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Dear Friends,

You deserve to know that I appreciated your gift to June's memorial fund three and a half years ago and that as a result of your generosity, we were able to create a lasting memorial at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Saint Charles. The long period of planning, execution, and installation of the stained glass window in a lighted cabinet in a prominent place at the church culminated in a grand dedication ceremony recently conducted by Pastor Reuben Baerwald.

Enclosed is a photograph of the magnificent Guardian Angel window. Praises should be heaped on the glass artist, John Wardell Clark, of St. Charles. I hope that many more windows will be dedicated over the years and that they fill the church with beauty.

You might wonder why I chose the guardian angel as a memorial. First, I wanted June to be remembered forever as the angelic Christian that she was. Second, it happened that during her last week in the hospital June wrote her final article, (which was accepted and published in a magazine posthumously,) on the collection of angel figurines as a hobby. One of the most beautiful figurines that she collected was that of the guardian angel, and I thought it fitting that we should remember her in this way. It was from this famous depiction of the guardian angel that John Wardell Clark created his stained glass masterpiece.

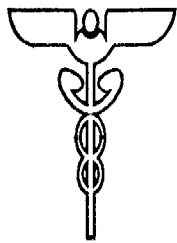
A Time poll found that despite this being an age of skepticism and science, 69% of Americans believe in angels. The bible mentions angels hundreds of times. Book stores have whole sections devoted to books on angels.

I already know a story of how this memorial has touched the lives of one family, and I predict that the image and idea of the guardian angel in St. Marks will have important ramifications far into the future. Please let me know such stories so we can count the ways.

Psalm 91:11 says "For he will give his angels charge of you in all your ways."

Love to you all,

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Dear Herman:

The following letter is a request at your suggestion to the new Board of Directors at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church for ratification of a memorial to June Grayson.

The previous administration approved a back-lighted cabinet display of a stained glass window portraying the guardian angel. The previous administration has paid one-third down on a \$1,500 cost of the stained glass window itself which is being done by John Wardell Clark of St. Charles and one-half of a down payment on approximately an \$800 bill for the oak cabinetry done by Bill Donlevy of the DuPage Cabinet Works of Geneva.

The cabinet is now finished and I have directed the Fox Valley Lighting Company to install a four-tube fluorescent fixture within the cabinet. Following this, I will take the cabinet back to Bill Donlevy and at such time that you and I so direct, Mr. Donlevy and his crew will install the cabinet in the church on the brickwork above the north entry way to the church on the interior. Following this, I would like an electrical contractor, either chosen by you or the Board or by me, to bring a 120-volt line to the box, actuated by a convenient wall switch.

The last step after the above installation will be the placement of the stained glass window of the guardian angel by John Clark. The stained glass window is on the front of the cabinet, fitted to the interior of a cabinet door frame hung on a piano hinge and secured by a keyed lock. Mr. Clark has been in St. Charles for many years and has done stained glass work similar to this for many other churches and it should be excellent.

At some time in the future, possibly in June, Reverend Barewald will conduct a dedication service in June's memory around the theme of the guardian angel and the memorial window.

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I hope that you and the new Board of Directors continue to agree that this is a good project for us and officially ratify the action of the previous administration.

Best wishes to you and the new Board of Directors for continued success in the church.

Respectfully yours,

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