



Grace Lutheran Church

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A Congregation of the E.L.C.A.

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NEWSLETTER

March, 2010

Dear Friends of Grace,

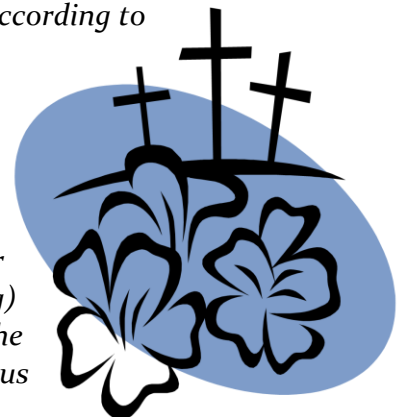
Our Lenten pilgrimage is proceeding swiftly, and it is almost time to prepare for the important observances of Holy Week. Grace has been sharing midweek Lenten services with three other local congregations, and we have been meditating on the psalms. Wednesday, **March 17th** is our turn to host. We will provide a supper at 6:00 p.m. consisting of split pea soup, salad, bread, and dessert. At 7:30 we will go upstairs into the church for Evening Prayer.

Palm Sunday is March 28th. Children's Church is at 9:00 a.m. The service at 10:00 a.m. will begin with the blessing of palm branches and will include a responsive singing of the passion story according to Luke.

Maundy Thursday is April 1st. I invite you to join us in the Blue Room at 6:00 p.m. for an "agape meal." Agape is a Greek word for "love," and an agape meal is a tradition in some Christian churches that dates back to the early church. We will share a light Mediterranean-style meal of vegetable stew, spinach pie, Greek salad, pita bread, cheese, olives, and wine. A free-will offering will be collected. Pastor Rosalind Brathwaite and the congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church have been invited to join us. At 7:30 we will go upstairs into the church for a brief service of readings, songs, and prayers, followed by an informal celebration of the Lord's Supper. Foot washing will be offered to those who desire to receive it, and the evening will conclude with the stripping of the altar. Maundy Thursday recalls the events of our Lord's last evening with his disciples, the night when he was betrayed. Not only did Jesus institute the Eucharist on that night, but he also gave his disciples a new commandment ("mandatum novum") to "love one another as I have loved you." He signified this by washing the feet of the disciples and commanding them to do the same to others. Maundy Thursday calls all Christians to recommit themselves to a life of loving service in the world.

Good Friday is April 2nd. Good Friday is the most solemn day of the church year, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. There will be two opportunities for worship. At **3:00 p.m.** there will be a **Family Service** that will include a children's version of the "Way of the Cross." Even though much of this service is designed to be accessible to children, all ages are welcome and will find it meaningful. At **7:30 p.m.** the service will be the **Liturgy of the Cross** and the reading of the passion story according to John.

Easter Sunday is April 4th. We celebrate the festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord. There will be **no Children's Church** on Easter Sunday, because we want to welcome all our children and families to the festive service at **10:00 a.m.** so that we can share together in the joy of the day. All are invited to a continental **Easter Breakfast** prior to worship, beginning at **8:00 a.m.** After the service there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** (in the yard, weather permitting) with a special visit from the Easter Bunny! This is the most important day of the year for Christians. I encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us on this very special day.



I look forward to greeting you personally in church in the coming weeks. I also encourage you to make a special Easter donation to our church as your faithful response to the gift of new life which is ours in the risen Lord Jesus Christ. May God grant us a Great and Holy Week!

Pastor James Klockau



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
MARCH, 2010

MARCH 7

Reader: Carolyn Bensen
Ushers: Linda Kvam
Julius Nytrasky, Jr.
Comm. Asst.: Carolyn Bensen

MARCH 14

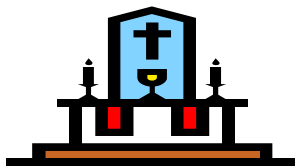
Reader: Gigi Clark
Ushers: Gigi Clark,
Barbara Gambarini
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

MARCH 21

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

MARCH 28

Reader: Carolyn Bensen
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ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
MARCH, 2010

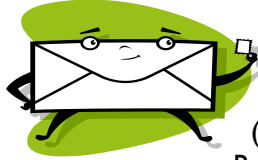
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Church Council Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our next ***Church Council meeting*** on ***Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm.***

THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE



Please note that the enclosed ***WHITE ENVELOPE*** is used for your contributions to our Capital Improvements and Renovation Fund (C & R Fund) ***and/or*** for your donations for “Holy Redeemer Church”.

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.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2010

C & R Fund.....\$ 215.00

Bear & Boiler Fund Donations\$ 24.00

Memorials from:	In Memory of:
Happy Seniors of Astoria	William Vogelmann
Geiger, Charlotte	“ “
Lund, Margot	“ “
Nytrasky family	“ “
Regler, Dorothy	“ “
Schultheiss, Linda & Howard	“ “
Schwart, Eleanor	“ “
Kvam, Karen	Linda Stephan
Richins, Mary	Kay Senenko



Total Memorials\$ 175.00

Total Haiti Donations (Feb. 2010)..... \$ 1,055.50

Total Amount Received.....\$ 1,469.50

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Eleanor Schwart, Linda Kvam
Special Accounts



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.

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!



School Newsletter- March 2010



QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

"The Academy in Astoria"
Grades 1st – 8th

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

Is It March Already?

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: Will be celebrated March 8th - 12th. We celebrate our Lutheran Identity and the uniqueness of our schools, we need to remember the Gospel message that is given us through our Savior Jesus Christ. It is also our responsibility to remember that we are asked to go and tell the message to all we meet regardless of differences that we observe.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Is celebrated in March. Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life - science, community, government, literature, art, sports, medicine - has a huge impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Has something fun planned every day during Lutheran Schools week.

CHAPEL OFFERING: For the month of March will be donated to the Lutheran Schools Association. During the months of January and February our children, parents/guardians, teachers and friends were generous with their Chapel Offering. A total of \$565.25 was collected and it will be donated to Haiti Relief Fund.

OPEN SCHOOL: Wednesday, March 10. New or returning parents may join the children in Chapel and later follow the children to their classroom to sit and see what goes on during the day. Parents may remain in their child's classroom until 11:00 am. They may also go to the blue Room for some light refreshments and view the student's work on display.

REGISTRATION: For new students is ongoing. Please call and make an appointment to have your child tested.

CONGRATULATIONS: Leila Gomez, Dylan Gomez, 3rd graders and Melanie Jelen, 5th grader. They made Principal's List – 95 % or better in every subject.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS: Sunday, March 14. Set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday, March 13.

SCHOOL CLOSED: For our Spring Recess, Thursday, April 1 through Friday, April 9.

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.

Bettye J. Lee, Principal

Wishing will never be a substitute for prayer." Ed Cole

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

"The March wind roars like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver as he passes by.
When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here."
- Author Unknown



March Themes

Early signs of Spring: buds, flowers and wind; the whimsical literature of Dr. Seuss; and other class and trip specific topics to be announced are among this month's themes.

March 17th School Trip

Our first bus trip to the New York Hall of Science on February 5th went very smoothly. On March 17th we will go to Symphony Theater to see "The Little Mermaid". Our trips are designed to enhance our curriculum, and we are especially happy that we are able to enable our students to experience the magic of the theatre.

Registration/Open House for 2010-2011 School Year

Registration for our 2010-2011 school year is off to a good start. Please 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.

Pennies for Patients

We thank all of our parents and those of you who sent in pennies, nickels, dimes, and more for this worthy cause. Know that your generosity will benefit patients with leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and other blood cancers.

Lutheran Schools Month

March is Lutheran Schools Month. We look forward to joining Queens Lutheran School and celebrating with Pastor Klockau and the congregation of Grace Church on "Lutheran School Sunday", April 18th. Please note that our March chapel offerings will be given to the Lutheran Schools Association an organization that has been serving and supporting Lutheran Schools for more than 30 years.

March Dates to Remember/School Closings:

March is Lutheran Schools Month

- March 14 Daylight Savings – set your clocks one hour ahead
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day – Everybody's a wee bit Irish 🍀 today
- March 17 School trip to the theatre to see "The Little Mermaid"
- March 20 Welcome Spring ☀️
- March 28 Palm Sunday

As the promise of Spring is in the air, why not take a moment to appreciate the beauty that surrounds you...the warmth of the sun as the days grow longer, the scent and colors of newly sprouting blossoms, the sound of children's laughter as the great outdoors once again becomes their playground.

Happy Spring! Carla Ölmez, Director



SUMMER PROGRAM



Grace Lutheran Church

31-20 21st Avenue - 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

Register on
a Weekly
Basis -
Up to 8
Weeks!

Air
Conditioned
Class
Rooms!

DAY CARE/CAMP

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