

## Grace Lutheran Church

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Dear Saints of Grace,

For a number of years, the perceived prevailing challenge to faith has been that of the scientific world. Christians, it was said, were too irrational in their view of God as a cause for the existence of the world and of humanity. Because of this, many have left the faith, at least in its more orthodox forms, assuming that they had been given evidence disproving what we believe.

In view of this conflict, we'll be reading Lee Strobel's book "The Case for a Creator" this summer. Many of you have perhaps read some of Strobel's other books. You may have joined us when we read "The Case for Christ" a number of years ago. That particular book, and another by Strobel called "The Case for Faith," were really helpful for me in college to grasp that a Christian can be faithful and not give up on the use of reason. In other words, those two books helped me to realize that we had good reasons to believe apart from "The Bible says so"—a statement which should be sufficient, but does not mean that we can't gain understanding to communicate to the world in addition to what the Bible says. What I mean by that is not that we supplement the Bible in any way, but that when someone does not believe the Bible, we have ways of showing them that there is consistency in the world that the Bible points to, and shows us that the Bible is reliable.

In any case, as we read "The Case for a Creator" I will acknowledge it is not one of Strobel's books that I have read before. However, I expect it will have a lot of useful information for communicating to the world around us, and even understanding for ourselves, how the world fits into the description given in the Bible. In addition, I think it worth noting that there are those in the scientific community itself who are starting to question a presumed atheism when describing the origins of the world. For example, I was recently pointed to an article (<https://www.christianpost.com/voices/dear-pastors-its-ok-to-defend-the-creation-account.html>) which referenced a peer-reviewed paper called "Neo-Darwinism Must Mutate to Survive." This paper noted a statistical likelihood of  $10^{-50}$  that the world came about as it is by sheer happenstance. That is, the paper says that there was a 1 in 1,000 chance that life in this world came about randomly without something acting on it. Of course, the Scriptures point us to that when they say, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

It's interesting to see this beginning to shine through. However, it shouldn't be surprising because glimpses have been there. For example, the reliability of things such as radiometric dating are shown to be certainly fallible as noted in samples from the Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980 dated to be millions of years old (see <https://answersingenesis.org/geology/radiometric-dating/radio-dating-in-rubble/>). Likewise, there has been evidence that has come to light that there is a vast amount of water far underground (<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2014/jun/13/earth-may-have-underground-ocean-three-times-that-on-surface>). This would be consistent with Genesis' description of the second day of creation – the waters being separated "from the waters" (Gen. 1:6), as well as giving the earth sufficient supply of water to create a true flood over the entire earth.

Again, none of this should be surprising. We believe in the God truly capable of anything. We believe He created the world from nothing. We believe He came to the world to redeem it out of His great love. And in that great love He shows Himself to be true and good, through His Son Jesus Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Zickler".

Pastor Zickler

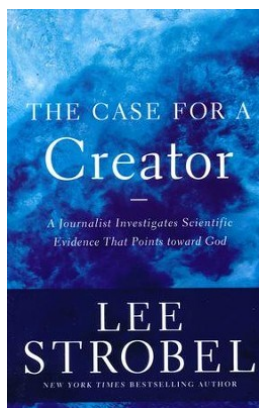
## From the Women's Club

The Women's Club will be wrapping up the current season with a meeting on **Monday, June 26th at 1:00 pm**. We'll be viewing a classic, old movie (accompanied by all the favorite movie watching snacks) and then share some favorite books for perfect summer reading. Visitors are welcome.

After our summer hiatus, we'll resume our monthly meetings on Monday, September 25. Watch for further information on our new year and consider joining us in the fall.



**Last day to return  
filled baby bottles will be  
Sunday, June 18th—Father's Day**



**Summer Book Discussion  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

**June 28th  
July 26th  
August 30th**

# SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday,  
**June 11th** after the Service.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Sara Fitzgerald 708-822-8094 [swanderr05@hotmail.com](mailto:swanderr05@hotmail.com)

## *Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers*

**Lesley Arca**

**Terese Barron**, friend of Mark Rehn

**Walt Bergenthal**

**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

**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

**Edward Lopez**, friend of Linda McGuire

**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

**Frank Napolitano**, brother of 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

**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 & Pat Williams**, friend of Doris Svec

**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert



*Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers*

**Eleanor Kulaga**

**Suzette Olszewski**



### 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
Kent Cloninger	6/9	Benjamin Krohe	6/28
Peggy Keeler	6/30		

### June Anniversaries!!

**Lesley & Jim Blessman 6/4/2016**

**Chris & Paul Sulak 6/5/1983**

**Chris & Bob Dame 6/16/1973**

**Amanda & Luke Tribuzio 6/17/2011**

**Kelly & Robby Keeler 6/24/2017**

**Suzette & Gerald Olszewski 6/24/1972**

**Nancy & Kent Cloninger 6/28/1980**

# Summer Coffee Hour is starting up!

This Year it will be **EVERY OTHER** week

The Bi-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 4<sup>th</sup>**