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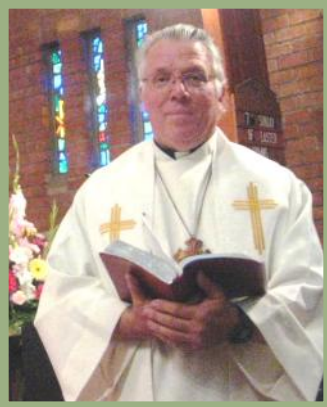
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Spirit Matters

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



I am loving this wonderful warm and sunny weather!

But I also have got my summer projects lined up... which includes some exercise, some reading, some landscaping, and some gardening!

I know that our walk of faith continues as well. We are the people of God, no matter what season it is. And thank God, our Lord does not take the summer off! For I know that even during these sometimes slower days of summer, that God continues to do what God continues to do... working each day quietly, calmly... pruning away the unnecessary within us, helping us to grow, and shaping the masterpiece He is fashioning within us.

Is this an easy process? Not on your life! But a necessary one as the "Heavenly Gardener" continues to guide us into the grace-centered people we are called to be. Sometimes this process involves being pulled and pruned beyond our comfort levels — and speaking from experience, I know the process can be a bit on the painful side.

Try as we may to avoid it, I believe there will always be hurt and pain in life. We cannot grow without it. Yet I believe we are made strong and refined through the many hardships and struggles of life. They are necessary ingredients if we are to grow and mature in God's image.

So, even during these summer months, do not be discouraged! We are still a people who are under construction... and God is definitely not finished with us yet! We are continually being made into the likeness of our Creator, and I am forever thankful to God for that! Enjoying this summer with you. . . .



Pastor Jim



Church Budget Status, May 2016

YAY! Received (YTD): \$171k.

Budgeted: \$169k

God bless you for your donations to the many ministries of Grace Church.

Please please please try to keep up your giving and keep us in mind as you vacation this summer.

The Church's "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."



Hello from Happy Habitat Hammer!!



We are getting closer to the build days for Grace Lutheran, and there is good news and not so good news. OK, we'll get the "bad" news over with first. There was such a large response from congregations for the July 23 build date that we were asked if we could delay our day. We are still on and strong for the Aug 20 and Sept 17 days.

I thought you might like to know a few facts about the partnership between Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial. Habitat for Humanity's mission is to strive for a world where everyone has a decent place to live, and part of Thrivent's mission is to care for others and help strengthen communities. It really is a "no brainer"! But there is more. Did you know that there are three programs under the Thrivent umbrella? Thrivent Builds Homes, builds new homes for eligible families; Thrivent Builds Repairs, repairs homes that need major maintenance to keep them habitable, (many of these homes are owned by veterans and other low income families); and Thrivent Build Worldwide, where Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity build homes around the world. All three of these Thrivent programs enable Habitat for Humanity to complete many more homes than would have otherwise been possible. It also gives Thrivent members additional chances to volunteer.

- Since 2005, These two organizations have committed \$226 million.
- Individuals like yourself have given over 4.7 million volunteer hours .
- There have been 4,800 homes build or repaired globally.
- Families have felt the positive impact of home ownership in 48 states, the District of Columbia and 43 countries.

Through Habitat for Humanity, The Thrivent Builds program empowers Christians to put their faith into action in a way that positively impacts both homeowners and themselves. What's more, the long-term impacts of homeownership makes a real difference in a church's community. The families purchasing a Thrivent Builds Home or benefitting from a Thrivent Builds Repair know that their houses were built and improved with love and fellowship.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on August 20. All you need to do is send an e-mail to Marty Hente at: **mhente@sbcglobal.net**. Anyone age 16 or older is welcome. There are things that everyone can do, so don't think you can't help. Oh, and remember, your lunch will be provided!

Meanwhile, keep praying. Pray for Habitat for Humanity worldwide, and also that our Culver City 10 home build project continues to move forward with construction hopefully beginning later this year and into 2017.

See ya this summer!!

Prayer Ministry

Andrew family
 Carol Auslander
 Patti & Sean Baker
 Irene & John Basaraba
 Biggs family
 Paula Boelsems
 Cal Caldwell
 Betty Davis
 Elliott-Sick family
 Lynn Erickson
 Jana Franz
 Jerry Gottschalk

Doris Green
 Betty Gregory
 Pr S. Gunderson
 Erna Guy
 Craig Heath
 Patricia Jefferson
 Bob Jennrich
 Karen Johns
 Mike Keithley
 Brenda Langdon
 Betty, Cindi & Shawn Lasley
 Blanche Kline

Bernice & Roy Mathison
 Kebo, Don, Jensu Mark
 Karla Meeks
 Miller family
 Gladis Moreno
 Margaret Olson
 Barbara Petersen
 Albert Prabhu
 Nancy Reeve
 Ridgely family
 June Rogers
 Crystie Rooney

Leota Thorne
 Pat Trelinski
 Walden family
Our sister churches in El Salvador and Los Angeles.

Don't forget your Secret Prayer Partner!

All In the Military, especially:
 John Meyers
 Natalie Meyers
 Brenna Miller



July & August

Chiefs will not meet until August 6th at 6pm. Potluck, fellowship, cards. All are invited to this fun event! Contact Ginny MacInnis for information or to RSVP: 310-839-6015.



CAMP SCHEDULE

[] 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**

El Salvador Collecting now: Computers, OTC meds, any medical or dental supplies for our sister churches this summer. Please drop items off in the Narthex on Sundays before July 15. For questions/more info contact Pr Ellen: ejennrich71@gmail.com 310-391-8579 or 310-351-0319



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAYS 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



Saturday August 27 (11am to 5pm) and Sunday the 28th (11am to 3pm)—In Vets Park **FIESTA LA BALLONA—HOST THE CHURCH BOOTH! (For a couple of hours) A fun way to meet our neighbors and community members. Contact Lisa Skelley to Sign Up.**



July 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Th	Fr	Sat
S.T.E.M. Camp					1	2 No CHIEFS this month
3 <i>1 service at 10am in honor of Independence Day Weekend</i> 	4 Office closed. No camps. Happy 4th of July! 4:30pm Grace Diner	5 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	6 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	7 9am Office Angels	8	9
Art Camp						
10 9am & 11am Services	11 4:30pm Grace Diner	12 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	13 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	14 9am Office Angels	15	16
Musical Theater Camp						
17 9am & 11am Services	18 4:30pm Grace Diner	19 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	20 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	21 9am Office Angels	22	23 JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH musical 7pm
Musical Theater Camp						
24 9am & 11am Services 2pm JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH musical	25 4:30pm Grace Diner	26 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	27 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	28 9am Office Angels	29 JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH musical 7pm	30 JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH musical 4pm
Broadway Beatz & Playtime Camp						
31 9am & 11am Services						

July Roster

July 3 — 7th after Pentecost	
ONE SERVICE 10:00 a.m.	
Asst Minister	Marty Hente
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente
Lector	Barbara Knipple
Cantor	TBD
Crucifer	Elaine Hente
Acolyte	Betty Davis
Children's Sermon	Sherri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	Betty Davis
Greeters	M Zamorano

July 10 — 8th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	Keeshawn Andrew
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Alexis Andrew
Lector	Raquel Welch	Sean Andrew
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	HELP NEEDED	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Olivia Andrew
Children's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	Betty Davis	M Zamorano
Greeters	Katie Parks, Usher	Katie Parks

July 17 — 9th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Jerry Gottschalk	Patti Baker
Lector	David Stamford	David Stamford
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Joan Engen	Mark Kleinman
Children's Sermon	Patti Millet	Patti Millet
Altar Guild	Ginny MacInnis	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

July 24 — 10th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	John Priebe	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	Katie Priebe	Katie Parks
Lector	Barbara Knipple	Katie Parks
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	Katie Priebe	Katie Parks
Acolyte	Joan Engen	HELP NEEDED
Children's Sermon	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Greeters	The Priebees	Erna Guy

July 31 — 11th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	Jerry Gottschalk	Katie Parks
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Ginny MacInnis	Mark Kleinman
Children's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	Ginny MacInnis	M Zamorano
Greeters	John Ziegler	Terry Grimm

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!



August 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Th	Fr	Sat
	1 4:30pm Grace Diner	2 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	3 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	4 9am Office Angels	5	6 CHIEFS 6:30pm
VACATION BIBLE CAMP						
7	8 4:30pm Grace Diner	9 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	10 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	11 9am Office Angels	12	13
NATURE Camp						
14 9am & 11am Services	15 4:30pm Grace Diner	16 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	17 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	18 9am Office Angels	19	20 HABITAT for HUMANITY Build Day
21 9am & 11am Services	22 4:30pm Grace Diner	23 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	24 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service	25 9am Office Angels	26	27 FIESTA LA BALLONA!! 
28 9am & 11am Services FIESTA LA BALLONA!	29 4:30pm Grace Diner	30 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	31 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Potluck Supper 6:45 Service			

AUGUST Roster

August 7—12th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	John Ziegler
Lector	Jerry Gottschalk	Sherri O'Daniel
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	Elaine Hente	John Ziegler
Acolyte	Betty Davis	Mark Kleinman
Children's Sermon	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	Betty Davis	M Zamorano
Greeters	Terry Grimm	John Ziegler

August 14—13th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	Keeshawn Andrew
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Alexis Andrew
Lector	Raquel Welch	Sean Andrew
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	HELP NEEDED	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Olivia Andrew
Children's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Greeters	The Engens	April Andrew

August 21—14th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Katie Parks	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	John Ziegler	Patti Baker
Lector	David Stamford	David Stamford
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	John Ziegler	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Ginny MacInnis	Mark Kleinman
Children's Sermon	Sherri O'Daniel	Sherri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	Ginny MacInnis	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Hayes family	Erna Guy

August 28—15th after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Jerry Gottschalk	Patti Baker
Lector	Barbara Knipple	Betty Davis
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Joan Engen	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

July Birthdays

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Kyle Jones 07/03 | Patricia Stephan 07/15 |
| William Sick 07/04 | Gabriel Koppula 07/16 |
| Hayden O'Brien 07/04 | Joyce Elder 07/17 |
| Kiri Swenson 07/06 | Dana Goller 07/21 |
| David Olson 07/07 | Kathryn Parks 07/23 |
| Colin Tidwell 07/08 | Addison Myers 07/27 |
| Joshua Rayner 07/08 | Norman Auslander 07/27 |
| Doris MacGregor 07/10 | Grace Elliott 07/28 |
| Mary Jane Petersen 07/11 | Marsha Heath 07/31 |
| Dariya Stenshoel 07/11 | |

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August Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Kimberley Elder 08/02 | Lynda Harrold 08/17 |
| Johna Miller 08/02 | Keeshawn Andrew 08/18 |
| Rowen Bilbrey 08/03 | Helen Evans-Simon 08/19 |
| Thomas Tidwell 08/04 | Erna Guy 08/19 |
| Megan Hayes 08/12 | Ken Smith 08/27 |
| Mark Johnson 08/14 | Patricia Trelinski 08/28 |



Summer

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2016 Summer Camps

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