

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Pete & Gabriel Woon in memory of Michael deLisle and in honor of Michael Woon.

ALL YOUTH The youth group will "Shaking it up" on Friday, Feb 15th from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.. Tell your friends and mark your calendars for a fun night.

LOOKING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS! If you have a college student or if you are a college student, we would like your information. Please list the information on the sheet on the counter. We care deeply about our college students and want to support them.

IFC @ GRACE Japanese Cuisine: Experience it from start to finish! Sat., Feb. 23, 2019 from 9-11 AM. Watch a meal being prepared and learn about the food. And of course, have the opportunity to taste it if you like. Much can be learned about a country from their food. Come and learn about another part of the world.

MISSION MOMENT Freeman & Sue Rohlfing will be guest missionary speakers during the Sunday School hour February 24. They will speak about their time in the Czech Republic.

HIGHER THINGS Information packets are now available for The Higher Things conference all youth confirmed by this summer through college may attend. See Deaconess Julie for more information.

GRACE SNOW POLICY There will be regular services at Grace as scheduled with the possible exception of a **declared county travel warning**. Cancellations will **not** be automatic and you need to make sure we have your correct contact number for phone alerts. We stress that if you feel the conditions are hazardous to your travel from your location we urge you to use discretion as to whether or not to attend an activity at church. We will make cancellations known through phone, text, and local media when we are able.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 3

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education Hour ~ 9:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation ~ 9:30 p.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Super Bowl Pitch-in ~ 12:00 p.m.
Financial Peace University ~ 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 4

Widow's Walk Crafting ~ 11:00 a.m.
Widow's Walk Luncheon ~ 12:00 p.m.
both @ Silver Oaks

Tuesday, February 5

MOPS ~ 9:00-11:15 a.m.
ESL ~ 9:00-11:15 a.m.
Alpha ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Searching Scripture ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6

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

Thursday, February 7

Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.
MOMNext ~ 11:00-1:00 p.m.
Elder Meeting ~ 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 8

Saturday, February 9

Sunday, February 10

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Special Voter's Meeting ~ 9:30 a.m.
Adult Education Hour ~ 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Japanese Sunday School ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Financial Peace University ~ 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Youth Confirmation ~ 5:45 p.m.

THE FLOWER CHART is now on the counter in the new welcome area. Please help beautify our Worship by signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday in 2019. The cost is \$45.

Our Family Matters

February 3
2019

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SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING NEXT WEEK, BETWEEN SERVICES

A special voters meeting has been called Sunday, Feb. 10, 9:30am, between services, to discuss and resolve direction regarding extending Stephen Smith an offer for Grace's full time Organist and Music Director position. All confirmed members 18 and older are eligible to vote and should plan to attend.

SOUPER BOWL PITCH-IN TODAY, AFTER SECOND SERVICE

Today on Super Bowl Sunday after second service, there will be a Pitch-In. Soups and drinks will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish or dessert to share, if you are able. This will be a great time to fellowship with each other while enjoying a wonderful meal. Please plan on attending and bringing a guest(s). Hope to see you there!

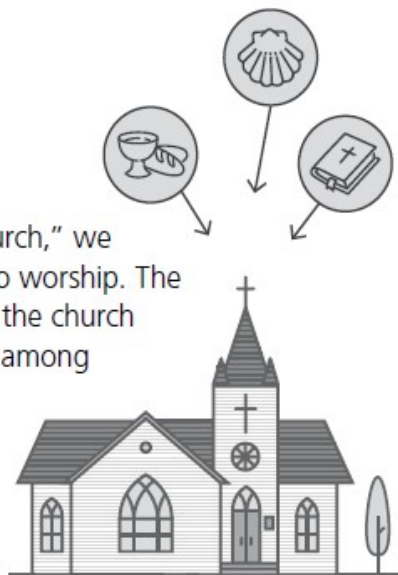


"Christ-centered worship, proclaiming the Gospel,
and nurturing all into God's family."

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "church"?

When someone says the word "church," we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the "assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel." Wow! The church is so much more than a building!



If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the "sanctuary," is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don't want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the wonderfully Gospel-rich symbolism found in the sanctuary, including the on the altar, windows and banners. Remind them that the Lord truly comes to us here in His Word and Sacraments. He brings us what we really need: the forgiveness of sins.



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We have 54 more households to invite to Grace this year.

2019 is the fifty-sixth anniversary of our Indiana District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In recognition of this, we will invite 56 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 international coworker who might not attend church;
- My instructor;

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

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.

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 is February 4 @ Silver Oaks (11am for Valentines craft; noon for lunch.)

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

ADULT EDUCATION classes for the winter will continue this week with the following:

"Driven Heroes of the Faith" The "Heroes of the Faith" series highlights men and women in the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people – people like you – to do his work. Heroes included in this study: *Ruth, Samuel, Jeremiah, Solomon, Lydia, and Timothy.* Led by Candy Clancy.

"Wurmbrand" This six-session video class is based on the lives of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand. Be inspired by the examples of the Wurmbrands and other persecuted believers as you learn to love and forgive your enemies and become bold witnesses for Christ. Leaders: Cheryl Harris and Tina Fitch

"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.

February 3rd

"Mortification in the life of the Christian"
Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller

YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Epiphany Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," The Book of Micah, The Patriarch Jacob, Jesus Calls the First Disciples and more. Listen anytime at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Go online to www.lhm.org/dailydevotions for interesting, Christ-centered devotions. Try the daily e-mail.