," we would do well to read what the Bible says about our identity.

Here are the passages that speak to the issue most directly:

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27-28)

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. (Colossians 3:11)

Is my race my identity? Is my nationality my identity? Is my social position my identity? Is my oppression my identity? Is my sex my identity? No. Christ is my identity."

We are members of His body. We are extensions of Him. We are His voice, His hands, His feet to a world in need of Him.

## 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 aide 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 neighbor who doesn't attend church;
- My HVAC repairman...

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**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.

**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](mailto:tamaramocas@comcast.net), or call/text 812-350-1718).

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>  
"Christian Stewardship"  
Pastor Heath Curtis

**YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Teaching Forgiveness to Our Children, Misused Bible Passages, Proverbs, Lutheran Catechesis and more. Listen anytime @ [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or on the LPR mobile app.

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