

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mark & Patty Stepper in memory of Sue Knue and Fred Stepper.

HANDBELL WORKSHOP Have you ever thought about playing hand bells? Come to the hand bell workshop today to see how easy it can be. You don't need to read music, just be able to count to 4 and know the difference between your right hand and your left. No commitments just a chance to try it out.

MOPS NEEDS MOPS meetings begin August 21. If you would like to donate Pepperidge Farm cheddar Goldfish, plain Cheerios, Gerber Veggie Puffs or facial tissue, please place them in the marked box in the narthex. Thank you for your support of MOPS and the MOPS Kids!"

PASTOR ON VACATION Pastor Armstrong is on vacation until August 21. If you have an emergency please call the church 812-372-4859, your elder (Paul Finke, head elder 812-372-1905) or Rev. Ben Lorenz(812-603-7651).

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 15, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

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).

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 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.

Monday, August 6

Tuesday, August 7

Wednesday, August 8

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Mops Kids Training ~ 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 9

MOMSNext ~ 9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 10

Saturday, August 11

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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.

GRACE LIBRARY MOMENT: The Books of Interest available in the Library are 2 books in one by Philip Yancey, *Where Is God When It Hurts?* and *Disappointment with God*. Max Lucado has written *In The Grip of Grace: You can't fall beyond his love*. An older book still with an appropriate message by Dr. R. C. Sproul, *Surprised by Suffering*.

Our Family Matters

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CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

TONIGHT, 6:00 P.M.

All confirmation families coming year's schedule and are invited to attend an orientation meeting tonight at 6:00 pm. We will look at the meal will also be served.

THE ALPHA COURSE & SEARCHING SCRIPTURE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 5:50 P.M.

We are beginning a new session of The Alpha Course August 21 at 5:50 pm. This is a great time to invite and bring your family, friends and co-workers to the class. Share the Good News of Christ's saving work through His life, death and resurrection with those who have doubts or who have not heard. Invite them to learn about the fundamentals of Christianity at the next Alpha. Also starting the following week is Searching Scripture which explores Lutheran spirituality through Luther's Small Catechism. Sign-ups for both are in the main foyer. You are the door through which people enter Grace Church. We encourage you to invite someone today.



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

Have you ever wondered...



- Can infants believe and why should they be baptized?
- Why are there so many Christian denominations?
- Why didn't my problems (and my sins) disappear when I became a Christian?
- Why does God allow evil and suffering?
- Isn't it offensive to believe that Jesus is the only way to God?

Ask these questions and more at the...

“Searching Scripture” Class

(an introduction to the Lutheran faith)

Starts
Tuesday August 28,
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Let us know if you need child care.
There is no obligation to join the church.
If you are interested in attending the class,
Please inform Pastor Armstrong or
call the church office at 372-4859.

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 son who doesn't attend church;**
- **My waitress;**
- **My hair dresser...**

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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 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.

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 12th
“The Mystical Union with Christ”
Pastor Will Weadon

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...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 teachings include: A Military History of Islam and the West, Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, Old Testament Prophet Isaac, 17th Century Lutheran Theologian Johann Gerhard, 11th Century Hymnwriter & Theologian Bernard of Clairvaux and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app.