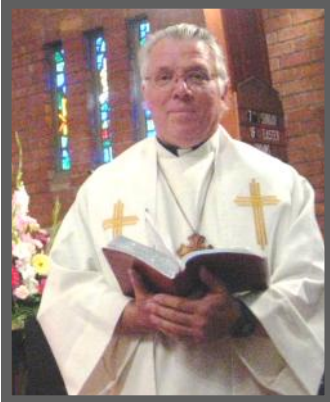


# Grace Notes

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*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

## Spirit Matters

**Worship Services**  
Sunday at 9 & 11 am  
Wednesday at 6:45 pm

**Adult Education**  
•Tuesday Night Bible  
Study with Pastor Jim 7pm  
•Young Women's Bible  
Study Tuesday 7:30pm  
•Women's Bible Study  
Wedn at 10am

## PASTOR'S PAGE

*We are Easter people!*

*We are a people called to live in the now thru the power of our resurrected Lord. Not fretting over the past or filled with anxiety and worry about the future...but alive and living in the present! That's why I love the following quote I found via the internet:*



I was regretting the past and fearing the future.  
Suddenly, God was speaking:

"My name is I AM." I waited. God continued.

"When you live in the past with its mistakes & regrets,  
it is hard . . . I am not there.  
My name is not I WAS.

When you live in the future, with its problems and fears,  
it is hard . . . I am not there.  
My name is not I WILL BE.

When you live in the moment,  
it is not hard . . . I am here.  
My name is I AM."

*To live in the moment -- neither regretting the past or fearing the future. This is my prayer this Easter Season!*

**MAY WE NEVER CEASE TO BE GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE!!**

*Pastor Jim*



- ♥ *To all the saints and angels (in human form) who helped with the breezeway bathroom remodel, the clean up and set up for the Holy Days, and all the preparation that went into the Easter celebration;*
- ♥ *the Youth for re-organizing the storeroom downstairs;*
- ♥ *and Mary Lou and all the musicians who sang or played to the glory of God!*

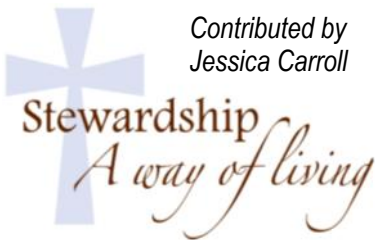
***We're Getting Spruced Up—or—Have You Hugged a Property Member Lately?***

*They are: Mary Jane Petersen, John Ziegler, & Terry Grimm, and fearless leader, Lisa Skelley*

*A very generous gift to the Building Fund from the Fran Codd Memorial enabled the church to renovate the breezeway bathrooms (especially the Ladies Room). Bake Sale proceeds that had been allocated to this project 3 years ago were also used.*

*A couple of generous anonymous gifts to the Building Fund enabled us to paint the exterior doors and trim, install a garbage disposal in the kitchen, put in a new vanity in the Parish Hall bathroom, add drip irrigators to the garden, and thoroughly clean the church floors, pew cushions, and carpeting throughout the plant.*

*Plans include completing the painting and “handyman projects” around the church plant. Woohoo!*



*Contributed by  
Jessica Carroll*

I grew up surrounded by cynical views on what it meant to tithe. I always heard of or saw people give only in the hopes of receiving some sort of reward for doing so or because they were grudgingly adhering to expectations. As an adult, it saddens me to think that this is may be prevalent in our church community.

When I decided to become a member at Grace, I sat for a presentation on giving that brought me great joy and peace. Giving, the presenter explained, was done in multiple ways. It was the giving of money, time and talents so that the church may continue to do its work.

I contribute to Grace because I believe in and want to help support all of the work done for its congregants and the community. I also give because I want to help support the church that provides me with spiritual nourishment. It is with joy that we care for our families because we are invested in their happiness. We work on and invest in our homes because it shelters the ones we love. Giving to our church-home should be done in the same spirit.

***Thank you all for giving so joyfully, graciously, and sacrificially  
of your time, talent and “treasure” to the mission and ministries of Grace Church!***

***May Birthdays***

Christine Lyall 05/01  
Skylar Lima 05/01  
Kyle Peters 05/02  
Wayne Maass 05/03  
John Meyers 05/04  
Shawn Lasley 05/05  
Leota Thorne 05/06  
Loren Petersen 05/08  
Derrick Hente 05/08

Jennifer Roberts 05/11  
Miriam Stenshoel 05/12  
Margaret Zamorano 05/14  
August Berger 05/15  
Barbara Bilbao 05/15  
Marilyn Schneider 05/15  
Lisa Skelley 05/15  
Todd Miller 05/16  
Crystie Rooney 05/16

Patrick Hayes 05/16  
Betty Karlberg 05/16  
Jessica Parr 05/21  
Patrick Case 05/22  
Marion Firnhaber 05/26  
Grace West 05/26  
John Maines 05/27  
Ron Engen 05/28  
Linda Lovgren 05/28

## May Highlights

Every Wednesday from 12:15pm-1:15pm.



Weight-loss support group. A light lunch is served. All are welcome!

**May 11 between services — LADIES TEA.**

Table Hostesses and other volunteers needed! On Saturday the 10th we especially need help creating fancy table settings, making tiny sandwiches and filling platters. Please RSVP the office as attendee and/or volunteer. Thanks!



*A FUNdraiser for Habitat for Humanity  
Saturday May 17th at 7pm  
Grace Church—4427 Overland Avenue, Culver City*



**Celebrating the KID WITHIN!**  
With Michelle Moreno, Jana Koppula, Margey Whalen,  
Colin Tidwell, Musical Theater students and  
Theater at Grace Kids  
Choreography by Tracey Wise-Finkelstein

Extra Years of Zest (XYZ) field trip sometime this month. Lisa: 310-559-1027.



**May 25—One Service at 10am  
(Office closed Monday) Memorial Day weekend**

**May 29—Joint “Ascension” service with our sister church St Mary of Palms at 7pm.**

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## COMING UP IN JUNE

**JUNE 1** - Don't miss the excitement when we celebrate our partnership with the **Salvadoran** Lutheran Synod. It's a time to hear live music, eat yummy pupusas, and purchase jewelry and crafts - all proceeds to go to our Salvadoran partners. See you there! 310-351-0319 or ejennrich71@gmail.com

**JUNE 6 & 7  
YOUTH YARD  
SALE  
FRI. 9—5PM  
SAT. 9—12PM**



**Can you donate GENTLY USED ITEMS?**  
GOOD quality summer wear, Household items,  
Electronics, Books, Toys  
**We also need Volunteers to sort and price.**  
**Please call Lisa to set up a time: 310-559-1027**

## Pentecost—June 8

**A joyous celebration at both services!**

## Prayer Ministry

- |                     |                      |                        |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Patti & Sean Baker  | Lorene Jones         | Savannah Ridgely       |
| Paula Boelsems      | Margie Joy           | Molly Stewart          |
| Ben Calengaert      | Pr Kurtz             | Pat Trelinsky          |
| Sarah Danner        | Brenda Langdon       | Walden family          |
| Betty Davis         | ILeung               | Our Sister Churches    |
| Lynn Erickson       | Margaret Lowe        |                        |
| Marion Firmhaber    | Pr Fred McElderry    | <u>In the Military</u> |
| Elaine Goodyear     | Pr Jim Maines        | John Meyers            |
| Margaret Gottschalk | Joanie Maines        | Natalie Meyers         |
| Larry Green         | Pastor Carlos Paiva  | Sean Sloan             |
| Betty Gregory       | Brian & Cherie Parks | Freddie Wilson         |
| Craig Heath         | Albert Prabhu        |                        |
| Sem. Stephen Jahn   | Nancy Reeves         |                        |

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



*Grace Notes Sponsorships are \$25 per month to help the church defray the cost of materials and postage. Please sign up in the Narthex. The May issue of Grace Notes is sponsored by:*

**Len & Linda Lovgren in honor of Grace Church,  
Days for Girls in gratitude for their Grace home,  
& Lois Mulleneaux in honor of the  
Mulleneaux family**



## Habitat for Humanity

We currently have 4 partner churches who have committed to raising money for the 2015 Culver City project! Grace Church has raised about \$2000 and hopes to raise more with concerts and a Youth project later this year.

**Concert** to raise \$ for Habitat on May 17th at Grace. Invite your friends & family!

**Build Days Coming up . . .**

Saturdays July 26, August 16, Sept 20, and Oct 18. You may sign up in the Narthex or email the office with your preference. Thanks!



## YOUTH NEWS

Youth members helped clean La Ballona Creek, April 19. Part of an Eagle Scout Project, the youth group were organized and led by Grace Church member (and Eagle Scout) Skylar Lima.

Youth members participated throughout Holy Week, including clean up days, setting up for Easter, hosting the Egg Hunt, and being part of the Children's Message on Easter.



Currently, the youth are helping to organize the yard sale items. Please support our youth with donations of gently used items and volunteering to price items. God bless you.

## *Grace Diner, a free meal for our neighbors in need*

**MONDAYS Set up 3pm-4:30pm**

**Serving 4:30-6pm**

**Clean up 5 to 7pm**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

PLEASE help us run smoothly by contacting Johna Miller so you can be scheduled:  
(310)837-8264 johnaamiller@gmail.com

**A message from your Church Council President:** more information about El Salvador, its culture and customs.

Can you believe it's May already?! Once again, we have much to celebrate and share at Grace Lutheran Church.

Please join us for the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, "Singsational" on May 17. It will be a time for great fellowship and an opportunity to support a wonderful cause.

Fellowship & Outreach are planning visits to a Dodger game and the Hollywood Bowl.

And keep an eye out for the special Sunday June 1st to share

Blessings and love to all! *Barbara Knipple Bilbao*

### **Your Church Council:**

Nancy Watson – Christian Service

Education – Johna Miller

Fellowship & Outreach – Grace Elliot, Ken Smith, Brenda Langdon

Property & Support – John Ziegler, Terry Grimm

Stewardship & Finance – Jerry Gottschalk, Ken Smith

Worship & Music – Len Lovgren

Youth – Alexis Andrew

Personnel – Nancy Watson

NAME of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# GRACE CHURCH 2014 Summer Camps

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## 1. Musical Theater Camp: "Wind in the Willows"

3 weeks—June 23 through July 11 (no class July 4th). Performances on July 12, 13, 19 and 20  
9am—2pm Age 9 & up. \$250 total (includes \$25 materials fee) Directed by Marina Tidwell

## 2. Ms Lisa Skelley's Art Camp

July 14—18. 9am to 1pm. Ages 6 and up. FANTASTIC creative FUN! \$75.

## 3. Mini-Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

July 21-25. 9am to 1pm. Performing Arts (&crafts) with Spirit! Ages 4-9.  
Performance in place of the sermon at 9am & 11am on July 27th. \$75.

## 4. "1950's Broadway" Camp

July 28-Aug 1. 9am to 12pm (note shorter camp time). 1950's Songs & Dances! Ages 6-12.  
Teacher: Tracey Wise-Finkelstein. Performance on August 2, Time TBD. \$60.

## 5. VACATION BIBLE CAMP

"Wilderness Adventures" Join Moses as he travels to the Promised Land!  
Aug 4-8. 9am-1pm. Age 4 —11. \$75

## 6. Ms Lisa's Party/Robot Camp

August 11-15, 9am-1pm. Ages 6 and up. Make cardboard robots and partay! \$75.

PLEASE pack a healthy snack & a healthy lunch for your child (in separate bags, if possible).

AFTERCARE AVAILABLE UNTIL 5:30PM FOR ADDITIONAL FEE of \$50/wk.

Please indicate the dates you need aftercare:

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Some Camperships available. Just ask in the church office.  
\$10/camp Early Bird Special until June 1

# May ROSTER

## MAY 4

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	Mark Kleinman	Diana Kirkpatrick
Cantor	Tara Alexander	Tara Alexander
Crucifer	Patrick Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Katie Garner
Kid's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Patty Millett
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Mayberry Family	Joy & Rooney

## MAY 11

	9:00 a.m.*	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Michelle Moreno
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	M Zamorano
Lector	Jerry Gottschalk	Cheri Parks
Cantor	Claire Skelley	TBA
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Brendan O'Brien	April Andrew
Kid's Sermon	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	Marina Tidwell	Erna Guy
Greeters	Joan Engen	Josh Rayner

## MAY 18

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	John Priebe	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Katie Priebe	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	John Priebe	MJ Petersen
Cantor	Steve Merritt	Steve Merritt
Crucifer	Katie Priebe	Jerry Gottschalk
Acolyte	Tbd	Jessica Carroll
Kid's Sermon	Patty Millett	Patty Millett
Altar Guild	Marina Tidwell	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	O'Brien Family	Erna Guy

## May 25

	10:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson
Com. Asst	Betty Davis
Lector	Lila Swenson
Cantor	J Snodgrass w/ Susan Rosenstein
Crucifer	Isabel Cortes
Acolyte	Finn Swenson
Kid's Sermon	Brad Sick
Altar Guild	M Zamorano
Greeters	G Elliott & M Schneider

COUNT YOUR  
**BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

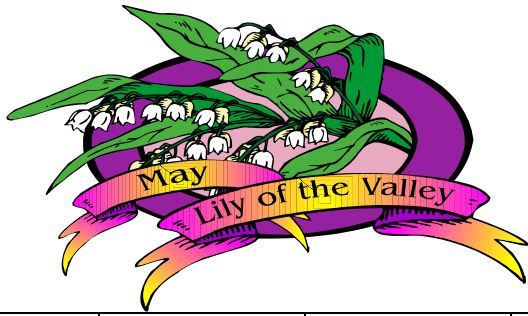
*All y'all are OUR blessings!  
Thank you for serving in  
God's house.*

**"TBD"** = to be determined  
Can you help? Please let us know!

\* choir

If you are unable to make your assigned time, please find a replacement and contact the office with the information.

# May Calendar



				1	2	3
				12pm Office Angels  <i>NO meeting of Days for Girls</i>  7:30 Chancel Choir	T.A.G (Middle School) 4pm to 6pm	<b>CHIEFS 6:30pm</b>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship Services at 9 & 11am	4-6:30pm Grace Diner	5:30-Bells  7pm-Pastor's Bible Study  7:30pm-Young Women's Bible Study	10am GROW Bible Study  12:15 Why Wt?  3pm Confirmation WAG choir  6pm Potluck 6:45 Praise Service	12pm Office Angels  7:30 Chancel Choir	T.A.G (Middle School) 4pm to 6pm	Set up ladies tea (10am-12pm)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>ONE (1) Worship Service 10am</b>	<b>Office closed In honor of Memorial Day</b>    4-6:30pm Grace Diner	5:30-Bells  7pm-Pastor's Bible Study  7:30pm-Young Women's Bible Study	10am GROW Bible Study  12:15 Why Wt? 3pm Confirmation. WAG Choir  6pm Potluck 6:45 Praise Service  <b>7:30 COUNCIL</b>	12pm Office Angels  <b>7pm Ascension of Our Lord service at St Mary of Palms</b>  <i>Christ ascends and his followers await the Holy Spirit</i>	T.A.G (Middle School) 4:15-6pm	

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