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Dear Saints of Grace,

As we come to February this year, we do so in view of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on the 18th of the month. While this is not as early as Lent can start, it's also not as late as it sometimes starts either. So, it might be a bit of a shock to us. Nonetheless, we'll do as we do every year and have our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 P.M. that day (with imposition of ashes at 6:45), and continue each of the following Wednesdays with Vespers prayer offices also at 7:00 P.M.

Also, as we do every year, we will follow a series for our sermons at the Wednesday Evening prayer offices. The series this year will focus on the Israelites in the wilderness. Hopefully, you can see the connection to Lent. As we have forty days in Lent, the number of days is connected with Jesus' forty days in the wilderness after His baptism. As St. Mark tells us in his gospel after the Father speaks to Jesus on that occasion in the Jordan River: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan" (Mark 1:12). However, these forty days in the wilderness are often connected with the forty years in the wilderness of Israel after the Exodus through the Red Sea.

If you have read through the account of those forty years which we find in Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy (some is in Leviticus, but that is mostly the giving of the laws to Moses), you might remember that at a point God found them to have been unfaithful, thus they had to wait forty years so that the unfaithful generation would pass before the remnant was allowed into the Promised Land. The point is that where the Israelites were unfaithful, Jesus is faithful. So, we will look at five stories from the time of the Exodus and in the wilderness. Those stories will be the Exodus itself, the giving of the Manna from God, the giving of the Ten Commandments, The Golden Calf, and Moses striking the Rock. In this we will look at the stories themselves and their connections to Jesus and our life in Him. Even as we read the Old Testament, we should always be seeing how it is about Jesus. As Jesus tells the Pharisees in John chapter 5:39, these are the Scriptures that bear witness to Him.

As we have this series, then, as always, I invite you to join us. All the more, I encourage you to come as a part of the disciplines we should think of in the Lenten season. Lent is the time when we think of giving up sweets or something in that vein. That is a good exercise (and even more is great too)! But the greatest disciplines of the Christian life begin in the Word and prayer. Join us for those as well!

Soli Deo Gloria,



Pastor Zickler

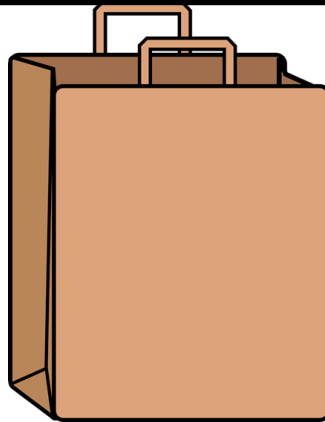
We are looking to add to our “favorite” sign-up sheets which were displayed on the 100th Anniversary Table over the past year. We’d like to share these at the 100th Anniversary Time Capsule presentation which will be on April 12th. So give some thought to:

Your Favorite Grace Memory Your Favorite Bible Verse Your Favorite Hymn

We will be putting an insert into the bulletin, which you can fill out & leave in the offering plate.

We would love to have everyone’s input included!

FAVORITE THINGS



Do you have any brown paper bags you’d like to donate to the church office? We ran out of our supply. Please leave in Terry’s office.

Many thanks!

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
Lesley Arca-Blessman	2/27
Natalie Gorniak	2/27

February Anniversaries!

Doris & Arnie Svec
02/23/1963



SCRIP



SCRIP orders are taken on Sunday,
February 8th after the Service.
Questions?
Please call Sara Fitzgerald
708-822-8094



Women's Club is still
on break, but will
meet up again
March 16th at 1:00pm

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Jean Albert, friend of Lois Flood

Anderson Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Sandy Barry, friend of Pastor Zickler

Bill Bien, friend of Linda McGuire

Linda BlaneK-Novak, friend of Pat Schlueter

Kate Borland, cousin of Bob Blessman

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

Gary Domzalski, friend of Pat Schlueter

Tyna Eggert

Flanagan Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

John Flood

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

Arlene Gilbert, mother of Tracy Cohen

Gary Gorline, brother-in-law of Bob Dame

Marvin Griffin, friend of Pat Schlueter

Esther Harrison, g.mother of Chris Enright & Angie Schlie

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

Ittersagen Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Bonnie Jakubs, friend of Linda McGuire

Dan Kaiser, friend of the Claster Family

Bob & Peggy Keeler

Nancy & Ron Kolar

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Chris Lange, son of Cheryl Dore

Steve Latman

Revy Sabas Libatique, cousin of Lesley Arca-Blessman

Lim Family, friends of the Stetler Family

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

Rich McLaughlin, friend of Marilyn & Gary Clausen

Steve Miller, friend of John Mullarkey

Larry Miskow, brother-in-law of Bob Dame

Lisa Mullarkey

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

Kristi Schmidt, sister of Lin Johnson

Kurt, Kimmey, & Adam, family of a friend of Pastor's

Vanessa Stetler, sister of Chris Stetler

Keelia Sulak and unborn daughter

Doris Svec

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

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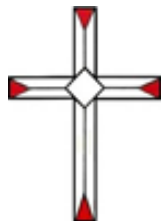
Pat Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter

JB, John & Johnny Weiffenbach, cousins of the Schlueter & Claster Families

Pat Williams, friend of Doris Svec

Sara Wilson, friend of Chris Enright

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert



Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers