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Dear Saints of Grace,

As we come to April once more, we also come to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection at Easter. While many years come with a connection of the spring and the new life that we see in them with the Lord's new life after the tomb, this year doesn't appear to want to spring to that new life. But whether the weather reflects it or not, just as with Christmas, we can still consider what we're celebrating, despite our associations with the time of year. And with this holiday, we get to joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as He stepped forth from the tomb showing us our forgiveness and life and salvation.

As we explore our Lenten theme of "Views of Jesus at the Cross," Holy Week and Easter will continue that discussion on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On Good Friday, we will look at Jesus as the Atonement for our sins, what atonement means and the like, and how the cross shows us what that means. Then on Easter Sunday, we'll conclude with talking about Jesus as is our Victor, and in the resurrection, we see that Jesus has won the victory for us there. He has defeated our enemies of sin, death, and the devil.

Without getting too in depth, we understand that we are held captive by sin to sin itself. We can't help but sin, and we are thereby guilty so our experience in this life reflects that captivity. The guilt of sin brings with it suffering and death. We can't escape that. Finally, this all comes at the hands of the devil who has taken us captive by them. As Christ suffers for our sin, takes our place under its wrath, and dies for it, it is paid for. He has done it all, and now we all are free by His resurrection. We have life in Him.

Not only that, but we have life as He gives it to us in the waters of baptism. You see, your baptism connects to that first Easter. As Paul says, "You were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised by the glory of the Father, you too walk in newness of life." In those waters, you, and your sin with you, were buried in the tomb of Jesus. With that union, you were also raised with Him to new life.

This means you have the forgiveness of our sins, and the joy that brings to you eternally. It also means that you live in the goodness of freedom from sin in this life as well. You are baptized and live in the victory of Jesus for you. Thanks be to God!

As we reflect on that now and at Easter, I pray the joy of that message brings you peace and comfort in every walk of your life. As the cooler weather and the clouds seem like they'll be with us perpetually, that still brings brightness and warmth. May it bring that to you in all things.

Please join us as we celebrate in this good news with the Easter Breakfast Sunday morning April 17th at 8:30 A.M. and with the Divine Service at 10:00 A.M.

Soli Deo Gloria,



Pastor Zickler



April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

April Birthdays!!



Carolina St. Charles	4/01
Emily Tribuzio	4/07
Jennifer Claster	4/13
Linda McGuire	4/14
Mark Ulrich	4/15
Marilyn Clausen	4/17
Sarah Arata	4/22
Mark Rehn	4/25
Joseph Stetler	4/27
Gayle Steele	4/29
Alex McLendon	4/30



SCRIP



Orders taken on
Sunday, **April 10th** after the Service
Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald
708-822-8094



**Please remember
to pick up your Easter
lilies after Easter
Sunday service**



**Please join us on Sunday, April 3 at 10:15am
for the Annual Grace Christian Academy
Pancake Breakfast**



All are invited to attend!

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WILLOW SPRINGS is in need of donations:

- Paper goods
- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Wipes for spring cleaning
- \$5 gift cards for Jewel or cash donations



**If you would like to add any \$\$ or gift cards, they can be either dropped in the office or given to Linda McGuire.
(Please do not leave them in the donation boxes.)**

Any & all non-expired items will be gladly accepted. There will be two collection boxes - one in the Narthex & one in the church hall.

SPONSORED BY GRACE LUTHERAN'S WOMEN'S CLUB



Contact: Linda McGuire (708) 246-3248 or Marybeth Campion (630) 835-4827

LAST DAY OF COLLECTION: SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

Please
**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



**Carwash Fundraiser
Supporting
GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

**Here at Grace Lutheran Church!
Carwash times 9am – 3pm (or later)
Saturday, May 4th
Rain out June 8th**



Holy Week Service Schedule

April 10 Palm Sunday	9:00AM
April 14 Maundy Thursday	7:00PM
April 15 Good Friday	7:00PM
April 17 Easter Sunday	10:00AM

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Lesley Arca

Peggy Barbieri, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton

Bob Blessman

Ann Cannon, friend of Doris Svec

Dan Christian, friend of Christopher Krohe

Nancy & Kent Cloninger

Jerry Cohen, husband of Tracy Cohen

Blake Donegan, grandson of John & Lois Flood

John Donegan, friend of John & Lois Flood

Sarah Figueroa, friend of the Claster family

Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

John Flood

Phyllis Floyd

Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer

Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak

Elaine Hackett, aunt of Meaghan Krohe

Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass

Doris Jacobson

Lin Johnson

Rene'e King, friend of Linda McGuire

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Mary Jane Kowal, family member of Peggy Keeler

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Jack Lapice, cousin of Doris Svec

Gail Loos, friend of Karen Hayes

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert

James McGuire, nephew of Linda McGuire

Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter

Mary Claire MoDrak, friend of Lisa Mullarkey

Debra Muir, daughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar

Lisa Mullarkey

Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman family

Dorothy Neugebauer, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar

Joyce Oberst, sister of Sue Napolitano

Shawn O'Farrell, friend of Doris Svec

Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak

Leah Picek

Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster

Caitlin Place, granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar

Kurt Seehofer, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Adam Skelton, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Kimmey Skelton, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Shirron Reid, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid

Judy & Kurt Steiner, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar

Don & Gayle Steele

Ted, Megan & Gideynn Torreson, family of Chris Krohe

Noah (Picek) Tovar, great-granddaughter of the Floods

Athey Ulrich

Jennifer Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter

Zachary Vossoughi, g.grandson of friend of Dave Haffner

Mike Walters, friend of Donna Perkowski

Lillian Winkelman

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert

Katherin & James Wong, daughter & g. son of Mark Rehn



Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

Karla Bergenthal Eleanor Kulaga

Suzette Olszewski