

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Pastor & Harriet Armstrong in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary.

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: Tomorrow @ Mark Pi.

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.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION All confirmation families should attend an orientation meeting next Sunday, August 12, 6:00 pm. The coming year's schedule and expectations will be discussed.

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 with Mission and Message, authors, Nancy DeMott, Tim Shapiro and Brent Bell; and How Christianity Changed The World, by Alvin J. Schmidt.

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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.
Young Adults Prayer Partner Luncheon~ noon

Monday, August 6

Widow's Walk @ Mark Pi ~ 1:00- p.m.

Tuesday, August 7

Circuit Pastor's Meeting ~ 9:00-1:00 p.m.
Alpha Planning Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8

Thursday, August 9

Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.
MMB Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 10

Saturday, August 11

IFC Connecting with Internationals Workshop
~ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 12

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Bell Workshop ~ noon
Confirmation Orientation ~ 6:00 p.m.

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 or call him at (812) 603-7970, for more information, or to receive help with setting up your donation.

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.

Our Family Matters

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

YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER PARTNER LUNCHEON TODAY, AFTER SECOND SERVICE

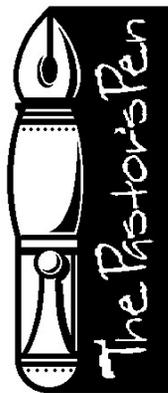
All current prayer partners and anyone interested in being a prayer partner are invited to the meal promoting the most important thing we do for our young adults. We live in a world increasingly hostile to the Faith and young adults are on the front line at secular universities and workplaces with diversity programs that don't include Christianity as part of that diversity. Young adults are also invited to this fellowship meal.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 9AM

The International Friendship Center (IFC) will be hosting "Learning to Build Relationships with Various Backgrounds Workshop" next 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."



Study: US Churches Exclude Children with Autism, ADD, ADHD

(Summarized from *Christianity Today*, July 20, 2018)

According to the National Survey of Children's Health, America's religious communities are failing children with chronic health conditions, such as autism, learning disabilities, depression, and conduct disorders.

Sanctuaries are much more sympathetic to children with asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or vision problems than children with conditions that limit social interaction.

Autistic children are twice as likely never to attend religious services as children with no chronic health conditions, and they are most likely to feel unwelcome.



Studies have shown that regular religious attendance is associated with improved mental and emotional health and overall well-being.

And yet, children with the greatest need of a supportive religious community are least likely to have it.

Lack of education and attitudinal barriers in churches are a major deterrent to worship attendance for children with autism and their families.

All church members need to make a theological and ethical commitment to welcome children regardless of their disability and even to invite these children to actively participate in the church's ministry.

We have 24 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

TITUS 2:1

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 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.

August 5th

"Romans 13 on Christians and Governing Authorities" Dr. Michael Middendorf

TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN... You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on topics like: The Augsburg Confession, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts, The Emmaus Disciples, and more. **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Listen anytime at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app.

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