

# “Member Profile”

This week’s feature: Julia Castell



Julia Castell joined Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in May of this year. She was born and raised in Columbus, Indiana, a farm and blue-collar community on route 65, 35 miles south of Indianapolis. It is mostly a Lutheran community and Julia attended St. Peters Lutheran School as a youngster. She then attended Columbus Indiana High School. Julia’s family consisted of two brothers and two sisters.

Julia got married when she was 19. Julia was a stay at home mom for a while, raising three children. Her oldest daughter was an Army Nurse. She is now a Surgical Nurse living in South Bend, Indiana. She is married and has two children, of which, one will be getting her PhD next summer. Julia’s son lives in the Cleveland area with his wife, who is from Thailand, and their son, who recently graduated from Westlake High School. He is retired Air Force with three tours in Iran as a Logistics Specialist. By the way, Julia had a hand in her son being awarded a Bronze Star. She had the idea about sending toys, with a lot of help and support from her South Bend Congregation at the time, to her son. Her son then received the toys and worked with military people from 7 different countries to distribute the toys to kids in Italy. NATO caught wind of

what they were doing, and liked the idea. Her youngest daughter is a nurse in South Bend, Indiana, with a husband who works as a Radiology Technician. As a matter of fact, Julia says the whole family seems to be involved in the medical field, always talking medical and medical procedures when they get together.

Julia, herself, worked in the medical field for 30 years. She worked for several Ophthalmologists during this period of her career. She then worked for a day-care for nine years. Julia absolutely loved this time with the little children. She moved to Westlake because of her son, and joined POP because she just felt a warm glow when she met several of our members. Julia already is quite active here at POP. She ushers, is involved in the Gospel Bible Study, and helps serve communion.

Julia loves to read, often having several books going at the same time. She is also a wonderful baker of both pies and cakes. And, having lived in South Bend, Indiana for years, she loves Notre Dame football. Go Irish! Most folks at POP probably don't know that Julia has taken flying lessons. Wow! You have got to meet this wonderful, up-beat lady.

*By Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter*