

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by John Battin in memory of his parents.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY in person has begun third Thursdays, 10 AM at Grace in the West wing. Those who would prefer to meet via Zoom can join in on Mon., Oct. 19, 7 PM. We will meet on the third Monday of each month. Below is the link for Zoom. It is a reoccurring link so you can use the same one each time. If at any time you would link to attend the other time offering, that is encouraged. We recognize that schedules can change. To join Zoom meeting go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471460921> Feel free to contact Harriet if you have any questions, 812.603.2470.

OUTREACH CARDS any cards are still available in the foyer. This month we will reach out to local health care workers. Please take one card or more, fill it out, pray for that person/people, and send it off. The card, address, and postage has been taken care of for you. This is a very simple way for you to take care of your community.

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 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.

ALPHA NEW SESSION ONLINE Join us for the Alpha Course Online each Tuesday , 6:45-8:00 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!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY We need more people to help with sound or video during

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OL = On-Line

Sunday, October 18

OL Divine Service Livestream ~ 8:00 a.m.
In-Person Divine Service ~ 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal w/ Brass Quintet~ Noon

Monday, October 19

OL Women's Bible Study ~ 7:00 p.m.
OL Choir Meeting ~ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

OL Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.
OL ALPHA ~ 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

OL MOPS Kids ~ 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Youth Basic Music Theory ~ 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Sunday, October 25

OL Divine Service Livestream ~ 8:00 a.m.
In-Person Divine Service ~ 8 & 10:30 a.m.

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.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY We plan to have an instrumental ensemble accompanying hymns on November 1st and December 24. If you play an instrument and are interested in playing in services, please contact Director of Music Jinhee Kim at jkim@gracecolumbus.org

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.

Our Family Matters

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTING NEXT WEEK , 9:30 A.M.

Beginning October 25, 9:30am, Pastor Armstrong will lead a five week in-person AND online class as part of Grace Lutheran's 2020-2021 Stewardship Program. We will study "Stewardship Basics," a Bible study prepared by our LCMS Stewardship Ministry. The class will meet in-person in the Fellowship Hall (social distancing) and online through Zoom. We encourage all members to attend. Participant booklets are available in the Foyer. Attend in-person beginning next Sunday or click the link at our website to join the class online through your computer or smartphone: <http://www.gracecolumbus.org>.

Trunk or Treat is going to look very different this year. This year we will be pre-making goodie bags. People will be invited to drive up, get the kiddos a bag, and head out. Volunteers will be needed to be handing bags out in the parking lot. This will keep everyone safe and allows us to have a fun community event. We are in need of candy and small



prizes/trinkets for the bags. We are hoping to make at least 1,000 bags. If you would like to help hand out bags on the 31st, please see Deaconess Julie. All donations are needed by Sunday, Oct. 25th.

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

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "Agnus Dei"?

The "Agnus Dei" (pronounced AHN-yus DAY-ee) has been sung by the Church for almost 1,200 years. "Agnus Dei" is Latin for "Lamb of God." We usually sing these words in the Divine Service after the Words of Institution have been spoken by the pastor.



Why do we use the Agnus Dei?

In John 1:29, John the Baptizer proclaims, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He said this as Jesus was walking up to him. When we sing the Agnus Dei, like John the Baptizer, we are once again hearing, proclaiming and learning the great Gospel message which confesses that Christ is here with us in Holy Communion, giving us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. What a great way to recognize the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament!

Parents:

After the Divine Service, read John 1:29-34 with your children. Compare John the Baptizer's words to the Passover story in Ex. 12:1-11, 21-23. Be sure to discuss why John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." Jesus was the ultimate sacrificial Lamb of God by whose death we have been rescued from sin, death and the power of the devil.



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We have 34 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 cousin 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, October 28, 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 November 6, 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.

October 18

"Influence of Christianity On Labor" & "Economic Freedom" Dr. Alvin Schmidt

October 25

"Mourning The Death Of A Loved One" Pr. Peter Bender

REAL REFORMATION RADIO... 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: Evangelical Buzz Words; The Ten Commandments & Proverbs; Original Sin; The Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave" and more. You can listen at your convenience 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 Monday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.

FACE MASKS Several of our members have made face masks. We are in need of more, if you would like to help in this effort. If you are in need of one, please contact the office.