



# Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church  
April 2010

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*He is  
Risen!*

# Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

As we are about to bring our Lenten journeys to a close, we are again reminded of Holy Week fast approaching, and with it... we enter into the Passion of our Lord.

It is a difficult time!

The Last Supper reminds us of his Body broken and his Blood shed... for us...

We see the shadows of darkness encircle his tortured form hanging from a rough wooden cross... for us...

We are reminded that...

† -He was brought into the world... for us...

† -He lived and taught and healed...for us...

† -He was made to suffer the most horrendous of deaths... for us...

Oh Lord, as we gaze upon your crucifixion, we know we will never, ever, deserve such love! Help us, oh Lord to offer up our humble selves... with all our warts, blemishes, and imperfections... as that thank offering to you. You deserve so much... we offer so little.

**Come, oh Lord, fill us and use us as you so desire!!**

Looking forward to Holy Week and Easter Sunday with you...

Pastor Jim

# Upcoming events . . . .

## Committees Meetings at Grace

The many committees at Grace do a lot of work and organization. If you have the time and interest, you are invited to participate with committee work. Most meetings are at church. Please call the office for more information. All are welcome!



Tues. April 6, 10:30 a.m.  
Wed., April 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Tues., April 13, 4:15 p.m.  
Wed., April 14, 3:30 p.m.  
Tues., April 20, 4:15 p.m.

Education meeting  
Christian Service at Nancy Watson's house  
Fellowship & Outreach meeting  
Worship & Music meeting  
Stewardship meeting



## April 1 and 2 Holy Week

Please join us for **Maundy Thursday** celebration of the Last Supper (April 1, 7pm) and **Good Friday**, commemorating Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross (April 2, 7pm).

### Holy Week at Grace Church

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 28 at 9 & 11am**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**April 1 at 7pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**April 2 at 7pm**



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## Upcoming Events. . . .

### April 3— Calla Lilies Needed or Easter

A team by Linda Lovgren get together to attach calla lilies to the cross above the altar. Many lilies are needed—as well as greens! If you have any in your garden, please bring them to the church before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 3. THANKS!



### Easter Sunday April 4, 2010 He is Risen!



**Let's Celebrate!**

**Easter Services**

- Services at 9 & 11 a.m.

**Mid-morning Fun**

- 10:15-11 a.m. Easter Brunch
  - Easter Egg Hunt
- Pictures with the Bunny

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### EASTER BREAKFAST

Between services (10:30 a.m.) a brunch will be served. The cost will be \$3.00 per person. We will serve a variety of egg stratas, fruit, breads, sausage and ham, juice, water, and coffee. We will also serve gluten- and milk-free options.

### EASTER EGG HUNT and PHOTO WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

The annual Easter Egg hunt will begin right after the 9:00 worship service. Children should come sit in the pews in the front to hear a story while the older youth are hiding the eggs. An Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos!

# Upcoming Events . . . .

**April 9—Game night for grown ups, 7pm.** Let's discover the night-life of Culver City! Please contact Grace Elliott. Babysitting is available for parents at church.



## April 9-11—Rubies and Pearls Retreat at El Camino Pines



“She is far more precious than jewels and her value is far above rubies or pearls”—Proverbs 31:10) The first Rubies and Pearls retreat will be held April 9-11 at El Camino Pines—this is for all females from Middle School and older—for mothers, grandmothers, daughters, aunts,

sisters, nieces. Spend a weekend encouraging each other and growing in your understanding of what it means to be God's daughters. Registration costs run from \$116 (super early chick rate) to \$150 (last-minute chick rate). You may register at <http://www.lrcc.home> and click on “Register.”

## April 14—eXtra Years of Zest

The next outing will be to the Los Angeles Zoo. We will leave from church at 10:00 a.m. The cost for seniors 62 and older is \$10.00. If you have an Entertainment Book, you can enjoy one complimentary adult admission when a second adult admission is purchased.



**April 25—Metro Conference Dinner** and meeting with Bishop Nelson at Mt Olive Lutheran Church in Santa Monica. 5:50-8:30pm.

ETC. . . .



### Remember our Shut-Ins

The following Grace member are either shut in at home or in a nursing facility. They would love to have visits, cards, etc.

**Jack Harrier, Pauline Lee, Trudi Moore,  
Lorene Jones, Fran Codd, and Lois Ostlund**

Please call the office if you need any addresses.

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### We Want YOUR News!

The weekly e-news and monthly Grace Notes are for church-related business, so we can't include personal news there, BUT we really want to know, celebrate and share the important happenings in your life!



We have bulletin boards galore that would look just great with your flyers, announcements and even invitations. Please feel free to bring them by the church. And you Internet savvy folks may post announcements and invitations on the church Facebook page. Sign on to Facebook, search for "Grace Church" and post a message on our wall. Or email Marina at [marina@graceculver.org](mailto:marina@graceculver.org), and she will post it on the page for you. (Please allow plenty of lead-in time). What's terrific about Facebook is that you can also tell us about the things you're praying about or praising God for. . . "Social networking" and "Spiritual networking!"

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*Don't miss this upcoming event! . . . .*

### May 29-31—Memorial Day Family Camp

A great weekend for all ages! There will be lots of activities and some surprises. Come with your whole family, or come alone and meet some new friends! There are two different housing options: **Cabin** or **Tent/Trailer/RV**. Registration is available online at [http://www.lrcchome.com/family\\_camp](http://www.lrcchome.com/family_camp).

# Youth Calendar



♥April 4: Easter Breakfast—youth needed to help cook & serve.

♥April 9-11: Rubies and Pearls Retreat at El Camino Pines (for women from Middle School age and older).

♥April 17: Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to go to the beach for a clean-up day. Bring money for lunch afterwards.

♥April 18: Youth meeting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served from El Pollo Loco.

♥April 23-24: 30-hour famine fast at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood. Meet at 5:00 p.m. to drive to Emmanuel and join other churches for fast. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, a change of clothes, and a couple bottles of juice.

♥May 8: Meet at church at 7:00 a.m. for a work day at El Camino Pines. Wear old clothes and bring money for breakfast. Lunch is provided.

♥May 15-16: American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, a 24-hour walk at the Culver City High School track. Youth may spend the night with Doris **ONLY** if they raise at least \$100 for the American Cancer Society and have a signed parent release form!

♥May 29-31: Memorial Day Family Retreat at El Camino Pines—register NOW!

♥June 11-12: Spring Yard Sale/Sleep-over/movie.

# MAY DAY GALA

The Stewardship Committee has a wonderful opportunity for friends and members of Grace to donate TIME AND TALENT! Here is an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy May Day, while providing support and service to Grace Lutheran Church. This is an opportunity to be a part of the wonderful summer camps (programs) at Grace, by providing funds for scholarships for the summer programs.

The "May Day Gala," starts with a music concert at 4pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a wine and cheese reception in the Parish Hall with a Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle.



There is a need for items to be "auctioned," and there is a need for persons to assist at the events. There will also be a chance for you to sell and buy tickets for a raffle of a beautiful handmade, king-sized quilt. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Please give some thought to this event, and let Tom Hayes or Marina or Doris know how you will help.

*Thanks from the Stewardship Committee!*



## Summer Youth Programs 2010

Each camp: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.— \$60/week

Aftercare: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.— \$60/week

Discount for Parent Volunteers. Sibling discount \$5/child

\$10 off “Early Bird” registration (before April 11)

Space is LIMITED!

### 1. Musical Theatre: June 28-July 16 Age 8-18.

This is a fun but *demanding* camp that culminates in three public performances July 16, 17 & 18th.

Participants must attend ALL THREE WEEKS.

Dancing, Singing, Improv and Acting, Team-building

Please anticipate TOTAL commitment . . .BUT no experience necessary!

### 2. Art Camp: July 19-23 Age 9 and up.

### 3. Science Camp: July 26-30 Age 8 and up.

Field trips to wetlands, beach clean up, museum visits and talks by nature experts.

### 4. Vacation Bible School: Aug 2-6 BOABAB BLAST Age 4 and up.

Baobab Blast is an open invitation to be a part of God’s Great Get-Together.

Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God’s wildlife creations, and be a part of a supportive community.

### 5. Art-a-Texture: Aug 9-13 Age 6 and up.

Free-style creative arts and crafts. Art show on Sunday, 8/15.

### 6. Beach days: Aug 16-20 & Aug 23-27 Age 9 and up.

Lazy hazy days hanging out at the beach in the morning and then back to Grace church to play the Wii, read, and kick back until 1pm. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunblock, snack and water.

### Aftercare: 1-5pm, Monday—Friday. June 28 to August 27

Park, playground, pool, DVDs, Wii, card games, puzzles, library, quiet time.

**Please make sure your child brings a healthy lunch and beverage.**

Please register with Marina Tidwell or Doris MacGregor:

310-559-1027 or email [marina@GraceCulver.org](mailto:marina@GraceCulver.org)

# MUSINGS

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

If the Bible is our food, then prayer is our air. It's the way by which we draw in the atmosphere of God.

Prayer is rich and varied. Sometimes we confess our sins in a prayer of penitence. Sometimes we praise God in worship and thanksgiving. Sometimes we ask God for help and grace to meet whatever comes our way. Sometimes we pray for other people. Sometimes we're quiet, knowing that when we stop clamoring and pleading our case, there comes a sense of God's reply, some intimation of his will, some message from him to us.



Remember that nothing God can ever give is comparable to himself. It is God we seek in prayer. Everything else is secondary.



## HEY, DEATH! YOU LOSE!

The Master said it: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19, NRSV).

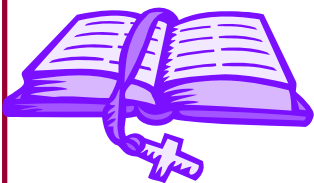
St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). But then he affirmed: "In fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (verse 20). That will be true for all who call Christ Savior.

Do you believe it? If you fully accept Christ's resurrection, you can be assured that you, as a child of God and a follower of Christ, will live eternally.

# Spiritual Growth

*“I, the Lord, will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” Psalm 32: 8*

**Wednesday Night Worship service**—praise music, homily, fellowship and communion. A much needed, mid-week FAITH LIFT! Come to the potluck at 6pm, too!



## Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Jim continues to lead the Tuesday night bible study at 7:00 p.m. We just finished the Gospel of Luke. Bible Study will next meet on April 20. We will begin a study on the Acts of the Apostles. The popcorn will be on!

**G.R.O.W.** Attention all women! 10am Wednesday mornings. The group helps women “grow” their faith through interesting books and Bible study. Call Pastor Ellen Jennrich or the church office for more information. We will be studying Psalms this month.



## WHAT IS FAITH?

*“Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith.”*

—Hannah Whitall Smith

## Happy Birthday!

4/1	Liz Hawkes	4/14	Bernice Mathison	4/25	Jim Harrold
4/2	Veronica Wilson	4/15	Maria Weaver	4/25	Margaret Lowe
4/3	Claire Skelley	4/15	Freddie Wilson	4/27	Raymier Simon
4/5	Claudia Van de Ven	4/16	Barbara Jefferson	4/27	Alexis Tantau
4/10	Jack Skelley	4/16	Marty Hente	4/27	Jessica Weaver
4/12	Len Lovgren	4/19	Carly Priebe		
4/12	Ruth Moreno	4/19	Frank Keister		

## Prayer Concerns

Keep these members and their families in your prayers for health and in the loving care of our Lord.:

Everett Aspenson  
Patti & Sean Baker  
Debbie Berger  
Paula Boelsems  
Oscar Carter  
Fran Codd  
Betty Davis  
Lynn Erickson  
Marion Firnhaber  
Jerry Frascella  
Bette & George Gregory  
Goller family  
Elaine Goodyear  
Jack Harrier  
Maggie Johnson  
Lorene Jones  
Babak Kamjou  
Patti LaBarbera  
Pauline Lee  
Trudi Moore  
Shirley Nowlin  
Lois Ostlund  
Lu Petersen  
Imogene Robbins  
Maxine Stenstrom

Members in the Military  
Derrick Hente,  
Natalie Meyers,  
John Meyers,  
& your Prayer Partner  
or Compadre

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**Worship Services**  
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**Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.**

### **Our Mission**

**We are a Lutheran family in Christ—open, loving and caring. We seek to share God’s love through our ministries of service and proclamation. We strive to nurture spiritual growth by understanding and teaching God’s Word, and by listening and responding to the needs of others. We represent Christian witness to the community. We desire growth as an inclusive intergenerational family; we resolve to support a strong youth ministry.**