

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Dave & Laurie Wright in memory of our mothers.

YOUTH PLANNING All youth 8th grade through high school will be meeting today to make plans for the summer. We will meet from 4-6 in the youth room.

VOTERS ARE COMING We need your help. Grace is one of the ten city-wide voting centers and we need you to staff the welcome table for a few hours during voting. The polls are open Tuesday, November 6, from 6 am to 6 pm. Because of the expected heavy turnout we need extra donations of cookies, snack items and bottled water. Please sign up for a shift or two to help give out coffee, cookies, and church information to our neighbors after they vote. Please speak with Russell Davies or sign up in the foyer today if you are able to greet or donate snack items. Join us in reaching out to voters and carry on a twenty+ year tradition.

LWML NEWS November 11th is LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Sunday. Every lady who is a member of Grace is also a member of LWML. LWML collects "mites" (coins like the "widow's mite" in Mark 12) in small boxes. These little coins pay for tremendous mission projects in Indiana and around the world! We would like for all the ladies of Grace to take a "mite box" and fill it w/ "mites" and bring it back on November 11. Boxes can be found in the main foyer area.

YOUTH NEWS Our next youth event will be Oct. 28th. We will have a painting party. This fun event will be perfect for your friends to come to. So invite them!

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.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, October 21

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Sr. High Planning Meeting ~ 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Youth Confirmation ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 22

Tuesday, October 23

Mops ~ 9:00-11:15 a.m.
ESL ~ 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, October 24

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Mops ~ 9:00-11:15 a.m.
Youth Music ~ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 25

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

Friday, October 26

Saturday, October 27

Sunday, October 28

Reformation Hymn Festival ~ 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Sr. High Painting Party ~ 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Youth Confirmation ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY MOMENT Welcome a new 3 book Christian Fiction series for the Library: ***Anthems of Zion*** by Katie Schuermann. An endearing and loving series of a small Lutheran Church congregation in a rural community in Illinois. It is at times whimsical and touching as the members learn to worship together, love and care for each other and the power of forgiveness. Look for the **House of the Living Stones, The Choir Immortal and The Harvest Raise** on the far wall to the right upon entering the Library in the East Wing.

Our Family Matters

**October 21
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REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

You are invited to join us October 28th for a special hymn festival! At both services on Reformation Sunday, hymns of the reformers will be interspersed with the liturgy as a reflection on God's work for us in the Church of yesterday and for the Church of tomorrow. The Adult Choir will be leading at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. We hope to have you celebrating with us in this worship experience



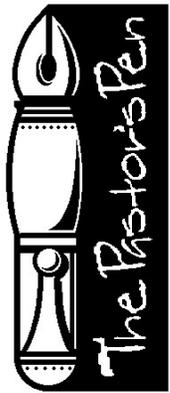
October 31, 5:00-8:00 pm will be the Grace Trunk 'n Treat providing a safe Halloween alternative for local families and children. Members are invited to distribute candy and treats from tables in the East Wing with a prize for the best decorated table. Hot cider and other goodies will be served. Join

Trunk or Treat



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."**



China's revision of Christianity

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

China is so afraid of Christianity that the Communist government is implementing a 5-year plan to "revise" the faith.

"According to the Chinese Christian dissident Rev. Bob Fu, the 5-year plan will include new editions and translations of the Bible that will incorporate Buddhist and Confucian teachings; a requirement that crosses be accompanied with portraits of Chairman Mao and Chairman Xi; a requirement that choirs begin each service by singing communist propaganda songs; and a repudiation of justification by faith, replacing it with "justification by love," which includes the "good works" of the Communist party."



"This is on top of the government takeover of Catholic churches. The Vatican, with the approval of Pope Francis, has inexplicably given the communist party the authority to appoint bishops, though they must then be approved by the Pope. The agreement brings underground Catholic groups into the state-supervised organization, which many conservative Catholics see as a betrayal."

"Predictably, Chinese Christians in the underground church are denouncing the plans to "Sinicize" Christianity. They will be facing ever-increasing persecution for their faithfulness. Pray for them."

We have 17 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 father who doesn't attend church;**
- **My middle school friend;**
- **My dog groomer...**

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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 24, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

SOUND TEACHING

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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 21st

"The Lutheran Reformation and Music"
Dr Carl Schalk

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