

Grace Lutheran Church

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Dear Saints of Grace,

Continuing the series I've started with elements in the sanctuary and service, this month I'll be look at the stained glass in the sanctuary. As you may have been able to tell, the windows of stained glass portray various Bible Stories. This newsletter does not have enough space to link of all of the windows with their respective narratives in the Bible, but I thought I would hit a few highlights about this element of the sanctuary.

First, there are ten total sets of three windows on the north and south walls of the sanctuary. Both of these numbers are significant. First, as you probably know three is significant because of the Trinity. There is one God, but three Persons. Likewise, the Third Day was the day when Jesus rose from the dead. So there is import relating to three. Ten relates to the Ten Commandments and is understood to be a number of completion. Just as there are ten commandments in the Ten Commandments, ten is seen to be a fullness of whatever the ten things in the group are. So, in the Bible you'll see this related to things like days, years, or peoples. For example in the Revelation you see the number 144,000. That's 12×12 which equals 144. Twelve is the number for the church, so 144 is the Old and New Testament Church. But then you have the thousand, which is $10 \times 10 \times 10$. There is the trinity of tens multiplied by the 12's giving you a number for the fullness of the Church. In the sanctuary, we have three tens, so that, puts these numbers together in a way that gives what could be understood as a fullness of divine stories for the congregation.

Additionally, there is the stained glass above the altar. This is called the "Passion Window" with images relating to Christ's suffering, including nails, a chalice, a crown of thorns, and a cross. Above the organ there is another image mirroring the front (did you know there was stained glass up there as well?). This set is called the "Resurrection Window" and includes images such as a butterfly, a phoenix (both images of new life), a candle and empty tomb. Perhaps most interestingly here, there is also a pomegranate which represents victory over death and the grave.

As a historical note, there was a sermon on the glass which was given by Pastor Art Bullman at the one year anniversary of the new church building. There also was a Bible Class on all of the stories given by Nancy Kolar in the 90's.

If you would like more information on these and the images they represent, there is—as with the chrismons—a handout available in the narth ex. Please feel free to grab a copy and enjoy the beauty of the art of our sanctuary!

Soli Deo Gloria,



Pastor Zickler

Did you know...

While the little mission church was transitioning into the wonderful stone church building of today, the Grace members celebrated several important milestones:

November 11, 1950 - 25th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Grace church

September 9, 1951 – groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building construction

October 10, 1951 – moving of the “old church” to Burlington and Central Avenues

March 23, 1952 – laying of the cornerstone

November 24, 1952 – all stained glass windows were set

February 15, 1953 – the dedication of the new church building

“To God Alone All Glory”

Yes, the congregation could now all worship together with seating for 200. The Sunday School filled all the upstairs classrooms of the new wing and the ladies groups enjoyed filling the new kitchen with all the latest appliances. Members looked forward to many years to come.



Save the
Date!

Please join us!

Sunday, February 2

will be the annual

Grace Academy

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Following the Divine Service

All are invited to attend!



February Birthdays!

Matthew Briscoe	2/2
Donna Perkowski	2/2
Kerry Mikkelsen	2/7
Nancy Harris	2/9
Ryker Ayers	2/16
Owen Fitzgerald	2/16
Christine Sulak	2/16
Marie Enright	2/20
Irene Rohde	2/25
Lesley Arca-Blessman	2/27
Natalie Fuller	2/27

February Anniversaries!

Arnie & Doris Svec
02/23/1963

**SCRIP**

SCRIP orders are taken on Sunday,
February 9th after the Service.

Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald
708-822-8094



Women's Club is still
on break, but will
meet up again
March 24th at 1:00pm

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Sandy Barry, friend of Pastor Zickler

Bill Bien, friend of Linda McGuire

Linda BlaneK-Novak, friend of Pat Schlueter

Bob Blessman

Kate Borland, cousin of Bob Blessman

Lori Bradley, friend of Donna Perkowski

Marybeth Campion, member of Women's Club

Marlene Chaney, member of Women's Club

Megan Church, friend of the Stetler Family

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

Lois Flood

John Flood

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

Jerry Gajda, brother-in-law of Linda McGuire

Kate Gerlesits, friend of the Stetler Family

Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak

Marvin Griffin, friend of Pat Schlueter

Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass

Nancy Henry, friend of Paul Sulak

Bonnie Jakubs, friend of Linda McGuire

Marsha Johnson, friend of Linda McGuire

Dan Kaiser, friend of the Claster Family

Nancy & Ron Kolar

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Revy Sabas Libatique, cousin of Lesley Arca-Blessman

Chris Lange, son of Cheryl Dore

Larry & Claire Latman, brother & sister-in-law of Steve Latman

Steve Latman

Allison, Rose, Rachel, Jamie & Robin, 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

James McGuire, nephew of Linda McGuire

Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter

Dan Meier, friend of the Enright Family

Lisa Mullarkey

Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman Family

Benjamin Napolitano, g.grandson of Sue & Tony Napolitano

Frank Napolitano, brother of Tony Napolitano

Tony Napolitano

Noland Family, friends of Meg Krohe

Tracy Novak, niece of Pat Schlueter

Joyce Oberst, sister of Sue Napolitano

Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak

Linda Parlin, sister of Carol Hassel

Mike Perkins, friend of Linda McGuire

Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster

Regina Polistano, friend of Mark Rehn

Dorothea Rehn, mother of Mark Rehn

Deb Rielly, friend of Donna Perkowski

David Ridenour, cousin of Chris Stetler

Kristi Schmidt, sister of Lin Johnson

Kurt Seehofer, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Barbara & James Shumate, friends of Lois & John Flood

Rose Sirois, grandmother of Jacob Corzine

Adam Skelton, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Kimmey Skelton, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Courtney & James Spina, sister & nephew of Carly Yocius

Gayle Steele

Dave Stetler, father of Chris Stetler

Vanessa Stetler, sister of Chris Stetler

Doris Svec

Noah(Picek)Tovar, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood

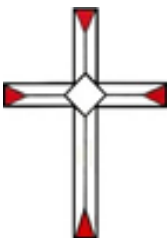
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J.B. Weiffenbach, cousin of Jen Claster

John Weiffenbach, cousin of Pat Schlueter

Pat Williams, friend of Doris Svec

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert



Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

Eleanor Kulaga - Suzette Olszewski