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Dear Saints of Grace,

Do you sometimes listen to the Gospel reading on Sunday morning or read the words of Jesus in your Bible and wonder what Jesus is saying? We can be honest that there are definitely quotes from Jesus that make us wonder exactly what he is saying. One example I always think of is when Jesus heals the daughter of the Syrophenician woman. If you remember that story, it's from Mark 7 where the woman comes to Jesus and begs for Him to hear her. At first, He ignores her. Then, He says it's not right to "take the children's bread and give it to the dogs" (Mark 7:27). Finally, He agrees and gives the mother what she asks. Jesus acts in such a confusing way in this story, doesn't He? He says things that seem so contrary to what we expect from Him.

For our book reading this summer, we'll be examining that topic of wondering what Jesus is saying. To do this we'll be reading "Jesus Said What?" by Christopher M. Kennedy. In the book, Kennedy examines fifteen passages from the Gospels where Jesus says things that cause many to take a step back and ask just what our Lord means by His words. The fifteen selections Kennedy has chosen include references to hating one's family, Jesus not bringing peace but a sword, and there being no marriage in heaven. He also includes the passages where Jesus describes making friends with "unrighteous wealth," cutting off one's hand, and the "unforgiveable sin," as well as nine more times when Jesus said things that often make people wonder about His words.

With this in mind, we invite you to join us for our discussions of the book. As a note, our first meeting will be on the last **Monday** in June and not on the usual Wednesday. I have the conference for our youth in Wisconsin Tuesday through Friday of that week. So, we will gather Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. In July and August, we will revert to our usual Wednesday meetings. These will take place Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. All of the discussions will begin at 7:00 P.M. on their respective evenings.

In addition to this, as always, I encourage you to utilize the summertime to reorient yourself around the Word of God in your daily life. Often with the hecticness of the rest of summer, we can shift our attention to the things of the world, the things that aren't inherently bad and sinful, but can distract us from our Heavenly Father's love and grace to us in Christ. Likewise, I encourage you if you're traveling, to make plans on where to go to attend the Divine Service on your trip. If you need help with that, please let me know, as I have resources I can search to aid in finding something similar to what we usually have on Sunday morning at Grace.

In all of this, our study of Jesus' hard sayings, and the activities of summer, I pray the Lord to be with you and keep you in the everlasting comfort that is ours in Christ and His life, death, and resurrection for us!

Soli Deo Gloria,

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

Pastor Zickler



Please note the new potted plants outside the church were donated by a neighbor, **Stephanie Zawada Hernandez**

Please keep in mind that the church's gardens can always use weeding & watering. Any time you can help with these duties will be greatly appreciated!!!

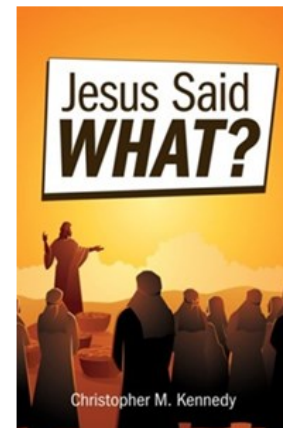


**Last day to return filled baby bottles will be Sunday, June 16th—Father's Day**



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

*Monday, June 24th*  
*Wednesday, July 31st*  
*Wednesday, August 28th*



**SCRIP**



SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday, **June 9th** 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*

**Marilee Altenhofen**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Lesley Arca**  
**Terese Barron**, friend of Mark Rehn  
**Sandy Barry**, friend of Pastor Zickler  
**Walt Bergenthal**  
**Jim Beutjer**, father of Denise Stetler  
**Linda Blane-Novak**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Bob Blessman**  
**CJ Brown**  
**Cheryl Brubaker**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Nancy & Kent Cloninger**  
**Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen  
**Blake Donegan**, grandson of Lois & John Flood  
**John Donegan**, friend of Lois & John Flood  
**Tyna Eggert**  
**Richard Flatley**, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post  
**John Flood**  
**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  
**Dave Hansen**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Bruce Harken**, Commander of WS VFW Post  
**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass  
**Doris Jacobson**  
**Dan Kaiser**, friend of the Claster Family  
**Kelly Keeler and Unborn child**  
**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  
**Michael Martinez**, step-nephew of Pastor Zickler

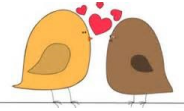
**John Fred MacLean**, friend of the Stetler Family  
**Bruce Mazurkiewicz**, cousin of Tyna Eggert  
**Rod McInerney**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Lisa Mullarkey**  
**Cathy Muszynski Cox**, friend of the Blessman Family  
**Benjamin Napolitano**, g.grandson of Sue & Tony Napolitano  
**Frank Napolitano**, brother of Tony Napolitano  
**Dorothy Neugebauer**, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar  
**Tracy Novak**, niece of Pat Schlueter  
**Joyce Oberst**, sister of Sue Napolitano  
**Karen O'Donnell**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Levi Olson**, cousin of Paul Sulak  
**Linda Parlin**, sister of Carol Hassel  
**Jamie Pestien**, niece of Chris & Bob Dame  
**Leah Picek**  
**Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster  
**Caitlin Place**, granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar  
**Regina Polistano**, friend of Mark Rehn  
**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  
**Kimmy Skelton**, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler  
**Don & Gayle Steele**  
**Judy & Kurt Steiner**, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar  
**Vanessa Stetler**, sister of Chris Stetler  
**Doris Svec**  
**Noah (Picek) Tovar**, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood  
**Athey Ulrich**  
**J.D. Weiffenbach**, cousin of Jen Claster  
**John Weiffenbach**, cousin of Pat Schlueter  
**Jim & Pat Williams**, friend of Doris Svec  
**Paula and the Whiteaker Family**, friends of the Schlies  
**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert  
**Carly and Owen Yocius**



### *Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers*

**Eleanor Kulaga**

**Suzette Olszewski**



### **June Birthdays!!**

Noah Tovar	6/2	Pastor Zickler	6/17
Josiah Zickler	6/2	Jacob Enright	6/18
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
Kelly Keeler	6/13	Peggy Keeler	6/30
Nicolas Perri	6/17		

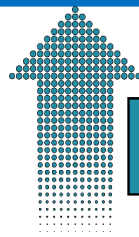
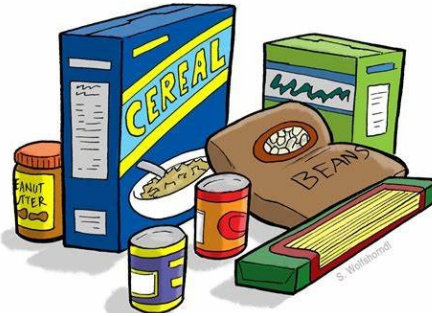
### **June Anniversaries!!**

**Lesley & Jim Blessman 6/4/2016**  
**Chris & Paul Sulak 6/5/1983**  
**Casey & Brian Brown 6/8/2002**  
**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**

Please note that the **All Youth Service Event for June** will be at the Westchester Food Pantry. They are supported by generous donations from businesses and the community. Your donations directly keep food on the tables of families in need. We will be bringing any shelf stable/dry goods when we go. Any donations you can make will really help those who come to the pantry!!!



**WESTCHESTER  
FOOD PANTRY**



**ELEVATE**  
Your Choice For Family Empowerment

All Youth Service Event  
for **July** will be at  
Southside Pregnancy  
Center

**NEEDED ITEMS**

**Baby Formula (Preferred Brand – Enfamil)**  
**Pedialyte Electrolyte Drinks (16.9oz)/PediaSure Nutrition Shakes**  
**Baby Bottles**  
**Baby Diapers and wipes (Size 5, Pull Ups – All Sizes)**  
**Baby Shampoo and Lotions**  
**Baby Wash and Diaper Rash Cream**

Pacifiers and Teethers  
Baby Towel and Wash Cloths  
Baby Blankets and Swaddle Sleep Sacks  
Crib Sheets and Changing Pad Covers  
Bibs and Burp Cloths  
Boy and Girl Clothing – Sizes Newborn – 4T  
**Undershirts and Underpants**  
Play Wear, Sleepers, 2 pc. Pajamas, Shoes, Socks

**Gently Used Items**

Diaper Bags and Baby Carriers  
**Pack & Plays** and Strollers  
Cribs and Mattresses  
Car Seats with Base  
Highchairs and Booster Seats  
Baby Bathtubs and Nursing Pillows  
Baby Swings and Rockers  
Maternity Clothes – Sizes Small – XXL

Please – no damaged, soiled or items with missing parts.  
Items in Bold – Greatest Need

*Thank You for Your Support!*