

## News & Announcements

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Jan Barnett in memory of the Sparks family.

**NEXT YAM EVENT WILL BE JANUARY 6** We will meet at Grace at 5:00. Dinner will be provided! Please join us and bring a friend and a favorite game. YAM = Young Adult Ministry

**NOON PRAYER SERVICES** Grace now has a daily midday prayer service weekdays at 12:10 p.m. It is a simple service found in the new hymnal designed for family worship. It includes a Psalm, Old and New Testament readings and the opportunity for personal prayer either silent or aloud. Join us whenever you can as we call upon His name.

**TABLE TALK** About 10 families are participating. Will you join us too? Connecting families with children through food and fellowship! Table Talk meets every other Friday, 6-8PM. The next meeting is the first Friday of the new year January 5 @ the Moses' house. Bible study for the grown-ups and spirited fun for the kids. Contact Tim Moses( 342-3613) or the church for more information!

**INDIAN MISSION BIBLE STUDY & MEAL**  
Grace is hosting a new local mission outreach to the Indian people living in the Columbus area. The fourth Saturday of each month, at 5:30, Pastor Udhayanesan (Udhay) Raji will be leading bible study for local Indian people, many working at Cummins. After the service they gather for a meal and fellowship. Please help support this with your prayers and invite those Indian people you know to attend.

**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK: A SURVEY**  
God has richly blessed our Synod with this resource known as *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*. Dedicated in our worship services on September 10, 2006, we are still discovering the tremendous resources of this book on a daily basis. Come participate in the final installment of John Matthews' five-year cycle of hymnody classes to study *Lutheran Service Book* more closely. Although it is recommended that all participants in *Lutheran Service Book: A*

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, December 31

Guest Speaker Pastor Udhay Raji  
Grace Indian Mission ~ 9:15 a.m.  
Christmas Caroling ~ 3:00 p.m.  
New Year's Eve Worship w/communion ~ 7pm

Monday, January 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.  
No Children's Music

Wednesday, January 3

Men's Prayer & Bible Study ~ 6:30 a.m.  
Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.  
Adult Choir ~ 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.  
No Grace Club

Friday, January 5

Staff Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.  
Table Talk @ the Moses' ~ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 6

YAM Game Night & Dinner ~ 500 p.m.

Sunday, January 7

Special Voter's Meeting ~ 9:15 a.m.  
New Adult Classes Begin~ 9:30 a.m.  
Jr. High ~ 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Youth Bells ~ 5:30 p.m.  
Adult Bells ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Sr. Youth (RIOT) ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Survey purchase their own copy of *LSB* (pew edition; cost is \$18.50 per copy), there will be a limited number of hymnals available to borrow for the class. Ask John Matthews or Russell Davies how to obtain your own copy of *LSB*.

**LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? The weekend of April 13-15, 2007, Grace will be hosting a very special retreat here at the church to help your marriage can get straight A's. Mark those dates and watch for more information.

# "Our Family Matters" December 31 2006

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## PASTOR UDHAYANESAN RAJI GRACE INDIAN MISSION

**R**ev. Udhayanesan (Udhay) Raji will join us today, at 9:30am in the West Wing. Pastor Raji will be speaking about the new Indian Mission here in Columbus, and his passion to bring his fellow Indians to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

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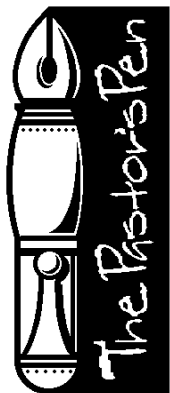
Indian people living in the Columbus area. The fourth Saturday of each month, at 5:30, Pastor Raji leads bible study for local Indian people, many working at Cummins. After they gather for a meal and fellowship.

Join us to greet Pastor Raji, and join in prayer to support this important mission outreach in our community.

## SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2007, 9:15 AM,  
BETWEEN SERVICES

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



# Why Do *You* Go to Church?

Do you like the pastor? Do you like the music? Is it the friendliness of the people?

In the words of Dr. Norman Nagel, "These things crowd into the front and block out what is really the heart of the matter." The heart of the matter is the Lord Jesus Christ. We go to church to hear the Words of the Lord. His Words go into us and deliver His gifts. If you aren't in church, you are not on the receiving end of the Words which deliver His gifts.

It is through His Words that the Lord gets to us.

*"Lord, open Thou my heart to hear, and through Thy Word to me draw near."*

His Word alone creates and feeds our faith. You can't crank up any gifts inside yourself. His gifts of forgiveness, life, salvation, growth in faith and knowledge, come through His Words.

Jesus promises to be speak to us, to be present for us, and to distribute His gifts to us whenever and wherever we gather in His name.

*(The above comments are from the "Issues, Etc." broadcast, "Why Go To Church?" by Dr. Norman Nagel, Professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. The broadcast is available on CD in the rear of the sanctuary.)*

## Family of the Week

The Duchow Family,  
Jack, Karin, Jackson & Emelia

The Duchow have been Grace members since 2001 and are familiar faces in the East Wing. Jack is the current third and fourth grade Sunday School teacher and occasionally reads at the early service. Karin is the Children's Sunday School Administrator.

Jack and Karin met while attending Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA. They have lived in Columbus for 10 years.

Jack works as an applications administrator in the IT department for Enkei America and enjoys coaching Jackson and Emelia in soccer and gymnastics.

Karin is an educator by trade and currently homeschools Jackson. She is also involved with the school board for Emelia's preschool and the evening women's BSF class.

Jackson is an active kindergartener who enjoys art, swimming, gymnastics, and soccer.



Emelia just turned four and enjoys school, playing, gymnastics, and dancing.

The Duchows enjoy traveling, outdoor activities, and spending time with family and friends.

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**CHRISTMAS ISN'T OVER!** Come announce, proclaim our Savior in singing hymns and carols to our shut-ins and neighbors this afternoon! The whole Grace family is invited to meet at the church at 3PM. Following caroling, we will gather at the church for a soup dinner before worship @ 7PM.

**MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!** The next season of music will get underway next week. We are always looking for new members and we have a spot waiting just for you. Come and join the Adult Choir, Adult Handbells, Youth Music, Children's Chimes or Children's Choir. No experience is necessary. Contact Lori Moses for more information.

**JR HI SNOW TUBING** Saturday, Jan. 13! Yes we actually can go tubing @ Perfect North in Lawrenceburg, IN! Because of their snow making equipment, they have all lanes of tubing open! Cost is \$15 plus lunch. Sign up on the bulletin board today.

**SR HI YOUTH GO TO LASER FLASH** January 14! We will be battling with the youth from St. Paul Lutheran Church! \$15 covers 2 sessions plus pizza and drinks. Sign up on the bulletin board today.

**WINTER BIBLE CLASS SIGN-UP** continues this week. Please note the "Sound Teaching" column to see the new classes being offered. Most classes will run Jan7-Feb.24 at 9:30am.

**A NOTE FROM THE FIELD:** Merry Christmas to all! The Christmas Video for TF Indy is complete and has been uploaded to the internet. I'm in this video near the end where The Department of Public Works says our part. The video can be found by you and your family at [www.RisingerFamily.com/TwasTheNight.html](http://www.RisingerFamily.com/TwasTheNight.html).

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**A NOTE OF THANKS:** On December 16, twelve YAMS (Yong Adults) enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and food hosted by members of Grace congregation. Special thanks to Don and Kay Niemoeller and Tim and Lori Moses for opening your homes to us, preparing delicious food and sharing your past and present holiday traditions with our group.

## SOUND TEACHING

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**THE ALPHA COURSE** Classes will begin January 9th with the kick-off Supper Party. Each Tuesday, class begins at 5:50 PM with a light meal followed by a look at the Gospel, and discussion time. Invite your friends, family and co-workers.

**SEARCHING SCRIPTURE CLASS BEGINS TUESDAY JANUARY 23rd, 5:30-7:00 pm** in the West Wing. This is an introduction to Lutheran spirituality and an examination of Luther's Small Catechism for anyone interested in learning or reviewing the historic Christian faith. A light meal will be served.

**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK: A SURVEY** Come participate in the final installment of, Director of Music and Organist, John Matthews' five-year cycle of hymnody classes to study Lutheran Service Book more closely. Sundays, 9:30am in the Sanctuary.

**HEROS OF THE FAITH**, a CPH series probing the great figures of the Old and New Testaments will be presented Bill Harter Sundays at 9:30 in the West Wing.

**APOLOGETICS FOR CURRENT ISSUES** will be lead by Harriet Armstrong Sunday's at 9:30. How do you bring the Word of God to bear in confronting the issues of the day?

**YOUNG ADULTS CLASS** gather every Sunday morning at 9:15, in the conference room, for relevant discussion with biblical foundation.

**Jr. YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS** every Sunday morning at 9:15, downstairs with parents.

**Sr. YOUTH CLASS** every Sunday at 9:15, downstairs studying the Apostle's Creed.

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

**December 31**

"Once in Royal David's City" Dr. Arthur Just, Professor of New Testament, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN