

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Vine

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to lovingly proclaim the Gospel among all people in order to form and nurture loving communities which confess by word and deed that Jesus is Lord and Savior



The March Vine 2011

The Newsletter of St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church & School
(718) 761-1600

Divine Service:

Sunday @ 9:00 AM with Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Church:

216 Jewett Avenue (Corner of Jewett & Post)
Staten Island, NY 10302 **(no mail)**

Church Email: stjohnslutheranchurchoffice@gmail.com

Church & School Website: www.stjohnslutheransi.org

School & Church Office

663 Manor Road **(Mail Accepted)**
Staten Island, NY 10314

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**Rev. Wade A. Miller
Vacancy Pastor
(347) 459-5206**

**Roster of Officer's
St. John's Lutheran
Church & School**

Mr. Fred Bock---President

Mr. Jerry Valles---Vice President

Mrs. Janis Szoke---Secretary

**Mr. Les Szoke---Chairman
Board of Properties**

**Mr. Tom Sax---Chairman
Board of Elders**

**Mr. Dan Wuerdeman---Chairman
Board of Social Ministry**

**Mr. Bob Holls---Chairman
Board of Christian Education**



**A Message from the Elders
March 2011**

Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus,

I have recently been contacted by Pastor Priest, and we will be coordinating our first meeting with our call committee in the near future. Please keep the members of our committee in your prayers as we begin the process of calling our next shepherd. We give thanks to God for the growth in our attendance on Sunday mornings, and ask that He would continue to bless our parish.

Recently we have posted a car pool list in the church narthex. It was recommended that we reach out to those who are in need of a ride to church each week. If you don't wish to place your name on the sign-up sheet, you may call the church office and let the church secretary know that you are in need of a ride. Once we identify who needs a ride, we will then work on who can be of assistance. Also, I recently met with the parishioner from Trinity Lutheran Bay Ridge who created their website and I will be presenting his suggestions to our council members on updating the Church and School's website.

We continue to thank God for all the work that Pastor Miller continues to do for our church and school. However, since we continue to share Pastor with Trinity Bay Ridge, we had to adjust our worship times during Lent and Easter. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience during this period. Please take note of the following schedule;

March 9, 2011 Ash Wednesday 8:00 p.m. (NO SOUP SUPPER)
Mid Week Lenten Services (March 16 - April 13) 7:30 p.m. preceded by a 6:00 p.m. soup supper (Soup supper, free will offering)
Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. (First Holy Communion. Those who wish to take pictures with Pastor Miller may do so from 5 - 5:30 p.m. BEFORE the service)
Good Friday 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m. preceded by a 7:30 Easter breakfast. (Free will

offering, reservations MUST be made in advance)

Once again I encourage that if any one needs a ride to church, especially in the evening, please sign up or notify the church office. We are trying our best to assist everyone.

I know everyone makes an effort to attend Easter Sunday services, which is wonderful. However, I do feel that as Christians, we must also experience those important and solemn days that lead to Easter Sunday. These three days are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Saturday's Easter Vigil. (*This year we will not celebrate the Saturday Vigil*)

WHAT IS THE TRIDUUM?

The most solemn and joyful celebration of the Christian calendar is the period from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday. Worship on these days or evenings are traditionally considered to be parts of an unbroken liturgical service called the Triduum (Latin for "Three Days"). In the earliest days of the Christian church, the events we commemorate in the Triduum were celebrated in one day and night's continuous worship service called the Pascha (from the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word for "Passover"). The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening begins in total darkness and ends in the Light of Christ who reigns victorious as we renew the vows we made at our Holy Baptism. We will continue to observe, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Holy week begins with Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and betrayal on Maundy Thursday, His death on Good Friday, His rest in the tomb and His triumphant victory over death, sin and satan on Easter morning. I pray that everyone will be in attendance during this most solemn and sacred time in our Christian calendar.

In Christ,

Thomas Sax
Elder Chair

***“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”
Philippians 4:13 KJV***

Serving as Church Elders;
Thomas Sax
Walter Francis
Bruce Mohlenhoff
David Decker



More on Stewardship 2011.....

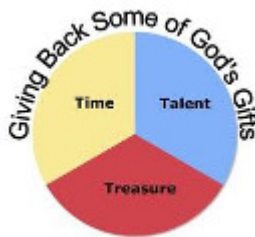
This season we have waited a long time for Lent to arrive. The word has its origin the same root as the German word for “spring”. Nature awakens from the dark, dreary days of winter. And what a winter it has been for many people in this country. With the Lord’s manifestation of Epiphany, we too find a newness of life as we prepare for the arrival of Ash Wednesday.

For forty days, baptized Christians renew their hearts through the discipline of Lent. repentance, bended knee prayer, giving up something, and in general, going over what it means to be a steward. Lent is all of these things but it is also a time of great joy as we anxiously await the feast of Easter. It is also a time of God’s renewal of Christians “zeal in both faith and life”.

A mistake that some of us make is to think only of the splendor of Easter. You know the parades, the pretty dresses, the flowers, the excitement of the moment, etc. How quickly some of us lose the somberness of Good Friday. Did you really repent during Lent? I wonder how many began the season on bended knees, pleading for God’s forgiveness. He also referred to our sins as a bunch of “dirty rags.” With this sobering look of Good Friday we should all be on “top of the world” come Easter morning. Our stewardship should desire to...just explode in our hearts, such that we cannot wait to do for others.

Please ...God that we will all become better stewards of the wonderful gifts our Lord has given us. Amen.

The Stewardship Committee
Walter Francis



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



March is "Lutheran Schools Month." Theme: "Sharing the Love of Jesus"

We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week March 6th through March 11th.

Sunday Service for Lutheran Schools Week will be at 9 AM at the school

Monday- March 7th Spirit Day. Wear school colors - green and white.

Tuesday - Dr. Jennifer Falcone, a chiropractor, will be speaking to the classes. In the afternoon, a member of the Bomb Squad, Mr. Perricone, will bring his bomb sniffing dog for a demonstration.

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday, no "Bake Sale". Chapel service will be followed by a Talent Show. In the afternoon, SI Yankees and Scooter the Cow will entertain the troops.

Thursday - Eltingville School will join us. Assembly Woman Nicole Malliotakis will be speaking to the students. There will also be a Robotics demonstration by both schools.

Friday - PAJAMA DAY Author Danette Vigilante, "The Trouble with Half a Moon" will be by to discuss her book and how she became an author.

Friday evening there will be inter- team basketball games in the gym.

Looking forward to warmer weather !!!

Mrs. Palisay

LENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

**ASH WEDNESDAY (NO SOUP/SUPPER)
WORSHIP SERVICE @ 8:00pm**

**MIDWEEK-WEDNESDAY'S
Soup/Supper 6:00PM-7:00PM
Worship Service
7:30PM**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Maunday Thursday – 6:00PM
Good Friday – 6:00PM
*NO SERVICE ON HOLY SATURDAY***

EASTER SUNDAY

**Breakfast (hot) 7:30AM (Ladies Guild is sponsoring)
(The reservations are to ensure there is enough for all to
enjoy)**

**This breakfast is at NO charge
There will be a “Free Will” offering
Worship Service 9:00AM**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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| <p>2 Barbara Pfaff</p> <p>2 Dorothy Winter</p> <p>7 Kate DeFazio</p> <p>8 Elsa Webb</p> <p>9 Ryan Heming</p> <p>23 John Gencarello</p> <p>25 Bonnie Selletti</p> <p>26 Ann Gray</p> <p>28 Christina Emmanuele</p> <p>28 Elizabeth Owen</p> <p>28 Donna D'Adamo</p> <p>29 Paul DeFazio</p> <p>29 Violet Hansen</p> | <p>2 Bill & Bev Heming</p> <p>9 Henry & Emmy Alvestad</p> <p>24 Win & Dorothy Winter</p> <p>28 Bill & Joan Mohlenhoff</p> |
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### Offerings for January-February 2011

**January .....**\$9,400  
**February.....**\$18,150



*St. John's Ladies Guild*

March 3, 2011  
Everyone is welcome to join us in the  
CHURCH BASEMENT @ 7:30 PM

*Special Guest Speaker:*  
Mystery Writer, George Hopkins, author of *Collateral Consequences*

Hope to see you then!

Brigitte Hermann, President  
Joan Mohlenhoff, Secretary

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**Saints and Church Dates**

**March 2011**

**6-Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**9-Beginning of Lent/Ash Wednesday**

**19-St. Joseph, Guardian of Our Lord**

**25-Annunciation of Our Lord**

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*A Special Thank You to the Simon family for
their generous donation.
This donation went towards the wireless
microphones for the church.*



Once again we will be serving soup, bread and dessert during Lent, beginning March 16th at 6PM.

Each week we will need four (4) soups. (Each soup 4-6 quarts)

Eleanor Hansen will provide homemade bread each week.

If you are able to provide a soup or dessert, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

During the Advent Season we served between 28-36 people.

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

If you have any questions, please see or call
Rhoda Browne
(718) 698-3356

**Festival of
Workshops**

ATLANTIC DISTRICT
March 12, 2011 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, BRONXVILLE, NY

Schedule

8:30 AM Check In, Fellowship and Morning Praise led by Crooked Roof from St. Paul Lutheran, Flemington, NJ

9:30 AM Opening Remarks by President David H. Benke. Key Note Address by Rev. Jonathan Beyer, Senior Pastor, and DCE Amos Gray, Youth Minister, First Lutheran Church, Hot Springs, AR

10:30 AM Workshop Session 1

11:45 AM Workshop Session 2 or Lunch

1:00 PM Workshop Session 3 or Lunch

2:15 PM Workshop Session 4

3:30 PM Closing and Sending Blessing

- Registration form is separate from this brochure and is available online at www.ad-lcms.org or in your church office. **Please register by March 4th.**

- Registration cost is \$25 per person, this includes lunch and check-in hospitality, if registration form and payment are received by February 28, 2011. Late registration is \$30 per person.

- Check-in will be in the Sommer Center Lobby.

- Directions to Concordia can be found at www.concordia-ny.edu click on "Discover Concordia" then, "Directions to Campus".

- Consider car or van pooling and sharing your experiences on the trip home.

- There will be a prayer booth available during lunch for those who have specific prayer concerns.

Thank you

This day of over 30 different workshops and presenters is offered to provide resources and rejuvenation so that we may continue to "live and work together to proclaim the Gospel and to provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our congregations, communities and throughout the world. And in all that we do, Christ is at the center, leading us, sustaining us, keeping us focused on mission."

To our many workshop presenters for their time and expertise and to Concordia College for the use of their campus. The 2011 Festival of Workshops is supported by a generous grant from the North East Region of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
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ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Festival of Workshops

MARCH 12, 2011 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORM

Name Email Congregation Town Your Phone Number •Registration is also available online at www.ad-lcms.org. •Registration cost includes lunch & check-in hospitality and is \$25 if received by **February 28, 2011**. Late registration is \$30. Check enclosed – Make your check payable to the Atlantic District LCMS Credit Card Amex Discover Master Card Visa Card Number Expiration Date C V V # Signature Please return with payment via fax (914) 337-7471 or mail to FOW, Atlantic District, 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708

PLEASE MARK AN X IN **ONE BOX PER SESSION LUNCH:** During Sessions Two & Three lunch will be provided, as well as a chance to connect with other attendees and visit display tables or the prayer booth. You may also choose to pick up a bag lunch and eat at one of the workshops.

SESSION ONE 10:30 AM Learn Two Things

- Developing Prayer Outreach & Ministry to Veterans
- Creating a Youth Ministry from Scratch Winning Grants to Strengthen Your Ministry
- Transforming Congregations into Mission Outposts Events as Community Outreach
- UPK to Christ The Marriage Course Resourcing the Future Demographics for Churches and Schools

SESSION TWO 11:45 AM Lunch (or pick up bag lunch & attend workshop)

- World Religions 101 Publishing on Demand Beyond Worship Wars? Beyond Style!
- Intro to Congregation Finance Documents & Process Bridging the Cultural Gap in Your Church The Pastor as Seelsorge: The Spiritual Art of Soul Care Designing Your Community Ministry Program Christian Dialog with Muslims Cyberbullying: What if it Happens to My Child?

SESSION THREE 1:00 PM Lunch (or pick up bag lunch & attend workshop)

- Starting Immigrant Missional Communities
- Guidelines for the Use of Social Networking
- Meet the Neighbors: Get to Know the Community
- Living the Eucharist in Witness and Mercy
- Congregational Revitalization Using the TCN Process
- Strategic Planning and Budgeting
- What a Congregational Archivist Needs to Know
- Identity Theft: What You Need to Know Children's Ministry Out of the Box

SESSION FOUR 2:15 PM President's Forum

- Sharing Christ through Social Media
- Finding the Open Doors to Your Community
- Separation of Church and State... REALLY
- Learning Communities (TCN)
- ESL Outreach
- The Wonders of Your Property Board
- How to Make the Most of a Short Term Mission Trip Fostering Evangelism in Small & Medium Size Church

Evangelical Pamphlets

The Evangelism Committee of St. John's offers for your interest, booklets published by the Lutheran Laymen's League, pertaining to everyday problems and concerns. The following booklets are available at the display rack in the Narthex of the church. If there is a subject of concern not listed, please contact Rhoda Browne (718) 698-3356

Alone, Alive, Fulfilled
Alzheimer's
Battles with the Bottle
Coping with Cancer
Dealing with Depression
Finding Peace
Forgiveness Is for Giving
Has God Abandoned Me?
How to Know What's Right...And Do It
No Need to Fear
Now You're Talking
Overcoming A Painful Childhood
Parenting with Purpose
Prayer and Thoughts for Caregivers
Setting Priorities
Raising Your Children with Respect
So You Prayed for A Miracle...
Surviving A Loved One's Suicide
Surviving Breast Cancer
Take Heart in Your Grief
Talking with God
The Purpose of Living, The Purpose of Dying
The Truth About Angels
"THHHPPTT!" And Other Helpful Ways to Manage Anger
Too Much to Do, Too Little Time
Unlocking the Prison of Guilt
When in Doubt...Read the Book!
Where's God in All of This?
Why Should I go to Church?

Please don't forget to submit your name to this fun interactive activity. You may fill out the form or request one from the church office.

WHO CAN IT BE?



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NAME: _____

D.O.B.: _____

BIRTHPLACE: _____

PARENT(S)/SIBLING(S): _____

SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED: _____

DEGREES: _____

MILITARY SERVICE: _____

CHILDHOOD RELIGION: _____

YEAR JOINED ST. JOHN'S: _____

INTERESTING FACTS
(MARRIED, CHILDREN, JOBS, HOBBIES,
ETC.) _____

SERVED IN CHURCH AS....

(CHOIR, SOCIAL MINISTRY, ACOLYTE, ETC.) _____

PHONE NUMBER FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS
WHO IS IT?

Each month we will be featuring a mystery parishioner in the monthly Vine Newsletter. A picture or clue of this person will be on the church basement cork board next to the piano. Let's see how well we know our fellow parishioners by trying to find out who they are by the clues given. The answer for our mystery parishioner will be published in the following months Vine. Good luck and have a little fun!

In Christ,
Tommy Sax



Psalm 100:1-2

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!*

Dearest Friends in Christ Jesus,

I just want to remind everyone that Lent will begin next month. Midweek Lenten services will begin on Wednesday, March 9, and continue each Wednesday evening ending on April 13. The adult choir will sing on the first Wednesday which is Ash Wednesday (**March 9 at 8:00 p.m.**), the children's choir and school chorus will sing the remaining five Wednesday's in Lent (**March 16 - April 13 at 7:30 p.m.**) which will be preceded by a **6:00 p.m.** soup supper. Please call me if you are unsure when you're scheduled to sing. (917 696-5227). This year our adult and children's choir will also sing during Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. During Holy Week the adult choir will sing on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please check the church calendar for service times. Some of our service times had to be adjusted this year since we are sharing Pastor Miller with Trinity Lutheran of Bay Ridge. We apologize for any inconvenience as we begin the call process.

In Christ,
Thomas Sax

Adult choir Tuesday Nights 8 - 9 p.m.
Children's choir Sunday Mornings 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Principal: Mrs. Rosemary Palisay

Reverend Wade A. Miller

February, 2011

Dear Friends of St. John's Lutheran Church & School:

St. John's Lutheran School is a private school located in Staten Island, New York. We have been offering a quality, Christian education to the Staten Island Community for over 55 years. Like most outstanding private schools, we have found the need to actively raise funds beyond our tuition to continue to give our students the tools that they will need to succeed.

Our Auction Committee is gearing up for its' "5th Annual – Celebrate our Children's Future Auction and Gala" on Friday, April 1, 2011 at "Li Greci's Staaten" at 7:00 in the evening. With the support of the St. John's Lutheran family, including parents, alumni and community members like you, we are sure that this event will be a success and a tremendous benefit for our children and their school.

This year, we will be honoring the following recipients for their great support to our school, church and community:

*Mrs. Jeanne Englert
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Graboski,
Sr. Mr. George Wonica (Jr.)*

The money raised during this fun-filled evening will be used to expand our educational program, maintain our outstanding science and technology curriculum and give our children's dedicated teachers a much deserved token of our appreciation.

Last year's Auction & Gala hosted over 150 attendees and this year we are looking forward to as many attendees if not more. We would be delighted if you would support our efforts this year with a donation and/or place your advertisement in our journal that will be given to all attendees that evening.

Please feel free to contact either Claudia Garetti, Co-Chair at (718)7272-0077 or Charm Dadulla, Co-Chair at (718) 420-6092.

*The acts of this life are the destiny of the next!
Help us to celebrate our children's future with a tax deductible donation!*

*Gratefully yours,
St. John's Lutheran's Auction Committee*

**St. John's Lutheran School's
5th Annual Auction Gala
"Celebrate Our Children's Future"
At
Li Greci's Staaten
Friday, April 1, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| 1. | <u>SPONSOR THE EVENT</u> | \$1,500.00 |
| | Includes: One table of ten | |

Name of Sponsor

- Full Page Ad in Journal (8 ½ x 11)
Signage of Company or Personal Name displayed in all rooms
2. **SPONSOR THE BANQUET** **\$1,200.00**
Includes: One table of ten
Full Page Ad in Journal (8 ½ x 11)
Signage of Company or Personal Name in the Banquet Room
3. **SPONSOR THE AUCTION** **\$1,000.00**
Includes: Six Tickets for Dinner
Full Page Ad in Journal (8 ½ x 11)
Signage of Company or Personal Name displayed in Auction Room
4. **SPONSOR THE MUSIC** **\$ 750.00** Mr. & Mrs. J. Chierchio
Includes: Four tickets for dinner
Acknowledgement in Journal
Signage of Company or Personal Name displayed by the D.J.

JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Back Cover **\$ 350.00**
Includes: Color Ad & Acknowledgement in Journal

1. **Inside Front Cover** **\$ 250.00**
Includes: Color Ad & Acknowledgement in Journal

2. **Inside Back Cover** **\$ 250.00**
Includes: Color Ad & Acknowledgement in Journal

JOURNAL PAGES

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|----|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Full Page in Journal | \$ 150.00 | 8 ½ x 11 |
| 2. | Half Page in Journal | \$ 100.00 | 8 ½ x 5 ½ |
| 3. | Quarter Page in Journal | \$ 55.00 | 4 ¼ x 5 ½ |
| 4. | Eighth of Page in Journal | \$ 30.00 | 4 ¼ x 2 ¾ |

Dinner Reservations: Per person **\$ 75.00**
A table of ten **\$ 700.00**

For Journal Ads, please attach your advertising copy or message & email them to sjljournal@gmail.com.
The deadline for Journal Ads and Sponsorships is **Friday, March 25, 2011**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. John's Lutheran School
663 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314
Attn: Auction Dept.

All Major Credit Cards are accepted please call: St. John's @ (718) 761-1858 Attn: Auction Dept.

"Donations are tax-deductible"

YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO ATTEND THE

5th Annual

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S
FUTURE AUCTION

HOSTED BY

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
CHURCH AND SCHOOL



WITH THIS YEARS HONOREES

Mrs. Jeanne Englert

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Graboski

Mr. George Wonica, Jr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011

7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

LiGreci's Staaten

697 FOREST AVENUE

STATEN ISLAND, NY 10310

\$75 PER PERSON

\$700 PER TABLE OF 10

COMPLETE SIT DOWN DINNER
WITH MUSIC, DANCING,
AUCTIONS, AND OPEN BAR

PLEASE JOIN US
AND RESERVE
YOUR SEATS BY
MARCH 11



PLEASE REPLY BY MARCH 11, 2011

RESPONSE CARD

FOR THE AUCTION

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: () _____

_____ I WILL BE ATTENDING (PLEASE WRITE NAME OF ATTENDEES BELOW

OF ATTENDEES _____ X \$75.00 = _____

_____ I WILL RESERVE A TABLE/S

NAME OF PARTY: _____

OF TABLE/S _____ X \$700.00 = _____

_____ WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS AUCTION GALA EVENT. PLEASE ALLOW US TO
OPEN OUR HEARTS AND THE MINDS OF THE CHILDREN BY ACCEPTING THIS DONATION IN
THE AMOUNT OF

\$ _____

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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

DISCOVER

MASTERCARD

VISA

AMERICAN EXPRESS

ACCOUNT# _____ EXP. _____

SIGNATURE _____

*For your convenience the serving schedule
is in the Narthex*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
LADIES GUILD MEETING
CHURCH BASEMENT
APRIL 7, 2011 @ 7:30PM**

**SEVEN LICENSED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
WILL BE PRESENTING A PROGRAM ON
HEALTH ISSUES/CARE ON S.I.**

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT JULIA DRAPER
(718) 442-8037**

**Please remember
the following deadlines:
Weekly Bulletin every
Tuesday @ 10AM
Monthly Newsletter
the third Monday
of every Month @ 11AM**



St. John's Lutheran School is looking for someone in our congregation who has experience in writing grants to help our principal to investigate grant-writing opportunities.

We are also looking for someone to develop alumni lists so that we can establish a greater relationship with our alumni.

If you can help in either of these areas, or know someone who could, please contact Mrs. Palisay at the school office.
(718) 761-1858

Thank You



EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

At Easter St. John's will be giving food to various people in need. Your contributions of food, time, and money will be greatly appreciated.

Ways To Help

1. Pack A Sack

If you would like to donate all the food needed for a family, pick up a bag with a list of required items attached. Fill the bag with the requested items and return it to the church or school by Wednesday, April 13. Bags will be available at church and at the school office beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

2. Donate Individual Items

If you want to donate individual cans or boxes of nonperishable food, you may do that. The following items are needed: canned vegetables (corn, green beans), yams, potatoes, rice, fruit, soups, canned meat (such as tuna), pasta, tomato sauce, cereal, bottled juice, and dessert. In particular, there is a need for low salt or no salt items. At the church, food may be placed in the baskets in the narthex and in the basement. At the school, food may be placed in designated boxes in the breezeway. Please bring all items to the church or to the school by Wednesday, April 13.

3. Help with Sorting and Packing

Volunteers are also needed to help with sorting and packing the food. If you would like to help in this way, stay after the service on Wednesday, April 13 or call Daniel Wuerdeman at 718-816-6461.

4. Donate Money

Donations of money may be placed in the Hunger Box on Sundays or sent to the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and designated for Hunger.

5. Deliver Food

Most of the food will be picked up, but some baskets will need to be delivered. If you can help in this way, call Daniel Wuerdeman at 718-816-6461.

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9, NIV).