

## News & Announcements

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Meyer family in memory of Hannah Grace Meyer.

**ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION** students and parents. Confirmation will now be starting at 5:45 p.m. for the rest of the school year. Our next session will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ANGEL TREE** The Angel tree is now up. Please choose an angel, purchase your gift, and return it unwrapped. Please place the gift and the tag in a plain plastic bag. Thank you for giving to those in the community.

**OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is soon upon us. All children wishing to participate will be practicing during the Sunday School hour. We will have a dress rehearsal with a family gathering on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. Our Christmas program, "From Heaven Above" will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

**MILITARY BIBLE STICKS** There is a special outreach to the military. \$25 purchases a rugged military grade mp3 player with the ESV New Testament for one of our troops in the field or at the VA, and CDs and Kid's CDs for their family at home. Watch for them on the angel tree or speak with Russell for more info. Over 950,000 have been sent out to the field already.

*"I saw God use these tools to reach our men and women deployed to Afghanistan"*

Air Force Chaplain

**MISSION MOMENT** As in the past, Advent offerings this year will be divided between local and distant missions. The local portion will be given to Pregnancy Care Center (Clarity) and Love Chapel. The remainder will be sent for the work of Tom and Debbie Going, missionaries to Japan.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, November 25

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

Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Lunch and Movie ~ 12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 26

Tuesday, November 27

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

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

Wednesday, November 28

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Thursday, November 29

Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 30

Saturday, December 1

Sunday, December 2

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Adult Education ~ 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Confirmation ~ 5:45-7:30 p.m.

**LOST AND FOUND** Please collect your missing plates and serving items from the lost and found table next to the kitchen. We know there is a special spot in your house for them but not really room enough in the church kitchen.

**GRACE FOUNDATION GRANTS** Grace Lutheran Church Foundation is accepting grant requests. Application forms are available in the church office. Please contact a Foundation Board member if you have any questions.

**ALL YOUTH** wanting to go the movies today, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 should see Deaconess Julie ASAP. We are headed to fill up at Steak and Shake and watch Fantastic Beasts.

# Our Family Matters

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2018**

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## ADVENT EVENING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 12, & 19, 6:30 P.M.

Pastor Armstrong will begin a midweek Advent sermon series with "To Wait is human; to provide is divine." Advent is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Worship is at 6:30pm Wednesday December 5, 12, & 19 with a light supper served before hand at 5:45pm.

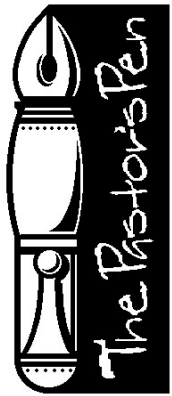
## PICTURE PERFECT

We will be having a youth fundraiser this month. Family photos will be taken. These photos will be perfect for Christmas cards or to update the family portrait.

today, November 25<sup>th</sup> between 9:15- 12:30 p.m. groups can sign up for a quick session with a photographer. The cost is only \$25 for the 1<sup>st</sup> pose/image and \$10 for each additional pose/image. All images will be given to you on a flash drive with full reprint permission. Flash drives will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gather the grandkids, collect your loved ones, and assemble your troop! All proceeds will benefit the youth Servant Event this summer.



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



# Some politicians should learn to forgive (as should we all)

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

Michelle Obama says that she can "never forgive" Donald Trump for spreading doubt about her husband's citizenship.

Whereupon President Trump said that he could "never forgive" Barack Obama for undermining our military.

Hillary Clinton said that President Trump's supporters were not only "deplorable" but "irredeemable."

Meanwhile lots of politicians and pundits are saying how one person or another is "unforgivable."

This has to be the ultimate repudiation of a human being. It goes beyond hate.

I can see someone saying "I don't forgive," or "I won't forgive," or "I can't forgive."

But to say that a person is "unforgivable" or cannot be redeemed is the harshest judgment of all.

Those who say such things are far more judgmental than God, who redeems the unredeemable, forgives the unforgiveable, and loves the unlovable through Jesus Christ.

Be thankful God is not like some of our political leaders.



## We have 15 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 fraternity brother;**
- **My hair dresser...**

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**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. See Deaconess Julie for more info.

**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 December 3 at TBA.

**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, December 5, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

## SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

**ADULT EDUCATION** classes continue 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. 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.

November 25<sup>th</sup>

*"The Hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God'"*  
Pastor Wil Weedon

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