

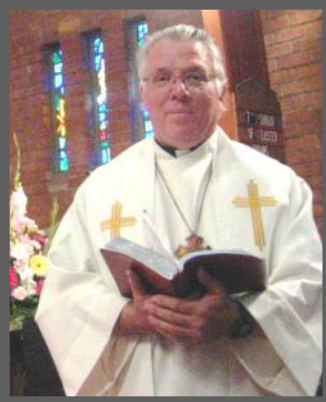
Grace Notes

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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 Gos-
pel lessons, share and pray
together. See you there!



PASTOR'S PAGE: THE FALL SEASON IS UPON US!

Our Annual Rally Day on September 7th kicked off our fall season — a day full of faith, fun, friendship, and food! Our Adult, Bells and Children's Choirs, as well as our many youth programs, have returned from a much-deserved 'break' and are in full swing!



But that's just the beginning. We invite you this fall to become involved! I know we have numerous opportunities to participate. Maybe it's . . .

- ♥ Being a part of the worship service (choir, lector, crucifer, acolyte, altar guild, worship assistant...)
- ♥ Volunteering as a helper for one of the Sunday School classes
- ♥ Helping as an "Office Angel" in the church office
- ♥ Serving on one of our committees
- ♥ Attending a Tuesday nite or Wednesday morning Bible Study
- ♥ Assisting Monday nites with the serving of meals for Grace Diner
- ♥ Attacking those pesky weeds in one of our many flower beds
- ♥ Setting aside a few minutes each month to help with the much needed minor repairs around the church
- ♥ Making sandwiches the first Wednesday of each month with our sister church, St. Mary of Palms Episcopal for HIV patients . . . the list is endless.

Suffice it to say, there are many avenues to get involved... and we need YOU to make it happen! It is SO important that each member of the body of Christ take ownership in using their God given talents... in giving back to our Lord, His church, and the community in which we live!

Working together with a generous spirit of sharing, giving and support, will make this Fall a great and meaningful time for all of us... as we continue to move forward in our journeys of faith and ministries...

Thanking God for each and every one of you...

Why I Give, by Katie Parks

At first, I gave to the church because that's what I was taught to do by my parents.

I remember my parents giving me a quarter or, sometimes, a dollar to put in the offering plate at church when it was passed around. I was proud to be able to be allowed to handle money all by myself, which made it fun to give money away.

Now, my reasons for giving have changed. I was blessed to be born with an able body and mind, to grow up in a family that loved me, and to have been presented with many opportunities to succeed. I have enough income to pay for my own survival and well-being, and it seems selfish to keep all of the excess. I want to help other people, to make the world a better place. There are lots of little things I can do on a daily basis to change the world, but the church multiplies all of those little things and makes a much bigger impact than I ever could all on my own. By giving to the church, I can enable other people to help each other: meet basic needs, grow, thrive, learn, teach, laugh, and spread God's love.

As we approach the annual Stewardship drive, please prayerfully consider your tithe and what it means to our mission and ministry locally and in partnership with our sister churches abroad. God bless you.

Lisa Skelley's Thank You Corner

Wow! Lots of folks to thank this month...

The super amazing Brenda Langdon for heading up games for Rally Day, Maribel and Thomas for being **such** team players!

All the dear folks who helped out at Janet Watson's lovely memorial service.

Shout-out to MJ and Barbara, flower ladies extraordinaire!

The many Top Chefs at the Chili Cook-off for all that yummy food.

Tom Tidwell, for his diligent Habitat sandwich making.

All of my dedicated Grace Diner volunteers (I love you all dearly.)

And, finally, Betty Karlsberg, for being so fabulous!



El Salvador Update

Thank you to everyone who donated medical and dental supplies, clothing, Days for Girls kits AND \$1500 for El Salvador in August. It was a special time to re-connect with friends old and new, worship together, help with ministries, and introduce our Bishop Guy Erwin to El Salvador. You can find a video about it on YouTube with this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzQTMBBhPnM&feature=youtu.be>

Title: Johnson/Jacks El Salvador trip 2014. A special thanks to Todd Miller for editing a couple of hours of videos and photos down to a meaningful 8 minutes!

The two Salvadorans who arrived here last month are settled nicely with Julie Jacks (co-leader of our trip) in Manhattan Beach. 9-yr-old Maria José is attending school there and has a fine teacher, an ESL helper, and children who enjoy having her. Mari is taking house-cleaning jobs and reporting regularly for her immigration appointments.

Here's an inspiring e-mail from Pastor Matias Bonilla, pastor of our sister church, Milagro de Dios. A loose translation:

"Dear Pastor Ellen and our Brothers and Sisters at Grace Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, and may the love of God continue to strengthen our sister church connection. We

give our heartfelt thanks for this relationship in Christ. Whenever Pastor Ellen visits us we are spiritually built up.

Your presence increases our hopes of continuing working in God's labors. We are sending you photos to share with the congregation.

We send greetings and hugs and may God bless you."

October Highlights



Wednesday, October 1 —Noon. **Why Weight**, our weight loss and healthy lifestyle support group, starts up again. Please RSVP to Lisa, who will make a light, healthy lunch.

Saturday, October 4, 6pm—**CHIEFS**. Fellowship, potluck supper, card games. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 5, 9am service—**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED**. Please help us welcome them!



Also, Sunday October 5-12:30pm **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** Bring your pets to be blessed in this simple service on the front lawn. (Kitties in cages and doggies on leashes, please).

All God's
Creatures



Sunday, October 12, 9am service—**CHERUB CHOIR rehearsal** during Sunday School. **GLOBAL CHURCH** celebration during and between services.

Thursday, October 16, 9:15am—**XYZ FIELD TRIP** to the Hollywood Museum. Fun artifacts from the golden age of movies and television. Museum is \$12 for seniors. Bring money for lunch too.

Saturday, October 18—**HABITAT BUILD DAY**. Contact our Habitat Champion Marty Hente to sign up: mhente@sbcglobal.net.



Sunday, October 19—**Part 1 of the ANNUAL MEETING** between services. This is where we elect new Council members and are presented with the draft budget.

Sunday, October 26—**Reformation Sunday** celebrated at both services.



Friday, October 31 4pm to 6pm **HALLOWEEN PARTY** for Grace kids.

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

The Reformation began on October 31, 1517, when German monk Martin Luther (or Uncle Marty as Pastor Jim calls him) nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, calling into question the basis of some Catholic Church practices.

In addition, Luther made a translation of the Bible from Latin, Greek and Hebrew into German. Soon all the countries of Europe followed his example by translating the Scriptures into *their* languages.

For the first time in history, the recently invented printing press made the Word of God available to all the people. This, in turn, led to the revival and re-formation of the church — and the birth of Protestant Christianity, of which the Lutheran church is the oldest.

The Reformation is celebrated on the last Sunday of October each year.

All God's
Creatures



Sunday October 5—12:30pm

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pets and beloved critters to be blessed in our annual service on the front lawn.
(Kitties in cages and doggies on leashes, please).

Global Church Sunday - October 12

In October the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America celebrates our "Global Church" connections. In our Southwest California Synod, we remember our two Companion Synods (Hong Kong and El Salvador), the sister congregations of our Synod, and world-wide missionaries supported by our congregations. Join us as we celebrate!

During the service

International songs,
A short video,
A special offering (please bring \$2 for our companion synods)

Between services in the Fireside Room

A video about the Salvadoran trip in August,
Latin music,
Central American artisan jewelry and crafts for sale,
Updates on the immigration of children from Central America

Don't miss this special Sunday!



**BE A PART OF THIS
INCREDIBLE
MINISTRY!**

"Build Day" in Long Beach

for a deserving family:

October 18

Contact Habitat Champion Marty Hente:
mhente@sbcglobal.net

Also, Special Habitat reusable bags designed by Youth member
Claire Skelley —\$4/bag Don't forget to pick some up!



*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 October issue of Grace Notes is sponsored by:*

The Swenson family in honor of Finn's and Lila's birthdays

Margie Joy in honor of all October birthdays

Lois Mulleneaux in honor of her son Rob's birthday

Council Events

The election for new Council members comes up at the Annual Meeting on Oct 19. Council members help keep our church running smoothly! Members serve for a 2 year term (meetings are on 4th Wedn/month, 7:30pm). They may help plan and implement a vision for the church, manage and allocate funds for special projects, provide input regarding the church budget, and hear reports from pastor, staff, committees and volunteers about church activities. If you would like to learn more, please talk with Pastor Jim or Council President Barbara Bilbao.



Barbara Bilbao

Annual Meeting, Part 1 between services on October 19—Council Elections and Draft Budget

Annual Meeting, Part 2 between services on November 23—Finalize Budget and receive the Annual Report.

YTD Donations	\$352,408
Less YTD Expenses	\$337,055
Less Depreciation	
Net Surplus/Loss	\$15,352

TYD=Year to date

Meals on Wheels 40th anniversary celebration October 8 from 5 to 7pm at Casa Sanchez!
For tickets contact mowculverpalms@gmail.com or 310-559-0666

Hey Folks . . . We're collecting *Labels for Education* and *Box Tops for Education* labels. You can find them on most cereal boxes, canned soup, cookies, crackers, etc. Our schools can get money for these labels. Please get those scissors out and start clipping! Lisa Skelley's desk is a perfect drop-off place for all labels. Thank You!

Prayer Ministry

Steve Anders	Craig Heath	Albert Prabhu	In the Military
Patti & Sean Baker	Sem. Stephen Jahn	Nancy Reeves	John Meyers
Paula Boelsems	Lorene Jones	Christina Riban	Natalie Meyers
Sarah Danner	Margie Joy	Molly Stewart	Brenna Miller
Betty Davis	Brenda Langdon	Pat Trelinski	Sean Sloan
Lynn Erickson	Betty & Shawn Lasley	Walden family	Freddie Wilson
Marion Firnhaber	ILeung		
Elaine Goodyear	Margaret Lowe	Our Sister Churches	Don't forget your Secret Prayer Partner!
Margaret Gottschalk	Gladis Moreno	here in Los Angeles	
Larry Green	Pastor Carlos Paiva	and	
Betty Gregory	Brian & Cherie Parks	in El Salvador	



October birthdays

Agnes McClain 10/01	Cindy Lundquist 10/14	Joan Engen 10/22
Marina Tidwell 10/02	John Ziegler 10/14	Joanne Scheduling 10/25
Eric Seeberger 10/03	Olivia Andrew 10/16	Jessica Salazar-Carroll 10/26
Natalie Meyers 10/07	Sara Grimm-Weeks 10/16	Carol Auslander 10/27
Cathie Seeman 10/10	Sarah Paris 10/18	Kent Seeberger 10/27
Shirley Cox 10/11	Finn Swenson 10/18	Marjorie Joy 10/28
Robert Tidwell 10/12	Kennedy Simon 10/20	Elaine Goodyear 10/28
Marjorie Walsleben 10/13	Nancy Watson 10/21	

October Roster

Sunday, October 5

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	D'Lee Mayberry	Betty Davis
Cantor	Claire Skelley	David Stamford
Crucifer	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Bram & Evan	Jessica Carroll
Children's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Mayberry Family	Joy & Rooney

Sunday, October 12

	9:00 a.m. *	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Marty Hente	M Zamorano
Lector	Marty Hente	Katie Parks
Cantor	Jack Skelley	M. Garcia-Lacy
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk	M Zamorano
Acolyte	Isabelle Cortez	April Andrew
Children's Sermon	Patti Millet	Patti Millet
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Tidwell
Greeters	The Engens	TBD

*choir

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

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

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

Sunday, October 19

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. *
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	Marina Tidwell
Com. Asst	Patti Baker	M Zamorano
Lector	Mark Kleinman	M Tidwell
Cantor	Tara Alexander	Alicia /T. Alexander
Crucifer	M Zamorano	J Gottschalk
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Ginny MacInnis
Children's Sermon	B Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Mirabel Cortes	Erna Guy

Sunday, October 26—Reformation Sunday

	9:00 a.m. *	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Keeshawn Andrew
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Alexis Andrew
Lector	Ron Engen	Keeshawn Andrew
Cantor	Jessica Carroll	Jim Snodgrass
Crucifer	Patti Baker	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	April Andrew
Children's Sermon	Brad Sick	Brad Sick
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	Elliott & Sick	Tidwell

*You are a blessing! Thank you for
 serving in God's house.*

Sunday Mon Tues Wedn Th Fr Sat

		1 10am Women's Bible Study 3:15pm Confirmation 6pm Potluck 6:45 Praise Service	2 12pm Office Angels 7:30pm CHANCEL CHOIR	3	4 CHIEFS 6pm Potluck, fellowship and card games	
5 Worship Services at 9 & 11am New Members Received at 9am service BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 12:30pm	6 4-6:30pm Grace Diner	7 4-5pm God Squad & WOW Choir 5:30 BELL Choir 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	8 10am Women's Bible Study 3:15pm Confirmation 6pm Potluck 6:45 Praise Service Meals on Wheels 40th Anniversary celebration! (p.5)	9 12pm Office Angels 7:30pm CHANCEL CHOIR	10	11
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Fall Yard Sale!

Friday Nov 7. 9-5pm
& Saturday Nov 8. 9-11:30am

Collecting Now!

Newer cold weather clothes and socks (no underwear please), toys, household items,

jewelry, Christmas Boutique, electronics, tools, books ...

Please drop off items in the back patio. If you can help with pricing/organizing, please contact Lisa at 310-559-1027. Bless you!

Proceeds benefit the Youth programs at Grace Church.

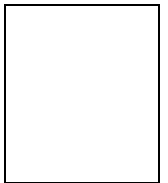
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