

Grace Lutheran Church

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Dear Saints of Grace,

We have something exciting happening here on May 16th. On that day, we will have six of our youth going through the Rite of Confirmation. Thanks be to God! As we give thanks for those children and the joy that we have in their confirming the faith given to them in their baptism, it's a good time for all of us to reflect on the vows of confirmation. In view of that, I've included that questions our confirmands will be asked. This may not be exactly what you vowed at your confirmation, but it's edifying to consider these nonetheless:

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
R Yes, I do.
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
R Yes, I renounce him.
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
R Yes, I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
R Yes, I renounce them.
- P** Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?
R Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
R Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
R Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
R I do.
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
R I do.
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
R I do, by the grace of God.
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
R I do, by the grace of God.
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
R I do, by the grace of God.

As I reflect on those questions, on the of the most comforting aspects I find are the words, "by the grace of God." As we vow the things we vow there, as our youth vow the things they vow there, those words point us to the realization that this is not a work we do on our own. It is always grounded in the grace of our God. In light of that, then, we turn to that grace, and grasp it in the knowledge that it is required every step of the way. Man truly does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. As that Word speaks the forgiveness and life of the cross to us, may He grant us that grace by which we, and our confirmands, live always in that resurrection victory of Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Zickler

SCRIP



SCRIP orders are taken
on Sunday, **May 9th** after the Service.

Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald

708-822-8094



Give CHANGE! Bring CHANGE! Be CHANGE!

**We will begin our baby bottle fundraiser
on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 9th.**

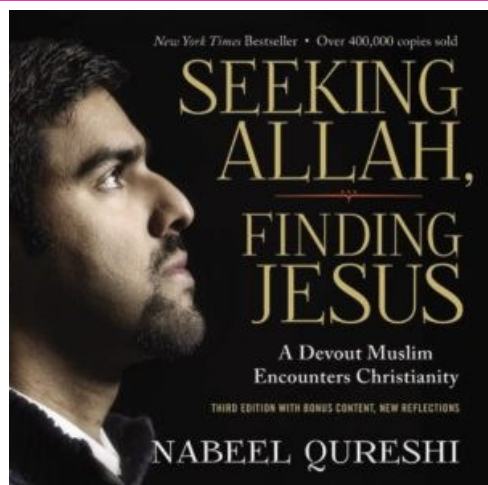
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- **Take a Baby Bottle Home/to Work**
- **Fill it** with change, dollars or a check
- **Pray** for those families your spare change will help
- **Return bottles to church before Fathers Day, Sunday June 20th**



Please join us **Sunday May 23rd** immediately following the first service for our annual Intergenerational Sunday with the Sunday School.

Hope to see you there!



This summer's book discussion is
"Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" by
Nabeel Qureshi. The discussions
will be held at 7:00PM on:

Wednesday, June 30th
Wednesday, July 28th
Wednesday, 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**CJ Brown****Ann Cannon**, friend of Doris Svec**Jennifer Cinelli**, niece of John Huebner**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****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**Jamie Serrano**, friend of Linda McGuire**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**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**Addison Wille****Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert*Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers***Karla Bergenthal****Eleanor Kulaga - Suzette Olszewski****May Birthdays!**

John Flood	5/3	Emily Rehn	5/22
Nancy Cloninger	5/3	Christopher Krohe	5/22
Bonnie Dietz	5/3	Elizabeth Hayes	5/23
Faith Stetler	5/7	Luke Picek	5/24
Tiia Corzine	5/8	Athey Ulrich	5/26
Holden Briscoe	5/11	Drew Mullarkey	5/28
Evelyn Herman	5/13	Samantha Schmidt	5/29
Suzette Olszewski	5/14	Adam Hass	5/30
Doris Jacobson	5/15	Meaghan Krohe	5/31
Sue Napolitano	5/16		
Patricia Schlueter	5/19		

May Anniversaries!**Jessica & Matthew Ayers**

5/5/2018

Denise & Chris Stetler

5/7/2005

Brittany & Tommy Briscoe

5/17/2009

Cathy & Glen Hass

5/20/1989

Marilyn & Gary Clausen

5/31/1969

Monday May, 31

In observation of

Memorial Day

Our offices will be closed



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

REMEMBER AND HONOR

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Red Poppy Day is almost here, and the Vets at Western Springs **VFW Post #10778** are looking for **students, adults and community volunteers** to help with their annual event during the **week of May 24**. Volunteers will be asked to collect funds and pass out poppies at designated stations around town, including crosswalks, stop signs, and at store fronts (with advanced permission).

The **Head Quarters** for this event will be **Grace Lutheran Church** at 4101 Wolf Road, **Western Springs, 60558**. VFW Contact is Bruce Harken at 708-370-0557.

Please come out during the week of May 24th and help our Super Senior Veterans!

REPORT OF RECEIPTS**Budget to Actual Comparisons****FEBRUARY 2021**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$24,329.17	\$48,658.33
Actual	\$15,124.00	\$25,074.00
Over (Under)	(\$9,205.17)	(\$23,584.33)

FEBRUARY 2020

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$17,489.17	\$34,978.33
Actual	\$12,394.00	\$25,654.00
Over (Under)	(\$5,095.17)	(\$9,324.33)

REPORT OF RECEIPTS**Budget to Actual Comparisons****MARCH 2021**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$24,329.17	\$72,987.50
Actual	\$15,771.00	\$41,581.00
Over (Under)	(\$8,558.17)	(\$31,406.50)

MARCH 2020

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$17,489.17	\$52,467.50
Actual	\$10,448.00	\$36,102.00
Over (Under)	(\$7,041.17)	(\$16,365.50)