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Worship Services
Sunday at 9 & 11 a.m.
Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

Spirit Matters

Adult Education
• Tuesday Night Bible
Study with Pastor Jim 7pm

• Tuesday Nights 7:30pm
Young Women's Bible
study

• Wednesdays at 10am
"God Renewing Our
Women" (G.R.O.W.)
Bible study for all women

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Grace Family,

I was about to sit down and write a 'fabulous' overview of our Grand May Gala and Concert performance held on May 18 ...which was all the above... so I'll say it here with tons of thanks and appreciation and gratitude...**a great event was enjoyed by all! Thank you** to everyone who made it such an awesome and successful event!

But my thoughts go to the destruction in Oklahoma and the devastating tornado that leveled so many homes and communities. The two-mile-wide tornado ripped through Oklahoma, sadly claiming lives and leaving behind a devastating trail of destruction and rubble.

What to do? We feel the pain and agony of it all.

My son John, now 11, after seeing the TV views of this loss and utter destruction, came up with a simple answer. He wants to donate \$50 from his piggy bank. We told him we would match it and it would go towards the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response. This would directly help those people in need.

He took it a step further and said, "Dad, do you think others in the church would match this too?" From the mouths of — ok...I can't call an 11 year old a 'babe' — but you get my drift! WOW!

So that's my (and my son's) challenge to you... that we each go to our "piggy bank" and match John's challenge. It may not seem like a lot, but together we can help make a difference. I know that every dollar helps!

This mark of Mother Nature just makes us all take a second look at all we love, cherish, and hold close.

Please continue to keep these families and communities in Oklahoma in your prayers!

(PS. To help, you may make checks out to Grace Church, and designate it for Lutheran Disaster Relief)



GRACE CHURCH 2013 Summer Camps

1. Musical Theater Camp: "WIZARD OF OZ"

June 24 through July 12 (time off July 4th & 5th), Performances on July 13 & 14
9am—2pm Age 9 & up \$200 (includes \$20 materials fee)

2. Art Camp

July 15-19 9am-1pm Age 5 & up \$65 (includes \$5 materials fee)

3. Science Camp

July 22-26 9am –1pm Age 8 & up \$60

4. Camp Counselor Training

July 29-Aug2 9am-1pm Age 12 & up \$60

5. VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Aug 5-9 9am-1pm Age 4 —11 \$60

6. Mini-Musical (Seussical) and Camp Rock

Aug 12– 16 (and performance on Aug 18) 9am-2pm Age 4 & up \$60



AFTERCARE AVAILABLE UNTIL 5:30PM FOR ADDITIONAL FEE of \$60/wk
Registration form: 4427 Overland Ave. Culver City, 90230
310-559-1028 GraceCulver@sbcglobal.net

Habitat for Humanity

1. Long Beach house being built! Sign ups on the lawn start June 2, or contact Marty Hente.
We have reserved 3 Saturday "Build Days" for 10-15 people:
July 27, August 17, and Sept. 21
(Mid-week opportunities available too)
2. 10-unit Culver City complex needs funding. Donation checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran, clearly marked for "Habitat for Humanity." Building is planned for 2014.
3. Please support SB391 Enforcement Form for the California Home and Jobs Act. If passed, this will help provide more funding for affordable housing and make up for that lost through the loss of redevelopment funds.
4. Link to the video showing the partner homeowner we will be building the Thrivent-Lutheran house in Long Beach this year can be found by clicking on <http://youtu.be/Kz9GfZNIQKk>



Actual Habitat home.

Thanks!

MAKE IT SIMPLE TIP



Support Your Church

Why is this so important? When you have a community of people you know will always be there for you, you don't have to rely on having lots of stuff and money. If you are sick or in need, your church is there to help.

But it's not just for selfish reasons. Being part of the community of Grace involves doing the same for others so that we truly live out God's mission for our lives. (And it feels good!)

Please contact the office about automated giving, especially if you're traveling or vacationing this summer.

Automated donations help keep the church financially strong and running smoothly!



1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.



Grace Kids
Musical Theater Camp
presents



Sat., July 13 at 7pm
&
Sun., July 14 at 1pm

Aren't ya just dyin' to see how we fit a
tornado in the sanctuary?!

HUGE cast with
Choreography by Katherine Comer,
Music Direction by Colin Tidwell,
And Staged by Marina Tidwell

Prayer Ministry

Patti & Sean Baker	Patti LaBarbera
Paula Boelsems	Brenda Langdon
Fran Codd	ILeung
Sarah & Isaac	Pr Fred McElderry
Danner	Trudi Moore
Betty Davis	Lily Morales
Lynn Erickson	Ruth Moreno
Marion Firnhaber	Brian & Cherie
Elaine Goodyear	Parks
The Gottschalks	Albert Prabhu
Bette Gregory	Nancy Reeves
Craig Heath	The Ridgely family
Kim Jacobi	Leota Thorne
Sem. Stephen Jahn	The Walden family
Lorene Jones	

In the Military:
Freddie Wilson
Natalie Meyers
John Meyers
Sean Sloan
Colette Sprenger

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



June Birthdays

Sarah Moss 06/01	Judy Audet 06/15
Harvey Schneider 06/02	Lynn Erickson 06/19
John Snodgrass 06/04	Babak Kamjou 06/20
Sean Andrew 06/05	Martha Keister 06/22
Christine Johnson 06/08	Tony Koppula 06/21
Jennifer Priebe 06/08	Michael Roberts 06/25
Bonnie Seeberger 06/09	Ted Tidwell 06/28
Bobby Pina 06/10	Jill Rosicki 06/30
Kenneth Thompson 06/14	Lucas Case 06/30
Daphne Yemofio 06/14	

June Highlights

Sat June 1 at 6:30pm—CHIEFS. Potluck, cards & fellowship, Call Dolores Johnson for information: (323) 292-9998.

Sunday, June 2—Children's Sunday, Special music and sermon honoring children and family ministries.



Friday & Saturday June 7 & 8—YOUTH YARD SALE!!! Clean up on Saturday starts at 12pm. Organizers/pricers/cashiers/muscle needed Monday; June 3 until end of Sale. Call Lisa to volunteer!

Sunday, June 9, Pastor Jim will lead the services, but Sem Stephen Jahn will be here to preach the sermon. Stephen starts his internship at a church in northern California (near Chico) in the fall.



Sunday, June 16—Father's Day. There will be a delicious brunch between services in honor of all people of the male persuasion :-)

Sunday, June 23—Ladies Tea. We're looking for a few good women — to contribute delectable goodies, host a table, set up the dining areas (on Saturday), or wash up. Contact Lisa Skelley to volunteer: 310-559-1027.

Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed at the Tea. Sign ups for Secret Prayer Partners will take place in July. Look for the bulletin insert.



XYZ Thursday, June 20—Xtra Years of Zest field trip Meet at the church at 10am. Please call Lisa for details: 310-559-1027.

Monday, June 24—9am—WIZARD OF OZ CAMP!! Please pray for Marina, Colin, Katherine Comer, the helpers, and the kids as they rehearse for the next 3 wks!

June 30—Graduation Sunday. Celebrating everyone who is graduating or moving to a different grade.



July Highlights

Thursday 7/4 Happy Independence Day! Office closed on the 4th & 5th (no camp either).

Saturday, July 13 at 7pm, and Sunday, July 14 at 1pm. WIZARD OF OZ performances. *The show is a fundraiser for the church so please SPREAD THE WORD your friends and neighbors!*

ALSO:

- **Cal Phil performs at Santa Anita, Saturday the 13, and at Disney Hall, Sunday July 14th.** Fantastic music with 100 voice choir, including many members of the Chancel Choir. Contact Mary Lou Basaraba for more information.
- **Mon July 15 and Tues July 16 "Show People" —7pm.** Marina, Colin Tidwell, and Ryan Thom (and at least a dozen local actors) perform musical theater songs and dances. Masonic Lodge on Venice and Watseka. All are welcome!

July 15—19—Lisa's ART CAMP, 9am-1pm. THE most imaginative art camp on the Westside!!

July 22-26—Science Camp, 9-1pm.

July 29—August 2—Counselor Training camp for VBS helpers.

July 27—HABITAT FOR HUMANITY "BUILD DAY" in Long Beach. 8am-3pm. If you can't wield a hammer, there are still other jobs we need — like people to make sandwiches for the workers! See Marty Hente to sign up. (310)559-2187
Email: mhente@sbcglobal.net.



Monetary donations are needed in order to buy healthy snacks for children attending VBS in August. See the change jar in the Narthex. Bless you!

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 123:35

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near." Mark 13:28</i></p>						<p>1 CHIEFS at 6:30pm</p>
<p>2 Services 9 & 11am CHILDREN'S SUNDAY</p>	<p>3 4:00-7pm Grace Diner</p>	<p>4 7pm—Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 10am-GROW 2:45 Cherub Choir 6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship</p>	<p>6 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG</p>	<p>7 YOUTH YARD SALE 9am —5pm</p>	<p>8 YOUTH YARD SALE 9am—12pm</p>
<p>9 Services 9 & 11am <i>Sem. Stephen Jahn is preaching both services.</i></p>	<p>10 4:00-7pm Grace Diner</p>	<p>11 4:30 Property mtg 7pm—Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>12 2:45 Cherub Choir 6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship</p>	<p>13 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG</p>	<p>14 6:30-Youth Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Services 9 & 11am Father's Day Men's Brunch Between services</p>	<p>17 4:00-7pm Grace Diner</p>	<p>18 7pm—Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>19 2:45 Cherub Choir 6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship</p>	<p>20 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG 10am-XYZ </p>	<p>21 1st day of summer 6:30-Youth Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Services 9 & 11am LADIES TEA Between services</p>	<p>24 4:00-7pm Grace Diner</p>	<p>25 7pm—Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26 6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship 7:30pm COUNCIL</p>	<p>27 1pm-Office Angels</p>	<p>28 6:30-Youth Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Services 9 & 11am GRADUATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>Musical Theater Camp "Wizard of Oz" this week</p> <p><i>The July Calendar and Roster will be emailed at the end of June and available in the Narthex June 30th.</i></p>					

June ROSTER

June 2		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	Larry Green	Katie Parks
Cantor	Claire Skelley	Claire Skelley
Crucifer	Patrick Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Paul Skelley/ Isabel Cortes	Katie Garner
Kid's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Patti Millett
Altar Guild	Katie Timm	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Hayes family	Joy & Rooney

June 9		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	M Zamorano	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Stephen Jahn	Stephen Jahn
Lector	MJ Petersen	Katie Parks
Cantor	Emily Reppun	Emily Reppun
Crucifer	Hayden O'Brien	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Brendan O'Brien	John Maines
Kid's Sermon	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Erna Guy
Greeters	The O'Brien's	Robert Tidwell

June 16		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marina Tidwell	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	TBD
Lector	Nancy Watson	Diana Kirkpatrick
Cantor	Jim Snodgrass	Jim Snodgrass
Crucifer	Elaine Hente	TBD
Acolyte	Evan Miller/ Isabel Cortes	Kayla Walden
Kid's Sermon	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	The O'Brien's	Erna Guy

June 23		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	Marina Tidwell
Com. Asst	Leah Wouters	Keeshawn Andrew
Lector	Jessica Salazar	Keeshawn Andrew
Cantor	Clare Snodgrass	Clare Snodgrass
Crucifer	Leah Wouters	Keeshawn Andrew
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Olivia Andrew
Kid's Sermon	Brad Sick	Brad Sick
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	Elliott & Sick	Marilyn Schneider

June 30		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Margaret Zamorano
Com. Asst	Michelle Moreno	Leah Wouters
Lector	Michelle Moreno	Leah Wouters
Cantor	Jana Koppula	Jana Koppula
Crucifer	Michelle Moreno	Leah Wouters
Acolyte	Bram S. & Isabel C	John Maines
Kid's Sermon	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	B Jefferson	Margaret Zamorano
Greeters	The Danners	Marilyn Schneider

The JULY Roster will be emailed the last week of June, and available on June 30th in the Narthex

Blessings on all who serve in God's house!!

We need Grace Notes Sponsorships per month (\$25 each) to help the church defray the cost of materials and postage. Please sign up in the Narthex. The June/July issue of Grace Notes is sponsored by:

Marilyn & Harvey Schneider in memory of Pauline Lee "Forever young"

Shirley Cox to the glory of God

The Swenson family in honor of Kiri's 2nd birthday

Dr Georgie Rodiger in honor of Pastor Jim

BIBLE STUDY

WHEN?
Friday nights
at 6:30-9:30

WHERE?
Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Culver City, CA
90230

*Thou shalt
enjoy the
free dinner.*

Need more info?
Call us at:
(310) 559- 1027
or email us at:
graceculver@sbcglobal.net

FOR YOUTH AGES 13-20

Grace Lutheran
Youth Group



From your Council President:

Greetings! L.A. may typically experience “June gloom” this month, but Grace is a shining star, as always. The last Council meeting was filled with staff and committee reports on all of our brightest events. The Council also read a gracious, joy-filled letter from Seminarian Stephen Jahn, who will be interning in a small church near Chico next year. Future plans for the Council include attending a city council meeting for Culver City (date TBD) to try to get the week-day parking restrictions relaxed along Farragut Dr., which would make it significantly easier to find parking for the congregation and community members who are at Grace during the week. Remember, all Council meetings are open to the public, so feel free to come visit us during one of our monthly Wednesday night meetings!

—Katie Parks

kathryn.d.parks@gmail.com

Mondays, Grace Diner

Set up 3pm-4:30pm Serving 4:30-6pm

Clean up 5:15 to 7pm

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



Gathering of Men's
2013 Spring Breakfast
6:45 am June 12
Carson Community Center

With Sabastian Huynh, *Ex-Chinese Mafia Boss*
CEO of Minus Zero

He was facing a sixty-six years-to-life sentence in 1989. But on July 29, 1990 Sabastian experienced a radical transformation that changed the direction of his life forever...

Individual Tickets - \$35.00 each

<http://www.gomsc.org/vmchk/Tickets>

Or see Marty Hente for more information.

God loves you!

MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR!

Now is the time to sign up for the trip August 1-10. Brochures are on the cart in the Narthex. The cost is \$750 for lodging, food and ground transportation during the trip. Airfare is about \$400, and perhaps some spending money (\$200?). Total \$1350. Contact Pastor Ellen for application forms and a sample fund-raising letter. 310-351-0319.
ejennrich71@gmail.com.



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Grace is the Place!



YARDSALE
of
Hidden Treasures
June 7, 9am-5pm
June 8, 9am-1pm
gifts
books
kitchen
clothes
toys
bath
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