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PASTOR'S PAGE



"For as in one body we have many members, & not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, & individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..." — Rom 12:4-6a

I am grateful to see so many of God's people at Grace who continue to share their many talents and gifts for the work of ministry! Please know that it continues to gladden this pastor's heart to witness such hard work and devotion.

But I am also writing you to let you know that you are NOT off the hook... that there is still so much more to do! Church statistics remind us that approximately 20% of the people support 80% of the work. I hope that is NOT true of our congregation!

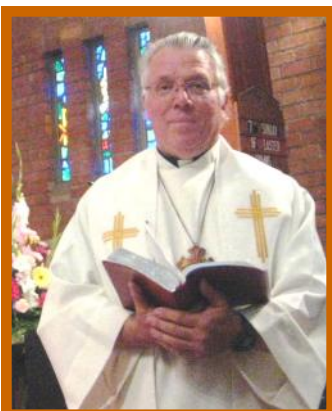
My prayer and vision for the church is a Body that is alive, vibrant, healthy and fully functioning. And that only happens when ALL members of the Body of Christ are sharing of their gifts, talents, monies, and ministries!!!

We are in our annual Fall Stewardship Campaign and YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! I know that we are living in some difficult economic times, and it has affected us all. Yet your participation is now more important than ever! I cannot stress enough how important you are to the life and ministry of this congregation! Please PRAY and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your decision-making!

A vital church is one that involves ALL members, no matter our age or background. Do NOT ever think that somehow your gifts or ministries are insignificant... or not needed! You truly are important to this congregation... and to this pastor!

As we continue doing ministry together, it is my prayer that God will profoundly lift up and empower each and every one of us for ministry!

Serving our Lord and His Church 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!



CHURCH FINANCES

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION (PART 1)

October 23, 2016 at 10:15

Members vote for the 2017 Council and review the draft of the upcoming budget. Members, please be present as we need a quorum to move forward!

Please prayerfully look at your end of fiscal year giving (Oct 31) and your tithe for next year. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

The Church's "Simply Giving" program of on-line donations can help you stay on track. Ask Marina about it!

"You shall give as you are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you." — Deuteronomy 16:17



Lisa's Thank You Corner

O, Autumn ...you bring an end to summer, a return to school, a daughter who now lives 3,000 miles away, and the start up of many fun church programs...Here's to the folks who do such good:

Brian Mark—our unofficial Church Ambassador. He is such a cool guy! On Sundays, he always spots any new visitors to Grace and really goes out of his way to make them feel welcomed. Thanks, Brian!

Joan Engen—for helping us out every Tuesday during our Staff Meetings. She even brings treats for Asta (the Skelley doggie)! Joan, you are awesome!

Linda Schumitzky—for the continued beautification of the back patio. The plants are thriving, everything looks clean and inviting. What a difference you are making, Linda! Thank You!

Jerry Gottschalk—for being the best Church Sign Guy ever! Those signs of his sometimes even end up on Facebook. We appreciate you, Jerry!

Our Confirmation Class—gosh, I really love this group of middle school/high schoolers! They aren't afraid to delve into the deepest of questions about their faith and God and, well, just about everything!

God's richest blessings on all the members, volunteers, and visitors to Grace Church!

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Lois Mulleneaux in honor of her son Ron's birthday

John & Jenny Priebe in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary

Ginny MacInnis in honor of Eric and Kent Seeberger

Newsletter Sponsorship is \$25 and helps the church cover the cost of printing and mailing. You may designate your donation in honor or memory . See the Blue Binder in the Narthex to sign up. Blessings!

GRACE HOLIDAY BAZAAR—NOV. 4 & 5
We are looking for donations of:

- ▼ **JEWELRY**—for Women and Men
- ▼ **BOOKS, CDs, DVDs** (no VHS tapes, sorry)
- ▼ **CHRISTMAS Décor, crafts, and gifts**—homemade and vintage are especially welcome!
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- ▼ **CHILDREN’S** newer toys, clothing, educational items

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We also welcome set up crew, cashiers and breakdown crew — and we covet your prayers for success!

The Bazaar benefits programs for church youth.

**Please contact Marina or Lisa for more information:
 310-559-1027**



FALALALALA!



Don't forget Adult Bible Study!

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



Parking Update: The Culver City Council found that along the 10700 block of Farragut, the standard CC parking limits of 2 hours/day from 8am to 6pm M-Sat best fits the needs of the entire neighborhood. This will be reviewed in one year. Please carpool, walk or bike to church whenever possible, and continue to be considerate when parking in the neighborhood and going to and from your car, especially at night.



Prayer Ministry

Andrew family
 Carol Auslander
 Patti & Sean Baker
 Ronald Ballard
 Biggs family
 Paula Boelsems
 Monique Charland
 Carl Cox
 Betty Davis
 Rebecca Engel
 Lynn Erickson
 Jana Franz
 Jerry Gottschalk
 Doris Green
 Pr S Gunderson
 Erna Guy
 Craig Heath
 Bob Jennrich
 Karen Johns
 Darren Jones
 Blanche Kline
 Brenda Langdon
 Betty, Cindi & Shawn
 Lasley
 The Lundquists
 Bernice & Roy Mathison
 Pr Matias

Paul Mayberry
 Kebo, Don, Jensu Mark
 Karla Meeks
 Johna Miller and family
 Gladis Moreno
 Margaret Olson
 Pr Carlos Paiva
 Barbara Petersen
 Albert Prabhu
 The Quinn family
 Nancy Reeve
 Ridgely family
 June Rogers
 Crystie Rooney
 Leota Thorne
 Pat Trelinski
 The Walden family

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

And your Secret Prayer
 Partner



Greetings from the Church Mouse "Me"

I was inspired by one of Pastor Jim's sermons about Listening, which really struck home. How many of us really, really listen to one another? I find not many, and this is sad.

When we ask "How are you?" do we really care? Yes, some of us do, but others just want to relieve ourselves and dump on whoever's there. It's too bad when the conversation is one-sided. Let others speak too — you may learn to see one another in a whole new light.

"Me" can be so important to some of us that we forget there is a "you." Take a time out from talking to LISTEN. It's such a good feeling — I know!!

*(More from the Church Mouse in November:
 "Are You Alone? Break Bread Together")*

October Birthdays

Agnes McClain 10/01	Sara Grimm-Weeks 10/16
Marina Tidwell 10/02	Finn Swenson 10/18
Eric Seeberger 10/03	Kennedy Simon 10/20
Natalie Meyers 10/07	Nancy Watson 10/21
Cathie Seeman 10/10	Joan Engen 10/22
Shirley Cox 10/11	Joanne Scheduling 10/25
Robert Tidwell 10/12	Jessica Salazar-Carroll 10/26
Cindy Lundquist 10/14	Kent Seeberger 10/27
John Ziegler 10/14	Carol Auslander 10/27
Olivia Andrew 10/16	



October Events 2016

Saturday, October 1 at 6pm CHIEFS—Potluck, fellowship, cards. All are invited to this fun event! Contact Ginny MacInnis for information or to RSVP: 310-839-6015.

Saturday, October 8—Medical Missions will be here in conjunction with Grace Diner to provide free medical services. We need volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Contact Cindy Lundquist to volunteer and fill out the necessary paperwork. Thanks!

Sunday October 9 at 12:30pm. Blessing of the Animals Service. All pets and their humans are welcome. Please keep doggies on leashes and cats and small pets in carriers.



Sunday, October 23 at 10:15am

Grace Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1.

All members are expected to attend. We will vote for the 2017 Council and review the draft budget for the coming year. Please return your Pledge/Time & Talent card by this day. Extra copies are in the Narthex.



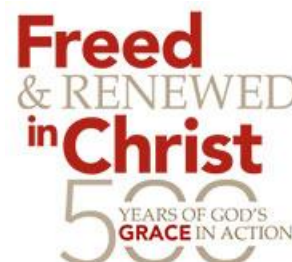
Saturday Oct 29—Youth Halloween Party. Details TBA.



Sunday October 30—REFORMATION SUNDAY! 2017 marks the start of a year-long Lutheran celebration of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation of the Church in 1517.

We're kicking off the celebration THIS year and will continue to commemorate the event throughout the year until Reformation Sunday 2017. Please join us for a special 1 service Sunday at 10am, followed by a German buffet of Schnitzel, soft pretzels, bratwurst, strudel and other yummys.

We invite you to bring a dish or beverage to share—please keep it within the German tradition in honor of Martin Luther!



Monday, October 31—Grace Diner celebrates Halloween. Call Lisa to volunteer for this fun evening. 310-559-1027

And coming up in November . . .

Holiday Boutique on Friday Nov 4 (9-5) and Saturday Nov 5th (9-noon). Come by and BUY! Proceeds support the Youth.

All Saints Sunday Nov 6 at both services. A time to remember the people who loved and inspired you. "Leaves" for the Memory "tree" will be available in the Narthex that morning.

TOY DRIVE for Angelical Lutheran, ages infant to 18. New and unwrapped, please. You may drop it off in the Narthex or Lisa's office. God bless you for making a young person's Christmas special.

Congregational Mtg Part 2 on Nov 20th, Thanksgiving Day Service and service, Christmas Pageant rehearsals and much more. Whew!!

October Roster



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!

Blessings on those who serve in the House of the Lord.

* Choir

October 2— 20th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Angie Kirk
Com. Asst	M Zamorano	Jessica Carroll
Lector	Barbara Bilbao	David Stamford
Cantor	TBA	Praise Team
Crucifer	M Zamorano	Jessica Carroll
Acolyte	HELP NEEDED	M Zamorano
Children's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Greeters	Barbara Bilbao	The Ushers

October 9— 21st Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.*	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Keeshawn Andrew
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Alexis Andrew
Lector	D'Lee Mayberry	Sean Andrew
Cantor	TBA	Praise Team
Crucifer	HELP NEEDED	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Jinjin Mayberry	April Andrew
Children's Sermon	Sherri O'Daniel	Sherri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	Ginny MacInnis	M Zamorano
Greeters	Joan Engen	Marilyn Schneider

October 16 — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Katie Parks	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	John Zeigler	HELP NEEDED
Lector	Cathy Biggs	MJ Petersen
Cantor	TBA	Praise Team
Crucifer	John Zeigler	HELP NEEDED
Acolyte	Mark Kleinman	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	Ginny MacInnis	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Ushers	Erna Guy

October 23—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.*	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Jessica Carroll	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	M Zamorano
Lector	Raquel Welch	Katie Parks
Cantor	TBA	Praise Team
Crucifer	HELP NEEDED	M Zamorano
Acolyte	Mark Kleinman	Mark Kleinman
Children's Sermon	Sherri O'Daniel	Sherri O'Daniel
Altar Guild	Betty Davis	M Zamorano
Greeters	The Engens	The Ushers

October 30

One Service at 10am—Kick off 500th Anniversary of Reformation!

Asst Minister	John Preibe
Com. Asst	Katie Priebe
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Cantor	Praise Team
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Acolyte	John Maines
Children's Sermon	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	Betty Davis
Greeters	Jenny Preibe

Please check “HELP NEEDED” and if you can fill in — let us know. Thanks!

Calendar



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Th	Fr	Sat
2 9am & 11am Services	3 4:30pm Grace Diner	4 ♥ Children's Music ♥ Bells ♥ 7pm Pastor Jim Bible Study	5 ♥ 10am Women's Bible Study ♥ Confirmation ♥ 6pm Potluck Supper ♥ 6:45 Service	6 9am Office Angels	7	OCT.1st CHIEFS AT 6PM October 8th MEDICAL MISSIONS 7am to 4pm
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30 One Service at 10am followed by German buffet celebrating the start of the Reforma- tion 499 years ago!	31 4:30pm Grace Diner 					

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