

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Jean Stepper in memory of her husband Fred Stepper.

SUPER BOWL PITCH-IN! On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, 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!

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 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.

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 27

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

Adult Education Hour ~ 9:30 a.m.

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

Prayer Partner Luncheon ~ 12:00 p.m.

Financial Peace University ~ 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Youth Confirmation ~ 5:45 p.m.

Monday, January 28

Tuesday, January 29

MOPS Kids ~ 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, January 30

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:30-7:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, January 31

Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 1

IFC Conversation Group ~ 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 2

Sunday, February 3

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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.

Our Family Matters

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PRAYER PARTNERS TODAY AFTER 2ND SERVICE

Grace Payer Partners will meet for a light lunch today after the second service. Our young adults face many challenges to their faith. If you would be willing to pray for one of our young adults on a daily basis, please come to the luncheon or contact Tammy Mocas(812-342-3459.)



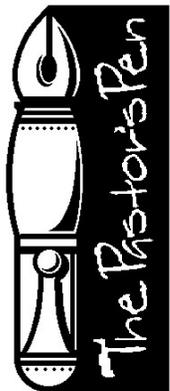
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY STARTS TODAY!

This is an opportunity to lies enrolled at Grace who regis- set your financial house ter. To sign up, go to Grace's in order. Learn proven techniques unique link <http://www.fpu.com/1082511>. If you Sunday this afternoon, January need help registering or have any 27, 3:00-500 pm. Cost is \$109 per questions, call the church office. household; howev- er, rebates of \$35 will be provided to members of Grace and to MOPS fami-



Financial Peace University is being sponsored by your Grace Lutheran Church Foundation.

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



The real reason for abortion is ...

...we don't value children the way we once did.

In the USA, nearly half of all pregnancies are unintended, meaning that *children are not desired*, and four out of ten of these pregnancies end in abortion.

That's over 3,000 abortions per day.

Common reasons for abortion include: not being financially prepared to have a child, the time isn't "right," the relationship with the partner is uncertain or unstable, etc.

A Person's a Person, No Matter how Small

-Dr. Seuss

Beneath all the stated reasons, however, is the inability to see all human life as a gift from God, a blessing to be received, an inheritance from the Lord.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. (Psalm 127)

The word "heritage" in verse 3 means an heirloom, an estate, something inherited that is of value.

Sadly, having turned away from God's Word, we have turned away from His heritage of abundant progeny for ourselves.

God grant us repentance toward Him and a renewed appreciation for human life at every stage of development.

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:

"Comfort for Christians" In this study you will learn how through His Word God comforts you, builds you up, and equips you to reach out to others, who are lost, lonely, troubled, or grieving. Led by Tim Moses.

"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.

January 27th

"The Apostle Paul's Use of the Word 'Flesh'" Dr Mike Middendorf

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