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Dear Saints of Grace,

In looking back at my previous newsletter articles, I don't see that I have ever written one pertaining to holiness. I thought that would be a pertinent topic for this month being that November 1st is All Saint's Day. In writing about this day, I have made the point that as confusing as the term "saints" can be because we think of those who have been canonized, or named as saints by the Roman Catholic Church, that we actually are all saints who believe in Jesus. Why? Because of what the word "saint" means. To review that, the word comes from the Latin "sanctus" which means holy. The part in the service called the "Sanctus" is the song we sing, where we say "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Now that thrice holy, the trisagion as it's called, comes from Isaiah chapter six. In that chapter, we see Isaiah enter the throne room of heaven. As we sing about in Luther's version of the Sanctus, "Isaiah Mighty Seer," you can see the glory of the God in that chapter; his robes filling the temple, the majesty surrounding Him, the angels even covering their eyes. That is holiness at its height. That is the holiness of God Himself. In fact, if you look up the word "holy" in the dictionary it will likely describe something holy as being "set apart." And that is fair when we speak of holy things. Holy things are set apart for a specific use, particularly use with regard to the things of God.

For example, the Holy things are the Word. The Scriptures, the preaching, these are holy. They are set apart speech about God and things connected with Him, with His creation of the world, with His redemption of that world in Christ, etc. Then there is Holy Baptism, the water with the Word that makes us holy as His people, cleansing the unholiness of our sin and giving us new birth in the holiness of Christ's forgiveness. Then there is the Holy Supper, the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. There Christ comes to us and brings that holiness to us in continuing forgiveness, life, and salvation. These things are holy, set apart for God.

And they make us holy. As we are saints, as you are saints, His holy people, He has set you apart. He has set you aside as the special object of His love and care (which by the way, I think there is a strong connection between holiness and love). And in that love, in the forgiveness that love brings, He makes you holy that you would no longer serve the unholy interests of your selfishness and sin, nor the things of this world, but that you would also love Him and your neighbor. To be clear, this love of Him and neighbor isn't to earn that holiness, to somehow make yourself holy and so earn a place in the presence of His holiness. No, He gives you His holiness, and now that is who you are as a holy one. That is who you are as His saint: His holy one by the blood of His Holy One, Christ. Thanks be to the holy and loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler



FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time ends on
Sunday, Nov 5th,
and most people will move their clocks
back an hour before going to bed on
Saturday, November 4th



*Please join us for
our Thanksgiving Day Service
Wednesday, November 22nd
at 7:00 pm*

Please note our faithful crew of helpers will be
decorating the chancel Christmas Trees on
Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00am.

If you're free and have good balance,
come help us to beautify the chancel
in celebration of Christ's birth.

Thank you in advance!



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The "famous" Chili Cook Off returns
Please sign-up to bring a Crockpot of your favorite chili
and your secret recipe or just come for the food and fellowship!

We will vote on Best Chili in various categories!

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

5:00-7:00pm

Sign-up is on kitchen counter. Please sign-up by Nov. 5th (whether you make chili or not)



The Women's Club is kicking off a campaign to collect items for Breakthrough Ministries. Located in the Garfield Park area, Breakthrough is a faith-based, non-profit organization that partners with people to build connections, develop skills, and open doors of opportunity. A wish list of needed items is below. Gently used clothing and housing items are acceptable. We'll begin collecting items November 1 and continue through November 26. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Parish Hall.

**If you have any questions, contact Donna Perkowski.
Thank you so much for your support!!**

WISHLIST

- Towels
- Blankets (twin size)
- Pillows
- Deodorant
- Bars of soap, or body wash
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors and shaving cream
- Combs & Brushes
- Depend Adult Diapers
- Wave caps
- Hair brushes/picks for African American men and women with low hair and men with beards
- Hair oil (Blue Magic)
- Petroleum Jelly
- Shower caps for women
- Foot powder/ care products for soaking
- Foot pans for soaking
- Underwear
- Socks
- T-Shirts
- Shower Shoes
- Pajamas
- Winter Coats
- 30 Gallon Storage Bins
- Fabuloso
- Pine Sol
- Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- 99% Isopropyl Alcohol
- Dish Towels
- Cash/check donations

Breakthrough

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Lesley Arca

Terese Barron, friend of Mark Rehn

Walt Bergenthal

Jim Beutjer, father of Denise Stetler

Bob Blessman

Joe Campion, husband of Marybeth

Marybeth Campion

Ann Cannon, friend of Doris Svec

Nancy & Kent Cloninger

Jerry Cohen, husband of Tracy Cohen

Barbara Doherty, aunt of Meg Krohe

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

Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Betty & Bill Tanzer

Ken Fuller

Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak

Emily Hall, friend of the Rehn family

Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass

Doris Jacobson

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Chris Lange, son of Cheryl Dore

Steve Latman

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Allison, Rose, & Rachel, nieces 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

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

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

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

Carly Yocius and Unborn child

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers
Eleanor Kulaga— Suzette Olszewski

November Birthdays!!

Jackson Tribuzio	2	Bob Keeler	16
Liz Freiburger	5	Cindy Brandt	17
Lisa Mullarkey	6	Devan Lazaro	17
Paul Sulak	7	Matt Fuller	25
Ryan Enright	8	Judah Zickler	25
Doris Svec	11	Rachel Picek	27
Jessica Ayers	13	Bob Dame	28

November Anniversaries!!

Gayle & Don Steele -November 6th, 1982
Sarah & Chris Arata -November 8th, 2014
Jennifer & David Claster -November 15th, 2002