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Dear Saints of Grace,

Usually this time of year is one of excitement. We're winding up summer and looking with anticipation to gearing up and getting things back to their full swing. In that vein, I normally write a newsletter article listing all of the things for the year that will be starting up again. This year, however, as we all know is different. This letter will still be all the things that are getting going again, but with our unique circumstances, I think instead of gearing back up, we're gearing back up-ish. In any case, here are the things that are coming back.

First, on September 16th, we'll kick off our Wednesday Morning Bible Class at 9:00 A.M. again. We'll be starting back where we were in the letter to the Hebrews. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall, but if that ends up getting crowded, we can always move to the sanctuary for more space. Ordinarily, I like to reserve the sanctuary for the service itself, to designate that what happens in our Lord's coming to us in Word and Sacrament is a unique circumstance, but as unusual as things are, the usual sometimes has to change. That's Wednesdays.

For Sunday Mornings, we'll start with a joint Sunday School and Bible Class meeting on September 20th beginning at 9:15. This will be outside, and we will have everyone grouped at tables by families. This will kick off how we'll be doing Sunday School this year, which will be a bit different. Our plan for Sunday School will be that we will meet in person outside one Sunday in September and one in October. On the Sundays in between we will not meet in person for Sunday School (we will meet for Adult Bible Class, but more on that to come). These weeks in between will be filled in with materials for at home lessons with individual families. This will include a reading, some questions, and activities planned by our Sunday School teachers (thanks to them in advance for their help!). As November and December roll around we will assess the in person aspect of meeting, and be in contact about that. While this is certainly out of the ordinary for Sunday School, I am excited at the prospect of whole families gathering together to talk about Our Lord. Time and time again it is shown that parents are the greatest influence on their children's faith.

The Sunday following our Sunday School opening, we will have our ordinary Adult Bible Class. Again this will meet in the Fellowship Hall unless attendance dictates we move to the sanctuary. Our topic beginning on September 27th will be a new book from CPH called Faith in the Shadow of the Pandemic. This book is authored by John Pless, a professor of mine from seminary, and Jacob Corzine, a new member at Grace who is a theology professor at Concordia University Chicago. Dr. Corzine has graciously offered to help me in teaching from the book. He will teach the chapters he wrote and I will teach the chapters written by Dr. Pless.

So as we see the usual things starting back up to a degree, as we are gearing back up-ish, we pray that we would always be drawn to the hearing of the Lord's Word and the comfort of His promises. We pray this especially in the challenges that we face in our current time. We know that no matter what happens, He is gracious and merciful, caring for us far more than we can ask or imagine.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler



SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

Come join us (as you feel comfortable) for our first Sunday School gathering in person!

September 20th at 9:15 A.M. On the lawn in front of Grace.

Also, keep your eyes out for emails with weekly lessons and activities for families to keep our kids learning the faith!



SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday, **September 13th** after the Service. If you have any questions, Please call Sara Fitzgerald

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS - JULY 2020 Budget to Actual Comparisons

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$17,489.17	\$122,424.17
Actual	\$11,155.00	\$ 98,665.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 6,334.17)	(\$ 23,759.17)

<u>July 2019</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$17,362.50	\$121,537.50
Actual	\$16,637.00	\$117,317.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 725.50)	(\$ 4,220.50)

REPORT OF RECEIPTS - AUGUST 2020 Budget to Actual Comparisons

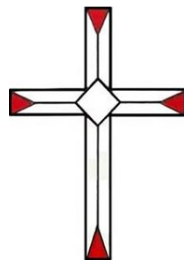
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$17,489.17	\$139,913.33
Actual	\$22,540.00	\$121,205.00
Over (Under)	\$ 5,050.83	(\$ 18,708.33)

<u>August 2019</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$17,362.50	\$138,900.00
Actual	\$16,796.00	\$134,113.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 566.50)	(\$ 4,787.00)

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Lesley Arca
Garry Atkins, friend of the Blessman family
Peggy Barbieri, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton
CJ Brown
Ann Cannon, friend of Doris Svec
Jennifer Cinelli, niece of John Huebner
Isaac Defee, friend of the Claster family
Blake Donegan, grandson of John & Lois Flood
John Donegan, friend of John & Lois Flood
Tim Eggert
Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post
Phyllis Floyd
Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer
Jim Gallaher, friend of Ron & Nancy Kolar
Cassie Grey, cousin of Paul Sulak
Horwath Family, friend of Carolina St. Charles
Kevin Kohley, friend of the Clausen & Hayes families
Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga
Mary Jane Kowal, family member of Peggy Keeler
Eleanor Kulaga & Family
Steve Latman
Gail Loos, friend of Karen Hayes
Sonny Mansor, friend of Joey Keeler
Tyler Maslo, friend of Joel Holcombe

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert
Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter
Debra Muir, daughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar
Lisa Mullarkey
Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman family
Dorothy Neugebauer, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar
Niehus Family
Joyce Oberst, sister of Sue Napolitano
Col. Carol Ann O'Donnell, Ret. VFW
Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak
Lena Perry, niece of Linda McGuire
Leah Picek
Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster
Realie Family, friends of the Stetler Family
Shirron Reid, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid
Sharon Riordan
Art Schulz, friend of Marilyn and Gary Clausen
Judy & Kurt Steiner, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar
Don & Gayle Steele
Noah (Picek) Tovar, great-granddaughter of the Floods
Chris Vocke, friend of Pastor Zickler
Mike Walters, friend of Donna Perkowski
Ellie Wilkins, cousin of Glen Hass
Addison Wille
Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert



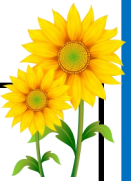
Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

Karla Bergenthal ● Eleanor Kulaga
 Lorraine Moller ● Suzette Olszewski



September Birthdays!!

Rev. Lynn Hanson	1	Barb Blessman	15
Myrna Garton	7	Maureen Fuller	17
Tommy Briscoe	8	Easton Ayers	20
Denise Stetler	9	Robby Keeler	21
Craig Chidester	11	Ava Lazaro	23
Erick Hassel	11	Luke Tribuzio	24
Alex Schmidt	11	Danielle Hull	27
Deacon Briscoe	13	Grace Lazaro	27
Tracy Cohen	13		



September Anniversaries!!

John & Lois Flood	September 10, 1957
Kyle & Corinne Sheldon	September 10, 2011
Carlos & Amanda Lazaro	September 12, 2009
Ian & Sara Fitzgerald	September 14, 2012
Mark & Emily Rehn	September 20, 1986
Jim & Linda McGuire	September 25, 1992

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

During this time of covid-19, not everyone is as fortunate as some of us. As we read in the news and hear on TV reports, some people cannot pay their bills or have to make tough choices as to how to care for their families. Therefore, Women's Club has decided to help Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hillside, fill their pantry shelves. Immanuel has been sponsoring a free food program feeding children lunches twice a month. Each child receives a bag with enough for two lunches, a box of cereal, some snacks and juice. These are children, toddler to teen, in surrounding neighborhoods whose families are going through tough times or they may even be homeless! With your help, we can help these kids.

Some items needed are: peanut butter and jelly, juice boxes, cereal, mac & cheese cups, fruit cups, individual chip bags, individual cookie bags, granola bars, and so forth. Anything easy open and/or microwaveable, non perishable. Donations can be dropped off on Sunday when you come to church, office hours during the week, or call Judy Josefek or Linda McGuire and we will be happy to pick up your items. We would like to help Immanuel during the months of September and October. With all your support we can do this.

For any questions, contact Linda McGuire or Judy Josefek.

THANK YOU!