

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by David & Laurie Wright in memory of Paul Wright.

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, July 20, 6:30 am or call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

A NOTE OF THANKS to everyone who worked so hard and made such a difference at this year's VBS. Special thanks to Darrah Franks for coordinating things and to all the friends of Grace that stepped forward to share Christ's love to the children. Notable contributions were also made by several youth and returning youth, making this VBS a real cross-generational event. Kudos to all from kitchen staff to leader assistants. Christ shines through in your smiles and gentle spirits.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, July 17

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School ~ 9:15 a.m.
Sr. High Youth Meeting ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, July 18

Tuesday, July 19

Wednesday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 21

ARC/Kiwanis Banquet ~ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 22

Saturday, July 23

Sr. Hi Canoeing ~ TBA

Sunday, July 24

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School ~ 9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School ~ 9:15 a.m.
All Church Pitch-in ~ 12:00 p.m.
Jr. High Youth Meeting ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

THE ALPHA COURSE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 5:50 P.M.

We are beginning a new session of The Alpha Course August 23 at 5:50. This is a great time to invite and bring your family, friends and co-workers to the class. Share the Good News of Christ's saving work through His life, death and

resurrection with those who have doubts or who have not heard. Invite them to learn about the fundamentals of Christianity at the next Alpha. You are the door through which people enter Grace Church. Invite someone today.

Our Family Matters

July 17

Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Avenue, Columbus, IN 47203 812-372-4859
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ALL CHURCH PITCH-IN NEXT WEEK, AFTER 2ND SERVICE

Grace is having an all church pitch-in next week after the second service Sunday. We hope you can join us and bring a dish to pass. These are great opportunities to bring a guest or meet some of the newer

members of Grace. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your eternal family. You are the doorways into the church so think of who you can invite to come and share our daily bread and the spiritual food of fellowship.



FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AUGUST 21

Friendship Sunday is coming to Grace on August 21. It is time to invite your friends to a celebration of our

Grace family. There will be a potluck luncheon and activities for all ages young and the young at heart. Bring someone you know along to worship and stay for all the fun. Mark your calendars and pray on who to invite and help distribute door hangers in the Grace neighborhood!

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

GRACE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Friends in Christ

One of the goals of Grace Lutheran Church is the religious education of our children. Offering financial scholarships to assist members of Grace to provide their children the opportunity to attend a Lutheran parochial elementary school is one of these very important programs.

There is a shortfall between the those applying for scholarships and the amount generously donated by the deadline. Any further donations will be added to offset this gap. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund so this support of the Christian education of our children will continue.

Lester Moorman, Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church General finances As of June 30, 2011

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual
Revenues			
Loose Change Offering	\$5,049.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pledged Offering	\$207,225.16	\$236,354.72	\$462,175.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$872.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$155.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$213,302.12	\$236,354.72	\$462,175.00
Expenses			
Salary Expenses	\$152,769.90	\$152,837.04	\$305,674.00
Operating Expenses	\$63,526.34	\$83,517.68	\$156,501.00
Total Expenses	\$216,296.24	\$236,354.72	\$462,175.00
Net Total	(\$2,994.12)	\$0.00	\$0.00

KEY CHANGES LAST CALL THIS WEEK

We will be changing all the locks this coming week to upgrade and streamline some securities issues. If you have already asked for a key one will be ready for you Sunday morning and you can pick it up then. If you need it sooner or will be away please arrange a swap with Russell after Wednesday. Call by Monday if you still need a key to the building and have not yet let Russell know. Altar guild and elders are already on the list.

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SR. HI YOUTH will be canoeing at Blues Canoes here in Columbus. They are slated to paddle next Saturday, July 23. If any youth want to go, tell Tim, so the best times can be determined. This is also a great opportunity to invite friends to spend a day with the youth groups. So financial cost will not be an obstacle to youth group relationships at Grace, cost for each youth is whatever you can contribute to the expense of rental.

BREAKFAST WITH DAD We support fathers as the faith leaders at home, making worship a priority and helping to teach the faith giving their children what they need most, Christ. The next Breakfast with Dad is Saturday August 6, at 9-10 a.m. Be There!

SOUND MEN NEEDED or sound women for that matter. We need several people to help run sound during worship services. One service (or less) a month to help monitor the microphones and push a few buttons. No experience is required and the skills are VERY easily mastered. Teens are also encouraged to volunteer. Let Russell know or call Chris Chapple 378-9435.

BIBLE DONATIONS We continue to collect Bibles and devotional materials in the plastic box under the coat rack. Jim Tharp distributes these to Love Chapel, a local prison ministry, and to a mission group that takes them to Haiti and other mission fields.

THE FLOWER CHART Please help beautify our Worship by signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday in 2011. The cost is \$40. You are free to take the flowers home with you after the 2nd service. Or, if you like, you may leave them to be distributed to the shut-ins.

(As a friendly reminder, if you haven't paid for flowers you requested, please make a check payable to Grace and mark the Memo Line: FLOWERS. Thanks!)

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES continue this week with:

"One God, Many Gods" a CPH study of various world religious traditions. They are each critiqued in view of the truth found in Holy Scripture. The study will be co-led by Smith Snively and Don Niemoeller.

"2 Corinthians" a CPH study of the New Testament epistle by the apostle Paul co-led by Joel Gustafson and Jody Harter.

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

"A Time to Plant, A Time To Grow" This CPH study helps participants face life's challenges and changes by sharing encouragement from Scripture that they can apply to their daily lives. Some of the topics covered in this study are: God at work in the Christian community, relationships in small town America, economic crisis, and leadership. The class meets in the conference room.

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

July 17th

"Matthew 28: 16-20 "All Authority has been Given to Me" Pastor Scott Klemsz, Pastor Kevin Golden

July 24th

"Christianity Body and Soul" Pastor Mark Buetow; *"Ghosts"* Pastor Jeffery Grams

TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN Do any of these topics interest you?: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Jesus Calls the First Disciples, Mary & Martha, J. S. Bach and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen online at www.issuesetc.org.