

## Grace Lutheran Church

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Dear Saints of Grace,

I'll begin with a quick note about our summer book reading. We'll be reading "Why Should I Trust the Bible" by Trevor Sutton. In the book, Rev. Sutton gives answers to a number of different reasons people say that we shouldn't believe the Bible. Come join us and find out what those reasons are!

As for the rest of this month's article, I'd like to pick back up with discussing things we see in the church. For this part of the discussion, I'll be looking at the sections of the sanctuary. Actually, I'll begin this with the section of the Church Building just outside of the sanctuary which acts as an entry way from the doors outside into the sanctuary proper. This is called the "narthex." I remember growing up always thinking people were saying "north ex" as in the exit on the north side of the church building. But then I realized in our church, just as at Grace, the narthex is on the west side of the building. So, what is the narthex? In doing some digging, I found that this is called narthex from the Greek word for fennel seed. Since this section is usually somewhat narrow and spans the width of the sanctuary, apparently people thought it looked like a fennel seed. Historically this was the place where the people who were not baptized or who were serving penance for sins stood outside to listen to the preaching of the pastor.

As you look in the sanctuary itself, you have three parts. The first I'll mention is the "transept." This is the part of the sanctuary that makes it into a cross shape. For ours there is a transept on the south side of the church, which is small and has the doors which open up into the parish hall. The other side is the small section of pews that run perpendicular to the way most of the pews are facing. Then there is the "chancel." The chancel is the section of the sanctuary which is inside the communion rail and includes the lectern (where I read the Scripture lessons), the pulpit (where I preach), and the altar (where I pray and celebrate the Lord's Supper). Even if the communion rail up were up the steps as it used to be, the chancel would still be where the first steps start up to the altar.

Lastly, the main part of the sanctuary is called the "nave." This is where most of the pews are that sit facing the altar. If you notice nave sounds like "navy." That's because it's the same Latin root. Why? Because the understanding is that the nave is like a boat. Why? Because the Church (the Church proper, the people of God made holy by faith given through Word and Sacrament) is compared to the picture of Noah's Ark, in which Peter tells us were saved-Noah and his family, eight in all (I Peter 3:20). If you look at the architecture of the beams supporting the roof, you can see that the nave actually does look like an upside down boat. You can picture with that how Christ, your Savior, is carrying you through the storms of this sin fallen world to His heavenly Kingdom and doing so through the Word read at the Lectern, preached at the pulpit, and attached to the bread and the wine to bring you Christ's body and blood, all through which He does this guarding through the challenges of life. In other words, is in this "sanctuary," this holy place—this place set apart and made holy by that Word—that Jesus is giving you the holiness won for you on the cross to carry you to the eternal life of His Kingdom. Thanks be to God!

Soli Deo Gloria,

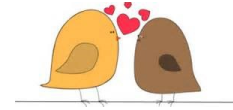
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Pastor Zickler



### June Birthdays!!

Noah Tovar	6/2	Pastor Zickler	6/17
Josiah Zickler	6/2	Jacob Enright	6/18
Ella Fitzgerald	6/5	Isaiah Zickler	6/18
Tony Napolitano	6/7	Jacob Picek	6/19
John Picek	6/7	Jackson Claster	6/22
Kent Cloniniger	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



Last day to return  
 filled baby bottles will be  
**Sunday, June 15th—Father's Day**



### Summer Book Discussion at 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 25th  
 Monday, July 28th  
 Wednesday, August 27th



## SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday,  
**June 8th** 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*

**Jean Albert**, friend of Lois Flood  
**Sandy Barry**, friend of Pastor Zickler  
**Bill Bien**, friend of Linda McGuire  
**Linda Blane-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  
**Bill Clausen**, son of Marilyn & Gary Clausen  
**Nancy & Kent Cloninger**  
**Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen  
**Bea Dahl**  
**Blake Donegan**, grandson of Lois & John Flood  
**John Donegan**, friend of Lois & John Flood  
**Tyna Eggert**  
**Richard Flatley**, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post  
**John Flood**  
**Ernie Froemel**, friend of Paul Sulak  
**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  
**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  
**Phyllis**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster  
**Regina Polistano**, friend of Mark Rehn  
**Dorothea Rehn**, mother of Mark Rehn  
**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  
**Kimmey 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(Picck)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**

## A Special Celebration

At our Sunday service on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be remembering the actual first service of our church. The founding members, led by Rev. T.W. Streiter from Zion, Hinsdale, gathered at the public school (Grand Avenue school) on the evening of June 26, 1925.

They were overjoyed to be communing together for the first time in their own community. So, 100 years later, we will be reminding ourselves of that humble beginning.

During our anniversary service, a new 100 year banner will be presented and we will even sing some songs from past anniversary services. Afterwards, join in fellowship with refreshments served and browse the memory table for information on the Pastors who have served at Grace. Let us all celebrate together "God's Grace Upon Grace."



Please keep in mind that the church's gardens can always use weeding, watering, trimming, sticks picked up, & other maintenance

**Any time you can help with these duties will be greatly appreciated!!!**

We share a yard waste tote with the Zickler's & can be found on the northside of the church property or at Zickler's.