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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

On Easter we are profoundly reminded that ours is a God who keeps his promises! He promised to rise in three days, that death and the grave would NOT hold Him, and that He is NOT among the dead, but among the living!



Our Lord has gone beyond mere words to fulfilling that which was promised long ago...that He truly would rise again. When our Lord makes a promise, you can bet your life that HE DOES carry through with His promises.

We are a people of promise! As God has fulfilled His promise of raising up for us our Lord and Savior, so He continues to work His many promises in and through our own lives today.

Remember and take to heart two of our Lord's promises: "*Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age*", and "*I will never leave you or forsake you.*" If we lived by those two promises alone, we would see a transformed church.

Why not try a bold new step this season of Easter, and wake up each morning believing in God for some of His many promises? I believe that as we continue to read our Bibles (*hint, hint...*), we will be amazed at the many promises that still await our discovery!

It is my hope that we live each day as those PEOPLE OF PROMISE! And I pray we never stop discovering the many promises that await us this Easter Season!

“Skip-it” Challenge UPDATE: **\$440.25** — That’s how much we received from church members who skipped a donut, a cuppa coffee, a fast food meal, flowers, a quilting magazine, chocolate, bits and pieces, odds ‘n’ ends, you name it — and donated the money they saved to Grace Church. That’s money that can pay for 6 weeks of aftercare for 12-15 kids from the local schools, or 2 months of phone/internet service for the church, or 3 months of garbage pick up. Isn’t it amazing what a little bit can do when we all work together? It’s almost like . . . loaves and fishes! God bless everyone who participated!

Calendar:



Friday, April 1—No Alice in Wonderland rehearsal.
Rehearsals on Friday 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29



Saturday April 2 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, April 3—2nd Sunday of Easter. Services at 9am and 11am. Lisa and Tom are taking the Youth on a retreat this weekend so our traditional Luau Sunday will be on the 10th.



Luau Sunday, April 10—3rd Sunday of Easter. Services at 9am and 11am. Drop off any leftover ham and pineapple, and we’ll make them into delicious skewers to feast on. Wear Hawaiian shirts and get ready to party and picnic between services!



Saturday, April 16 at 7pm—Claire Skelley’s Grace Diner Fundraiser
“Life in Song (so far)”

An evening of musical theater with Claire and friends. The concert is free, but donations to Grace Diner are encouraged! Claire has been volunteering for Grace Diner since she was 12, and its ministry is near and dear to her heart. She’ll be attending NYU in the fall and majoring in Vocal Production/Musical Theater.



Sunday, April 17—4th Sunday of Easter
Red Cross Blood Drive 8am to 4pm.
Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office
310-559-1027



Sunday, April 24—5th Sunday of Easter. Services at 9am & 11am.

***Don’t forget, we’ve updated and streamlined our 11am service.
If you haven’t checked it out, please give it a try!***

In May

ALICE IN WONDERLAND performances on May 14 & 15
Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 21st

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 **Ronald 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 Beatz" 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

♥Spring is springing up all around us—and so are many wonderful volunteers! Here are some folks I'd especially like to mention:

♥Catherine, Matthew and Steven Lanzarotta for the kindness they show Grace Diner by donating trays of yummy food. Last month it was spaghetti and meatballs. The diners each got a take-out meal. The Lanzarottas are awesome!

♥Susan Hershey stops by our church after school sometimes with a delicious treats for the aftercare kids. What a saint! I love her! The kids love her! Thank you so much, Susan.

♥Alex Cable, who does countless jobs around the church. He is always so cheerful and ready to help out. The world needs more Alex Cables!

♥All the people who helped out at Church Clean Up Day: Members of the Shenzhou Mission church, Ken Smith, Tom Hayes, Mark Kleinman, Alex Cable, the Tidwells, Linda Schumitzky, Katie Parks, Max Hanna, Nancy Watson, and Linda Webhi. Did I miss anyone? You all made a BIG difference!



♥Thank you to ALL the bakers of Margie's Joyful Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Everything was delicious. Someone bought all of Martha Keister's famous potato chip cookies before I could get in there! You know who you are! And to Joan Engen for spear-heading the Sale!

♥Everyone who donated toward our Easter Brunch. What a generous congregation we have! Or is it worth it having Ken and I wear bunny ears?

Grace Diner just lost our connection at Ralphs grocery store who supplied us with free dessert donations. We could really use cakes, pies, and cupcakes from the Ralphs "day old" bakery rack. Just drop them off in Lisa's office. Bless You!

We are no longer accepting old batteries, printer cartridges or eyeglasses. Staples and Office Depot recycle batteries and cartridges. The Lions Club might take the eyeglasses.



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

Stay tuned for the Mission Trip and collection of OTC medications and other supplies for our sister churches this summer.

If you would like to be a part of the El Salvador ministry, please contact Pr Ellen: ejenrich71@gmail.com
310-391-8579 or 310-351-0319





Church Budget, February 2016

Budget (ytd): \$97K
Received: \$100K



Praise God, we did very well financially in February!

If we can maintain normal giving, we won't have to draw upon the church's emergency fund through the summer months (when giving typically drops while people vacation).

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."*

Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with **Pentecost Sunday**.

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
 Blanche Kline

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

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



April Birthdays

Claire Skelley 04/03
 Claudia Van de Ven 04/05
 Carol Hoebink 04/06
 Jack Skelley 04/10
 Lois Mulleneaux 04/12
 Bernice Mathison 04/14
 Freddie Wilson 04/15
 Martin Hente 04/16
 Richard McKeon 04/16
 Barbara Jefferson 04/16
 Frank Keister 04/19
 Carly Priebe 04/19
 James Harrold 04/25
 Margaret Lowe 04/25
 Kaiya Weeks 04/27
 Albert Prabhu 04/30

April Roster



April 3—2nd Sunday of Easter

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Mark Kleinman	Jessica Carroll
Lector	D'lee Mayberry	Diana Kirkpatrick
Cantor	tbd	Praise team
Crucifer	Mark Kleinman	Jessica Carrol
Acolyte	Jinjin Mayberry	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Sherri O'Daniel	Sherri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	The Engens	Marilyn Schneider

April 10—3rd Sunday of Easter

	9:00 a.m.*	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Keeshawn Andrew
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Alexis Andrew
Lector	David Stamford	Sean Andrew
Cantor	tbd	Praise team
Crucifer	Mark Kleinman	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	M Zamorano	Olivia Andrew
Children's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Greeters	John Ziegler	Erna Guy

April 17—4th Sunday of Easter

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Patti Baker	Patti Baker
Lector	Sherri O'Daniel	Raquel Welch
Cantor	tbd	Praise team
Crucifer	Patti Baker	Patti Baker
Acolyte	NEED HELP!	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Patti Millett	Patti Millett
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

April 24—5th Sunday of Easter

	9:00 a.m.*	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	John Maines
Lector	Barbara Bilbao	Mark Kleinman
Cantor	tbd	Praise team
Crucifer	Elaine Hente	John Maines
Acolyte	NEED HELP!	Patti Baker
Children's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	M Zamorano
Greeters	The Engens	Marilyn Schneider

* choir

HELP NEEDED! Please check above.
If you can fill in — let us know!

Sorry to "bug" you, but if you are unable to make your assigned time,
please find a replacement and then tell the office.



Don't forget to check your weekly email reminder for updates to the roster!



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