

## News & Announcements

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Jan Barnett in memory of Wayne Barnett.

**LAST WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Dave & Laurie Wright in memory of their fathers.

**HELP NEEDED** We have openings for several teachers and helpers in our MOPS Kids program. If you feel led to share the love of Jesus with children (infants to 5 years old) on Tuesday and/or Wednesday mornings during the school year, please contact Tammy Mocas at 812-350-1718 (call/text).

**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.

**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, August 1, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

**GRACE LIBRARY MOMENT:** Three new donated additions are now in the library. The History of Christianity, edited by Tim Dowley; Holy Places: Matching Sacred Space wth Mission and Message, authors, Nancy DeMott, Tim Shapiro and Brent Bell; and How Christianity Changed The World, by Alvin J. Schmidt.

**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: August 6 @ Mark Pi.

**HELP NEEDED** Trinity Lutheran High School is looking for a host family for first semester for a male student from Germany. If you are interested, call the TLHS office at 812-524-8574.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, July 29

**Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**  
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Welcome Deaconess McPeak Luncheon/  
Pitch-in ~ 12:00 p.m.

Monday, July 30

Tuesday, July 31

Searching Scripture ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1

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

Thursday, August 2

Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Elder Meeting ~ 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 3

Saturday, August 4

Sunday, August 5

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

**LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS (SGO)** tuition assistance campaign for the students of Trinity Lutheran High School has begun! Now is your opportunity to provide financial assistance to our qualified Trinity students and receive an Indiana State tax credit equal to 50% of your contribution to the Lutheran SGO program in the name of Trinity. The Indiana State tax credit is deducted from the tax liability you would owe the State of Indiana. By contributing to this outstanding program in the name of our Trinity students you will help change the lives of our students and provide them with a four-star Lutheran faith-based education during their formative years. Please email David Probst at [dprobst@trinitycougars.org](mailto:dprobst@trinitycougars.org) or call him at (812) 603-7970, for more information, or to receive help with setting up your donation.

# Our Family Matters

**July 29  
2018**

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## WELCOME DEACONESS JULIE MCPEAK LUNCHEON, TODAY, 12:00 P.M.

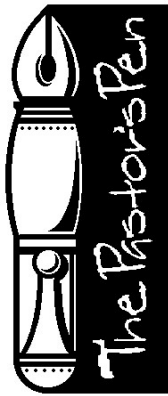
Please plan on attending the installation of Deaconess Julie McPeak as Grace Lutheran's new Director of Family Life Ministry! It will take place today, July 29, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to a Pitch-In/Reception Luncheon immediately following second service to welcome Deaconess Julie. Please plan on bringing your favorite dish to share at this joyous occasion. Let's celebrate our newest addition to the Grace Family with the love and joy of Christ Jesus!

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 9AM

The International Friendship Center (IFC) will be hosting "Learning to Build Relationships with Various Backgrounds Workshop" Sat., Aug. 11th 9 am. 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.



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



# On being a Lutheran follower of Christ:

In the Winter, 2017 of the *Issues, Etc. Journal*, Rev. Todd Wilken describes how modern evangelical churches seem to gravitate toward whatever is new, while Lutheranism holds to whatever is true, regardless of how old it is.

“Evangelicalism is essentially evolutionary. It survives by changing and moving away from the past.”

“Lutheranism is historical. It survives by returning to and remaining faithful to what has come before.”

“And because Lutheranism treasures the wisdom of the Church from the first day onward, Lutheran congregations say, do, and sing things that take you all the way back to the apostles.”

“Lutherans are known for taking Scripture seriously—and nowhere more so than when it comes to the Sacraments.”

“The Bible says that Baptism saves. It washes away sins, clothes you with Christ, buries you with Christ, makes you an heir of salvation, and a child of God.”

“The Bible says that God has given His Church the authority to forgive sins in Jesus’s name. This forgiveness is as real as if God Himself were to speak it.”

“The Bible says that the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper are the body and blood of Jesus. To eat and drink them believing this is to have forgiveness, life, and salvation.”

Many evangelicals are shocked that we believe such things because their ultimate authority in these particular matters is not Holy Scripture but our fallen human reason, which will not subject itself to the clear Word of God.



## We have 26 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 spouse who doesn’t attend church;
- My tax planner...

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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.

**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.

## SOUND TEACHING

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**ADULT EDUCATION** This is a “no homework” summer - class members are not expected to prepare a lesson in advance.

“**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. Pastor Armstrong 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 29<sup>th</sup>

“*Raising Christian Children in an Age of Secular Progressivism*” Pr. Jonathan Fisk

**EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: Contemporary Worship, Song of Solomon, Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus Gives the Lord’s Supper and more. Listen anytime [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

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