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Dear Saints of Grace,

This past weekend we observed the holiday of Memorial Day when we reflect and give thanks for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives that we would have freedom in our country. What a blessing that freedom is, most importantly, the freedom to gather in worshipping our God without fear. As we reflect on that, we give thanks to those who served in all of the wars of our time: Afghanistan; Iraq; Vietnam; Korea; World War II; and World War I; as well as all of the lesser known conflicts. If you're like me, however, the war you most often reflect upon with regard to our freedoms is World War II. At that time, there was such an obvious tie to the threat that Hitler and the Nazis posed to our freedom and the relief of that threat in the victory over them in the war.

As we read our book this summer, *Mere Christianity*, you may not know it, but it has a tie to that war as well. The author of the book, Clive Staples Lewis—often called C.S., or to those who knew him “Jack”—originally presented the chapters of the book as radio “talks” during World War II in Britain. It seems that the BBC thought this would be an ideal topic to help reassure and calm the British people as they endured bomb after bomb destroying their cities at the hands of the German air force. While the topic certainly seems understandably pertinent for us as Christians, if you don't know Lewis, you might wonder why he was chosen as the presenter.

Jack's story is an interesting one. His mother died when he was only nine years old. This trauma led him to decide to become an atheist by the age of fourteen. This decision was confirmed all the more in his mind during his service of Great Britain in World War I. However, after the war as Lewis taught at Oxford University his mind began to change. In 1929, he saw the evidence for the existence of God to be more compelling than not. In the fall of 1931 following a conversation with dear friends and fellow Oxford professors J.R.R. Tolkien (author of the Lord of the Rings books) and Hugo Dyson, Lewis was finally convinced of Christianity.

It was this internal wrestling with the faith that made Jack an apologist for it. He knew why people didn't believe, and he knew how he had come to believe. This gave him a unique perspective in defending Christianity and also explaining it. In fact, if you have ever read his *Chronicles of Narnia*, especially *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, or have seen the movies, you can see how even his imagination was drawn into the depths of the beauty of our confession. It seems this was what drew the people at the BBC to elect Jack as the ambassador of the Church to Britain via these talks. And through them, we have now the book for this summer.

If you are unfamiliar with *Mere Christianity*, it is considered one of the finest writings of the Church, not only in the Twentieth century, but in its history. In fact, in an online “tournament” a number of years ago, it was considered the second best Christian Book of all time, losing out only to St.

Augustine's “Confessions.” In any case, we invite you to join us on June 29, August 3, and August 31 as we join together in reading it, and learning from a master teacher about the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Zickler'.

Pastor Zickler

SCRIP

SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday,
June 12th after the Service.

If you have any questions, please contact
Sara Fitzgerald 708-822-8094 swanderr05@hotmail.com



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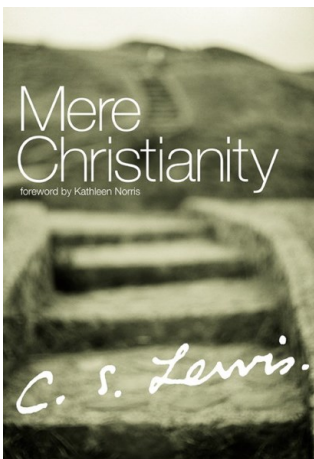
Sunday, June 19th—Father's Day



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



Summer Book Discussion
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

June 29th
August 3rd
August 31st

*Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers***Lesley Arca****Peggy Barbieri**, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton**Terese Barron**, friend of Mark Rehn**Bob Blessman****Ann Cannon**, friend of Doris Svec**Dan Christian**, friend of Christopher Krohe**Nancy & Kent Cloninger****Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen**Robert Coulter**, Uncle of Mark Rehn**Bea Dahl****Blake Donegan**, grandson of John & Lois Flood**John Donegan**, friend of John & Lois Flood**Sarah Figueroa**, friend of the Claster family**Richard Flatley**, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post**John Flood****Christine Fry**, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer**Cassie Gray**, cousin of Paul Sulak**Elaine Hackett**, aunt of Meaghan Krohe**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass**Doris Jacobson****Ron Kolar****Kooy Family**, friends of Eleanor Kulaga**Mary Jane Kowal**, family member of Peggy Keeler**Eleanor Kulaga & Family****Jack Lapice**, cousin of Doris Svec**Bruce Mazurkiewicz**, cousin of Tyna Eggert**Aoife and Ava McEvoy**, cousins of Corinne Sheldon**Rod McNerney**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Mary Claire MoDrak**, friend of Lisa Mullarkey**Dianna Mohrmann and Unborn Daughter**,

Daughter and Granddaughter of Mark Rehn

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**Shawn O'Farrell**, friend of Doris Svec**Levi Olson**, cousin of Paul Sulak**Leah Picek****Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster**Caitlin Place**, granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar**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**Judy & Kurt Steiner**, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar**Don & Gayle Steele****Ted, Megan & Gideynn Torreson**, family of Chris Krohe**Noah (Picek) Tovar**, great-granddaughter of the Floods**Athey Ulrich****Jennifer Voelker**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Zachary Vossoughi**, g.grandson of friend of Dave Haffner**Mike Walters**, friend of Donna Perkowski**Allen Washburn**, uncle of Christopher Krohe**Anthony & Marissa Wiehofen**, friends of the Krohe family**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert**Katherin Wong**, daughter of Mark Rehn**Jessica Zickler and Unborn Child***Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers***Karla Bergenthal****Eleanor Kulaga****Suzette Olszewski****June Anniversaries!!****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	Jackson Claster	6/22
John Picek	6/7	Hailey Keeler	6/24
Karla Bergenthal	6/8	Benjamin Krohe	6/28
Kent Cloninger	6/9	Peggy Keeler	6/30
Adam Hass	6/13		

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**

Summer Coffee Hour is starting up!

The Weekly host sign-up sheet for our Summer Coffee Hour is on the kitchen counter.

Join Us for
COFFEE HOURS



Please sign up, alone or with a friend, to host one of the Summer Coffee Hours following our church service. A table will be set up for you, and the coffee will be made.

Please provide plates of cut-up "sweets," juice, cream, napkins, cups, and plates. Tablecloths are available in the kitchen and please "clean-up" when finished!!!

If you need help or have any questions, please call
Judy Latman (630-971-8740)

Will Begin Sunday, June 5th