

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Jim Roth in memory of his wife Carolyn.

BABY SHOWER FOR SARAH JAMERSON
Sunday, September 16th immediately after second service in the West wing. A light luncheon will be served. Please RSVP to Jolinda Whitlock, Karen Finke or Harriet Armstrong. Sarah is registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby and remember, **It's a Boy!**

HELP NEEDED We need your help to assist with childcare for Alpha and Searching Scriptures. One Tuesday evening a month would be a big help. Please sign up today in foyer.

UPDATE ON MOPS DIRECTOR! We are still seeking an individual for the MOPS Kids Director position but we have broadened our search to include individuals who attend other LCMS churches. Our criteria remains the same and we continue seeking someone with a love for children who recognizes the need for quality child care and teaching focused on Jesus Christ. If you know anyone who would be a good candidate please contact Bev Tibbetts, Karen Finke or Jolinda Whitlock. We would love to speak to them about this wonderful ministry!

WIDOW'S WALK Widow's Walk meets the first Monday of the month at a local restaurant for lunch, a devotion and the support we can give each other. R.S.V.P at 812-378-2075. Next meeting: Widow's Walk will meet Sept. 3 at Grace Lutheran Church at 10:30 to carpool to Artist Colony in Nashville, IN for lunch

MONTHLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Join us for an eight month women's Bible study on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Words are powerful. They can build up or tear down. By God's grace, a mouth makeover can improve our relationships and affect our attitude toward life. We will begin on September 20th and meet at the Armstrong's, 3389 Woodland Parkway. The cost of the books is \$10. We will cover one chapter/5 devotions each month. Contact Harriet Armstrong, (812-372-3162).

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 2

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 3 Labor Day

Office Closed

Widows Walk Outing ~ 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 4

MOPS ~ 9:00-11:15 a.m.

Children's Music ~ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Alpha ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Searching Scripture ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5

MOPS ~ 9:00-11:15 a.m.

Youth Music ~ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 6

MOMNext ~ 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Elder Meeting ~ 5:30 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsal ~ 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 7

Saturday, September 8

Columbus Children's Choir Rehearsals

~ 9:00-4:00p.m.

IFC Planning Meeting ~ 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 9

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.

GRACE LIBRARY MOMENT: This month's focus for the books of interest in the Library are on the family: *Faithfully Parenting Tweens*, *Faithfully Parenting Teens*, *email from God For Teens*, *Prayers For the College Student*, *NO: Why All Kids Need to Hear It and How Parents Need to Say It* and *Fantastic Families*. The books are waiting and ready to be checked out to give you new ideas beginning fall school time and ending summer vacationing time.

Our Family Matters

September 2
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Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Avenue, Columbus, IN 47203 812-372-4859
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ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP CENTER AT GRACE
3201 CENTRAL AVE., COLUMBUS, IN

Practice English conversation skills, explore culture topics, meet new people, and share experiences.
(Light refreshments provided.)

Initial meeting will be
**Fri., Sept. 21st,
9:30-11:00 AM**
to also schedule future dates.

For more information call 812.372.4859 or
email ifc@gracecolumbus.org.



Please come and bring a friend!!

Register and share this link
<https://bit.ly/2MwuESE>

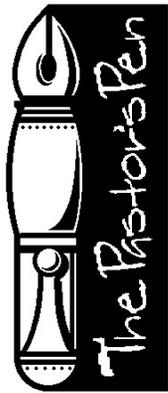
APPLEWORKS HAYRIDE & COOKOUT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars! Grace will be going to Appleworks Orchards to have a festive cookout and hayride Saturday, October 20, 6:00pm. We will be carpooling so everyone can come. Watch the narthex for sign-up sheets closer to the date. Grace will provide meat and fixins to add to the pitch-in.



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



Abolishing Punishment

(from Cranach, the blog of Gene Edward Veith)

Amid the sex scandals in Roman Catholicism, an important story has been lost—the Vatican's new prohibition of capital punishment.

This is quite a shift, for the Church of Rome often practiced capital punishment in conjunction with temporal authorities (for example, the burning of John Hus, the victims of the Inquisition, and the Lutheran martyrs).

But aside from capital punishment, the very concept of any punishment at all has been disappearing from child-raising, education, ethics, and theology.

Hardly any pastors, including from conservative church bodies, teach about eternal punishment anymore. Our sensibility today recoils from it.

Theologians in the past rightly retained the biblical teaching of rewards and punishments in this life and after death, which they believed was essential to cosmic justice and moral order in the present.

The criminal justice system still employs punishment. But even that may be changing. Today, self-described "abolitionists" want to abolish prisons, the police and the criminal justice system altogether, replacing them with "getting people the help they need."

This ignores our sinful nature, which needs the threat of punishment to help curb sinful behavior. Only in light of this threat are we able to repent of our sins and rightly appreciate the free forgiveness of sins that is for all guilty people through faith in Jesus Christ.

We have 21 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 brother who doesn't attend church;**
- **My delivery person;**
- **My mail carrier...**

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COMMUNITY HYMN FESTIVAL Join Dr. John Behnke at St. Paul Lutheran Church for a community hymn festival Friday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. If you love great Lutheran hymns and beautiful organ music, Dr. John Behnke is a superb choral conductor, organist and prolific composer. Our community choir will be a show-up-and-sing event and you are cordially invited to join us. Dr. Behnke will hold a rehearsal for our choir guests one (1) hour before the festival. St. Paul is located at 6045 E. State St.

MOPS SUPPLIES NEEDED MOPS has begun this week. If you would like to donate to the weekly snack supply of Pepperidge Farm cheddar Goldfish, plain Cheerios, Gerber or Veggie Puffs, please place them in the marked box in the narthex. Thanks for your support.

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

ADULT EDUCATION New classes start this week with the following:

"Romans: Alive in Christ" A CPH study (13 sessions.) Romans summarizes well both a quarter century of Paul's missionary preaching and teaching, and the essential emphases of his evangelical theology. Led by Mark Newton

"Christians in Conflict" A Bible Study About Peacemaking looks at the causes of conflict. It shows how the biblical principles of confession, absolution, and forgiveness are all key in finding a resolution. God's Word is the most important part of peacemaking and the only way to facilitate true healing and comfort. Leaders will be Darrah Franks & Deaconess Julie

"Liturgy: Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Have you ever wondered why we worship like we do each Sunday? Where did the Liturgy come from? Join us for a 12-week class tracing the origin and development of the Historic Liturgy. Leader will be Russell Davies

"East Wing Adult Bible Study" for parents of young families. The study digs deeper into the weekly children's Bible story.

ISSUES ETC. SCHEDULE We encourage you to continue to listen to "Issues, Etc." each Sunday at noon, AM 1010, WCSI, sponsored by Grace Lutheran.

September 2nd

"Media Coverage of Pope Francis Reaction to the Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal" Terry Mattingly; *"The Confirmation Hearings of Supreme Court Nominee Brett Kavanaugh"* John Malcolm

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Go online to www.lhm.org/dailydevotions for interesting, Christ-centered devotions. Try the daily e-mail.