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Dear Saints of Grace,

As we are coming into April, that means that we are not too far from Holy Week. As usual, we will be having our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at 7:00 P.M. as well as our Easter Sunday Divine Service at 10:00 A.M. with the breakfast beforehand at 8:30. Also, if you look on the calendar, you might notice that on that Saturday, there is listed an Easter Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M. Please note that this is hosted by Redeemer in Elmhurst. As we have been hosting them for a joint Thanksgiving Eve service the past few years, the Easter Vigil serves as a counterpart to that. I have been assisting with that service for a number of years, but wanted to make a more intentional effort to notify you all of it. In light of that, I'll make more announcements encouraging you all to come, but do please feel free to join us for that at Redeemer in Elmhurst, at 123 St. Charles Rd.

Having said that, with Lent and Holy Week in mind, I thought that I would continue with the theme of items in the sanctuary this month by talking about the cross. Have you ever noticed how many crosses there are in the sanctuary? I'm sure you have noticed the big cross that lights up in the front, that one is sort of hard to miss. Likewise, I would expect you've noticed the crucifix on the baptismal font—a reminder that as we are baptized we are joined to Jesus' death for us that we might rise to new life being joined also to His resurrection. Additionally, you'll likely have noticed the crosses on the lectern (where the readings are read) and pulpit (where the sermon is preached).

However, there are quite a few more crosses in the sanctuary. For example, have you noticed the crosses in the stained glass windows? There are some there. Or, perhaps most subtly there are three crosses on each of the beams supporting the ceiling of the building. Have you noticed those? There are two that are engraved—one on each side of each beam—and there is one made from the wood of the beams themselves. Interestingly there are six beams. This means that there are twelve of the engraved crosses—an important number because twelve signifies the Church, the Twelve Tribes in the Old Testament, and the Twelve Disciples in the New Testament. I also wonder if the six crosses made from the wood of the beams themselves is also intentional. Specifically, I wonder if it is a reference to Jesus being crucified on the Sixth Day of the week, on Friday. Likewise, humans were created on the first Sixth Day making it logical that Jesus would die on the Sixth Day (and as I have noted before, rest on the Seventh Day and rise on the Eighth Day indicating the New Creation). How many crosses do you see in the sanctuary? Did I miss some?

In any case, with Holy Week coming, it is good for us to meditate on the cross of Jesus as we think about this. Thanks be to God it is by that cross, the instrument of death and execution, that Christ has died for our sins, so that in His resurrection we would have life, salvation, and the forgiveness of sins!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 13th	9:00am
Maundy Thursday, April 17th	7:00pm
Good Friday/Tenebrae, April 18th	7:00pm
(Easter Vigil Hosted By Redeemer Elmhurst) April 19th	7:00pm
Easter Breakfast, April 20th	8:30am
Easter Sunday Divine Service, April 20th	10:00am



Sign-up sheets for Easter lilies are in the Narthex & the kitchen.
They are \$15. The lilies will decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday & after the service, you can take them home.



Last day to order is Palm Sunday, April 13th

April Birthdays!!



Carolina St. Charles	4/1
Liam Blessman	4/2
Christina Enright	4/7
Emily Tribuzio	4/7
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



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Orders taken on
Sunday, **April 13th** after the Service
Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald
708-822-8094



Mark your Calendar
Sunday, April 25th

4:45pm-6:30pm

ALL Youth Service Event at

Feed My Starving Children

(followed by dinner at Salerno's Restaurant)



Issues, Etc.

*Talk Radio for the
Thinking Christian*

www.issuesetc.org

save
the
date



**Carwash Fundraiser
Supporting
GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Here at Grace Lutheran Church!
Carwash times 8am – 11:30am

Saturday, May 3rd
(Rain date May 17th)

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Jean Albert, friend of Lois Flood

Sandy Barry, friend of Pastor Zickler

Bill Bien, friend of Linda McGuire

Linda BlaneK-Novak, friend of Pat Schlueter

Bob Blessman

Vince Bonamici, brother-in-law of Del Hermann

Kate Borland, cousin of Bob Blessman

Elzbieta Cebula

Marlene Chaney, member of Women's Club

Megan Church, friend of the Stetler Family

Nancy & Kent Cloninger

Jerry Cohen, husband of Tracy Cohen

Blake Donegan, grandson of Lois & John Flood

John Donegan, friend of Lois & John Flood

Tyna Eggert

Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

Lois & John Flood

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

Dwight Gascho, step-father of Carly Yocius

Kate Gerlesits, friend of the Stetler Family

Marvin Griffin, friend of Pat Schlueter

Pam & Shawn Haslam, friends of Lois & John Flood

Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass

Nancy Henry, friend of Paul Sulak

Bonnie Jakubs, friend of Linda McGuire

Mary Jordan, cousin of Chris Sulak

Dan Kaiser, friend of the Claster Family

Nancy & Ron Kolar

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Revy Sabas Libatique, cousin of Lesley Arca-Blessman

Chris Lange, son of Cheryl Dore

Larry & Claire Latman, brother & sister-in-law of Steve Latman

Steve Latman

Allison, Rose, Rachel, Jamie & Robin, nieces of Chris & Bob Dame

Michael Martinez, step-nephew of Pastor Zickler

John Fred MacLean, friend of the Stetler Family

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert

James McGuire, nephew of Linda McGuire

Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter

Steve Miller, friend of John Mullarkey

Lisa Mullarkey

Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman Family

Frank Napolitano, brother of Tony Napolitano

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Noland Family, friends of Meg Krohe

Tracy Novak, niece of Pat Schlueter

Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak

Linda Parlin, sister of Carol Hassel

Mike Perkins, friend of Linda McGuire

Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster

Regina Polistano, friend of Mark Rehn

Dorothea Rehn, mother of Mark Rehn

David Ridenour, cousin of Chris Stetler

Kristi Schmidt, sister of Lin Johnson

Kurt Seehofer, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Barbara & James Shumate, friends of Lois & John Flood

Rose Sirois, grandmother of Jacob Corzine

Adam Skelton, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Kimmey Skelton, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Dave Stetler, father of Chris Stetler

Vanessa Stetler, sister of Chris Stetler

Doris Svec

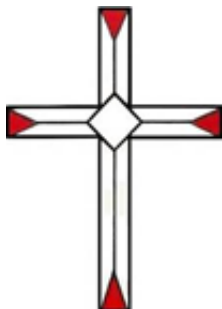
Noah(Picek)Tovar, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood

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JB, John & Johnny Weiffenbach, cousins of the Schlueter & Claster Families

Pat Williams, friend of Doris Svec

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert



Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers
Eleanor Kulaga - Suzette Olszewski