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# September 2025



Dear Saints of Grace,

As we have just taken time for another opportunity to celebrate our 100 years at Grace with our picnic on the 24<sup>th</sup>, I thank God for the many blessings we have in our fellowship together here! And thank God for perfect weather on the 24<sup>th</sup> as well! With the picnic, however, we also—as we do each year—look to getting back into the swing of things with the fall.

To start, as always, Sunday School for the kids will begin September 7<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Service. For the adults, we'll have our usual Voter's Meeting that day, so please join us as we talk about things pertinent for the business of the congregation. For the 14<sup>th</sup>, we had intended to have a presentation from the LCMS Foundation discussing estate planning and how to include Grace in that process in the most effective ways. However, the Northern Illinois District representative serving the Foundation is no longer in that role. I have reached out to another district's representative and will let you know what is to come, so please keep your eyes and ears open regarding that important conversation.

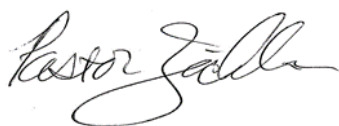
In view of discussing the joyful topic of estate planning, I thought I would piggyback and also talk about funeral planning in the following Adult Bible Classes. Of course, that is not something that we as a whole might be excited or comfortable talking about, but I think it is important for us to address the topic. All the more, we should remember that we can approach death in view of the hope—not just hope as an abstract wish, but a grounded certainty - that we have in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Funerals are an important testimony of the life of the Christian in Christ in addition to being a great component of pastoral care for the loved ones who grieve.

A few years ago, CPH published a book on funerals that will serve as the basis for my discussion, and additionally, we'll look at things like planning the service itself (hymns, and readings, etc. – something I encourage so that your loved ones don't have to worry about it), and have our friend Howard Eggert from Hallowell and James come for a presentation that you would be able to ask any questions you might have about the funeral process itself.

After that, I thought I would shift and take some time to do something sort of basic with the Sunday Morning Adult class and that is to look at Old Testament Stories. I think a lot of stories in the Old Testament are ones that we have either not read since Sunday School or read only in our story Bibles for our children. What a great thing to do, then, and revisit these essential stories of Scripture and see how Jesus shows Himself in them, even before the incarnation at His birth?

Obviously, there is a lot here, so please listen for what will be happening when. And again, thanks be to God for all of the blessings He has given to us, His flock here at Grace!

Soli Deo Gloria,



Pastor Zickler

## Did you know....

Grace's first Sunday school was held in September of 1925. Louis and Anna Winkelman, having five children of their own, wanted the youngsters of the neighborhood to benefit from weekly bible lessons. They invited them into their home each Sunday. Louis and Anna were the teachers.

Another strategy of Louis and Anna was to help kids "keep off the streets" and keep their minds and hands busy during the summer months by starting a Vacation Bible School. And that they did in the summer of 1927.

Pastor Herman Seitz had a great desire to have a Lutheran School in the area. And so doors opened at our little church in 1933 to 28 children first grade through fifth grade. Older grades were added as time went on. The classroom was the church proper itself with the pews moved to the side walls and classroom desks lined up for the children. The school continued until 1946.

On September 11, 1967, our Grace Nursery/Pre School opened with 20 three and four year olds. It was held from 9:00 to 11:30am Monday through Friday with Mrs. M. Peterson as the teacher.

School means learning and can take on many forms. Today we continue with Sunday school, adult bible class and confirmation instruction. School is for people of all ages. You can never stop learning and what better place than Grace Church. Check the memory table for more of God's Grace Upon Grace.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL!!



Come join us as we start a new season of Sunday School

**September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am**

**11:45am-1:15pm Confirmation Class**

**WEDNESDAY**

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00AM



## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

It's that time again, ladies, so please plan on joining as the Women's Club celebrates its birthday at their luncheon on **September 15, 2025.**

All women of Grace along with friends are invited to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Serving begins at 12 noon.

For questions, contact Linda McGuire (630-235-2636) or Donna Perkowski (708-955-4818).

**We hope you will help us celebrate 80 years young!**

# SCRIP



SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday, **September 14th** after the Service. If you have any questions, Please call Sara Fitzgerald

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## September Birthdays!!

## September Anniversaries!!

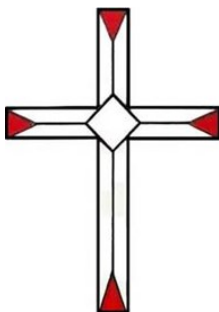
Carlos & Amanda Lazaro	September 12, 2009
Ian & Sara Fitzgerald	September 14, 2012
Mark & Emily Rehn	September 20, 1986
Linda & Jim McGuire	September 25, 1992

Ken Brandt	5	Tracy Cohen	13
Myrna Garton	7	Barb Blessman	15
Tommy Briscoe	8	Maureen Fuller	17
Denise Stetler	9	Easton Ayers	20
Craig Chidester	11	Robby Keeler	21
Erick Hassel	11	Ava Lazaro	23
Alex Schmidt	11	Luke Tribuzio	24
Deacon Briscoe	13	Andrew Yocius	24
		Grace Lazaro	27

## *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  
**Kate Borland**, cousin of Bill Blessman  
**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**  
**Christine Fry**, daughter-in-law of Betty & Bill Tanzer  
**Kate Gerlesits**, friend of the Stetler Family  
**Neil Gieseke**, cousin of Paul Sulak  
**Arlene Gilbert**, mother of Tracy Cohen  
**Marvin Griffin**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Marilyn Haslam**, friend of Lois & John Flood  
**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass  
**Dale Hemminger**, friend of the Claster Family  
**Nancy Henry**, friend of Paul Sulak  
**Carol Hubacek**, friend of Donna Perkowski  
**Bonnie Jakubs**, 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

**Steve Latman**  
**Allison, Rachel, Robin & Jamie**, nieces of Chris & Bob Dame  
**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  
**Kristi Schmidt**, sister of Lin Johnson  
**Kurt, Kimmey, & Adam**, family of a friend of Pastor's  
**Jane Sanders**, friend of Pat Schlueter  
**Vanessa Stetler**, sister of Chris Stetler  
**Doris Svec**  
**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