



Alleluia!

*“Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands for our offenses given;
but now at God’s right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
loud shouts of hallelujah! Hallelujah!”*

Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Worship #370

Dear Friends in Christ:

In my memory Easter Sunday is always celebrated with trumpets accompanying the hymns at the festival service. There is no instrument quite like a trumpet to stir one’s heart with excitement and joy at the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Easter lilies are the preferred flower for Easter in part because they resemble miniature trumpets proclaiming the good news in every direction. When I was growing up our congregation’s deaconess was the resident trumpeter. She played the melody to the Easter hymns, and my brother stood next to her, playing the descant part on his trumpet. I had started out learning the trumpet, but the band teacher switched me to tuba, so there wasn’t usually a part for me on Easter Sunday.

When I came to New York I found out how hard it is to find a trumpet player on Easter. Everyone is booked well in advance, mostly at the wealthy and prominent congregations in the city. And if you should find a trumpeter for Easter, the cost is tremendous. I asked Deacon Carolyn Bensen if she had any contacts with a trumpet player for Easter Sunday at Grace. When she responded in the negative, I told her I could always play the tuba, but she declined respectfully!

We may not have trumpets for our celebration this year, but that doesn’t mean our joy will be any less. The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord is the chief celebration of the church year. It is a day not only to dress in our finest attire but also to offer our finest worship to God in thanksgiving for the gift of new life and salvation in Jesus Christ. Come prepared to rejoice with all the saints on this victorious day.

I encourage you to worship with us throughout Holy Week. Traditionally the services from Maundy Thursday through Easter are considered one extended service, because the whole history of salvation is recounted at worship on these days. The Benediction on Easter Sunday concludes the faithful service of Holy Week, but it inaugurates a great fifty-day celebration of the resurrection which lasts until Pentecost. I look forward to seeing you in church!

Pastor James Klockau

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Blessing of Palms and Service of Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Agape Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2nd

“Way of the Cross” for Families and Children at 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Easter Breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. (*No Children’s Church today*)
Festival Service of Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. (*in the yard, weather-permitting*)





VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
APRIL, 2010

APRIL 4

Reader: Lydia Koch
Ushers: Barbara Gambarini
Linda Kvam
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

APRIL 11

Reader: Gigi Clark
Ushers: Barbara Gambarini
Julius Nytransky, Jr.
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

APRIL 18

Reader: Linda Kvam
Ushers: Linda Kvam
Julius Nytransky, Jr.
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

APRIL 25

Reader: Carolyn Bensen
Ushers: Linda Kvam
Julius Nytransky, Jr.
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini



ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
APRIL, 2010

APRIL 3 Dorothy Regler

APRIL 10 Barbara Gambarini
Robert Gambarini

APRIL 17 Dorothy Regler

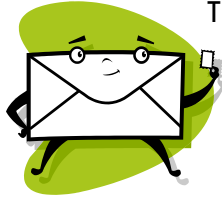
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Church Council Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our next ***Church Council meeting*** on ***Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm.***

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERINGS



The ***EASTER OFFERING*** is for your contribution to our congregation for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter. Please use this envelope in a prayerful way as you share your gift with our congregation during this most sacred time. Thank you for your generosity.

Capital Improvements and Renovation Fund is used to cover the costs of maintaining our church properties. We are trying very hard to build up this fund again. Your generous contributions to the C & R Fund are greatly appreciated.

Holy Redeemer Church is a congregation located in Brooklyn's East New York neighborhood and ministers to lower income families. Please help keep this ministry of Gospel outreach healthy with your contribution.

If you would like to donate to either one of these funds please mark your check accordingly and mail it to: ***Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Avenue, LIC, NY 11105-2022***

Spring Rummage Sale on April 17th



All are welcome to our one day ***SPRING RUMMAGE SALE*** on ***Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.*** Bring your neighbors and friends along with you!

We will be selling clean, gently used clothing and "grandma's attic" items.

The set up for the Spring Rummage Sale will start on Friday, April 16th at 1:00pm. We need lots of helping hands – so please join us and make our work load lighter...

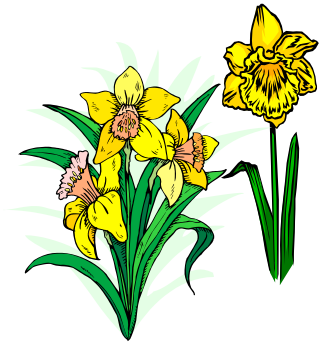
Visit Our Kitchen for Lunch, Refreshments & Dessert!



Grace Lutheran School News - April 2010



*"In the glow of the dawn,
Welcome a new day,
Greet the golden sunlight or rain,
Nature in all its subtlety.
Whip of the wind, Earth unfolds, Softly falling rain,
Growing plants and buds blossoming.
Visions of the earth, with glories of nature,
Beauty of the daffodils,
Sunshine and rain from a rainbow,
Awe! Nature in full bloom."
- Blanche Black, Springtime*



April Themes

Moving deeper into the spring season our themes this month will center on "Earth" related topics and may also include seasonal changes, new life, insects, and other class specific topics.

Lutheran Schools Sunday

We look forward to joining Pastor Klockau, the congregation of Grace Church, and the children and families of both Grace and Queens Lutheran Schools on Sunday, April 18 in celebration of Lutheran Schools. Thank you to our parents for their generous chapel donations in March – the money collected was given to the Lutheran Schools Association. We would also like to thank Pastor Klockau for providing a delicious lunch for the staff and faculty on March 12 in celebration of Lutheran School Week.

School Trips

Our second bus trip to the Symphony Space Theatre to see "The Little Mermaid" went very well. The children had a wonderful opportunity to experience live theatre. Our next trip will be on

May 27th – we are going to Green Meadows Farm, located in Floral Park.

Registration/Open House for 2010-2011 School Year

Registration for our 2010-2011 school year is ongoing and parents may come in and view our program daily during registration hours. Please continue to spread the word about our wonderful program, or better yet, come into the office to pick up some flyers to post. If you know of anyone who is interested in our program please encourage them to register early to avoid being placed on a wait list.

Grace Lutheran Church Rummage Sale

We invited our parents to shop at your Spring Rummage sale and visit the snack bar for lunch.

Professional Development

On April 16 our faculty will participate in the Lutheran Schools Association's Regional early childhood Professional Development Day at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, NY.

April Dates to Remember/School Closings:

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| April 1 | All Fool's Day | April 12 | Tuition payment DUE today |
| April 1 | Maundy Thursday | April 16 | Professional Development Day – School Closed |
| April 1-11 | Spring Break – School Closed | April 17 | Grace Lutheran Church's
Spring Rummage Sale – 10AM – 4PM |
| April 2 | Good Friday | April 18 | Lutheran School Sunday 10:00AM |
| April 4 | Easter Sunday | April 22 | Earth Day |
| April 5 | Last Day of Passover | | |

Earth Day

The gifts of this glorious earth are abundant – what better season than spring to revel in the earth's beauty. And, what better time to be reminded of our God given responsibility to care for and nurture this beautiful home that we share, the earth and all life on it. It is wonderful to celebrate and participate in some of the many activities that raise our awareness on Earth Day. But, let's all strive to take the time to make every day "Earth Day" in our daily actions – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Happy Easter!
Carla Ölmez, Director





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Our Curriculum Theme: "Grow Green"

Our School Theme: "Connected in Christ"



April Showers Bring May Flowers

EASTER RECESS: Thursday, April 1 until Friday April 9. The school will be closed and resume on Monday, April 12, 2010.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL SUNDAY: Will be celebrated on Sunday, April 18 at Grace Lutheran Church.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: Monday, April 19 - Friday, April 23. A day to celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through service. We thank each and every single one of you and appreciate everything you do, for our students, for our school and for us.

APRIL CHAPEL OFFERING: Will be donated to the Lutheran Schools Association.

REGISTRATION: For new students is ongoing. If you have a child who will enter 1st - 8th grade in September, please call and make an appointment to have your child tested.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Please clip box tops found on all General Mills Products and bring them to the office on the lower level of the school. Thank you.

USED CARTRIDGES: Please bring these in to the office on the lower level. We bring them to Staples and receive a voucher which we use to purchase school supplies. Thank you.

*May Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.*

Bettye J. Lee, Principal



EASTER PLANTS



Please use this order form to order your Easter Plants for Sunday, April 4th, 2010. Your contribution to the East Plant Fund is **\$10.00**.

The deadline for ordering a plant is **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**.

To the Glory of the Risen Savior: _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given by: _____

After the 10:00 a.m. Service on Easter Sunday, those who donated plants may take them home.

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please check the following: _____ **I will** take my plant home. _____ **I will not** take my plant home.



SUMMER PROGRAM



Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Street, Astoria

JULY 5th Thru AUGUST 27th

Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
For 3-year olds through 9-year olds

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: **(718) 728-0093**

CHILD CARE/SUMMER PROGRAM

Activities include: Weekly Trips, Arts & Crafts, Dance, Small Cooking Projects, Outdoor Playtime, Bible Stories, Games & Story Telling Sprinklers on Campsite

