

News & Announcements

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Doug & Carla Eckart in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP 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 6, 6:30 am or call Lester Peters or Ed Probst.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for February 28, 2010 and plan on attending the annual spring banquet of the LLL zone 12. It will be held at St. Paul (Clifty) Columbus, IN in the fellowship hall. Reverend Matthew Harrison will be the speaker; he is the director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care. We will begin registration at 5:30pm devotion at 6:00 followed by the meal, entertainment, elections and the speaker. There will be some changes from previous banquets so watch for more information next month. For additional information contact your congregation ambassador or Eric Scheidt 579.5816.

THE FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Please help beautify our Worship by signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday in 2010. 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 the following week.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, December 27

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

Family Hour ~ 9:15 a.m.

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31

Staff Meeting ~ 8:30-10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day

Office Closed

Saturday, January 2

Breakfast with Dad ~ 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 3

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

Family Education Hour ~ 9:20-10:20 a.m.

Adult Handbells ~ 6:30-7:30 p.m.

(As a friendly reminder, if you haven't paid for flowers you requested in 2009, please make a check payable to Grace and mark the Memo Line: FLOWERS. Thanks!)

EPIPHANY EVENING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30 P.M

Join us Wednesday, January 6, for the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord. Service will include Lord's Supper.

Our Family Matters

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2009

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NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 7:00 P.M.

Join us this Thursday evening as we celebrate the many blessings of the past year, and God's promise in the year to come. Grace's New Year's Eve Service will begin at 6:30 pm with Pastor Armstrong preaching the Good News of Christ. Service will conclude with Holy Communion where Christ will give us His sin-forgiving Body and Blood. Invite someone to join you.

GIVE THE GIFT OF JESUS IN 2010

Follow the call to reach out to our neighbors with the Good News of Christ. We need members to help distribute door-hangers in the local neighborhoods this coming week. Share the saving work of God through Jesus' life, death and resurrection with those who live within a mile of Grace. All you need to do is walk a street or two hanging information on door-knobs. This is a great family service project that anyone, any age can do. Sign up for a role in inviting our neighbors to learn about the fundamentals of the Christian Faith at the next Alpha Class starting Tuesday, January 12 at 5:50 p.m. or Searching Scripture beginning on the 5th. Their life may well depend on it.

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



Luther's Corner: Children often "Chips Off the Old Block"

"It is well known that children, according to the ordinary course of things, bear not only the appearance but also the moral and mental characteristics of their parents."

404 "What Luther Says" CPH

BREAKFAST WITH DAD SATURDAY, 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Join us this Saturday, January 2 from 9:00-10:00am. This is open to fathers and children of all ages, from school age children to high schoolers to adult children with their empty nester dads. Meet in the West Wing for this intergenerational event as we explore and encourage men in their vocation as fathers. There is a hearty breakfast, a short talk, and good conversation around the table. Grace Lutheran

Church supports men in their vocation of father: to help encourage them in leading the family in Faith to worship and trust in the promises of God. See you there!



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ANCHOR'S AWAY is an exciting opportunity for high school seniors and college students to discuss the Christian faith and how it differs from other religions. Bring a friend Sunday nights from 6-8 beginning January 10 until April 25. There is a small cost of \$35 to cover handbooks and materials. Speak with Harriet Armstrong or Cheryl Harris (378-0943) or pick up a sheet on the Youth bulletin board.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS One-half of this year's Advent and Christmas offerings at Grace will be donated to the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S., which is a ministry largely by Native Americans to Native Americans. The ministry works in Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, Washington, Alaska, and parts of Canada, offering vacation Bible schools, Bible studies, worship services, counseling, social ministry, leadership training, and otherwise witnessing the Gospel of Christ.

A NOTE OF THANKS Thank you to the ladies of the Women's Guild for the supplying all the food for the ten Christmas baskets Grace gave out this year. You have given a bountiful banquet table to families that would have had none. Thanks again, Carrie Davies

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS Friday, January 8 at 10:00 will be the monthly Grace Guild Meeting. Please join us for fellowship with your friends of the Grace Guild. Any questions can be directed to Cindy Meyer.

A NOTE OF THANKS To the members of Grace for all the gifts purchased for our Angel Tree families. The generosity of our Heavenly Father has again shown itself through the generosity of His people. There will be many smiling faces on Christmas morning.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY The local 2010 Census office has contacted us to alert members to the many short term employment opportunities for this year's census. The local census office can be reached at 314-7410.

DONATIONS FOR YOUTH HOPE Please drop off any small travel toiletry items you may

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES will return next week, January 3, with the following classes:

"Old Testament Bible Study" led by Steve Meyer;

"New Testament Bible Study" led by Jim Tharp;

"What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey a video and discussion class led by Mel Gustafson, Don Niemoeller and Bill Harter;

"Liturgy: Yesterday, Today and Forever" by Arthur Just a video exploration of the development of the historic liturgy led by Russell Davies;

"Friendship" God created us to thrive in one another's presence. This study introduces young adults (post high-school) to biblical principles for friendship and to powerful stories about friends in the Bible. 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.

December 27th

"The Reformation and its theology: The Reformation Today" Rev. Lawrence White

ROMANS' RADIO SERIES...Why did Martin Luther call the Book of Romans the "purest Gospel?" Are we saved by faith alone or by faith and works? When the apostle Paul refers to himself as a "wretched man" was he talking before or after his conversion? Tune in this week to Issues, Etc. for a five-part daily series on The Book of Romans. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org.

have collected in the wooden containers next to the kitchen door. All donations are sent on to help area groups like Youth Hope which is always in need of the basics.