

# GRACE NOTES

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

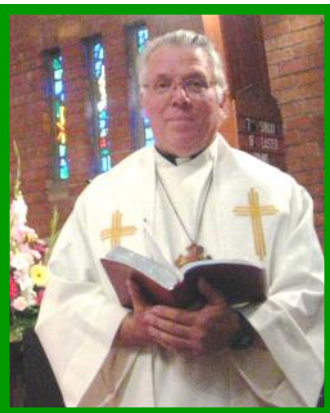
Spring has sprung! Everywhere I look I see nature exploding in full bloom... and it is wonderful! I guess that old saying; "*April showers bring May flowers*" carries much truth! We start the season with a celebration with our dear sister church St Mary's of Palms on Ascension Day, Thursday May 5th at 7pm. I hope you will join me as we commemorate the day that Jesus Christ was lifted into heaven before the very eyes of his disciples.

In May, we come to another of the great truths of the Church... that marvelous festival known as Pentecost; a time when the church exploded into "*full bloom*" as God's Holy Spirit was poured out into the hearts and lives of the people of that day.

**The Church was literally "birthed" on the day of Pentecost, and has continued to blossom and grow to this day. It is my hope that the people of Grace will continue to be a church that explodes with God's renewing and empowering love! The Church was never meant to continue apart from the POWER SOURCE that gave it life and vitality!**

As we have experienced the awesome "*showers*" of Easter Resurrection glory, I pray that we would blossom and grow into the joy and empowerment of the approaching Pentecost Season.

May we as the Church of God continue to move in ever-increasing ways into the flow of God's current — the River of God! Celebrating the Easter and Pentecost seasons with you...



### 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!

## In May



# He ascended into heaven

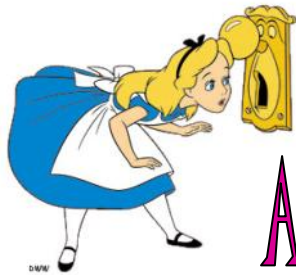
**Thursday, May 5th at 7pm Ascension Service.** Ascension Day is observed on the 40th day of Easter to commemorate Jesus Christ's rising into heaven, according to ACTS 1:9 of the New Testament of the Bible. **PASTOR JIM WILL BE OFFICIATING** at our sister church, St Mary's of Palms, 3647 Watska Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034. Please come join him for this "uplifting" and meaningful service!

**Saturday May 7 at 6pm. CHIEFS** Potluck, fellowship, cards. Contact Ginny MacInnis for information or to RSVP. All are invited to this fun event! 310-839-6015.

# Day of Pentecost



**Sunday, May 15 9am and 11am**



## Disney's

# Alice in Wonderland, Jr.



**MAY 14th at 7pm and May 15 at 2pm**

Tickets are free but donations of any size are welcome. Please help us spread the word! We're using this FUN and ZANY musical as a way to raise money for Backpacks for Kids program at CCUSD and the free afterschool programs for children and youth at Grace Church.



# Ladies, You Are Invited to Tea and Luncheon

*Saturday, May 21 at 1pm in the Fireside Room with all the ladies of Grace*  
**RSVP TO LISA: [skelleyone@gmail.com](mailto:skelleyone@gmail.com) or 310.559.1027**



## Lisa's Thank You Corner

A big shout-out to all the folks who continue to make Grace Lutheran a busy, thriving community. Three staff members can't possibly run a church by themselves. We are so blessed by the work you do for the Lord.

*Special thanks to the following saints:*

**Linda Webhi and Cathy Biggs** for putting on the beautiful reception at Claire Skelley's fundraiser recital. The tables looked great. The food was devoured. And the concert raised \$1500 for Grace Diner!

**Tony Koppula** for stepping up to help teach Sunday School. This is one brave man.

**Christine and Jim Lyall**—An amazing (and cute) volunteering couple! They work hard at Grace Diner each week, smiling all the while. Love them!

**All the Sunday School kids and parents** for helping with our very fun Luau. Man, those kids are dynamos!

**Marsha Heath**, for being so sweet and so cheerful, always! She lights up the church on Sunday mornings.

**Michelle Moreno**, Council President, for being the female version of MacGyver. She could jump start a truck with a cactus! I'm thanking her in advance for helping out with the Grace Diner website. P.S. I haven't asked her yet!

**Announcement:** Between Claire's graduation and other demands on the Skelley time (and Lisa requesting a REST from the Yard Sale), we will NOT be having a Youth Yard Sale in June. Instead, we ask you to support Marina's **Alice in Wonderland** to help raise money for Youth programs at Grace. Invite friends and neighbors and donate your time to attending the play!

This fall we're planning an **AMAZING Holiday Boutique** featuring vintage items, jewelry, book room, Christmas gift items, goodies, and décor galore for sale!



### 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](mailto: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: [ejennrich71@gmail.com](mailto:ejennrich71@gmail.com)  
310-391-8579 or 310-351-0319





## CHURCH BUDGET, MARCH 2016

**Budget (ytd): \$121k**

**Received: \$122k**



May God bless you for remembering your tithe!  
Please please please keep us in mind as you vacation this summer. Our "Simply Giving" program of on-line donations can help you stay on track. Ask Marina about it!

*Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.  
For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*



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](http://www.GraceDiner.org)

## 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  
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



### Don't forget Adult Bible Study opportunities:

- ♥ Tuesday Evenings at 7pm with Pastor Jim, in the Fireside Room—open to all.
- ♥ Wednesday Mornings at 10am with Pr Ellen Jennrich, in the Fireside Room, for all women.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Skylar Lima 05/01	Lisa Skelley 05/15
Christine Lyall 05/01	Crystie Rooney 05/16
Kyle Peters 05/02	Patrick Hayes 05/16
Wayne Maass 05/03	Betty Karlberg 05/16
John Meyers 05/04	Todd Miller 05/16
Shawn Lasley 05/05	Patricia Lowe 05/18
Derrick Hente 05/08	Jessica Parr 05/21
Loren Petersen 05/08	Patrick Case 05/22
Miriam Stenshoel 05/12	Emma Baker 05/23
Margaret Zamorano 05/14	Grace West 05/26
D'Lee Mayberry 05/14	John Maines 05/27
Barbara Bilbao 05/15	Ron Engen 05/28
Marilyn Schneider 05/15	



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:

# MAY ROSTER



## May 1—6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Katie Parks	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	Patti Millett	Patti Millett
Altar Guild	Marina Tidwell	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	The Engens	Marilyn Schneider

## May 8—7th 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	Marilyn Schneider

## May 15—Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Marty Hnete	Patti Baker
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	Sherri O'Daniel	Betty Davis
Cantor	tbd	Praise team
Crucifer	Elaine Hente	Jerry Gottschalk
Acolyte	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

## May 22—Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Patti Baker
Lector	Raquel Welch	Betty Davis
Cantor	tbd	Praise team
Crucifer	<b>Choir member</b>	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Sherri O'Daniel	Sherri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	Betty Davis	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

## May 29—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.	
Asst Minister	John Priebe
Com. Asst	Katie Priebe
Lector	John Priebe
Cantor	tbd
Crucifer	Katie Priebe
Acolyte	M Zamorano
Children's Sermon	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano
Greeters	The Priebe

\* *choir*



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!



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

# MAY 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Th	Fr	Sat
1 6th Sunday of Easter 9am & 11am Services	2 4:30pm Grace Diner	3 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	4 10am Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	5 9am Office Angels <b>7pm Ascension Service at St Mary's of Palms</b> 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 <b>Alice in Wonderland rehearsal 3:30 to 5:30</b>	7 <b>Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal Time TBA</b>  <b>CHIEFs 6pm</b>
8 7th Sunday of Easter 9am & 11am Services	9 4:30pm Grace Diner	10 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	11 10am Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	12 9am Office Angels 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 <b>Alice in Wonderland rehearsal 3:30 to 5:30</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND PERFORMANCE 7pm</b>
<b>15 DAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9am & 11am Services  <b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND PERFORMANCE 2pm</b>	16 4:30pm Grace Diner	17 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	18 10am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	19 9am Office Angels 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 TAG 3:30pm	<b>21</b>  <b>LADIES TEA</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b> 9am & 11am Services	23 4:30pm Grace Diner	24 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	25 10am Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	26 9am Office Angels 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 TAG 3:30pm	28
<b>29</b> 2nd after Pentecost  <b>ONE SERVICE 10am</b>  <b>Memorial Weekend</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office closed  4:30pm Grace Diner	31 3:30pm WOW 5:30 Bell rehearsal 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study				

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&  
Free Afterschool programs  
at Grace Church



*Suggested donation of \$10/person,  
but any amount is welcome!*



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