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Dear Saints of Grace,

As I think most of you know, as this fall brings the return to classes for our children, it also does for me. I completed my Master's of Sacred Theology a few years ago, and have continued to have the itch for studying, and so am beginning the work on a Master's in Philosophy (I have no previous formal study of philosophy, so I couldn't jump right to PhD work, although my hope is that will eventually be the goal). Just to fill you in on the details, I had been accepted to Loyola here in Chicago for that work, but in view of our coming little one in December, we decided that an online program might best suit our needs for flexibility. However, onto more pertinent things... As I have begun reading for my classwork, I came upon a quote which says, "Right thinking is the greatest excellence, and wisdom is to speak the truth and act in accordance with nature while paying attention to it." I thought I would share that quote because it struck me and because it's good for us to hear. Now, to be sure, the greatest excellence might not be right thinking in and of itself, but rather faithfulness to our Lord Jesus. However, St. Paul tells us in his second letter to the Corinthians to "take every thought captive to obey Christ." And here we can draw a bridge for application. As Christians, we should think rightly according to faithfulness to the Lord's Word, taking even our every thought captive in obedience to Christ. In this, then we also speak the truth and act according, not only to nature (as God created the world "good"), but in the re-creation we have in the Spirit by Christ's blood.

What does all that mean? It means that as we look around at the world, there are so many conflicting messages, but as Christians, we have a sure foundation for how to deal with it in the revelation our God has given us in Scripture. In other words, we have the Bible as God's Word, we should read it, study it, know it so that we know how to live in a world that would try to draw us away from that Word and away from our Lord. As we do this, just like a house is sturdy because it is built on a good foundation, we have "sturdiness" of our own to speak the truth and to act according to God's will in our lives. That said, the most certain grounding is that of the promise we have in Christ of our life in Him and His mercy for the forgiveness of our sins. This is a re-creation for us in this world, not according to our sinful nature and sinful desires, but according to His goodness and love. But this is all grounded in His Word.

In view of that, I want to encourage everyone to join us as we restart our own classes this fall. Sunday School both for children and adults will begin September 11 after the Divine Service. We will also pick up our study of Revelation on Wednesdays the following Wednesday, the 14th, at 9:00 A.M. As a note, we are almost done with Revelation there, and so we will begin Paul's letter to the Romans right after that.

In any case, I pray that your summer has been restful, and encourage you always in the grace, mercy, and peace of our Lord made known to us in His life, death, and resurrection. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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

Pastor Zickler



SUNDAY SCHOOL!!



Come join us as we start a new season
of Sunday School

September 11th at 10:15 am



BUSY BAGS ARE BACK!!!

Activity bags for young children to use during the church service can be found hanging on the rack in the Narthex. The bags are stuffed with a book, paper, crayons, & coloring book. Please help yourself.



Thank you to the following ladies for their help with cleaning the church pews & much, much more!!!

Thank You

Donna Perkowski
Doris Svec
Judy Latman
Judy Josefek
MaryBeth Campion

-Linda

SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday,
September 11th after the Service. If you have any
questions, Please call Sara Fitzgerald

708-822-8094

swanderer05@hotmail.com

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

Peggy Keeler

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 & Kevin Hannafin, 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

Benjamin Napolitano, g.grandson of Sue & Tony Napolitano

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 Cluster

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

Amelia Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter

Jennifer Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter

Zachary Vossoughi, g.grandson of friend of Dave Haffner

Mike Walters, friend of Donna Perkowski

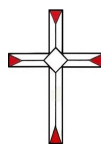
Allen Washburn, uncle of Christopher Krohe

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 • Lorraine Moller • Suzette Olszewski



September Birthdays!!

Katrina Corzine	3	Tracy Cohen	13
Myrna Garton	7	Barb Blessman	15
Tommy Briscoe	8	Maureen Fuller	17
Denise Stetler	9	Easton Ayers	20
Craig Chidester	11	Robby Keeler	21
Erick Hassel	11	Ava Lazaro	23
Alex Schmidt	11	Luke Tribuzio	24
Deacon Briscoe	13	Grace Lazaro	27

September Anniversaries!!

John & Lois Flood	September 10, 1957
Kyle & Corinne Sheldon	September 10, 2011
Carlos & Amanda Lazaro	September 12, 2009
Ian & Sara Fitzgerald	September 14, 2012
Mark & Emily Rehn	September 20, 1986
Jim & Linda McGuire	September 25, 1992



NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will resume its meetings on
Monday, September 27th (1 pm)

The group meets monthly from September thru June (with a winter hiatus in January & February). We enjoy a variety of activities including crafting, collections for non-profits, outings, & guest speakers.

Everyone is welcome - church members, friends, neighbors! We'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, contact Linda McGuire (jplrmcguire@sbcglobal.net; 708-246-3248).



**Thank
You**

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped with this year's church picnic!!! From those who brought food & drinks, to those who set-up & cleaned-up - job well done!!! You helped make it a great day!!!