

Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California
July/August 2012

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Email for a registration form:
GraceCulver@sbcglobal.net

July 2-6— Mini-Musical Theater (10-12pm)
“Jesus’ Superhero-Sidekicks”
AND
Camp ROCK! (1-3pm)
Age 4 to 8 (\$60 both sessions)

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 9am to 1pm.
Aftercare from 1-5pm is also available, \$60/wk.*

Calendar of events (Much more on p. 3)

Mondays (2-6pm) Grace Diner— A free weekly meal for our neighbors in need. Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Lisa: 310-559-1028. Thanks!

Tuesday Night Bible Study
7pm Fireside Room.
All are welcome!

Tuesday Night Young Women, 7:30pm—Bible study and sharing for women 20ish to 40ish.

Wedn Night Worship Service.
A mid-week “faith” lift! 6pm supper, 6:45 Service.

Thursdays at 12:30pm, Office Angels prepare the bulletin for Sunday services.

Thursday July 5 & August 2 — “Days for Girls”
Sewing and assembling sanitary supplies and kits for women in need globally. Info: Linda at 310/508-8407.

Friday Night Kick Back, Dinner, and Bible Study—
8th grade through freshman college. 6:30pm.

Saturday July 7 and August 4—6:30pm—CHIEFS
potluck, Crazy 8’s and fellowship. Contact Dolores for info: 323/292-9998.

Aug 4 —Fellowship at Hollywood Bowl! See p3.

Aug 17, 18, 19 & 25 & 26—
Come see the musical classic
“Annie, Jr” performed by our
very own Grace Player Kids!



Fiesta La Ballona— August 24-26.

Culver City’s small town “fair” held annually in Vets Park (Overland & Culver). Grace Church will be hosting a booth and we need volunteers to help our neighbors get to know the church!



Bulletin board²

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!

You can make donations to the **Seminary Fund** to support Stephen Jahn becoming a pastor. 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

MALARIA CAMPAIGN

Notice the NET in the NARTHEX! We're raising awareness and \$\$ for mosquito nets to help our global neighbors who suffer from mosquito-borne illnesses. There's a big "change jar" for your loose change, and more info in the Narthex. We're running this campaign throughout all the camps and will let you know the total raised at the end of summer.

From Marsha Heath

"Craig and I just want to thank our Grace family for all the love, cards, prayers, support, words of encouragement, etc, that you have shown to us over the past two months. We also want to thank you for your participation in the Bone Marrow Registry Drive in June, and special appreciation to PJ and Marty for bringing communion (and fellowship!) to Craig at the hospital. Please continue to pray for his healing and recovery. We feel your warmth and love every day!"

FROM PASTOR ELLEN

"I continue to move forward from knee replacement surgery on the long road to full recovery - about 6 months, Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time, I can actually feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in this healing process and it is a time of special inspiration for me - your prayers are so important!"

Dance Lessons

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

Our seminarian, **Stephen Jahn** is in a 10 week Chaplaincy program in MN but he'll be here in August to preach one Sunday before returning to PLTS for his second year of studies. You can write to him at: 16204 Ice Circle Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391 or Stephen.A.Jahn@gmail.com

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

Bernice Mathison in honor of her husband Roy

The Keisters in honor of Robin's birthday

Jana Franz in loving memory of her husband Rudolf

Grace friends in honor of Pastor Jim & Joanie's wedding anniversary

July & August Special Events

IT'S TIME FOR THE EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP!

Pastor Ellen won't be with the group due to recovery from knee surgery, BUT they're still going!



- ♥ Our biggest congregational donation are the 100 "Days for Girls" kits that Linda Wehbi and crew have completed . They continue to work on kits both for El Salvador and Uganda. Thank you to all who are participating in this special ministry.
 - ♥ Also, we'll be collecting enough for one 50-lb suitcase to send along. Most needed are multivitamins (children's, adults, seniors), Vitamin B Complex, antibiotic ointment (e.g. Neosporin), toothbrushes and small toothpastes, small shampoos and soaps.
 - ♥ Monetary donations are always welcome . . . and easy to pack!
- All of the above are needed by JULY 15. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, marked "El Salvador". Thank you in advance for your amazing support of our brothers and sisters in El Salvador.



Praise Band Concert — July 22 at 2pm

Join us for a whoop-di-doo with the awesomest Praise Band in CC!

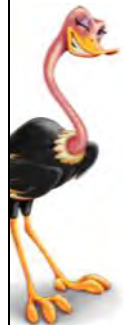
Please spread the word — we're trying to raise money to upgrade the sound system. Concert is followed by a **Pie Potluck!** Crack open those cookbooks — there'll be a **door prize for best homemade pie!**



VACATION BIBLE CAMP!!

July 30-Aug 3 from 9am-1pm (aftercare is available, too)
Age 4 and up will learn about God's love in a fun—
story— game— and song—filled week!

\$60. Camperships are available.
See Lisa or Marina for a registration form.
310-559-1028 or GraceCulver@sbcglobal.net



Fiesta La Ballona August 25 & 26

An "off campus" **OUTREACH** event! **Vets Park** Culver & Overland—Food booths, carnival rides, arts & crafts, great music, and more! We'll let our neighbors know about all the GREAT PROGRAMS and FRIENDLY people of GRACE! **We need volunteers** to set up, host 2 hr stints or take-down. More info coming up via email and Sunday bulletins.



Fellowship Event!
HOLLYWOOD BOWL
Picnic & "Pixar in Concert"
August 4th
See Ken or Grace
\$34/ticket

Grace Player Kids
present . . .
Annie, Jr.
Performances
August 17, 18, 19
and
August 25 & 26



Why I Give . . .



I serve as a way of giving. Service touches all and helps to enrich one's ability to rise. There is joy found in serving. I've seen the effect of grief when trouble touches family and friends, and some turn away from God . . . moving into silence, withdrawal from the world and life. But turning to service can bring peace, joy and a successful cycle returned unto others. As a church we stand together! --Rev. Margaret Zamorano

Why do YOU give? Send in your thoughts for the September issue of Grace Notes.

The Bottom Line

Midyear (4/30/12) offerings were reported at **\$1,648 below** the Year-To-Date (YTD) amount budgeted for this year. Why does such a "small" amount matter? Well, we're in summer, when contributions traditionally drop to their lowest point. At this rate of giving, the church could be in the red by as much as \$10,000 by the end of the fiscal year, October 31, 2012.

What does this mean for you? **Now's your chance to make a difference! Please support our Church by increasing your financial contribution, if you are able to do so.**

Your contributions make up 69% of budgeted income for our Church. Each small amount per person makes a BIG difference! With your help, our budget will soon be "in the black".

In the remaining six months of this fiscal year, you will again see or hear testimonies from your friends and fellow members of Grace about "Why We Give". This very active church has a high volunteer participation rate but, to meet our financial obligations, we also need increased financial participation to keep key ministries going, and to pay overhead, staff, taxes, benevolences and other obligations.

If you have questions about the Church budget, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee, Marty Hente (Council President), or a member of the Church Council.

TRUST
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Lord
with
ALL
your
Heart
Proverbs 3:5

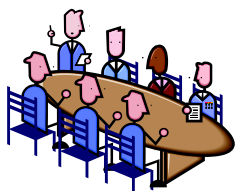
Birthdays: July



Hayden O'Brien 07/04	Bruce Tepley 07/15
William Sick 07/04	Gabriel Koppula 07/16
Kiri Swenson 07/06	Joyce Elder 07/17
David Olson 07/07	Dana Goller 07/21
Joshua Rayner 07/08	Norman Auslander 07/27
Colin Tidwell 07/08	Addison Myers 07/27
Doris MacGregor 07/10	Grace Elliott 07/28
Mary Jane Petersen 07/11	Stefanie Tepley 07/28
Dariya Stenshoel 07/11	Marsha Heath 07/31
Patricia Stephan 07/15	Christopher LaCroix 07/31

August

Kimberley Elder 08/02	Mark Johnson 08/14
Johna Miller 08/02	Lynda Harrold 08/17
Thomas Tidwell 08/04	Keeshawn Andrew 08/18
Emily Cruz 08/04	Helen Evans-Simon 08/19
Lance Johnson 08/10	Erna Guy 08/19
Megan Hayes 08/12	Ken Smith 08/27
Margaret Gottschalk 08/14	Patricia Treilinski 08/28



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

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

In Seminary

Stephen Jahn

And . . .

Your Prayer Partner

God bless you in your prayer ministry!

July Service Assistants

July 1—5th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	Larry Green	Betty Davis
Cantor	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
Crucifer	Patrick Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Megan Hayes	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Tom Hayes
Altar Guild	Timm/Moreno	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Skelley Family	Joy & Rooney



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

The jobs are simple and rewarding!
(The reward? Maybe a big fat sloppy kiss. . . .
or NOT :-)

And you can learn them in 15 minutes!!
Call Marina in the office: 310/559-1027

July 8—6th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Betty Davis	Jason Silver
Com. Asst	Jerry Gottschalk	M Zamorano
Lector	Barbara Knipple	K Andrews
Cantor	Claire Skelley	Claire Skelley
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk	M Zamorano
Acolyte	TBD	Alexis Andrews
Kid's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Guy & Silver
Greeters	The Danners	Marilyn Schneider

July 15—7th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	John Priebe	Paul Lindquist
Com. Asst	Betty Davis	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	John Priebe	Paul Lindquist
Cantor	Tara and Clare	Tara and Clare
Crucifer	Katie Garner	Jerry Gottschalk
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	MacInnis
Greeters	O'Brien Family	Erna Guy

July 22—8th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Patti Baker
Com. Asst	Joan Engen	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	Lila Swenson	Jerry Gottschalk
Cantor	Emily Reppun	Emily Reppun
Crucifer	Lila Swenson	Katie Garner
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Barbara Jefferson
Greeters	Elliott & Langdon	Robert Tidwell

July 29—9th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	M Zamorano
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	Leah Wouters
Lector	Marty Hente	Kim Jacobi
Cantor	Delicia Smith	Delicia Smith
Crucifer	Claire Skelley	Leah Wouters
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Patti Millett	Patti Millett
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	B Jefferson
Greeters	The Engens	Marilyn Schneider

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

August Service Assistants



Blessings on those who serve in God's house!

August 5—10th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	John Priebe	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	Patti Baker
Lector	John Priebe	Betty Davis
Cantor	Sherry Hutson	Sherry Hutson
Crucifer	Hayden O'Brien	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Brendon O'Brien	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
Altar Guild	Timm/Moreno	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	O'Brien Family	Joy & Rooney

August 12—11th Sunday after Pentecost

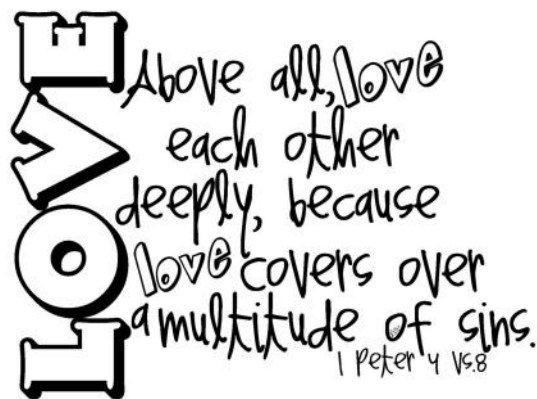
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	Michelle Moreno
Com. Asst	Jerry Gottschalk	M Zamorano
Lector	Lila Swenson	Keeshawn Andrew
Cantor	Jack and Claire	Jack and Claire Skelley
Crucifer	Jerry Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	TBD	April Andrew
Kid's Sermon	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	Marina Tidwell	Guy & Zamorano
Greeters	The Danners	Marilyn Schneider

August 19—12th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Katie Parks	Paul Lundquist
Com. Asst	Joan Engen	Leah Wouters
Lector	Katie Parks	Diana Kirkpatrick
Cantor	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
Crucifer	Claire Skelley	Leah Wouters
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Kid's Sermon	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	MacInnis
Greeters	The Engens	Erna Guy

August 26—13th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Ron Engen	Jason Silver
Com. Asst	Joan Engen	Sarah Moss
Lector	Jerry Gottschalk	Tom Tidwell
Cantor	Tara Alexander	Tara Alexander
Crucifer	Katie Garner	Elizabeth Moss
Acolyte	TBD	Sarah Moss
Kid's Sermon	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	M Zamorano
Greeters	Skelley & Elliott	Marilyn Schneider



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Worship Services
Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.
Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

SUMMER OUTREACH FUN!

(INFO HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE ON PAGE 3)

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.

PRAISE BAND CONCERT

July 22 at 2pm



FIESTA LA BALLONA

August 25 & 26
Vets Park Culver & Overland



VACATION BIBLE CAMP!!

July 30-Aug 3

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