



# Grace Lutheran Church

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

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## NEWSLETTER

May, 2010

### FROM THE PASTOR

We celebrated an uplifting Easter Sunday with a standing-room-only attendance, lots of singing children and crying infants, and a beautiful, warm, and sunny day for the Easter Egg hunt. I didn't think anything could top that until we celebrated Lutheran School Sunday two weeks later and had an even bigger crowd! We have seen that when we invite our school families to join us for special worship celebrations, they respond enthusiastically. We will plan for more such times together in the future.

Children's Church continues to thrive. We are at the point where we need more adult leaders to help out. I would like to be able to offer occasional sessions of adult education during the Children's Church hour, so Deacon Carolyn will need some assistance in the service as well as in supervising the children during refreshment time downstairs afterwards. If you are able and willing to help out, please speak with Deacon Carolyn or me.

We are also appealing for help with the duties of reading, ushering, and helping with the distribution of communion. Please see Deacon Carolyn, who prepares the schedule of worship servers.

I will be offering a **new members class beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:45 a.m.** I am calling it "Life Together," and it explores issues of faith in our communal life in the Christian Church, the Lutheran tradition, and in this local congregation. Everyone is welcome, not just those who are interested in joining Grace, so if you would like more information, please see me.



Save the date for an end-of-year **"All Church and School Barbecue" on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**. We invite everyone to join us for worship at 10:00 a.m., when we hope to welcome new members into our congregation, and then plan to stay for food and fellowship afterwards. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share: salad, vegetable, fruit, dessert... Be creative!

I believe we are making progress toward our goal of uniting and strengthening our common ministry as Grace Church, Grace Lutheran School, and Queens Lutheran School. By this time next year I hope to be able to report that we are "One Church with One School." I also hope to be able to report that our financial position is much improved and that church membership and school enrollment are up. At the present time we are in a precarious financial position because the funding promised from the synod has not materialized. The synod has been suffering financially as congregations are unable to fulfill their benevolence commitments. As a result we have been dipping into our dwindling savings at a far too rapid rate. It is important at this time that everyone who has a stake in the future of this ministry give prayerful consideration to a significant increase in giving to Grace. If you read the fine print in the Sunday bulletin you realize how inadequate the current weekly giving is toward supporting the operating budget. We may be small in number, but we need to challenge ourselves to do more. Generosity is one of the fruits of the Spirit, and the cheerful giver is blessed in so many ways. Let's all do our part, trusting that God will turn this endeavor into a fruitful one!

**Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!**

**Pastor James Klockau**



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**  
**MAY, 2010**

**MAY 2**

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

**MAY 9**

Reader: Robert Gambarini  
Ushers: Barbara Gambarini  
Barbara Wilson  
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

**MAY 16**

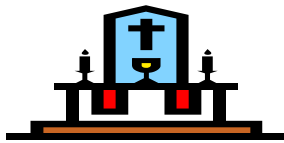
Reader: Barbara Wilson  
Ushers: Susannah Skiver  
Julius Nytransky, Jr.  
Comm. Asst.: Robert Gambarini

**MAY 23**

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

**MAY 30**

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



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**  
**MAY, 2010**

**MAY 1** Dorothy Regler

**MAY 8** Barbara Gambarini  
Robert Gambarini

**MAY 15** Dorothy Regler

**MAY 22** Barbara Gambarini  
Robert Gambarini

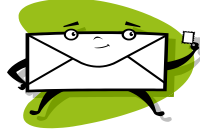
**MAY 29** Dorothy Regler



**Church Council Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for our next **Church Council meeting** on **Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm.**

**MAY 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 mail it to: **Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Avenue, LIC, NY 11105-2022.**

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL, 2010**

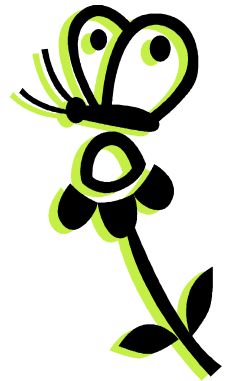
C & R Fund.....	\$ 545.00
Bear & Boiler Fund Donations .....	\$ 47.00

**Memorials from:**

Charbonnier, Margaret  
Kvam, Karen  
Richins, Mary  
Wilson, Barbara Jean  
Pappas, Paul & Peggy  
Beer, Dorothy  
Alger, Debra  
Bakke, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen  
Benerofe, Mr. & Mrs. James  
Brako, S.  
Coffey, Kristin  
Coffey, Michael & Sandra  
Geiger, Charlotte  
Koch, Lydia  
Kvam, Linda  
Mahlow, Anne Marie  
Matusch, Wilma  
Regler, Dorothy  
Rehm, Merlin D.  
Schadei, Yvonne  
Schwart, Eleanor  
Seibel-Johnson, Eleanor  
Patrick & Mary Phillips  
Richins, Mary  
Webb, Lois  
Schwart, Eleanor  
Seibel-Johnson, Eleanor  
Kvam, Linda

**In Memory of:**

**William Vogelmann**  
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**Linda Stephan**  
**Wayne Lund**  
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**Mike Adams**  
**Bertha Brunssen**  
**Dorothy Victor**



<b>Total Memorials .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,030.00</b>
<b>Spring Rummage Sale .....</b>	<b>\$ 575.61</b>
<b>Total Amount Received.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,197.61</b>

*Eleanor Schwart and Linda Kvam – Special Accounts*



# FLEA MARKET



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Tel. 718- 728-0093

## VENDORS WANTED for our OUTDOOR / INDOOR FLEA MARKET

### Saturday, June 5th , 2010

### 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Welcome to our annual FLEA MARKET this year on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will only go indoors in case of bad weather.

We are **reserving SPACES only - bring your own table** - and you will be assigned on a first come basis. Location will be determined by payment date. Chairs are available.

**Set Up Time: 9:00 am    Cost: \$30.00    Flea Market Hours: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm**



**TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO:**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make check payable to:    GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH    NO REFUNDS!**



# Grace Lutheran School News - May 2010



*"Sweet May hath come to love us, Flowers, trees, their blossoms don;  
And through the blue heavens above us, the very clouds move on."*

- Heinrich Heine, *Book of Songs*

## May Themes

Late Spring will find the children taking a close look at Butterflies; farm animals; other class specific topics; and, of course, paying tribute to **m♥ms**.

## Lutheran Schools Sunday

The sun shined brightly on Grace as Pastor Klockau, the congregation of Grace Church, Grace and QLS staff, faculty, children and their parents came together to recognize Lutheran Schools on April 18. The children and their families enjoyed refreshments and fellowship in the Blue Room. Thank you to the Grace congregation for hosting this great celebration.

## Teacher Appreciation Week May 3 – May 7

"Teacher Appreciation" is a week-long celebration honoring our teachers. Take the time to recognize the special teachers in your life for the hard work they do each day.

## Green Meadows Farm Trip

What better way to conclude our study of baby farm animals than by visiting a farm. On May 27th our students will have a first-hand opportunity to feed animals, milk a cow, and take a pony ride!

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will take place during the month of May.

## Professional Development

On May 28th our faculty and staff members will participate in CPR, First Aide, and Child Abuse training workshops to renew their certification in these areas.

## CHANGES TO OUR 2009 -2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

As we informed you in April, due to the 2 snow day closings, we made the following changes to our calendar:

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** (Friday) is now a HALF DAY for all students with dismissal at 11:00 AM

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** (Friday) is now the last FULL DAY of school

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** (Monday) is now a HALF DAY - dismissal at 11:00 AM – Records Day (All Children)

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Tuesday) is now the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - dismissal at 10:00 AM (All Children)

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

Please remind your friends and neighbors that registration for our 2010-2011 school year is ongoing. Grace Church is also in the process of registering 3-9 year olds for their summer program that runs for 8 weeks July 5<sup>th</sup> - August 27<sup>th</sup>

## STEPPING

### UP DATES IN JUNE:

The dates for our Stepping Up closing programs are as follows:

**PreK3:** Wednesday,  
June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM

**UPK PM:** Wednesday,  
June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM

**UPK AM:** Wednesday,  
June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

### KINDERGARTEN:

Thursday,  
June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Look for more details about this important event!

## Grace is in Full Bloom

Take a moment and you can savor many of the great things that are growing at Grace - from the beautiful front garden with its glorious pink Dogwood tree; to the wonders in and around the green house, including delicious strawberry plants [thanks to a very generous parent]; to the fabulous art work adorning our classrooms and hallways. But, without a doubt, our most exquisite flowers are the children - each one blooming at their own pace, bringing joy and beauty to Grace.

**Happy May  
and God's  
Blessings to  
all M♥thers!**

Carla Ölmez  
Director





## **QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**The Academy in Astoria**

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

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

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK:** Was celebrated the week of April 19. We thanked each and every single one of our volunteers and presented them with a small gift.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** Will be celebrated the week of May 3rd. We'll celebrate our teachers in a very special way.

**RING CEREMONY:** Wednesday, May 12 in Chapel. Pastor Klockau will present them with their ring and bless our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on this happy occasion.

**SCHOOL TRIPS:** Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade will go to the Queens Zoo on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx on May 18<sup>th</sup>

**NY STATE MATH TEST:** Administered to 4th & 6th on May 5th - 7th and to 7th & 8th on May 5th & 6th.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** May 11, 12 and 13. Stop by the Blue Room - browse and shop.

**CAMPING TRIP:** Our 3rd - 8th graders will go on an Educational Camping Trip on May 26th, 27th and 28th.

**MEMORIAL DAY:** Monday, May 31. The school will be closed as we commemorate our U. S. men and women who died while in the military service.

**REGISTRATION:** For new students is ongoing. If you have a child who will enter 1st - 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.

***"We salute the great sacrifice of our heroes for the gift of freedom"***

***Bettye J. Lee, Principal***

