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Dear Saints of Grace,

As we come once more to Easter, we have been reflecting on the Israelites in the wilderness. We have talked about Jesus as that faithful Israelite who fulfilled what the Israelites in the desert could not, and who has fulfilled what we as God's people living in the wilderness of sin in this life also fail to do. Thanks be to God! Jesus is the One who brings us from the slavery of sin, death, and the Devil into His blessed Kingdom. Jesus is that Manna, that Bread from Heaven feeding us with eternity. He is that One who has kept the Commandments in our place, giving us newness of life. He is that One who worshipped our Father in heaven perfectly. And He is the Rock of our Salvation giving to us the waters of life by which we live in Him. Again, thanks be to God!

As we come to Holy Week this week, we will also hear of our Jesus is our Passover Lamb (at 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday), and how He is the perfect Atoning Sacrifice for our sins on the altar of the cross (at 7:00 PM Good Friday). But as we come to the end of Holy Week, it all culminates in Easter. As I say that I would like to encourage you to join us at Redeemer Lutheran in (123 E. St. Charles Rd.) Elmhurst at 7:00 on the Saturday Night before Easter Sunday and experience an Easter Vigil Service. This is a very historic service and is a great lead in to celebrating Sunday Morning.

Having made that plug, we will also have our regular Easter Morning celebration at 10:00 AM on April 5. That will be preceded by the Easter Breakfast at 9:00 AM. Come join us for all of this and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. And as you do that, reflect on what this resurrection means for us Christians. It can be so easy for us to come to celebrate and just know that Jesus rose from the dead. But what does it all mean? It means that Christ, as He was sacrificed on the altar of our sin, was proven to be the Son of God and in that was proven to be the sacrifice that was accepted by our Father in heaven.

What I mean is this. We know we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We know that this means that we deserve God's condemnation, that is, we deserve death and hell. But Christ lived the perfect, sinless life we have not. Because of this, when He died on the cross, He was paying for sin what we couldn't. His resurrection shows us that this payment was accepted in our place. It also shows us that He really was perfect. Death could not hold Him. He didn't deserve to die, and so He couldn't stay dead. But because He was not only man, but also God, now His resurrection means that this is sufficient for all of our sins. It has paid for your sins, for my sins, and for the sins of the whole world. And when you were baptized, your sin was buried with Jesus and you too were raised in His resurrection (Romans 6:4). Now, you can live with Him in heaven forever and ever when He will raise even your dead body from the grave on the day when He comes again. Once more, thanks be to God!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Zickler

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd	7:00pm
Good Friday/Tenebrae, April 3rd	7:00pm
(Easter Vigil Hosted By Redeemer Elmhurst) April 4th	7:00pm
Easter Breakfast, April 5th	9:00am
Easter Sunday Divine Service, April 5th	10:00am

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 12th** after the Service
Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald
708-822-8094

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From the Women's Club

This month, the women's club will be having someone from BEDS Plus come and talk about their organization and tell us how our church can support them. Men and women our invited for this program which will start at 1 pm



save
the
date



**Carwash Fundraiser
Supporting
GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Here at Grace Lutheran Church!
Carwash times 8am – 1:00pm

Saturday, May 9th
(Rain date May 16th)

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Jean Albert, friend of Lois Flood

Anderson Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Sandy Barry, friend of Pastor Zickler

Bill Bien, friend of Linda McGuire

Kate Borland, cousin of Bob Blessman

Chrisman Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Nancy & Kent Cloninger

Jerry Cohen, husband of Tracy Cohen

Connor Dalton, Army Reservist in the Middle East

DiStazio Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Blake Donegan, grandson of Lois & John Flood

John Donegan, friend of Lois & John Flood

Gary Domzalski, friend of Pat Schlueter

Tyna Eggert

Flanagan Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

John Flood

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

Arlene Gilbert, mother of Tracy Cohen

Gorline Family, family of Bob Dame

Marvin Griffin, friend of Pat Schlueter

Carol Hager, mother-in-law of Kerry Mikkelsen

Esther Harrison, g.mother of Chris Enright & Angie Schlie

Marilyn Haslam, friend of Lois & John Flood

Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass

Dale Hemminger, friend of the Claster Family

Nancy Henry, friend of Paul Sulak

Bonnie Jakubs, friend of Linda McGuire

Dan Kaiser, friend of the Claster Family

Bob & Peggy Keeler

Nancy & Ron Kolar

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Chris Lange, son of Cheryl Dore

Scott Latman, nephew of Judy & Steve Latman

Steve Latman

Revy Sabas Libatique, cousin of Lesley Arca-Blessman

Lim Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Josh Long, family member of Jessica Zickler

Joe Lucarelli, friend of Pat Schlueter

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

Michael Martinez, step-nephew of Pastor Zickler

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert

Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter

Rich McLaughlin, friend of Marilyn & Gary Clausen

Melucci Family, friends of the Krohe Family

Mabel Charlotte Mercer, great-niece of Kerry Mikkelsen

Steve Miller, friend of John Mullarkey

Larry Miskow, brother-in-law of Bob Dame

Lisa Mullarkey

Frank Napolitano, brother of Tony Napolitano

Tony Napolitano

Noland Family, friends of Meg Krohe

Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak

Linda Parlin, sister of Carol Hassel

Mike Perkins, friend of Linda McGuire

Phyllis, friend of Pat Schlueter

Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster

Dorothea Rehn, mother of Mark Rehn

Geri Schlueter, cousin of the Schlueter Family

Kurt, Kimmey, & Adam, family of a friend of Pastor's

Kathy Strankowski, friend of Pat Schlueter

Keelia Sulak and unborn daughter

Doris Svec

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

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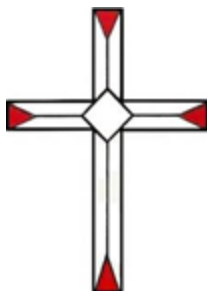
Tina Weaver, friend of Mark Rehn

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

Pat Williams, friend of Doris Svec

Sara Wilson, friend of Chris Enright

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert



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