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Dear Saints of Grace,

As I was browsing the internet recently, there was a link that came up on a feed that was entitled “The Decay of our Society: 10 Things That Were Once Great That Have Been Lost Forever.” This list had some things that were related to sort of quaint memories like movies being better in the past, going outside for play as a child more, and the like. Then there were some that were a bit more serious such as how we have so many machines and interact with people less. Finally, there were a couple related to things like virtue, that there used to be virtue for the sake of virtue. I honestly was surprised that this was noted but was glad.

As much as I could relate to these things, however, it’s interesting how May has something to say about them. That is, as I was reflecting on writing this, I realized that as we look forward to the upcoming occasions in the Church Year this month, the Sundays ahead are quite pertinent. In particular, what I mean is that this is the month where we have the Ascension and Pentecost. In the Ascension, we are reminded that our Lord ascended to the Right Hand of the Father, and at Pentecost that He sent His Holy Spirit.

How is this pertinent to “our decaying society?” As we might mourn the changes we see around us, on the one hand, coming out of Good Friday and Easter, we can remember that mankind is deeply sinful and has been since the Fall into sin. We can also remember that Christ has won the victory over that sin and death in His resurrection at Easter. On the other hand, the Ascension reminds us is that He reigns even now. While things around us change, this Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And in that steadfastness, we even now have the comfort that He rules over all things. He reigns to work all things to our good. That’s what He does at the Right Hand of the Father. He also intercedes for us there. As things change, He is there to help us and guard us in the faith, guarding and keeping us with Him until we enjoy His presence face to face. To do this He sends His Spirit to His Church that He would sanctify us for that ultimate end. The Spirit works this good of bringing people to faith and caring for them in the proclamation of the Word of Christ and bringing Christ Himself to us in His Holy Supper.

With that in mind, then, as we see things changing around us we have great comfort. We have the comfort we are reminded of this month in our lessons: Christ has been raised and now is ascended to work all things for our good. Likewise, He has not left us as “orphans” (John 14:18), but sent His Spirit to care for us in all times and places!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler

# SCRIP



SCRIP orders are taken  
on Sunday, **May 14th** 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 14th.**

Give CHANGE! Bring CHANGE! Be CHANGE!

- *Take a Baby Bottle Home/to Work*
- *Fill it with change, dollars or a check*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us **Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>** immediately following the service for our annual **Intergenerational Sunday** with the Sunday School.

**Hope to see you there!**

## NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Have you had a chance to take a look at the new flower bed surrounding the tree adjacent to the church's front walkway? Thanks to the generosity of Kerry and Cheryl Mikkelson who designed and completed the work, we have a beautiful new landscaped area! Final touches including stepping stones and hostas will be added within the next couple of weeks.

We have been very fortunate to have several members assist over the years in redesigning and planting our several flower beds. But flower beds need continual maintenance. If you might be willing to donate some time this year to weeding, watering and improving some of the existing beds, please contact Linda McGuire (708-246-3248 or [jplrmcguire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jplrmcguire@sbcglobal.net)).



*Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers***Lesley Arca****Terese Barron**, friend of Mark Rehn**Jim Beutjer**, father of Denise Stetler**Bob Blessman****Ross Butusov**, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton**Ann Cannon**, friend of Doris Svec**Nancy & Kent Cloninger****Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen**Tiia Corzine & Unborn Child****Blake Donegan**, grandson of Lois & John Flood**John Donegan**, friend of Lois & John Flood**Shirley Doyle**, friend of Doris Svec**Sarah Figueroa**, friend of the Claster Family**Richard Flatley**, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post**John Flood****Cash Foster**, grand nephew of Donna Perkowski**Christine Fry**, daughter-in-law of Betty & Bill Tanzer**Ken Fuller****Jerry Gajda**, brother-in-law of Linda McGuire**Cassie Gray**, cousin of Paul Sulak**Emily Hall**, friend of the Rehn family**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass**Doris Jacobson****Laurel Karlo**, friend of Donna Perkowski**Kooy Family**, friends of Eleanor Kulaga**Eleanor Kulaga & Family****Allison Leininger**, niece of Chris & Bob Dame**John Fred MacLean**, friend of the Stetler Family**Bruce Mazurkiewicz**, cousin of Tyna Eggert**Rod McInerney**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Ellen Morgan**, friend of the Stetler Family**Lisa Mullarkey****Tom Mullarkey**, brother of John Mullarkey**Cathy Muszynski Cox**, friend of the Blessman Family**Benjamin Napolitano**, g.grandson of Sue & Tony Napolitano**Dorothy Neugebauer**, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar**Rachel Novak**, friend of the Stetler Family**Levi Olson**, cousin of Paul Sulak**Jamie Pestien**, niece of Chris & Bob Dame**Emerson & Jackson Picek**, grandchildren of Rachel & John Picek**Leah Picek****Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster**Caitlin Place**, granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar**Bill Raysa**, friend of Paul Sulak**Doug Rogers**, friend of the Stetler Family**Kurt Seehofer**, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler**Rose Sirois**, grandmother of Jacob Corzine**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**Don & Gayle Steele****Judy & Kurt Steiner**, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar**Vanessa Stetler**, sister of Chris Stetler**Keelia Sulak & Unborn Child**, daughter-in-law of Paul Sulak**Noah (Picek) Tovar**, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood**Athey Ulrich****Ryan & Janelle Vanderploeg**, sister & brother-in-law of Chris Krohe**Amelia Voelker**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Jennifer Voelker**, friend of Pat Schlueter**Jim Williams**, friend of Doris Svec**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert*Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers***Karla Bergenthal—Eleanor Kulaga - Suzette Olszewski****May Birthdays!**

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

**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**



Save the  
Date!

## From the Women's Club

*Please join us!*

The Women's Club has a special outing scheduled for Tuesday, May 23. We will be visiting the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art in Oak Brook (admission = \$8 - Seniors; \$10 - Adults) followed by lunch at Pinstripes Restaurant in Oak Brook. Members and guests are welcome. Car pools will leave from Grace's parking lot at 10:00 am. Please contact Judy Latman ([sblatman@prodigy.net](mailto:sblatman@prodigy.net) or 630-240-8973) with questions or to reserve your spot!! If you are joining us, we'll need to hear from you by May 12 so that reservations can be made.

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### Have you seen our new bookcase?

Please note this case is for ADULT FICTION & NON-FICTION books ONLY . Any religious books can go in the church library by the Narthex & any children's books can be given to the Sunday school teachers.



Thanks in advance for keeping this up!

**Monday May 29**

In observation of  
**Memorial Day**

Our offices will be closed



**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 22**. 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 22nd and help our Super Senior Veterans!**