

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Pat & Connie Powlen in honor of their parents.

OUTREACH CARDS You can be a part of something special. Outreach Cards are now available in the foyer. Each month we will focus on a different group of people in our community. Cards are available that are pre-addressed and stamped. Just take one card or more home, fill it out, pray for that person, and send it off. This month we will reach out to our shut-ins and those with lots of health problems. Thank you for your participation.

PASTOR ON VACATION Pastor Armstrong is on vacation September 14-27. If you have an emergency please call the church 812-372-4859, or your elder (Paul Finke, head elder 812-372-1905).

ALPHA NEW SESSION ONLINE Join us for the Alpha Course Online each Tuesday , 6:30-8:00 pm, sign-up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alpha-course-grace-lutheran-church-tickets-115760339291> or on the church website. Alpha is a 14-week practical introduction to the Christian faith for those who have questions. All are welcome to attend. Tell your friends!

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG FAMILIES. If you are considering enrolling your child for the first time into a Lutheran School, please fill out the Application of Intent. Applications are available outside the Deaconess office and are due back Oct. 1st.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY We need more people to help with sound or video during worship. It is easy to learn and only once a month at either service. Please contact Russell Davies in the church office 812.372.4859.

SUPPORT FOR YOU Your Grace family cares very much about you. Phone calls have been made the last few weeks to members by staff and elders. If you are in need of assistance or

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OL = On-Line

Sunday, September 13

OL Divine Service Livestream ~ 8:00 a.m.

In-Person Divine Service ~ 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

OL ALPHA ~ 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

OL Men's Bible Study ~ 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13

OL Divine Service Livestream ~ 8:00 a.m.

In-Person Divine Service ~ 8 & 10:30 a.m.

have a prayer request, please don't hesitate to call. If you are experiencing a serious financial need, please contact Deaconess Julie. Funds are available to help Grace members.

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS Our post high school youth face many challenges to their faith. One of the best things we can do as a church community is to pray for them! Our most recent high school graduates need people praying for them on a daily basis. If you are interested in supporting our young members in prayer, please contact Tammy Mocas tamaramocas@comcast.net, or call/text 812-350-1718.

Our Family Matters

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE PROCEDURES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Welcome back to in-person worship in the community of Grace Lutheran Church. The objective of these procedures is to allow corporate worship with Holy Communion while abiding by Indiana state guidelines and ensuring the safety of our members and visitors to the best of our ability.

Worship Procedures:

- Maintain physical distancing at all times
- Greet each other from a distance without contact
- Narthex and West Wing doors open at 15 minutes prior to the service
- Wait in cars until doors are opened
- Bring and use facial coverings throughout the service
- Use available hand sanitizers upon entering the sanctuary
- Avoid contact of high touch points as much as possible
- Pick up individual bulletins upon entering the sanctuary
- Sit in marked pews at the direction of the ushers;
 - alternating pews between services
- Ensure 6-foot minimum separation between family groups
- Children to remain seated with family during the Children's Message
- Exit the sanctuary at the direction of the ushers
- Discard used bulletins in trash cans upon leaving the sanctuary
- Place donation envelopes in plates upon leaving the sanctuary
- Maintain social distancing in Narthex and parking lot

Holy Communion Procedures:

- Approach the front of the altar steps as directed by the usher,
 - one family group at a time
- Use available hand sanitizers approaching Communion
- The Host and Individual Cups are available on the tables in the front
- Deposit used cups in baskets provided
- Return to seats as directed

Other Notes:

- Bring personal activity bags for your children
- Nursery available for emergency use only; sanitize after use
- Restrooms available for emergency use only

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

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What's a "Kyrie"?

The Kyrie comes from the Greek words "kyrie eleison" (pronounced KEER-ee-ay eh-LAY-zon) which means "Lord, have mercy." You've probably noticed that we sing this after we have confessed our sins and received God's forgiveness. For example, look to see where the Kyrie is in the Divine Service.

Why do we ask the Lord to have mercy on us after we have already confessed our sins and been forgiven?

When we sing the Kyrie, we are not making a confession of sins. Instead, we are crying for mercy so that our God would hear us and come to help us in all times of need. It is the first prayer that we pray together in the Divine Service as God's forgiven people!

Parents:

During worship, help your children to recognize the Kyrie and its place in our worship. You may want to practice saying "Kyrie Eleison" with them. After they have mastered the pronunciation, praise them for having learned a bit of the Greek language!



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We have 40 more households to invite to Grace this year to either in-person worship or to view the online livestream.

2020 is the fifty-seventh anniversary of our Indiana District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In recognition of this, we will invite 57 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 aunt who might not attend church;
- My neighbor behind the mask...

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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 meeting online via Zoom Wednesday, September 16, 6:30-7:30 am. Call Lester Peters or Ed Probst for more info.

IFC CONVERSATION GROUPS We would love you to join us. The next event is September 18, 9:30-11:00 am on the back lawn. If you have any questions contact Harriet Armstrong, Candace Clancy or Missy Snyder.

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

ADULT EDUCATION: Classes at Grace are temporarily suspended:



ISSUES ETC. SCHEDULE We encourage you to continue to listen to "Issues, Etc." each Sunday at noon, AM 1010 FM 98.1, WCSI, sponsored by Grace Lutheran.

September 13

"Trinity 10"

Pr. David Petersen

September 20

"11th Sunday after Pentecost"

Pr. Carl Fickenscher

September 27

"Daily Worship in the Old Testament"

Dr. Robert Macina

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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 topics include: Fear of Death, The Vocation of Police Officer, Holy Cross Day, 3rd Century North African Bishop Cyprian of Carthage and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Go online to www.lhm.org/dailydevotions for interesting, Christ-centered devotions. Try the daily e-mail.

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. Call 812-378-2075 to find out more information. Next meeting will be TBA, 1:00 p.m.