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Dear Saints of Grace,

As June is here again, it brings with it warmer weather and a return to some of the activities we couldn't enjoy in the same way last year. As I reflect on that, rather than a consistent theme for this month's letter, I have a smattering of thoughts.

First, a number of people have asked me about returning to a normal worship schedule, with everyone in one service together. As the Board of Elders and I met in May, we discussed this topic. The prevailing thought was that we want to try to ensure that the arrangement of services aids as many in the congregation as possible in coming to hear the Word of God preached and receiving the Lord's Body and Blood in the Holy Supper. In view of that, our goal is to come together for one service as we begin things in the fall. That said, the meeting was before the CDC adjusted its information in light of vaccinations in the middle of the month (saying there is not need for those vaccinated to wear masks, etc.). Nonetheless, we will continue with the plan that we have and let you all know if there is a change that comes as things hopefully progress in a positive direction.

Second, as things do progress, I want to encourage all of you to return to a regular discipline of attending on Sunday mornings. In May, we've had a couple of Sundays where total attendance was somewhere just over sixty. That's about where our lesser Sundays were before the pandemic. I'd love for us to regain the steam we were building before all of this and see a lot of Sundays over eighty.

Along that line of thought, interestingly, I found a newsletter article I'd written in June of 2019 where I talked about how we see so much of life through screens (even more so now, no?!), but that God didn't come to us in that way in Christ. Christ came to us in the body of a man and created us to have fellowship in the body of the Church. Yes, that fellowship is spiritual as we gather throughout the world united by Christ's Spirit although we are in many different places. But Christ's presence is promised where two or three are gathered in His Name, so we are called to gather in that presence together. I understand that there are still many at significant risk, and I don't want to minimize that. I do, however, want to encourage all to continue in that connection we have in Christ for our eternal life and salvation. This just isn't the same on a screen because we have the God who didn't come to us via a screen but in that body.

Third, I encourage you to take this time in the summer as a time to hone some of your spiritual disciplines. As we often have a bit more flexibility in our schedules during this time, take advantage of that with increased time for studying our Lord's Word. For example I saw something online that spoke about the Summer in the Psalms. What a great chance to read through the book of Psalms. You could read through 50 Psalms in June, July, and August respectively and finish the book over the Summer. Or you could read the book once each month and grasp it that much more thoroughly.

Finally, and most of all, take time to reflect on the greatness of our God's love for us. We have been given so many blessings, time taken to reflect on those blessings can help us to refocus on the things that are most important. This is most true of the reflection on our salvation. The things of this world are fleeting. As I said in the sermon for confirmation, there is nothing that can compensate or compare in importance to the eternal life we have in Christ. This is so undeserved and unmerited. Yet our God has given this to us by Grace. By that same grace, may He continue to sustain us in that life and salvation until the day of His return. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler

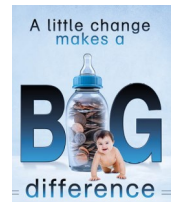
SCRIP

SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday,
June 13th after the Service.

If you have any questions, please contact
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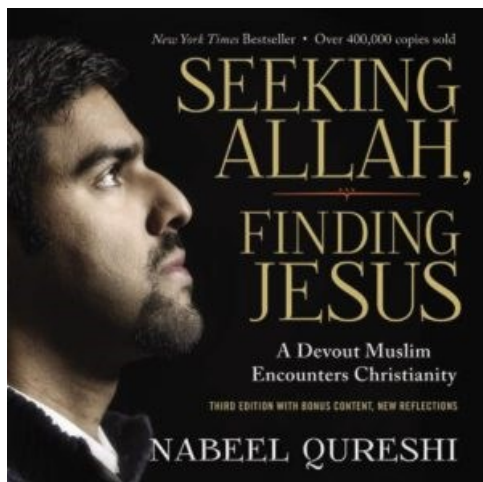
Last day to return
filled baby bottles will be
Sunday, June 20th—Father's Day



Please hold off on bringing in any
more white plastic grocery bags.
The production of the blankets is
going slowly & they have enough
bags at this time. Will let you
know when they need more.



Thank you for your generosity!



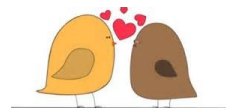
Summer Book Discussion
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

June 30th
July 28th
August 25th

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Lesley Arca**Garry Atkins**, friend of the Blessman family**Peggy Barbieri**, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton**Ann Cannon**, friend of Doris Svec**Jennifer Cinelli**, niece of John Huebner**Nancy Cloninger****Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen**Isaac Defee**, friend of the Claster family**Richard Dominguez**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Blake Donegan**, grandson of John & Lois Flood**John Donegan**, friend of John & Lois Flood**Shirley Doyle**, friend of Doris Svec**Tim Eggert****Richard Flatley**, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post**John Flood****Phyllis Floyd****Christine Fry**, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer**Laurie Georgas**, friend of Judy Latman**Cassie Gray**, cousin of Paul Sulak**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass**Jack Hockman**, friend of Linda McGuire**Doris Jacobson****Lin Johnson****Kooy Family**, friends of Eleanor Kulaga**Mary Jane Kowal**, family member of Peggy Keeler**Eleanor Kulaga & Family****Jack Lapice**, cousin of Doris Svec**Steve Latman****Gail Loos**, friend of Karen Hayes**Sonny Mansor**, friend of Joey Keeler**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**Joyce Oberst**, sister of Sue Napolitano**Levi Olson**, cousin of Paul Sulak**Leah Picek****Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster**Kurt Seehofer**, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler**Adam Skelton**, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler**Kimmey Skelton**, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler**Shirron Reid**, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid**Sharon Riordan****Judy & Kurt Steiner**, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar**Don & Gayle Steele****Megan Torreson & unborn child**, sister of Christopher Krohe**Ted Torreson**, brother-in-law of Christopher Krohe**Noah (Picek) Tovar**, great-granddaughter of the Floods**Jennifer Voelker**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Zachary Vossoughi**, g.grandson of friend of Dave Haffner**Mike Walters**, friend of Donna Perkowski**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

**Karla Bergenthal****Eleanor Kulaga****Suzette Olszewski**

June Birthdays!!

Noah Tovar	6/2	Kelly Keeler	6/13
Josiah Zickler	6/2	Pastor Zickler	6/17
Jim Reid	6/5	Isaiah Zickler	6/18
Ella Fitzgerald	6/5	Jacob Picek	6/19
Tony Napolitano	6/7	Steven Hayes	6/21
John Picek	6/7	Jackson Claster	6/22
Karla Bergenthal	6/8	Hailey Keeler	6/24
Kent Cloninger	6/9	Benjamin Krohe	6/28
Adam Hass	6/13	Peggy Keeler	6/30

June Anniversaries!!

Lesley & Jim Blessman 6/4/2016**Chris & Paul Sulak 6/5/1983****Chris & Bob Dame 6/16/1973****Karla & Walt Bergenthal 6/17/1947****Amanda & Luke Tribuzio 6/17/2011****Nancy & Ron Kolar 6/22/1957****Kelly & Robby Keeler 6/24/2017****Suzette & Gerald Olszewski 6/24/1972****Nancy & Kent Cloninger 6/28/1980****Nancy & Lynn Hanson 6/30/1979**



The Women's Club is taking the summer off
but will start our new year on the
4th Monday in September.

We would like to thank all our club members
and church members for your wonderful
support through the year.

Donna, Judy, Marybeth, Kathy and Linda

REPORT OF RECEIPTS

APRIL 2021

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$24,329.17	\$97,316.67
Actual	\$16,206.00	\$57,051.00
Over (Under)	(\$8,123.17)	(\$40,265.67)

Budget to Actual Comparisons

APRIL 2020

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$24,329.17	\$69,956.67
Actual	\$16,890.00	\$52,992.00
Over (Under)	(\$7,439.17)	(\$16,964.67)

