



# Grace Lutheran Church

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## NEWSLETTER

June, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

In my sermon on Pentecost Sunday I spoke about some of the dreams and visions for ministry which have been shared with me by young and old alike over the past year since I arrived at Grace. Among these visions and dreams are: combining our two schools and aligning them more closely with the mission and outreach of the congregation; starting a children's choir and music program for young people; transforming the empty back lot into a community garden, memorial prayer garden, and recreation space; and serving the elderly and poor in the neighborhood with a soup kitchen. I also brought up the importance of developing a mission statement for Grace so that we can clarify God's purpose for this congregation. We have been given a variety of gifts by the Holy Spirit, but we bring them together in this place with the prayer that God will bless them collectively and manage them for the good of the church and the world.

With that in mind, I invite you to join me for breakfast on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. during the month of July. Children's Church is being combined with the regular 10:00 a.m. service for the summer, so that hour is available for us to meet informally as a congregation to share in fellowship and talk about our future together. We will have an intentional conversation which will, hopefully, result in a mission statement which will guide our life together in the next few years. Everyone will have a chance to share their visions and dreams for Grace, some of which may be simple and easily attainable, while others will sound fantastic and impossible. But who knows what God can do? The first step in any endeavor is to bring it from the imagination to the lips, so that others can catch the vision and help bring it to reality.

I feel like this year has passed quickly. But I am also aware of how some things don't happen as quickly as we might like. There is a lot of work to do here at Grace. And much of that work involves changing the way we have been doing things. Change is necessary, because some of what we have been doing has not been working. But I also understand that change can be painful. I'm not a person who believes in change for change's sake. But I do believe that the church must change in order to survive, to thrive, and to be faithful to God's work in a changing world. There have already been some changes, such as in our worship, which have caused discomfort among some but which have been welcomed by others. I simply ask for your patience and openness. The Holy Spirit has called us to life together and common ministry. Let's trust that God is working good in this place for the church and the world as we strive to serve him in love and unity.

Thanks for sharing your gifts at Grace!

Pastor James Klockau

Grace Lutheran Church & Schools  
Come and Celebrate with Us at Our YEAR END



& Bar-B-Q

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Members and Friends of  
Grace,

Please join us for our **WORSHIP CELEBRATION & BAR-B-Q** on **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. A special **FAMILY WORSHIP** will **begin at 10:00 a.m. and will follow with a PICNIC & BAR-B-Q from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm**.

We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, beverage. You are invited to bring a side dish (your choice) or a dessert to share. Games and crafts will be available for the children.

I always enjoy the opportunities we have to come together for worship and for food and fellowship. It is hard to believe that another wonderful year is about to end at Grace Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran School, and Queens Lutheran School. Come and join the fun!

I look forward to seeing you soon. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**  
**JUNE, 2010**

**JUNE 6**

Reader: Carolyn Bensen  
Ushers: Barbara Gambarini  
Julius Nytransky, Jr.  
Comm. Asst.: Carolyn Bensen

**JUNE 13**

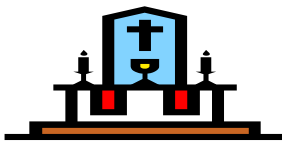
Reader: Gigi Clark  
Ushers: Linda Kvam  
Julius Nytransky, Jr.  
Comm. Asst.: Gigi Clark

**JUNE 20**

Reader: Susannah Skiver  
Ushers: Susannah Skiver  
Barbara Gambarini  
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

**JUNE 27**

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



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**  
**JUNE, 2010**

**JUNE 5** Dorothy Regler  
**JUNE 12** Barbara Gambarini  
**JUNE 19** Dorothy Regler  
**JUNE 26** Barbara Gambarini



**Church Council Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for our next **Church Council meeting** on **Tuesday, June 15, 2010** at **7:00 pm.**

**JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING**



**Capital Improvements and Renovation Fund** is used to cover the costs of maintaining our church properties. 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 bring or mail it to: **Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Avenue, LIC, NY 11105-2022.**

**- REGISTER NOW -**



**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*

**Air  
Conditioned  
Class  
Rooms!**

**Register on  
a Weekly  
Basis -  
Up to 8  
Weeks!**



# Grace School News - June 2010

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*"Plant the Seeds  
Watch Them Grow  
And Off They Go"  
-Kitty Browne*

## **June Themes**

As we begin to prepare the children for the upcoming school year and the changes it will bring, transition will be our major topic in June. Of course, we will also celebrate fathers and take a closer look at seasonal related and other, class specific, topics.

## **Happy Anniversary to Pastor Klockau**

Congratulations to Pastor Klockau on his first anniversary. We wish him many blessings as he continues his journey here at Grace. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Klockau for bringing so much passion to Chapel. All of us who attend chapel, children and staff, look forward each Wednesday to "making joyful noise".

## **Raffle Fundraiser**

In an effort to raise funds to enhance our program we will raffle off a number of baskets. The baskets can be viewed in the office, or at the Grace Church flea market on Saturday, June 5 [Grace School will have an information/fundraising table]. Look for more details to follow.

## **Teacher/Staff Appreciation**

While we honored our staff and teachers with flowers and lunch, we would like to thank them once again for their dedication to our program and the hard work they do, lovingly, each and every day.

## **Final Tuition Payment**

- Our parents were notified that their 10<sup>th</sup> and final tuition payment was due on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Our returning families were told that their WELCOME PACKET containing their new tuition agreement among various other documents will be mailed out early in August and that Tuition Payment #1 will be due on or before August 10, 2010.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences are continuing into the month of June.

## **Grace Church Outdoor Flea Market**

- Our parents have been asked to stop by and support your Flea market on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- We also encouraged parents to contact the church office if they would like to rent a space at the Flea Market.

## **Grace Lutheran Church and Schools year-end BBQ**

Parents were given another reminder about this fun event on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there.

# STEPPING UP DATES

The dates for your child's Stepping Up closing program are as follows:

**Kindergarten Thursday, June 10 @ 7:00PM**  
**UPK AM Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM**  
**PreK 3 Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM**  
**UPK PM Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM**

## Registration/Open House for 2010-2011 School Year

- As you know our seats are limited and our program fills-up quickly, so please remind your friends and neighbors that registration for our 2010-2011 school year is ongoing.
- Please continue to spread the word about our wonderful program.
- We continue to encourage our parents to enroll their children in your summer program.

## Congratulations to our Pre K 3/afterschool teacher, Nicole Ameduri

Our best wishes to Nicole and her fiancé, Bahadir, on their June 19<sup>th</sup> wedding day. May their union be blessed with love, peace, health and friendship.



## June Dates to Remember/School Closings:

June 1	Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Pastor Klockau	June 16	UPK PM Stepping Up Program @ 7:00 PM [Church]
June 5	Grace Church Flea Market	June 18	Last full day of school
June 10	Kindergarten Stepping Up Program @ 7:00 PM [Church]	June 20	<b>Happy Fathers Day to all of our Dads</b>
June 14	Flag Day	June 21	Records Day – Dismissal at 11:00 AM - all students
June 15	UPK AM Stepping Up Program @ 7:00 PM [Class]	June 21	Welcome Summer
June 16	Pre K 3 Stepping Up Program @ 6:30 PM [Church]	June 22	Last day of school – Early dismissal at 10:00 AM - all students

## Parting is “Such Sweet Sorrow”

Our beautiful blossoms, the children, are in full bloom and, sadly, we must bid them farewell as our school year comes to an end. Happily, we are confident that we have provided a strong foundation for the children’s continuous growth. It has been our privilege and joy to lead, facilitate and observe the children as they have taken great leaps in their individual accomplishments. Thank you, once again, for allowing us to be a part of their journey here at Grace this year. For our students who are returning, we look forward to continuing the journey at new and exciting heights. For those of our students and families who are moving on, we wish you great success and hope that you will keep us up-to-date on your child’s progress.

***We CONGRATULATE all of our students and families – may this be the first of many “Stepping Up” accomplishments and celebrations!***

Thank you Pastor Klockau, Grace Church Council members, and congregation for the many beautiful ways that you have contributed to the success of our school program.

Wishing all of you a safe and happy summer,

Carla Ölmez  
Director





## **QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Grades 1st - 8<sup>th</sup>

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Our Curriculum Theme: "Grow Green" Our School Theme: "Connected in Christ"

My faculty and I wish you a blessed summer!

**School is coming to a close. It has been an interesting and challenging year for the students as well as the staff and I dare not leave out our wonderful and dedicated parents and volunteers.**

**JUNIOR HIGH FINALS:** Were administered to our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**BASEBALL:** Several of our parents/guardians/friends and students will enjoy a day at Citi Field on **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** and cheer for their team... Mets vs. the Florida Marlins. Tickets were purchased via the Lutheran Schools Association.

**YEAR END PICNIC & BBQ:** We invite you to the Grace Lutheran Church & Schools Year End Picnic and BBQ on **Sunday, June 13, 2010**. Family Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed with a Picnic and BBQ from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**DINNER & MOVIE:** For our graduates, on **Wednesday, June 16**. They'll enjoy a day away from School and a night out together with their teachers.

**GRADUATION:** We invite all of you to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> graders' Graduation Ceremony on Friday, **June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church**. Pastor Klockau will be the commencement speaker.

**FATHER'S DAY:** **Sunday, June 20**. Several of our parents/guardians/friends and students will enjoy a day at Richmond County Bank Ballpark to root for their team... the Staten Island Yankees vs. the Brooklyn Cyclones.

**OUR LAST DAY:** Is **Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Students will attend Chapel, return to school to receive their report card and be **dismissed at 10:00 a.m.**

**QLS OFFICE:** Will be open throughout the summer. We do suggest you call first before stopping by. The answering machine and fax machine will be on.

**REGISTRATION:** For new students is ongoing. If you have a child who will enter 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

*"It was You who set the boundaries of the earth; You made both summer and winter"*

*Psalms 74:17*

*Bettye J. Lee, Principal*