

Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California

June 2012

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A Note from our Pastor . . .

On Sunday May 20th Grace Church honored this pastor for my 15 years of ministry at Grace and the 35th anniversary of my ordination

And what a wonderful celebration it was! I was honored to have our own Bishop Nelson preaching, the music was superb, and to have so many come forward to pray over me... all I can say is THANK YOU!

And then the awesome luncheon that followed, my scrapbook that was so well put together, the skit, and the gift of 2 new albs as well as a monetary gift... again all I can say is THANK YOU!!

Please know that on behalf of my wife Joanie and my son John, it truly has been an honor to serve our Lord and this congregation as your pastor these 15 years!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gratefully yours,



SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Email for a registration form:
GraceCulver@sbcglobal.net

July 2-6— Mini-Musical Theater
“Jesus’ Superhero-Sidekicks”
Age 4 to 8 (10am-12pm) \$30

July 2-6—Camp ROCK! Age 4 to 8
(1pm to 3pm) \$30
Kids learn easy guitar and percussion!

July 9-13 —Science Camp
Age 8 and up. \$60

July 16-20—Native American Art Camp
Age 6 and up. \$60

July 23-27—Beach & Bible Camp
Age 11 and up. \$60

July 30-Aug 3—Vacation Bible School
Age 4 and up. \$60
Come visit Babylon with Daniel in the Lion’s Den and learn about God’s love!

Aug 6-17—Musical Theater Camp
“Annie, Jr.”
Age 9 & up (9am to 3pm) \$120
Performances August 17, 18, 19, 25 & 26.

Aug 20-24 —pARTy Camp
Age 8 and up. \$60

*All camps, except where noted,
are from 9am to 1pm.
Aftercare from 1-5pm is also available, \$60/wk.*

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

**Lorene Jones in honor of Pastor Jim's 35 years of ministry and 15 years at Grace,
The Swenson Family in honor of Finn's wonderful 1st year (K) of school,
The Keisters in memory of loved ones**

Christian Education



Tuesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Jim at 7pm

Tuesday Night Young Women's Group at 7:30pm— Study and sharing for young women (20ish to 40ish). Please contact Michelle Moreno for more info: (818) 294-0289 or junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com

Wednesday, at 10am "God Renewing Our Women" (GROW) Bible Study with Pastor Ellen. On hiatus after June 13, until mid-September.

Bulletin board

If you're travelling this summer, please keep the church in your prayers and stay current with your offerings so that we can ensure the continuation of the many ministries of Grace!

Summer Dance Lessons at Grace
Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical
Taught by our own Kelsey Harrold
(310)251-3415
\$5 for 1/2 hr. \$10/hr



BE THE MATCH
Bone Marrow Registry Drive
In honor of Craig Heath
JUNE 17 at 10am. Details soon!

Please donate to the **Seminary Fund** to support Stephen Jahn's studies. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran, and designate "Seminary" in the memo line.

2012 Men's Advance
San Luis Obispo
Sept 27-30
www.mens-advance.org

Women of the ELCA
Oct 12-14 in Simi Valley
805-486-5762

**¿Habla español?
Would you like to speak Spanish?**
\$120 per week for classes, \$53 for books, plus a one-time enrollment fee of \$80 (for first time students)
For more information please contact:
brian@newcityparish.org,
or 323-459-7126

June Events

!!YARD SALE!! June 1 & 2

Needed: Volunteers to help and cashier the sale.

Contact Lisa Skelley at 310-559-1027

Please help support Grace Youth, the church, and the community by volunteering.

June 2—CHIEFS 6:30pm. Fellowship, potluck and cards. Contact Dolores for info: (323)292-9998.

June 3—CONFIRMATION — please join us for this important rite of passage for Claire Skelley, Alexis Andrew, Kent Seeberger, and Maggie Johnson.

And . . .Katie Timm, RN will check your blood pressure between services. Give “Timm some time” — it could save your life!



June 5 at 7pm—Dinner at Dinah's

6521 So. Sepulveda Blvd 310-645-0456.

Tired of cooking? Get out of the kitchen! Come and enjoy some good old fashioned fried chicken with all of the fixin's! This is a fun fundraiser, so please **pick up a flyer** from the church office and 10% of the proceeds will be given to Grace. All are welcome!!!! SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

June 7 “Days for Girls” Sewing and assembling sanitary supplies and kits for Pastor Ellen to take to the women of El Salvador on her mission trip this summer. Fireside Room from 7-9pm. More info: Linda at 310/508-8407.

June 10—Women's Tea



An elegant repast between services. We'll need petit sandwiches, teas, finger foods, reveal our last year's Prayer Partners and choose new ones. RSVP to the office.

June 24—Men's Sunday

We'll celebrate with special music, and then between services let the guys enjoy a HEARTY brunch and Fellowship!



WHAT'S COMING UP

Did I mention the Yard Sale? :-)



Our summer camp programs

start the first week in July and run for 8 weeks. There's an exciting, different camp nearly every week.

Please help us spread the word to families on the west side whose kids need quality care at

bargain prices. All are welcome!

Pastor Jim's taking a few weeks off in mid-June, but will be ably covered by dynamic **Pastor Floyd Lawson** and **Pastor Georgia Rodiger**. PJ will be back in the pulpit in early July.

Our seminarian, **Stephen Jahn** will doing a 10 week Chaplaincy program in Minnesota during the summer but, toward the end of August, he will be here at Grace to preach one Sunday before returning to PLTS for his second year of studies. Please keep him and his ministry in your prayers. You can write to him at: 16204 Ice Circle Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391 or Stephen.A.Jahn@gmail.com

June Birthdays

Sarah Moss 06/01
Kristina Tepley 06/02
John Snodgrass 06/04
Sharlo Cruz 06/04
Sean Andrew 06/05
Jo Hyatt 06/05
Christine Johnson 06/08
Jennifer Priebe 06/08
Bonnie Seeberger 06/09
Bobby Pina 06/10

Daphne Yemofio 06/14
Judy Audet 06/15
Lynn Erickson 06/19
Babak Kamjou 06/20
Tony Koppula 06/21
Martha Keister 06/22
Michael Roberts 06/25
Edward Tidwell 06/28
Lucas Case 06/30
Jill Rosicki 06/30

Why I Give . . .

I give faithfully each week to the church because of my family. The programs for kids here, the music, the opportunities to share talents, all of these things have made such a difference in my kids' lives. I give to Grace Church freely and with a grateful heart.

—Lisa Skelley

The reality of giving is that Grace Lutheran would not exist without it. Grace Church is *us*, comes from us and, in return, we receive so much: Pastor Jim, Marina, Lisa, Mary Lou, Colin, Cherub Choir, Grace Diner, VBS, all the parties, celebrations (don't forget the live animals at Christmas!) and a wonderful community of worship, friendship and acceptance. "Give and you shall receive" are more than words to me, it is a way of living.

—Johna Miller

Why do YOU give? Send Marina your thoughts for the next issue of Grace Notes.



Top 10 Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan

1. New Children, Grandchildren or Other Heirs
2. Move from a Different State
3. Sale or Purchase of a Major Asset
4. Reaching Age 70 ½
5. Your Selected Beneficiary is Deceased
6. Divorce or Remarriage
7. Substantial Change in Value
8. Adding a Major Property to a Living Trust
9. Selected Executor or Trustee Not Available
10. Passage of Time

For information on how to receive a "Will and Trust Workbook or other concerns or assistance in reviewing your legacy plan, contact our gift planner, Greg Shepherd at: (909)910-6823 or gregory.shepherd@elca.org



Young Adults

♥ **Tuesday Night Young Women's Group at 7:30pm.** Bible study for young women.

♥ YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Age 20-30s. Monthly service projects, fellowship, & food.

junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Confirmation class, Cherub Choir and Thursdays at Grace are on hiatus from mid-June until mid-September.

Please sign up for Summer Camps!!

This is a picture of some the coolest camp counselors from last year—a couple of Tidwells, a Skelley, the Harrold, and a Danko



Friday Night Kick Back, Dinner, and Bible Study

All youth ages 8th grade through freshman college are invited. The evening begins at 6:30pm.

June Service Assistants

June 3—Holy Trinity		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	Doris MacGregor
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	Patti Baker
Lector	Confirmands	Confirmands
Cantor	C Snodgrass	C. Snodgrass
Crucifer	Confirmand	Patti Baker
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Brad Sick	Brad Sick
Altar Guild	Timm/Moreno	MacInnis
Greeters	Skelley Family	Crystie Rooney



*Blessings on those who serve in
God's house!*

June 10—2nd Sunday after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Betty Davis	Patty Baker
Com. Asst	J Gottschalk	K Andrew
Lector	Betty Davis	Tom Tidwell
Cantor	M Krueger	M Krueger
Crucifer	J Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	TBD	April Andrew
Kid's Sermon	B Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	Tidwell	Guy & Silver
Greeters	O'Briens	Engens



What are you doing with your summer Sundays?
We sure could use some new
Crucifers and Acolytes!!

The jobs are simple and rewarding
(maybe a big fat sloppy kiss. . . .or NOT :-)
and you can learn them in 15 minutes!!

Call Marina in the office: 310/559-1027

June 17—3rd Sunday after Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Michelle Moreno
Lector	Kim Jacobi	Michelle Moreno
Cantor	Jim Snodgrass	Jim Snodgrass
Crucifer	Patrick Hayes	Michelle Moreno
Acolyte	Megan Hayes	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Tom Hayes
Altar Guild	Jefferson	MacInnis
Greeters	The Danners	Erna Guy

June 24—John the Baptist		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Joan Engen	Leah Wouters
Lector	B Knipple	ML Basaraba
Cantor	Sherry Hutson	Sherry Hutson
Crucifer	TBD	Elizabeth Moss
Acolyte	TBD	Sarah Moss
Kid's Sermon	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	Zamorano	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	Biggs	Tidwell

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

June Calendar



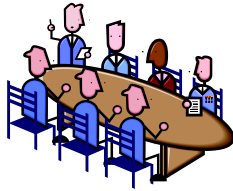
Please drop in this week and help us set up for the **HUGE Yard Sale!!**
We need willing workers and many hands. Bless you!!

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9am start!
Shoppers and Volunteers welcome!

6:30-Youth Meeting CHIEFS 6:30pm

3 Services 9 & 11am Confirmation of Youth Parish Nurse Katie Timm between services	4 4:30-6pm Grace Diner	5 7pm— Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study Dinner at Dinah's fundraiser	6 2:30 Cherub Choir 6pm-Soup Supper 6:45 Worship service	7 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG "Days for Girls" Sewing Group 7pm Fireside Room	8 6:30-Youth Meeting	9
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Council Notes

Council meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting is

June 27 at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns about the running of the church, please feel free to contact the office or any council member. >>>>>



GRACE COUNCIL & STAFF

The Rev. James S. Maines, Pastor

Marina Tidwell, Church Administrator

Lisa Skelley, Youth & Family Director

Michelle Moreno, Youth Leader

Mary Lou Basaraba, Director of Music Ministries

Jim Snodgrass, Handbell Choir Director

Colin Tidwell, Children's Music Leader

Beverly O'Brien, Sunday School Superintendent

Jim Harrold, Facilities Manager

Wanda Hunter, Nursery Attendant

Don Martin, Custodian

Laura Chapman, Bookkeeper

Marty Hente, Council President

MJ Petersen, Vice President

Ken Leung, Recording Secretary

Marsha Heath, Treasurer

Dolores Johnson, Nancy Watson—**Christian Service**

Johna Miller—**Education**

Robert Tidwell, Katie Parks—**Fellowship & Outreach**

MJ Petersen, Marty Hente—**Property & Support**

Marsha Heath—**Stewardship & Finance**

MJ Petersen—**Worship & Music**

Leah Wouters—**TBD**

Patrick Hayes—**Youth**

Margaret Lowe—**Council Liaison, Synod and ELCA**

The Power of Giving

Romans 12:13 — "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

♥ **1st Aid supplies:** antibiotic cream, OTC meds — see the complete list in the Narthex.

♥ **Reusable, cloth shopping bags** for Grace Diner take-away suppers.

Thank you and God bless you!

Prayers

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

Patti & Sean Baker

Paula Boelsems

Fran Codd

Sarah & Isaac Danner

Betty Davis

Lynn Erickson

Marion Firnhaber

Goller family

Elaine Goodyear

The Gottschalks

Bette Gregory

Larry & Doris Green

Craig Heath

Stephen Jahn

Ellen Jennrich

Lorene Jones

Marjorie Joy

Patti LaBarbera

Brenda Langdon

ILeung

Jonell MacGregor

Lisa McDaniel

Trudi Moore

Ruth Moreno

Shirley Nowlin

Brian & Cherie Parks

Albert Prabhu

Cathie Seeman

Maxine Stenstrom

Bryna Walden

In the **Military:**

Freddie Wilson

Natalie Meyers

John Meyers

Sean Sloan

And . . .

Your Prayer Partner

God bless you in your prayer ministry!

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Worship Services

Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.

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.



**Volunteers &
shoppers needed!!!!**
**Call Lisa at
310-559-1027**

GIANT YOUTH

June 1 from 9am to 5:30pm

and

June 2 from 9am to 1pm

YARD SALE!!!