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# July/August 2021

Dear Saints of Grace,

To begin this month, I'd like to first take a moment to thank you. I believe you all know that we celebrated the tenth anniversary of my ordination, and the outpouring of support and encouragement I received was most heartwarming. I can't imagine there is a better place to serve as pastor. No, I really mean that, I'm not just saying it. You all are such a blessing to me, and I love being your pastor. Thank you.

In other news, I also want to make sure you all have noted that we will be returning to one service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M. We'll still have some ropes up in the desire to still maintain a level of social distancing, so please be aware of them as you enter the sanctuary to sit for the service. The service itself will also continue as it has been in terms of the order of service and the like. Those who would like to continue wearing masks are encouraged to do so as well.

Otherwise, I want to encourage us all in giving thanks to God in His mercy and care for us. While the pandemic and its effects are not over, there certainly appears to be light at the end of the tunnel, and thanksgiving is therefore appropriate. That said, scripture tells us it's appropriate in all circumstances, but it is likely that many of us are more sincere and wholehearted in our thanks for things like this than we are in hardship. At least if you're like me, that tends to be the case. However, in our Lord Jesus we see what God promises, **"that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Romans 8:38-39).

In view of that promise, we can see that He is with us in every trial and circumstance, and that He will never leave us nor forsake us. That is our security and our stronghold.

In fact, as I say that, it reminds me of Psalm 46. You might recall that when the pandemic began, I noted that I was working on memorizing that Psalm. It's not only a Psalm that's beautiful in its own right, but it's also the Psalm that inspired Luther in his penning of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress." It begins by speaking of God being our refuge and strength, **"a very present help in trouble."** It speaks of God as that fortress, and it says that as this help, we do not fear, even though **"the earth gives way."** Finally, it has that also famous verse, **"Be still and know that I am God."**

What wonderful advice for us all! As we return to schedules of moving about and going places, I encourage you to continue to take that time. Take that time to rest in God's care over all things. Rest in the grace He gives in His Word. Rest in the preaching and the forgiveness given in the Divine Service, the foretaste of our eternal Sabbath Rest with Jesus. And rest in the quiet moments of prayer, knowing that joy of the eternal God who promises to hear that prayer. This is the God whose promises are true, and you can know that because He has sent His Son to bear all of your sin and be your Savior. In doing that, all of His promises are yes, and will be forever by His resurrection.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler

# SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on  
 Sunday, **July 11 & August 8**  
 after the Service. Questions?  
 Please call Sara Fitzgerald  
 708-822-8094

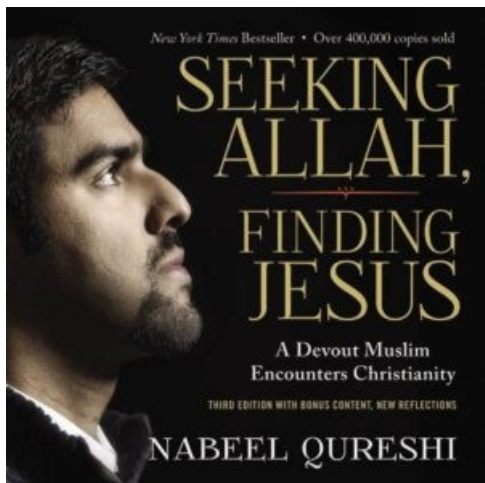
## REPORT OF RECEIPTS - MAY Budget to Actual Comparisons

### MAY 2021

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 24,329.17	\$ 121,645.83
Actual	\$ 17,474.00	\$ 74,525.00
Over (Under)	\$ (6,855.17)	\$ (47,120.83)

### MAY 2020

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 17,489.17	\$87,445.83
Actual	\$ 17,490.00	\$70,482.00
Over (Under)	\$ (.83)	\$(16,963.83)



## Summer Book Discussion Wednesdays at 7:00pm

**July 28th**  
**August 25th**

**July Birthdays!**

Anastasia Brown	7/2
Harold Kulat	7/6
Robert Kulat	7/11
Mae Harris	7/13
Judy Latman	7/13
Lois Flood	7/16
Noel Sheldon	7/17
Ruth Reid	7/25
Joey Keeler	7/28

**August Birthdays!**

Tim Eggert	8/7
Amanda Lazaro	8/9
Danica Brown	8/11
Lin Johnson	8/12
Mateo Tovar	8/19
Ian Fitzgerald	8/22
Lillian Winkelman	8/23
Brian Brown	8/26
Roy Harris	8/27
Karen Hayes	8/30

**July Anniversaries!**

Judy & Steve Latman	7/8/1989
Ruth & Jim Reid	7/11/1953
Sue & Tony Napolitano	7/15/1961
Evelyn & Del Hermann	7/27/1975
Rosemary & Bob Blessman	7/28/2001

**August Anniversaries!**

Jessica & Pastor Zickler	8/9/2003
Rachel & John Picek	8/12/1989
Tyna & Tim Eggert	8/22/1971
Betty & Bill Tanzer	8/23/1997
Laurie & Mark Ulrich	8/26/2000

## *Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers*

**Lesley Arca**

**Peggy Barbieri**, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton

**Ann Cannon**, friend of Doris Svec

**Jennifer Cinelli**, niece of John Huebner

**Nancy & Kent Cloninger**

**Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen

**Tiia Corzine & unborn child**

**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

**Sarah Figueroa**, friend of the Claster family

**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**

**Renée King**, friend of Linda McGuire

**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

**Kimmy 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

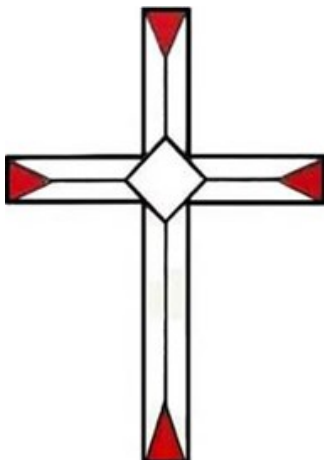
**Noah (Picek) Tovar**, great-granddaughter of the Floods

**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