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Spirit Matters

Worship Services

Sunday at 9 & 11 am
Wednesday at 6:45 pm

Adult Education

♥ Tuesday Night Bible
Study with Pastor Jim
7pm

♥ Women's Group
(GROW) Wedn at 10am.
All women are invited to
this special time to think
about Sunday's Gospel
lessons, share and pray
together. See you there!

PASTOR'S PAGE

*"When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the earth." Psalm 104:30)*

Dear Friends:

I believe that God desires renewal, not just for the earth upon which we live, which Psalm 104 speaks of, but more importantly for those whom He has created "in His own image..."

You and I need God's Spirit daily for us to grow and thrive. As we continue in our Lenten journey's (with Holy Week fast approaching), I am praying that each of us are able to set aside some time each day for renewal and refreshment. TIME that is SO crucial for the hearts and lives of God's people!

I know my own life crumbles without fresh visitations of His love. So often I find myself attempting to do ministry in and of my own strength without receiving daily "infusions" from my Lord, and I can become painfully aware of how my energy runs dangerously low...

I believe with all my heart that God's Spirit is needed daily, not just for pastors, but for all of God's people . . . so we can grow and thrive as God created and intended for us to live.

I am reminded of those wonderful words from one of our great hymns...
"Morning by morning new mercies I see..."
(*"Great is Thy Faithfulness" v.1*)

Soon we will enter Holy Week and Easter, and it is my prayer for all of God's people, that we truly receive the fresh outpouring of His Grace, His Spirit, and His Love!

Come Holy Spirit and renew the hearts and lives of your people this Lenten & Easter Season! I pray it be so. AMEN!



Lenten Challenges:

- ♥ **“Skip-it”** so others don’t have to! That donut, a cuppa coffee, a fast food meal — just **“skip it”** and donate that money saved to Grace Lutheran Church. Be sure to write what you “skipped” on your offering envelope. We’re printing them in the bulletin weekly to inspire others (your identity can be kept anonymous!). Close to \$200 raised already!



- ♥ **Attend Wednesday night Lenten suppers at 6pm and stay for the beautiful Holden service at 6:45pm**, with Lenten monologues and beautiful music. Coming up: Lila Swenson “The Gift” 03/02; Steve Anders “Beautiful Savior” 03/09; Margie Whalen “Mary” 03/16.

Calendar:

Saturday March 5, at 6pm. CHIEFS Potluck, fellowship, cards. Contact Ginny MacInnis for information or to RSVP. All are invited to this fun event! 310-839-6015.


Sunday March 6 & 13 between services. First Communion classes. Children as young as 4 yrs old are invited to attend a series of 3 short classes on what communion is all about. Contact Lisa Skelley to sign up skelleyone@gmail.com or 310-559-1027



Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2pm. Claire Skelley in CCHS Musical “On the Town”
Let’s get a group together to see this talented young lady of Grace in her last high-school musical. She was recently accepted into the NYU, Steinhart Vocal Performance program! Tickets are \$10 for senior citizens and \$15 for younger. **RSVP to Lisa Skelley at 310-559-1027 or skelleyone@gmail.com**

ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY Saturday, March 19th. 9am to 12pm. Let’s make the place SPARKLE for the holy days! Even if you can’t stay all morning, a half hour or two would be terrific. Jobs for men and women, young and old!



 Saturday we’ll also set up for **“Margie’s Joyful Bake Sale”**—renamed in memory of Margie Joy, who led this event for many, many years. Please bring homemade baked goods (plated and priced if possible) from 9am to noon. **Let’s make “Margie’s Joyful Bake Sale” an especially great one this year!**

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20, 9am & 11am. Celebrating the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, then recounting the story of Holy Week.



Special Services: Maundy Thursday, commemorating the Last Supper, and **Good Friday**, a solemn evening using readings, candles and bells to recount Jesus’ last days. Thursday March 24, and Friday March 25 at 7pm.

Saturday March 26, 9am to noon. Set up for Easter Brunch, decorate the church, and make the Lily Cross. Many hands make light work! We know it’s a busy week, so may God especially bless you!



Easter Sunday, March 27—Bells, Choirs, Horn and Praise to celebrate the Risen Christ ! !



Easter Brunch between services, pictures with the “Bunny” and Egg Hunt on the north lawn for the little ones. Church members, please introduce yourselves to visitors and help them get acquainted on the lawn during brunch. Bless you!

Camper Name _____ Age _____ Grade/Fall 2016 _____

Parent/s name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____

Grace Church 2016 Summer Camps

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[] June 27 – July 1 STEM Camp Age 8-14. Time 9-1pm. **\$150.** Science, Technology, Electronics and Math camp with AWESOME hands-on learning and teamwork—including experiments, activities, puzzles, and games.

[] July 5–8 Ms Lisa's Art Camp—Chinese Art & Folklore Age 6 & up. 9-1pm. **\$150.** Explore the ancient and modern world of China through art, crafts, stories and music.

[] July 11–22 Roald Dahl's "JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH" Musical Age 9 to 15. 9am to 3pm. Performances July 23/24, 29/30. **\$450** (includes materials fee).

[] July 25–29 "Broadway Beats" Dance Camp AND "Park & Play" Age 6-10. 9-1pm. **\$150.** Singing, dancing from 9am--11am, then play time 11am—1pm!

[] August 1-5 Vacation Bible Camp—Deep Sea Discovery
God is with you wherever you go! Ages 4 & up, 9-1pm. **\$100**



[] August 8–12 Nature Camp Explore the beauty and blessings of nature with Marina Tidwell, author of *Beyond the Beach Blanket*. Age 8 & up. 9-1pm. **\$150**

- EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT \$25/Camp before June 1
 - PLEASE pack a healthy snack AND a healthy lunch
 - Register or reserve soon — Camps fill up EARLY
- Partial "camperships" are available. Contact Marina in the church office

AFTERCARE 1pm to 5pm = \$75/week

\$1/minute after 5pm. If you need fewer hours, the cost is \$5/hour. Please indicate the dates/times:



Lisa's Thank You Corner

Many, many thanks to the following folks for all of their wonderful volunteering:

Betty Karlberg, for always stepping up, pitching in and asking, "How can I help?" She's so amazing—and a very popular waitress at Grace Diner. (She even wears heels while waiting tables!)

Jerry Gottschalk, for not only doing a great job being Council Treasurer, but for also choosing the best quotes for our lawn sign. Keep 'em comin', Jerry!

Joan Engen (aka Mrs. Fluffy) for taking over phone duty each Tuesday during our weekly staff meetings. She's a ray of sunshine!

Everyone who donated coins during "Souper Bowl" Sunday. The kids love the sound of that change hitting metal.

Marty Hente, for being such a devoted advocate for Habitat. The upcoming Culver City build is exciting!

and Erna Guy, for her cheerful disposition and willingness to serve as greeter on Sundays. She is a beautiful person, inside and out and is truly an inspiration to me!

Special Ministries . . .



ANNOUNCING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAYS

July 23, August 20 and September 17

Build Location: Inglewood, CA

Time: Arrive at 8:00 AM and finish at 3:30 PM

Must be 16 and older to participate

RSVP to reserve your spot! mhente@sbcglobal.net



El Salvador

GRANT APPLICATION available. Check with Marina if you'd like to help apply for 2016 Visitation Ministry.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) will award \$500 to \$2500 grants to a congregation looking to start a visitation ministry at an immigration facility in our community.



If you would like to be a part of the El Salvador ministry, please contact Pr Ellen:
ejennrich71@gmail.com 310-391-8579 310-351-0319



Please consider making a regular donation to **GRACE DINER** in addition to giving to Grace Church. Every little bit helps! The Diner touches the lives of the most needy members of the community by providing a FREE delicious hot cooked meal each week for nearly 100 people.

www.GraceDiner.org



Church Budget, January 31, 2016

Budget (ytd): \$72k

Received: \$71.5k (Status: \$500 in the red)



Praise God, we did better financially in January! May God bless you for remembering your tithe. By giving generously and prayerfully we can keep the many ministries of Grace Church strong and healthy. Our "Simply Giving" program of on-line donations can help you stay on track. Ask Marina about it!

2 Corinthians 9:6 *"But this I say, those that sow sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and those that sow bountifully shall reap also bountifully."*

From our Council President, Michelle Moreno:

I'd like to take this opportunity to say that our church is a special one because of the wonderful people who fill it. Thank you for being a part of it!

If, like me prior to coming to Grace, you had never volunteered at church but always wanted to: please do! Whatever your skill is the Lord can make use of it! Currently we're looking for Sunday School teachers. Not good with kids? That's okay! We have a "honey-do" list that's longer than a line at In-and-Out. Have you always wanted to sing or be involved in the service or garden or organize or . . .? Great! We need you!

This church is wonderful because of the people. I look forward to seeing how your wonderful gift makes our church even more vibrant!



Prayer Ministry

**Don't forget your
Secret Prayer
Partner!**

John Andrew
Carol Auslander
Patti & Sean Baker
Biggs family
Paula Boelsems
Monique Charland
Mary Jo Collette
Carl Cox
Betty Davis
Lynn Erickson
Jana Franz
Elaine Goodyear
Margaret Gottschalk
Larry & Doris Green
Betty Gregory
Pr S Gunderson
Erna Guy
Liz Hawkes
Craig Heath
Patricia Jefferson
Bob Jennrich
Karen Johns
Darren Jones
Mike Keithley

Brenda Langdon
Betty, Cindi & Shawn
Lasley
Linda Lovgren
Blanche Kline
Bernice & Roy Mathison
Pr Matias
Paul Mayberry
Kebo, Don, Jensu Mark
Gladis Moreno
Margaret Olson
Pastor Carlos Paiva
Barbara Petersen
Albert Prabhu
Nancy Reeve
Leota Thorne
Pat Trelinski
The Walden family

All In the Military,
especially:
Brenna Miller,
Freddie Wilson



March Birthdays

Evan Miller 03/01	Eva Westholm 03/19
Joanie Maines 03/02	Joyce Raichel 03/20
Carol Hayes 03/04	Mark Kleinman 03/23
Maggie Johnson 03/05	Roger MacGregor 03/24
Craig Heath 03/10	Katie Peters 03/27
Ian Carter 03/11	Clare Snodgrass 03/27
Virginia MacInnis 03/13	Angie Kirk 03/29

Grace Notes Sponsorships are \$25 per month to help the church defray the cost of materials and postage. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**The March issue of Grace Notes
is sponsored:**

*With love from the Wehbi family in memory
of Debbie Berger*

&

*By Ginny MacInnis in honor of her special
birthday*

March Roster

HELP NEEDED! Please check below.
Can you help? Please let us know!

March 6— 4th Sunday in Lent		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Mark Kleinman	Patti Baker
Lector	Nancy Watson	Diana Kirkpatrick
Cantor	Sherry Hutson	Praise team
Crucifer	Mark Kleinman	Patti Baker
Acolyte	NEED HELP!	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Sherrri O'Daniel	Sherrri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

March 13— 5th Sunday in Lent		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	M Zamorano	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Patti Baker	Patti Baker
Lector	Betty Davis	Katie Parks
Cantor	Zara Browne/ Michelle Lacy	Praise team
Crucifer	Patti Baker	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Jessica Carroll	M Zamorano
Children's Sermon	Patti Millett	Patti Millett
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Greeters	NEED HELP!	Schneiders

March 20— PALM/PASSION SUNDAY		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Michelle Moreno	Patti Baker
Com. Asst	M Tidwell/ M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Lector	Sherrri O'Daniel	Jerry Gottschalk
Cantor	David Stamford	Praise team
Crucifer	Mark Kleinman	M Zamorano
Acolyte	Jessica Carroll	John Maines
Children's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

3/24 Maundy Th.		3/25 Good Fri.
7pm*		7pm*
Asst Minister	Betty Davis	Not applicable
Com. Asst	Jessica Carroll	Not applicable
Lector	MJ Petersen	Marty Hente
Cantor		N/a
Crucifer	Jessica Carroll	N/a
Acolyte	Ginny MacInnis	Katie Parks
Children's Sermon	Pastor Jim	N/a
Altar Guild	Betty Davis	N/a
Greeters	Tidwells	Tidwells

March 27—EASTER SUNDAY		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Marina Tidwell
Com. Asst	Jessica Carroll	Patti Baker
Lector	Barbara Bilbao	Marina Tidwell
Cantor	Claire Skelley	Michelle Lacy/Praise team
Crucifer	Jessica Carroll	Patti Baker
Acolyte	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Pr Jim Maines
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters and "Exit Greeters"	Tidwell, Zeigler, Grimm, Mark, Engen	Schneiders, ushers, mem- bers of Grace

* choir

*If you are unable to make your assigned time, please find a replacement and contact the office.
Please check your weekly email reminder for updates to the roster!*

March 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Th	Fr	Sat
		1 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	2 10am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 6:45 Holden Serv.	3 9am Office Angels 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 Alice in Wonderland rehearsal 3:30 to 5:30	5 CHIEFs 6pm
6 4th Sunday in Lent 9am & 11am Services 1st Communion class ii	7 4:30pm Grace Diner	8 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	9 10am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 6:45 Holden Serv.	10 9am Office Angels 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 Alice in Wonderland rehearsal 3:30 to 5:30	12
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20 PALM PASSION SUNDAY 9am & 11am Margie's Joyful Bake Sale between services	21 4:30pm Grace Diner	22 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	23 10am Bible Study No service this evening. Please join us for Maundy Thursday service -> And Good Friday ->>	24 9am Office Angels Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm	25 Alice in Wonderland rehearsal 3:30 to 5:30 IN FIRESIDE ROOM Good Friday Service at 7pm	26  Volunteers needed! Dress the church and set up for Easter brunch. 9am to 12pm
27 CELEBRATE EASTER 9am & 11am Brunch & "Bunny" between services	28 4:30pm Grace Diner	29 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	30 10am Bible Study 6pm Soup Supper 6:45 Holden Serv.	31 9am Office Angels		

spring break for ccusd

Celebrate the Savior

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20 at 9am & 11am

Maundy Thursday Service, March 24 at 7pm

Good Friday Service, March 25 at 7pm

Easter Sunday, March 27 at 9am & 11am

Bells, Choirs, Horn, Praise!



Easter Buffet between services
And for the little ones:
Pictures with the "Bunny" & Easter Egg Hunt

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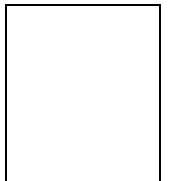


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