

## Grace Lutheran Church

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Dear Saints of Grace,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!! As we have just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, what a joy we have in that resurrection in knowing that our sin has been forgiven and by that forgiveness we have victory over death and the grave. Just as Christ has been raised, we have been joined to His resurrection in Baptism, and will be raised on the Last Day to live forever with Him!

With that being said, this month, I'd like to note a couple of things going on at Grace, then continue with talking about things we see in church. So, first, goings on: on May 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll be having the Rite of Confirmation for two confirmands. Thanks be to God as they make that affirmation of the promises of their baptism before the congregation of God's people here at Grace. The next Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll then welcome some new members that have joined our congregation. We'll also be having the first of a number of opportunities for pictures for the directory we are assembling for the anniversary. Come and get your family picture that day! It will be our "intergenerational" Sunday as well, where we get all of the generations of the congregation together for some Bible Trivia. A lot is going on, so come join us for these great occasions!

Then, as promised, I'll continue our series on things you see in church. Since we are discussing the affirmation of Baptism that is confirmation, and since our Baptism into Christ promises that we are united to Christ's death and so united to His resurrection, let's look at the Baptismal Font. Obviously, this is where we baptize here at Grace. I could probably write a year's worth of these letters on baptism itself—and maybe will at some point—but for now, let's look at the font itself. Our font has six sides, which from what I found represents the Sixth Day—not of Creation, but of Good Friday. This is an interesting connection because it is in baptism that we are joined to that death of Jesus. This is why, when we added the crucifix to the chancel (the front part of the sanctuary past the communion rail) my suggestion was that it be mounted on the font. This points to our unity to Christ's death. Why? Because as we are united to His death, our sins are buried in His tomb, and we have the promise of being raised in His resurrection. I have talked about the Eighth Day in the not-too-distant past, and its connection to Easter. With that, many fonts are eight sided representing that union with Christ's resurrection as well. Nonetheless, the six is obviously an important symbol with baptism.

So, why do we have the font where we have it? The short answer to is make sure that we see it and are reminded of the Promises Jesus gives to us in baptism and that those waters and union with Christ give to us our identity in Him as His redeemed people. To see this every week is a helpful reminder. The longer answer is that to put it either at the back of the sanctuary (where we would be reminded of our baptism as we enter into the Divine Service) or just in front of the communion rail (where we would be reminded of our baptism as we receive Christ's Holy Supper) would have gotten in the way. So, since we already had the practice of keeping the font in the chancel, it seemed good to have it where we see it all the time. With that, we see the assurance of Christ's victory for us at the first Easter and made our own in the waters of our own baptism. Thanks be to God!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler

### Did you know . . .

Each time Grace has celebrated a dedication or anniversary service, verses from the Bible were chosen to fit the occasion.

For example, on the 10th anniversary in January of 1936, the chosen verse was “To God Alone Be All Glory.”

After remodeling the original church, the rededication verse was based on Luke 10:5 - “Peace be to this House.”

For the dedication of the newly built church building in 1953, the verse was chosen from Psalm 115:1  
“...unto Thy name give Glory...”

On the 50th anniversary the sermon was based on Revelation 3:8,  
“God’s open Door.”

And for the 75th anniversary in 2000, John 15:5 was the theme,  
“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

And now on our 100th anniversary we once again take from the book of John, “And from His fullness, have we all received  
“God’s grace upon Grace.”

In addition to this little bit of history about your church, check out the memory table for some interesting facts and trivia. Some things may surprise you.



**May Birthdays!**

John Flood	5/3
Nancy Cloninger	5/3
Bonnie Dietz	5/3
Faith Stetler	5/7
Holden Briscoe	5/11
Tess Perri	5/12
Evelyn Herman	5/13
Suzette Olszewski	5/14
Sue Napolitano	5/16
Patricia Schlueter	5/19
Tim Schlie	5/20
Emily Rehn	5/22
Christopher Krohe	5/22
Luke Picek	5/24
Athey Ray Ulrich	5/26
Drew Mullarkey	5/28
Samantha Schmidt	5/29
Meaghan Krohe	5/31

**May Anniversaries!**

Jessica &amp; Matthew Ayers

5/5/2018

Denise &amp; Chris Stetler

5/7/2005

Brittany &amp; Tommy Briscoe

5/17/2009

Cathy &amp; Glen Hass

5/20/1989

Marilyn &amp; Gary Clausen

5/31/1969

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us **Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the service for our annual **Intergenerational Sunday** with the Sunday School.

**Hope to see you there!**



Give CHANGE! Bring CHANGE! Be CHANGE!

**We will begin our baby bottle fundraiser  
on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11th.**

Give CHANGE! Bring CHANGE! Be CHANGE!

***Take a Baby Bottle Home/to Work***

***Fill it*** with change, dollars or a check

***Pray*** for those families your spare change will help



**SCRIP**



SCRIP orders are taken  
on Sunday, **May 11th** after the Service.

**Questions?**

Please call Sara Fitzgerald

**708-822-8094**

*Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers*

**Jean Albert**, friend of Lois Flood  
**Sandy Barry**, friend of Pastor Zickler  
**Bill Bien**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Linda BlaneK-Novak**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Vince Bonamici**, brother-in-law of Del Hermann  
**Kate Borland**, cousin of Bob Blessman  
**Elzbieta Cebula**  
**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  
**John Flood**  
**Christine Fry**, daughter-in-law of Betty & Bill Tanzer  
**Kate Gerlesits**, friend of the Stetler Family  
**Marvin Griffin**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Marilyn, Pam & Shawn Haslam**, friends of The Floods  
**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass  
**Nancy Henry**, friend of Paul Sulak  
**Carol Hubacek**, friend of Donna Perkowski  
**Bonnie Jakubs**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Mary Jordan**, cousin of Chris Sulak  
**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**, b. & sister-in-law of S. Latman  
**Steve Latman**  
**Allison, Rose, Rachel, Jamie & Robin**, nieces of Chris & Bob Dame  
**John Fred MacLean**, friend of the Stetler Family  
**Michael Martinez**, step-nephew of Pastor Zickler  
**Bruce Mazurkiewicz**, cousin of Tyna Eggert  
**Rod McInerney**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Steve Miller**, friend of John Mullarkey  
**Lisa Mullarkey**  
**Cathy Muszynski Cox**, friend of the Blessman Family  
**Frank Napolitano**, brother of Tony Napolitano  
**Tony Napolitano**  
**Noland Family**, friends of Meg Krohe  
**Tracy Novak**, niece of Pat Schlueter  
**Levi Olson**, cousin of Paul Sulak  
**Linda Parlin**, sister of Carol Hassel  
**Mike Perkins**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Phyliss**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster  
**Regina Polistano**, friend of Mark Rehn  
**Dorothea Rehn**, mother of Mark Rehn  
**Rod Reinhardt**, father-in-law of Brett Latman  
**David Ridenour**, cousin of Chris Stetler  
**Kristi Schmidt**, sister of Lin Johnson  
**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  
**Dave Stetler**, father of Chris Stetler  
**Vanessa Stetler**, sister of Chris Stetler  
**Doris Svec**  
**Bill Tanzer**, husband of Betty Tanzer  
**Dick Tatina**, friend of the Claster Family  
**Noah(Picek)Tovar**, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood  
**Athey Ulrich**  
**Pat Voelker**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**JB, John & Johnny Weiffenbach**, cousins of the Schlueter & Claster Families  
**Pat Williams**, friend of Doris Svec  
**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert

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





**Monday May 26**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

REMEMBER AND HONOR



**Red Poppy Days** are 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. **This year, Red Poppy Days are 5/20, 5/21 & 5/22.** 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 here at Grace Lutheran Church

VFW Contact is Joe Barker at 708-267-3076.

Please come out during the week of May 20th and help our Super Senior Veterans!



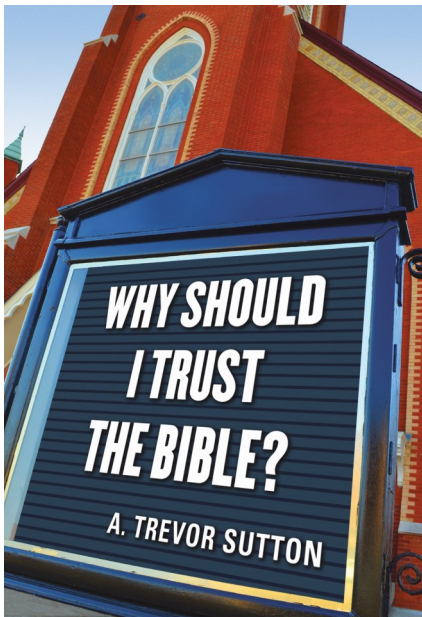
## Summer Book Discussion

at 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 25th

Monday, July 28th

Wednesday, August 27th



This year's book is:

Why Should I Trust the Bible?

By A. Trevor Sutton

You've got tough questions about the Bible. Maybe you've even heard things like, "The Bible is racist." Or, "The Bible has too many errors and edits." Or, "The Bible is merely a mythological story like Homer's *Odyssey*."

This book tackles accusations like those head-on. Pastor Sutton compares the Bible to writings that have been deemed more credible than the Bible, like the Book of Mormon, encyclopedias, and even Shakespeare's works. He tests the Bible using the same rigorous standards that have been used to test those other writings. He examines historical evidence, witness accounts, and translation concerns.

By the end, you'll be able to better defend your faith when its very foundation is attacked. You'll get many of your tough questions answered. And you'll see that when all other texts fall, the Bible still stands—as completely, undeniably trustworthy.

We are creating an updated church directory to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & will be taking photos of individual families.

**The first photo session will  
be on Intergenerational  
Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

