

# Grace Notes

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## Pastor's Page

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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!

With a grateful heart I am taking the prerogative this month to write the Pastor's Page about me.... but it's really NOT about me... but about YOU, the people of Grace, and how you have touched and impacted me! YOU the people of God at Grace Lutheran Church have forever left a place in my heart and the heart of my family!

It is hard to believe that 20 years have swiftly gone by since my first days with you. As most of you know, I am also celebrating 40 years of ministry as an ordained pastor, so that means one half of my entire ministry has been with you, the people of Grace.

Time sure does fly when you are having fun! And fun it has been . . . Oh yes, there have been the tough times, the challenges, the difficulties, and the heartaches. But I wouldn't have it any other way! To witness and see the love of our Lord come alive in the hearts and lives of God's people remains the greatest joy that this pastor can ever experience.

It has indeed been an honor to serve as your shepherd these past 20 years, sharing many of life's experiences with you....from the birth of a newborn baby, to the close of a person's life and everything in-between.... baptisms, confirmations, weddings, anniversaries... joys and heartaches alike... As your pastor I have been a part of all that touches your lives in those deepest of places.

Furthermore, you have been willing to grow & stretch in your faith. You have been willing to learn new songs, new liturgies, new ways of doing ministry (*did someone say "CHANGE"?*), welcoming visitors, opening your arms to the growing number of children, youth and young families... the list continues.

And when the call came to Renovate and Renew our tired and worn-out facilities, you the people of Grace came thru and were able to raise almost \$100,000 to allow this church to move forward into the next century.

As your pastor, I must say that I am most proud of this congregation, its staff and fleet of volunteers... and to know that its ongoing work and ministries within and throughout the surrounding communities will continue strong for many years to come.

You have been so gracious and welcoming to me and my family over the years... and you have watched my young son grow from infancy to being almost 15 years old... (*I can't believe he's almost 15... did someone say teenager...??*)

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your warmth, your graciousness, and your caring. It truly has been a joy to be a part of such a special faith community!

On behalf of myself & my family, thank you for the privilege of serving you these many years . . . .

# Grace Church SUMMER CAMPS 2017

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Fall 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/s name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

## June 19—July 7 MUSICAL THEATER CAMP

*"Only 45 Minutes From Broadway!"*

A laugh-filled "42nd Street" style plot, with music by George M Cohan

Performances July 7, 8, 9

AGE: 9 and up Cost: \$425 Time: 9am to 3pm (No Aftercare)

## July 10—14 MS LISA'S ART CAMP

Pop Art in all its exciting and iconic forms!

AGE: 6 and up Cost: \$125 Time: 9am-1pm  + Aftercare? \_\_\_\_\_

## July 17—21 PARK n PLAY CAMP

A busy day of arts, crafts, singing, and playing in the park

AGE: 6 and up Cost: \$125 Time: 9am-1pm  + Aftercare? \_\_\_\_\_

## July 31—August 4 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

HERO CENTRAL—Discover your strength in God!

AGE: 4 and up Cost: \$100 Time: 9am-1pm  + Aftercare? \_\_\_\_\_

## August 7—11 S.T.E.M. CAMP

Explore Science, technology, engineering and math!

AGE: 7 and up Cost: \$125 Time: 9am-1pm  + Aftercare? \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT TO MAY 15th — \$25/camp

Sibling discount \$10/child

+ Aftercare 1pm to 4pm available for ADDITIONAL \$75/week or \$5/hour. Please indicate dates/camps

**REGISTER OR RESERVE SOON — CAMPS FILL UP EARLY**

Please pack a healthy snack AND a healthy lunch

Partial "camperships" are available. Contact Marina Tidwell in the church office

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# May Events

*It's Easter all month as we spend time celebrating the miracle of Jesus rising from the dead.*



**Every Tuesday — Bible Study at 7pm with Pastor Jim in the Fireside Room.**  
All are welcome!

**Every Wednesday — Women's Bible Study (G.R.O.W)** at 10am with Pastor Ellen.  
**AND Midweek "FAITH LIFT."** Please join us for supper at 6pm (bring a dish to share if you like), then come to Worship Service at 6:45pm.

**SAT MAY 6TH — 6PM IN FIRESIDE ROOM — CHIEFS** Potluck, fellowship, cards. Call Ginny for information or to RSVP. 310-839-6015.



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**40 Years in Ministry 20 years at Grace**

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10am Service  
Dedication of Parish Hall & Brunch*



## Singsational Concert!

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**Sunday May 21st Worship services at 9am & 11am**

**Sunday May 28th Worship service at 10am (ONE service because of Memorial Day weekend)**



## Church Workings

**Please keep Grace Church in your monthly budget so that we can continue to be "God's Hands." God bless you for your thoughtful giving of any size.**

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

Renovate & Renew Update

- ♥ New floors installed in Fireside, offices, and choir room, and throughout Parish Hall.
- ♥ Painting completed
- ♥ New Chairs in Fireside room/choir room, basement classrooms





### *Ms Lisa's Thank You Corner*

So many thank yous—so little newsletter space! Our appreciation is endless for everyone who volunteered during Holy Week—there's always so much to do! Here are a few folks who REALLY need to be acknowledged:

All of our Palm Sunday Bake Sale bakers! Without you, there's no Bake

Sale!

Everyone who showed up on the Saturdays before Palm Sunday and Easter for ALL that prep work.

To Reverend Margaret, Katie Parks and Brenda Langdon who helped cut and plate mountains of brunch food!

A special shout-out to Barbara Jefferson, Momo, Linda Schumitzky, Ginny Macinnis and Cathy Biggs for assembling the beautiful Easter lily cross. It turned out so lovely.

Joanie Maines and Brenda Langdon for doing so much work towards our delicious Easter brunch. These gals schlepped mini quiches and devilled eggs all morning! Hugs!

Our amazing Youth Group for helping out so much around the church lately. We love these kids!

Mark Kleinman and Alex Cable for their tireless furniture moving during our new floor installation. Thanks, guys!

To Marilyn and Harvey Schneider—for always showing up on church work days, smiling and ready to work! They're amazing!

## Prayer Ministry

Carol Auslander  
Patti & Sean Baker  
Meg Henke Ballman  
Irene & John Basaraba  
Biggs family  
Shirley Cox  
Betty Davis  
Elliott-Sick family  
Lynn Erickson  
Charlotte Gilbert  
Doris Green  
Pr S. Gunderson  
Erna Guy

Craig Heath  
Elaine Hente  
Bob Jennrich  
Patricia Jefferson  
Karen Johns  
Darren Jones  
Brenda Langdon  
Betty, Cindi & Shawn Lasley  
Bernice & Roy  
Mathison  
Kebo, Don, Jensu  
Gladis Moreno  
Albert Prabhu

Nancy Reeve  
Ridgely family  
Krystyna Riban  
Dr Georgia Rodiger  
June Rogers  
Cristie Rooney  
Ted Tidwell  
Pat Trelinski  
Walden family  
Rev. M. Zamorano

A healthy baby for  
the Carrolls

Our sister churches in  
El Salvador and  
Los Angeles.



In the Military  
Gus Hernandez  
John Meyers  
Natalie Meyers  
Brenna & John Falzetti  
Freddie Wilson

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

## May Birthdays

Skylar Lima 05/01  
Christine Lyall 05/01  
Kyle Peters 05/02  
Wayne Maass 05/03  
John Meyers 05/04  
Shawn Lasley 05/05  
Derrick Hente 05/08

Miriam Stenshoel 05/12  
D'Lee Mayberry 05/14  
Margaret Zamorano 05/14  
Marilyn Schneider 05/15  
Lisa Skelley 05/15  
Barbara Bilbao 05/15  
Patrick Hayes 05/16

Betty Karlberg 05/16  
Todd Miller 05/16  
Cristie Rooney 05/16  
Patricia Lowe 05/18  
Jessica Parr 05/21  
Patrick Case 05/22  
Emma Baker 05/23

Grace West 05/26  
John Maines 05/27  
Ron Engen 05/28



# Grace Kids . . .



## HOLY WEEK

A BIG congratulations to Rachel Cecere and Gabriel and Michael Koppula for completing their First Communion classes in March and for taking their first ever communion on Palm Sunday!

Thank you, Sunday School class, for baking yummy brownies for our Palm Sunday Bake Sale, held on April 9th!

On Good Friday, several Middle School youth members helped make "Blessing Bags" filled with toiletries for the homeless at Grace Diner. Sarah Paris and I held a "mini Seder" dinner afterward to introduce the idea behind Passover dinner. Afterward, the youth group filled up one entire pew to attend Good Friday service. What a great group of kids!

Special thanks to many of our youth who helped us out on Easter Sunday: John Malcolm, Cate, Scott, Macayla, Caitlin, Bram, Paul, Jeremy, April and Olivia!  
Who played the Easter Bunny this year? Hmmm...

## UPCOMING

Please have your children join us for Children's Sunday on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Five of our youth will be Confirmed on that day. We will be celebrating with lots of cake and a super fun bounce house!

# May Roster

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

May 7—4th Easter	
10am*	
Asst Minister	John Priebe
Com. Asst	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	John Maines
Cantor	Praise Team
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk
Acolyte	Carly Priebe
<b>Children's Msg</b>	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	Marina Tidwell
Greeters	Robert Tidwell



\* *Choir sings*

May 14—5th Sunday of Easter		
9am*		11am
Asst Minister	Katie Parks	Keeshawn Andrew
Com. Asst	John Ziegler	Alexis Andrew
Lector	Jerry Gottschalk	John Maines
Cantor	TBD	Praise Team
Crucifer	John Ziegler	April Andrew
Acolyte	Ginny MacInnis	Olivia Andrew
<b>Children's Msg</b>	Patti Millett	Patti Millett
Altar Guild	Ginny MacInnis	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

May 21—6th Sunday of Easter		
9am		11am*
Asst Minister	John Priebe	B Davis
Com. Asst	M Tidwell	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	Barbara Bilbao	Raquel Welch
Cantor	TBD	Praise Team
Crucifer	M Tidwell	Jerry Gottschalk
Acolyte	Jinjin Mayberry	Ginny MacInnis
<b>Children's Msg</b>	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	<b>Paul &amp; D'Lee</b> Mayberry	Erna Guy

Please check  
**"HELP NEEDED"**  
and  
if you can fill in, let  
us know. Thanks!

May 28—7th Easter	
10am	
Asst Minister	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	Help needed
Lector	David Stamford
Cantor	Praise Team
Crucifer	Help needed
Acolyte	Help needed
<b>Children's Msg</b>	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano
Greeters	Erna Guy



*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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her parents 66th Wedding Anniversary on May 2nd  
  
*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!*



# May Calendar



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Th	Fr	Sat
	1 4:30pm Grace Diner	2 ♥ Children's Music 3pm ♥ Bells 5:30 ♥ Pastor Jim Bible Study 7pm	3 ♥ 10am Women's Bible Study 10am ♥ Confirmation 3pm ♥ Supper 6pm ♥ Worship service 6:45pm	4 9am Office Angels  7:30 pm Choir	5	6 CHIEFS Potluck and cards 6pm
7 ONE service At 10am & "40/20" CELEBRATION of Pastor Jim's Ministry following the service	8 4:30pm Grace Diner	9 ♥ Children's Music 3pm ♥ Bells 5:30 ♥ Pastor Jim Bible Study 7pm	10 ♥ 10am Women's Bible Study ♥ Confirmation 3pm ♥ Supper 6pm ♥ Worship service 6:45pm	11 9am Office Angels  7:30 pm Choir	12	13 SINGSATIONAL CONCERT for Habitat for Humanity  7pm
14 Two services: 9am & 11am  Happy Mothers Day	15 4:30pm Grace Diner	16 ♥ Children's Music 3pm ♥ Bells 5:30 ♥ Pastor Jim Bible Study 7pm	17 ♥ 10am Women's Bible Study ♥ Confirmation 3pm ♥ Supper 6pm ♥ Worship service 6:45pm	18 9am Office Angels  7:30 pm Choir	19	20
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28 ONE SERVICE at 10am  	29 4:30pm Grace Diner  Office closed. Have a blessed Memorial Day	30 ♥ Children's Music 3pm ♥ Bells 5:30 ♥ Pastor Jim Bible Study 7pm	31 ♥ 10am Women's Bible Study ♥ Confirmation 3pm ♥ Supper 6pm ♥ Worship service 6:45pm			



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