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Dear Saints of Grace,

In the past two weeks the Supreme Court of the United States announced two significant rulings. First, we heard of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Second, the court ruled in favor of a teacher in Washington State who was fired from his job as teacher and football coach for praying at the fifty yard line after games. For *Roe v. Wade*, the decision was rendered that abortion is not a right guaranteed by the Constitution, meaning the decision will be made at the state level with regard to abortion's legality in that state. For the teacher, the court determined that his removal violated his protected right to pray as a Christian.

As I write about these rulings, hopefully you have learned that I try not to tread in the political sphere with writing and preaching. Within that realm, there is freedom for different Christians to have varying political leanings. However, with these topics, they stretch into the realm of the theological. In view of that, we can and ought to rejoice in the protection of the unborn and the protection of our freedom to express our faith in the public sphere. Thanks be to God!

Having said that, a couple of noteworthy points with regard to the intersection between that which is political and that which is theological are worth reflection. The first is that we should not always expect the decisions of courts and legislatures to go the way which will care for Christians. There is no promise in this life that we will live in the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. It can be easy for us to look fondly at the heritage of our country's cultural ethos as it has been grounded in the Judeo-Christian worldview. With that, we can assume that the country should continue in that path. Even more so, it can be tempting to think that if we just do the right things and pray the right prayers then it will result in such things. However, this is not what God's Word guarantees will be the case. That's first.

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Second, as a counterbalance to that, we should still exercise our consciences in the political realm. While many will tell us our faith belongs behind the doors of our churches and our homes, this is not the only place the practice should be understood to be appropriate. There really is room for our opinions rooted in the Scriptures within the public square. It is appropriate for us to utilize the means given to us to create an environment consistent with our faith. To be clear, I would not argue that our country is a Christian one. Many of the founding fathers were Christian, but many were not. However, it is good for us as Christians to seek legislation which guards the Lord's intention for society. In particular, it is good for us to vote with regard to consideration of the Ten Commandments. This can be true of issues which tend to be associated with the political left and those with the political right. The party is not the concern, the concern is the conscience exercising its freedom in faithfulness to God's Word.

As we do this, ultimately, however, we do this in the final hope of the Kingdom of Jesus' Glory which is to come with His return on that last day. We do it in the knowledge that Jesus' Kingdom of Grace comes to us every Sunday in the preaching of His Word and the giving of His gifts of Baptism and His Holy Supper. No matter our earthly citizenship, we first and foremost rest in the citizenship of His Kingdom.

As we celebrate our country this coming week, both with its great many blessings in mind and with the ways it is imperfect, this citizenship is good for us to consider once more. Thankfully, the citizenship in the Lord's Kingdom is the one which brings with it eternal joy and freedom in Christ, and finally is the one that matters most.

Soli Deo Gloria,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor Zickler".

Pastor Zickler



The Church Picnic is Back!!!

Saturday, August 27th—4:00PM

Including a concert at 5:30pm by the
West Suburban Community Concert Band

Let's celebrate the summer together!!!

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

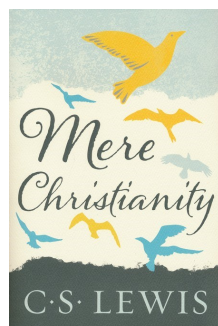
The whole month of August we will be collecting food, paper goods, etc. for Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Springs. Paper products are always needed. Collection boxes will be in church hall. Items NOT needed: canned soups & vegetables. (The church already has a big supply.) Any questions, please call Linda McGuire 630-235-2636.

SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on
Sunday, **July 10 & August 14**
after the Service. Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald
708-822-8094



Summer Book Discussion
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

August 3rd
August 31st

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

**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 Birthdays!**

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

**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

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

Bill Corzine, father of Jacob Corzine

Robert Coulter, uncle of Mark Rehn

Bea Dahl

Blake Donegan, grandson of John & Lois Flood

John Donegan, friend of John & Lois Flood

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

Edward Lopez, friend of Linda McGuire

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert

Aoife and Ava McEvoy, cousins of Corinne Sheldon

Rod McInerney, 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

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

Kimmey 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

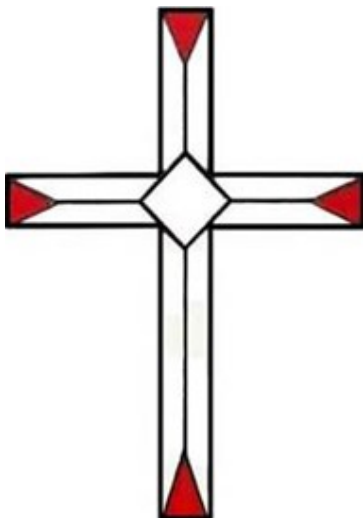
Allen Washburn, uncle of Christopher Krohe

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