

## News & Announcements

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Vivian Schroer in memory of husband Charles and son Bill.

**YOUTH PLANNING** All youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school will be meeting on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> to make plans for the summer. We will meet from 4-6 in the youth room.

**YOUTH NEWS** Our next youth event will be Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have a painting party. This fun event will be perfect for your friends to come to.

**PASTOR ON VACATION** Pastor Armstrong is on vacation until October 15. If you have an emergency please call the church 812-372-4859 or your elder (Paul Finke, head elder 812-372-1905).

**HELP NEEDED** Our congregation is currently looking for someone to mail material to young families. If you have a few minutes that you can spare each week, please see Deaconess Julie.

**ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?** If you are, you may have the ability to apply for Action Grants. We would like to start using Action Grants for multiple projects old and new around the church. Please see Deaconess Julie for more information.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** Help is needed to do nails at Silver Oaks nursing home every 2nd and/or 4th Friday of the month. Jobs consist of wheeling ladies back and forth to rooms, filing nails, removing and re-polishing nails. Any help will be appreciated. Call Jeanette Otte 812-342-4586 to find out more.

**CAMP LAKEVIEW AUCTION** "This is the way, walk in it" Isaiah 30:21 – That is the theme for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeview Dinner Auction. Join us on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Primo Banquet Hall & Conf. Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of 8 for \$400. All proceeds benefit God's work being done at Lakeview Ministries. To purchase tickets or to receive more information

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, October 7

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Confirmation ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 8

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:30-7:30 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 11

Handbell Rehearsal ~ 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
MMB Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 12

Saturday, October 13

Sunday, October 14

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

visit [www.lakeviewministries.com/auction](http://www.lakeviewministries.com/auction) or contact Lakeview Ministries at 812-342-4815 or by email at [office@lakeviewministries.com](mailto:office@lakeviewministries.com). Donations are also being sought from hand-crafted items to vacation time-shares. If you can help contact the same.

**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!

# Our Family Matters

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## TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

**Y**ou are invited to join us in a traditional Taizé service on October 17th at 7pm. Taizé is a Christian monastic community based in France that includes men from over thirty countries with Catholic and Protestant backgrounds. A Taizé service is stylized as a series of scripture readings, music, prayer,

and meditative silence. We are excited to share this worship opportunity with you and hope that you join us!

**"BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, GOD COMES TO DWELL WITHIN US. BY HIS WORD AND BY THE SACRAMENTS, CHRIST GIVES HIMSELF TO US. IN RETURN, WE CAN SURRENDER EVERYTHING TO HIM."**

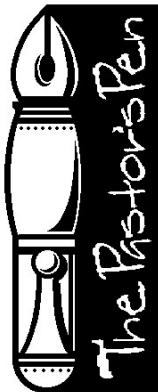
-Brother Alois

**O**ctober 31, 5:00-8:00 pm will be the Grace Trunk 'n Treat providing a safe Halloween alternative for local families and children. Members are invited to distribute candy and treats from tables in the East Wing with a prize for the best decorated table. Hot cider and other goodies will be served. Join



us as we reach out to the community. Please sign up in the foyer to give out candy or donate non-peanut treats in the box.

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



# "Why America is Polarized"

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

"How did America get to be so polarized? Why are Americans so disunified and our politics so vicious? Why are we so angry with each other? One word: ABORTION."

"So says Michael Barone, with input from Ross Douthat. 'If Roe v. Wade had never been decided,' Barone writes, 'if the Supreme Court had just declined to hear cases challenging the constitutionality of abortion bans, levels of partisan polarization would not be anything like what we see around us.'"

"Far from settling opinion on abortion, Roe made it a national political issue and the focus of national politics."

I would add this: pray for those who have had an abortion, that they might find forgiveness and healing in Christ. Pray also for these United States, that we would seek forgiveness for the unloving ways we have characterized others, and pray that the Gospel would have free course in every heart, so that many would believe in the Savior and that our citizens respect the dignity of all human life.

## An Indiana autumn is just not complete without a hayride!!

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>,  
6:00 PM at Apple Works,  
8157 South 250 West, Trafalgar, IN

Hayride followed by bonfire and supper are free for the whole family!  
Bring a chair, flashlight, and a side dish to share or a dessert.

Sloppy joes, drinks, table ware, and the makings for S'mores will be provided.  
Carpooling will leave from Grace Lutheran, 3201 Central Ave., Columbus at 5:30 PM.  
Apple Works will also be open to the public before hand. So if you would like to select and purchase a pumpkin from their patch or visit their store which has a wide selection of apples and fall treats, come early. There are, also, numerous activities for all ages. Check out their website at <http://www.apple-works.com/>

To help in planning for the food and hayride space, please register on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/2Ms3DLm> by Mon., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. For more info call 812.372.4859.

The Grace Fellowship Committee extends this invitation to all – MOPS, International Friendship Center, ESL, ALPHA participants and others, to bring their families to enjoy the evening!



## We have 18 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 book buddy;
- My accountant...

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**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.

**MOPS SUPPLIES NEEDED** MOPS has begun. 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.

**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, October 10, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

## SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

**ADULT EDUCATION** New classes have begun 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. Led by 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. Led by 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.

October 7<sup>th</sup>

*"The US Constitution: Influences on the American Founding"* Dr Russell Dawn

**YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...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: The Rich Man and Lazarus, Coveting, Martin Luther on Isaiah, Moses and the Burning Bush and more. Listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on the LPR mobile app.