

Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City



June 2010

The Season of Pentecost

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.



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Pastor's Page

There's an old song that I love singing with the children that begins "The wise man built his house upon the rock..."

Remember it?

The song is based on Matthew 7 where in Jesus reminds us that when it comes to building a foundation for our lives the choices are many, but only One is solid and eternal. And though I have sung the above song countless times over the years I truly don't want to come to the end of my life and find that I, like the foolish man, had built my life on unstable sand. Another familiar Gospel song reminds us as well... "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sifting sand..."

This Pentecost season we continue to worship and celebrate He who is that solid rock... for it is the same Jesus through the power of his Spirit, who bids us come and build our lives upon Him.

The scriptures remind us that not only are our lives to be built on solid rock, but that we too become "mini-rocks" or stones. 1 Peter 2 states: "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ..." I love that, as we build our lives on THE ROCK, we in turn become LIVING STONES... and that God is using each of us to build a great spiritual house.

God truly has chosen us to be a holy priesthood! **We do count...** we do matter as God uses us to reach into our workplaces and communities to be the light of Christ to others.

May the same Pentecost power that filled those disciples of long ago, so fill and empower YOU... as we live out our lives being those LIVING STONES as God's people of today!

Being built up with you this Pentecost season...

Pastor Jim

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 with Pastor Jim, fellowship and communion. A much needed mid-week FAITH LIFT! Come to the supper at 6pm, too.

Tuesday Night Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Refreshments are always available — See’s Candy and popcorn!

Upcoming . . . Summer Spirit!

Adult Sunday school between services



Beginning Sunday July 11th we will begin a DVD series called “Mudhouse Sabbath” by Lauren F. Winner. Come explore the Jewish context that nurtured Jesus, find out about spiritual practices of hospitality, mindful eating, prayer, fasting and mourning. The weekly video is about 8 minutes, followed by discussion in the Fireside room.

July 11	Judaism and Christianity
July 18	Sabbath Keeping
July 25	Hospitality/Food

Movies at Grace

One Sunday a month at noon we will show a Christian film and lunch at noon. Our first screening will be on July 11 with “Faith like Potatoes” a fiery story of faith in South Africa. If you plan to attend, please let Doris know so we can plan the luncheon.



Upcoming . . .

Committees Meetings

You are invited to participate with the committees supporting the mission and organization of Grace. Most meetings are at church. Please call the office for more information. All are welcome!



Tues., June 1, 4:30 p.m. Education

Wed., June 2, 7:30 p.m. Christian Service (Nancy Watson's house)

Wed., June 9, 3:30 p.m. Worship & Music

Tues., June 14, 4:15 p.m. Fellowship & Outreach

Tues., June 15, 4:15 p.m. Stewardship



LET'S GO CAMPING!



- July 11-16 Confirmation Camp—El Camino Pines (\$350)
- July 18-23 Backpacking/Canyoneering in Zion National Park (\$425), led by Pastor Glen Egertson from El Camino Pines
- July 18-23 El Camino Pines for 1st-7th grades (\$350)
- July 25-30 El Camino Pines for 3rd-12th grades (\$350)



Upcoming . . .

June 5— 6pm CHIEFS, Meeting and Supper

June 3-5—Synod Convention Cookies needed!

We need 6-8 dozen homemade cookies in non-returnable containers or baggies to share at the convention. Please drop off at the church by June 2 at 2pm.



Your treasure awaits!

YARD SALE

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Doris MacGregor if you can help out.



June 13 — Children's Sunday with T.A.G.



and Dance Ministry. Celebrate our youngsters!

Between services we will have special refreshments and our annual fun jumpers. Please dress in active wear to enjoy yourself.

"Calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" (Matthew 18:2-5 ESV)

eXtra Years of Zest— no outing this month; BUT we'll plan something splendiferous for July!

Upcoming . . .

June 20—Father’s Day and Men’s Sunday. Celebrate Christian



Men! Brunch served to fathers and their children between services. (Sorry, ladies, your turn next week!)

Compadres revealed (men’s secret prayer partners) and next year’s chosen. This is a must for your calendar. In fact, what a great Sunday to bring a male friend so they too may feel the love of God!

June 27—Women’s Sunday. Women’s brunch and tea between services. All women welcome!

Secret Prayer partners revealed and new ones chosen. Can you hostess a table? Please notify the church office if you would like to participate this year.



What’s a Secret Prayer Partner or Compadre?

It’s a commitment to secretly praying regularly over the course of a year as led by the Holy Spirit, for a person whose name you draw from the hatbox, while someone else is secretly praying for you.



You can send cards or gifts to your “SPP” or Compadre anonymously through the church office.

You may find that you are growing in spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood as you pray for your partner — and are prayed for — throughout the year.

Volunteers



Please remember our Shut-Ins

Some Grace members would love to have visits, cards, phone calls. . .

Jack Harrier, Pauline Lee, Trudi Moore, Elaine Goodyear, Lorene Jones, Fran Codd, and Lois Ostlund. Please call the office if you need addresses or phone numbers.

Good Samaritans Needed!



We are currently serving 30-35 individuals and families free supper every Monday night from 4:30-6pm.

Here's how YOU can help:

Volunteer

If you're ready to take an active role in ministry to the hungry, please call Marina. She'll go over the various job options with you and add you to the schedule at your convenience.

Benefactor

Will you consider making a donation? The weekly cost is about \$70/wk. Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, and note "for Grace Diner" in the memo section.

Referrals

We would like to serve more people. Please contact Ken Smith, Grace Elliott or the church office if you know of families or individuals who would benefit from Grace Diner.

And more opportunities. . .

♥ Come be an adult volunteer with VBS or other summer camps!



♥ St Mary's in Palms— make sandwiches for AIDS/HIV sufferers. First Wedn of every month at 10am.

**Please speak with Marina about serving.
Bless you!**



Thank you so much!

With your support of the May Day Gala, we raised over \$4400 for the Grace Church Summer Enrichment Camps – enough for 60 or so children to attend their choice of a week of camp.

Caring people like you help make our Grace community strong, healthy and growing!

Organizers

Emcee: Tom Hayes

Margaret Lowe, Doris MacGregor, Joanie Maines, Mary Jane Petersen, Crystie Rooney, Marina Tidwell

Donors & Volunteers

Norman & Carol Auslander, Charlie Bader, Patti Baker, Mary Lou Basaraba, Cathleene Biggs, Paula Boelsems, Lee Collins, Maribel & Isabel Cortes, Bets Danko, Sarah Danner, Betty Davis, Clark Dikeman, Rebecca Engel, Ron & Joan Engen, Lupe Fernandez, Mary Flynn, Jerry & Mary Frascella, Elaine Goodyear, Jerry & Margaret Gottschalk, Larry & Doris Green, Erna Guy, the Hayes family, Craig & Marsha Heath, Elaine & Marty Hente, Kim Jacobi, Ellen Jennrich, Christine Johnson, Dolores Johnson, Marjorie Joy, Barbara Jefferson, Beverly & David Keep, Frank & Martha Keister, Patti LaBarbera, Brenda Langdon, Len & Linda Lovgren, Margaret Lowe, the Lowe family, Cindy Lundquist, Barbara Lurvey, Freda Lutz, Hang Ly, Judith Maas, Doris & Roger MacGregor, Virginia MacInnis, Jill & Rich McKeon, Maria Mager, Jim & Joanie Maines, Jennifer Mann, Johna Miller, M. Neary, Albert Prabhu, MJ & Loren Petersen, Laura Phillips, Emily Reppun, Marvin Ridgely, Tom & Crystie Rooney, Jill Rosicki & Bobby Piña, Shirley Schepler, the Shapiro's, Linda Schumitzky, the Skelley family, Ken Smith, Clare Snodgrass, Colin, Marina, Robert Tidwell, Nancy Watson, Joan Wright, Andrew Yamamoto, Margaret Zamorano, **and all those who prayed for the success of the Gala!**

Kids News!

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- ♥ June 11-12: Spring Yard Sale/Sleep-over/movie
- ♥ June 13: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY—Youth meeting at noon and cookout
- ♥ July 4 : The Birthday of the USA

Yes, we will have church on Sunday, July 4th at 9am and at 11am. Wear your red, white and blue outfit. We are so thankful for a country that celebrates religious freedom. Come join us between services for roast corn & hot dogs. (Now that's different!) Special July 4th craft for kids "God Bless America."

Each Sunday on the lawn we will have tables set up for Children's fun crafts with a special Bible theme.

- July 11 Sail with Jesus
- July 18 Shell prayers
- July 25 Keep cool with God
- Aug 1 Treasure Hunt



Check this out! Summer Programs 2010

- Musical Theatre Camp:
June 28-July 16, & Performances July 16, 17, 18
- Art Camp: July 19-23
- Science Camp: July 26-30 — sorry, filled up!
- Vacation Bible School: Aug 2-6
- Art-a-Texture: Aug. 9-13
- Beach days: Aug 16-20 & Aug 23-27

Each camp is 9am-1pm — \$60/week;
Aftercare: 1pm-5pm — \$60/week
Sibling discount \$5/child

Ask about our SCHOLARSHIPS if needed!



From our e-mail bag: "A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'"

Etc. . .

Wish List

It'd be nice to have a playhouse for the Nursery classroom in the Parish Hall — something bright, cheerful and clean for the littlest members of Grace to play on.



Commendation Received for Doris MacGregor



We recently received notification that Doris “successfully completed the first section of Toastmaster International communication program. . . .those completing the program show a high degree of self-motivation and a strong interest in self-improvement.” Of course that aspect of Doris comes as no surprise! Congratulations, Doris—another job well done!!

Community Arts Workshops

Create props, sets and costumes for the upcoming production of “Songs & Dances of Imaginary Lands” a contemporary opera taking place July 8—July 18.



The avant garde opera integrates art installation, dance, voice, live and recorded music, projected video, costuming, community participation, and theater.

June 5-6, 12:30-4:30pm—Use paper mache and recycled materials to make masks, headdresses and rocks.

June 19-20, 12:30-4:30pm—Put the finishing touches on costumes and scenery.

The Songs & Dances Warehouse: 8810 Washington Blvd. Culver City (323) 655-2410

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 Boelsens
Oscar Carter
Fran Codd
Betty Davis
Lynn Erickson
Marion Firnhaber
Jerry Frascella
Elaine Goodyear
Bette & George Gregory
Goller family
Jack Harrier
Lorene Jones
Babak Kamjou
Patti LaBarbera
Trudi Moore
Shirley Nowlin
Lois Ostlund
Lu Petersen
Imogene Robbins
Maxine Stenstrom
Margaret Zamorano

Members in the Military

Natalie Meyers
John Meyers
& your
Prayer Partner or Compadre

Church Staff & Council

The Rev. James S. Maines, Pastor

Doris MacGregor, Youth & Family Parish Worker
Elaine L. Hente, Church Administrator
Mary Lou Basaraba, Director of Music Ministries
Marina Tidwell, Volunteer Coordinator
Jim Snodgrass, Handbell Choir Director
Bets Danko, Children's Music Director
Laura Chapman, Bookkeeper
Don Martin, Custodian
Jim Harrold, Facilities Manager
Wanda Hunter, Nursery Attendant

Jim Snodgrass	President & Property/Support
Marty Hente	Secretary & Property/Support
Marsha Heath	Treasurer
Norman Auslander	Fellowship & Outreach
Cathy Biggs	Fellowship & Outreach
Isaac Danner	Stewardship & Finance
Grace Elliott	Fellowship, Education
Dolores Johnson	Christian Service
Lu Petersen	Property & Support
Ken Smith	Stewardship
Len Lovgren	Worship & Music
Margaret Lowe	Stewardship
Colin Tidwell	Youth
Beverly O'Brien	Sunday School Superintendent

Happy Birthday

Sarah Moss—06/01	Jennifer Mann—06/12
Krissie Tepley—06/02	Charlie Bader—06/13
Pauline Lee—06/03	Daphne Yemofio—06/14
Sharlo Cruz—06/04	Judy Audet—06/15
John Snodgrass—06/04	Carl Joy—06/15
Sean Andrew—06/05	Lynn Erickson—06/19
George Gregory—06/05	Babak Kamjou—06/20
Velma Hyatt—06/05	Martha Keister—06/22
Christine Johnson—06/08	Maggie Danko—06/26
Jennifer Priebe—06/08	Edward Tidwell—06/28
Bonnie Seeberger—06/09	Julie Lesley—06/29
Bobby Piña—06/10	Jill Rosicki-Piña—06/30

YARD SALE June 11 & 12
Friday: 9-5pm & Saturday: 9-1pm



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