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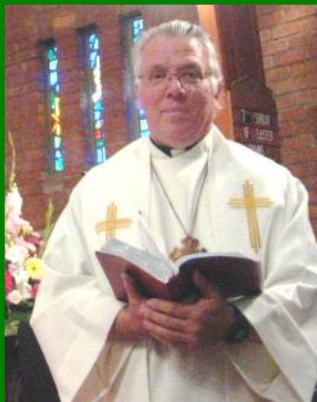
Pastor's Page



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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!

We definitely have had a busy summer with seven camps filling the summer months!

In August, we were especially excited to have a full house' at our "**Super Heroes**" **Vacation Bible Camp** with over 60 children, plus more than 20 older youth as counselors and helpers... which is one of our largest in the history of Grace Church. Special thanks to Lisa and her fabulous team for a great week!

Following VBS we had a very successful **STEM Camp** with 36 youth in attendance. And here comes Culver City's own **Fiesta La Ballona** the weekend of August 25-27th where we will have our own booth... Thanks to all our volunteers for your help!!

Finally we'll start off the fall season with our **Annual Rally Day** and **Picnic** on Sunday September 10th at Grace Church in our own gardens following the ONE 10am service ... with lots of great food, fun and fellowship. And thanks to our choirs as they return from a much-deserved 'break' to again enrich our worship services.

But that's just the beginning. We invite you this Fall to become involved! I know we have numerous opportunities where you can participate...

Maybe it's being a part of the worship service (member of the choir, lector, crucifer, acolyte, altar guild, worship assistant...) or volunteering as a Sunday School teacher or aide, helping in the office, serving on one of our committees, attending a Tuesday nite or Wednesday morning Bible Study, working one of our flower beds, or helping to serve, wait tables, or assisting clean-up for our weekly Grace Diner program each Monday evening, feeding over 100 folks who, for whatever reason, are down in their luck.

Suffice it to say, there are many avenues to get involved... and we need **YOU** to make it happen!

My hope is that each member of the body of Christ would take active ownership in using their God given talents in giving back to their Lord and His church. Working together with a spirit of generous sharing, giving and support, will make this fall a great time for us all, as we continue in our journeys of faith as God's people at Grace...

Looking forward to the coming fall season with you...

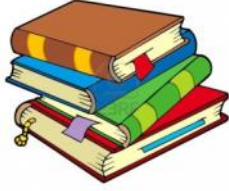
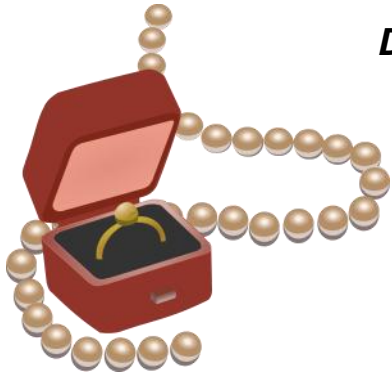
COLLECTING for the Nov 3rd & 4th **Holiday Bazaar 2017**

Can you help? We need pricers and donors of:

- ♥ JEWELRY for Women and Men
 - ♥ CHRISTMAS Décor
- ♥ BOUTIQUE—Lovely gifts and handicrafts
- ♥ CHILDREN'S newer toys, clothing, educational items
 - ♥ BOOKS, CDs, DVDs

**Drop Off Mon-Thurs in back patio.
Call for "Pricing Parties" TIMES!**

Sorry, no clothing (except children's) will be accepted.



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

BUDET WORKSHOP SEPT 23 at 10am

Come learn the ins and outs of our expenses, income and benevolences. Give input as we look at the upcoming fiscal year. Brunch will be served.

Coming up in October:



Become Part of Our Church Family

NEW MEMBER CLASSES. Have a yummy lunch with Pastor Jim and learn about the life of Grace Church. Discover what membership means to you and to Grace. Sundays Oct 1, 8, 15 from 12:30 to 2pm. Please call Pastor Jim and let him know you're interested: 310-559-1027.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS EVENT.

We need healthcare professionals, people to set up and break down tables and chairs, host, greet, guide, or deliver messages on Sat Oct 14 as we hold the 2nd annual health care Free Clinic for the needy. Health services include optometry and dental. Please contact Ken Smith or the church office to volunteer or to sign up if you are in need of services.



September Events

Pentecost Season

CHIEFS is NOT meeting this month; we'll see you Sat Oct 7th!



LABOR DAY



SUNDAY Sept 3rd
Only one Worship Service, 10am
 in honor of LABOR DAY.

Monday Sept 4 — Office closed in honor of LABOR DAY, but Grace Diner will meet as usual at 4:30pm.

ALL CHURCH PROGRAMS BEGIN the 1st week in Sept:



Tues.—Children's and Youth's Choirs after school.

Bell Choir at 5pm.

Wed.—Women's Bible Study 10am.

Confirmation at 3pm.

Thurs.—Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.



Churchwide Picnic



SUNDAY Sept 10 — RALLY DAY! Only one Worship Service, 10am
 Catch up on summer happenings as you relax and nosh on the church lawn with delicious BBQ, games, and fellowship right after the service!

Mondays, starting Sept 11, afterschool to 5pm "Today@Grace" music!

A re-birth of the old "TAG" program, Colin Tidwell is offering one-on-one free, short, private vocal or piano lessons (about 20 minutes each). Kids will practice the basics for fun, confidence and growth — scales, music exercises, and songs of their choosing. Parents are welcome to stay and watch. Email Colin for time slot, or just show up and arrange a time: ColinTidwell@gmail.com



SUNDAY Sept 17 — Worship Services at 9am & 11am.



Saturday Sept 23 — Church Budget Workshop from 10-12pm. Come learn the ins and outs of our expenses, income and benevolences. Give your input as we look at the upcoming fiscal year. Brunch will be served.

SUNDAY Sept 24 — Worship Services at 9am & 11am.

Don't forget our **MID-WEEK FAITH LIFT SERVICES.** Wednesdays at 6:45pm, with a light supper prior at 6pm.



Pastor Jim's Bible Study meets at 7pm on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. ALL ARE WELCOME to this lively discussion group.

Pastor Ellen leads the women of Grace in a Wednesday 10am Bible Study.
 Contact her at: ejennrich71@gmail.com 310-391-8579 310-351-0319

Ms Lisa's Thank You Corner



It's unbelievable that summer is almost over! Please say a special prayer for all of the following saints who make such a difference around here:

- ♥ Madeleine Krueger—who provided instant organization to any summer camp she laid eyes on! Thank you so much, Maddy!
- ♥ Ken Smith—for his work on bringing a second Medical Missions van to our church in October. These events take so much planning—give Ken a big hug when you see him!
- ♥ Betty Karlberg—for her lovely volunteering spirit! Betty is always willing to lend a hand—we love her for that!
- ♥ John Ziegler and Terry Grimm—our super awesome Property Committee! Thank you both for your constant vigilance!
- ♥ Mark Kleinman for clean ups from our plumbing woes this summer. Gah! Thanks, Mark!
- ♥ To Youth Aide, Sarah Paris, thanks for all the help with camps this summer.

Prayer Ministry

Pastor Jim
 Carol Auslander
 Patti & Sean Baker
 Meg Henke Ballman
 Irene & John Basaraba
 Biggs family
 Shirley Cox
 Betty Davis
 Dale and Karen Ellingson
 Elliott-Sick family
 Lynn Erickson
 Doris Green
 Pr S. Gunderson
 Erna Guy
 Craig Heath

Janet Hoult
 Bob Jennrich
 Patricia Jefferson
 Karen Johns
 Brenda Langdon
 Betty, Cindi & Shawn
 Lasley
 Bernice & Roy
 Mathison
 Kebo, Don, Jensu
 Gladis Moreno
 Albert Prabhu
 Nancy Reeve
 Krystyna Riban
 Dr Georgia Rodiger

June Rogers
 Crystie Rooney
 Ted Tidwell
 Walden family
 Rev. M. Zamorano

A healthy baby for
 Matt & Weslie MacGregor
 Stubbs, and a healthy
 baby for Natalie Meyer
 and Mark.

Our sister churches in
 El Salvador and
 Los Angeles.

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



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*Don't forget your Secret Prayer
 Partner!*

September Birthdays

Margarita Chie 09/01
 Michelle Moreno 09/02
 Jin Jin Mayberry 09/03
 James Maines 09/05
 Karen Ellingson 09/10
 Thomas Szujewski 09/12

James Snodgrass 09/13
 Isabel Cortes 09/19
 Kayla Walden 09/21
 Doris Green 09/21
 Alexis Andrew 09/23
 Katie Garner 09/27

Kathleen Tepley 09/28
 William Walden 09/29
 Elaine Hente 09/30



Grace Kids . . .

- ♥ Our **Summer Camp series** was absolutely awesome! All of our Middle School youth participated as counselors for almost every camp. They did an outstanding job and showed wonderful leadership skills! Special shout-out to April Andrew, Olivia Andrew, Scott Johnson, Jeremy Lima, Macayla Meeks, Evan Miller, Bram Skelley and Paul Skelley, high-schooler John Maines, and young adults: Maddie Krueger, Sarah Paris, Matthew Mercado, and Claire Skelley — thank you! We couldn't have done it without you all!
- ♥ The Youth Group provided almost one week's worth of snacks for Angelica Lutheran's VBS, held the week of July 17th. Everyone at Angelica was most appreciative of this much-needed donation!
- ♥ Sunday School made very cute bagel bird feeders in July.
- ♥ Calling all kids! Our **Rally Day Picnic** will be held on the front lawn after the 10am service on Sunday, September 10th. There will be fun games and a delicious BBQ! *Note: there is only one service that day.*
- ♥ **Sunday School** (which starts directly after Children's Message) resumes the week of September 20th with our regular curriculum.



- ♥ **"TODAY@GRACE"— a NEW MUSIC PROGRAM for kids**, Mondays after school, starts Sept 11th. Colin Tidwell offers free, short, private vocal or piano lessons (about 20 minutes each). Kids will practice the basics for fun, confidence and growth — scales, music exercises, and songs of their choosing. Parents are welcome to stay and watch. Email Colin for time slot, or just show up and arrange a time:

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August Roster

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

| September 3rd 13th Sunday After Pentecost | |
|--|----------------|
| 10am | |
| Asst Minister | Katie Parks |
| Com. Asst | Betty Davis |
| Lector | David Stamford |
| Crucifer | HELP NEEDED |
| Acolyte | Betty Davis |
| Children's Msg | Ron Engen |
| Altar Guild | Betty Davis |
| Greeters | Erna Guy |

| September 10th 14th Sunday After Pentecost | |
|---|------------------|
| 10am* | |
| Asst Minister | Raquel Welch |
| Com. Asst | John Maines |
| Lector | Jerry Gottschalk |
| Crucifer | John Maines |
| Acolyte | Ginny MacInnis |
| Children's Msg | Patti Millett |
| Altar Guild | Ginny MacInnis |
| Greeters | Erna Guy |

(* Choir sings)

| September 17—15th Sunday After Pentecost | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 9am | 11am* |
| Asst Minister | Katie Parks | Keeshawn Andrew |
| Com. Asst | Brenda Langdon | Alexis Andrew |
| Lector | D'Lee Mayberry | Sean Andrew |
| Crucifer | HELP NEEDED | April Andrew |
| Acolyte | Jinjin Mayberry | Olivia Andrew |
| Children's Msg | Brenda Langdon | Brenda Langdon |
| Altar Guild | M Tidwell | Pam Snodgrass |
| Greeters | The Engens | Andrew family |

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

| September 24—16th Sunday After Pentecost | | |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| | 9am* | 11am |
| Asst Minister | Ron Engen | Angie Kirk |
| Com. Asst | Jerry Gottschalk | Katie Parks |
| Lector | Barbara Bilbao | Raquel Welch |
| Crucifer | Jerry Gottschalk | Katie Parks |
| Acolyte | M Zamorano | HELP NEEDED |
| Children's Msg | Sherri O'Daniel | Sherri O'Daniel |
| Altar Guild | M Zamorano | HELP NEEDED |
| Greeters | Joan Engen | 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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&
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You may designate your donation in honor or memory
See the Blue Binder in the Narthex to sign up. Blessings!



September Calendar

After School Drop-in
Monday—Thursday
until 5pm.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| September 3 One Service at 10am in honor of LABOR DAY weekend | 4 LABOR DAY <i>Office closed</i> 4:30pm Grace Diner | 5 Youth, Children's Choirs 3pm, 4pm Bells 5:30pm Pastor Jim Bible Study 7pm | 6 Women's Bible Study 10am Confirmation 3pm Supper 6pm Worship service 6:45pm | 7 Chancel Choir at 7:30pm | (Sept 1) Sept 8 | (Sept 2 No CHIEFS this month — next mtg is Oct 7.) Sept 9 |
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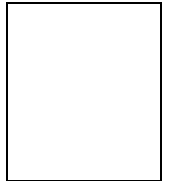


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