



# Grace Notes

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California*

**OCTOBER 2011**

*From Our Pastor:*

**THE FALL SEASON IS UPON US!**

Our Annual Rally Day on September 18<sup>th</sup> kicked off our fall season...a day full of faith, fun, friendship, and food! Our Adult, Bells and Children's Choirs as well as our many youth programs, have returned from a much-deserved 'break' and are in full swing!

But that's just the beginning. We invite you this Fall to become involved! I know we have numerous opportunities where you can participate...

Maybe it's being a part of the worship service, or volunteering for Sunday School, helping as an Office Angel, serving on one of our committees, attending a Tuesday night Bible Study, assisting with Grace Diner, attacking those pesky weeds in our flower beds, setting aside an hour a month to come and shampoo those spots out of our fireside & choir room carpets, making sandwiches the first Wednesday of each month with our sister church, St. Mary of Palms Episcopal for HIV patients... the list is endless.


Suffice it to say, there are many avenues to get involved... and we need YOU to make it happen! It is SO important that each member of the body of Christ take ownership in using their God given talents... in giving back to our Lord, His church, and the community in which we live!

Working together with a spirit of generous sharing, giving and support, will make this Fall a great and meaningful time for all of us as we continue to move forward in our journeys of faith and ministries...

Looking forward to sharing this Fall Season with you...



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**Spirit Matters**

**Tuesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Jim—7pm**

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

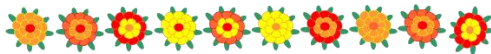
**Wednesdays, at 10am.**

**"God Renewing Our Women" (GROW)**

All women are invited to this time of study, scripture, prayer and sharing. Come and see!

**Every Wedn. night — Worship service 6:45pm**

A casual, mid-week, faith-filled pick-me-up! Join us for potluck supper at 6pm.



**Reformation Sunday  
October 30<sup>th</sup>**



God's Reformation of His Church in the early 1500s began with the monk Martin Luther's re-discovery of the main teaching of Christianity, that we are declared righteous by our faith in the cross of Jesus Christ (*Romans, Chapters, 3 & 4*). This means that our salvation is not created by our works or efforts, but by believing and declaring that Jesus died to save us from our sins so that we could be united with God in everlasting life.

Reformation is an important Lutheran festival. It commemorates Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517 — an event which triggered the movement in world history that changed the face of Christianity.

We will have special music on this Sunday as well as confirmation of young people. Please join us!



**Grace Church is Growing!**

Welcome new babies Kiri Swenson, Logan Silva, Kennedy Thompson and Asher Chandler (Ingrid Trygstad's baby). All moms and babies are doing well!

**September at Grace**

**Oct 1 CHIEFs at 6:30**—Cards and supper! Call Dolores Johnson for more info.

**Oct 2 — Blessing of the Animals at 12:30pm.**



A very special services for our very special friends in honor of St Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier.

**Oct 2 — Generational Photo Shoot** We're taking new pictures of Grace folks for the website. This Sunday ages 10-21 years. Gather in the Fireside Room between services.



**Oct 2**— The very busy Sunday continues with a **New Member Class** between services. New members will be received on October 23 after three meetings: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16. See Doris MacGregor for more info!

**Oct 7** — YOUTH Dinner, Bible study and football at Culver High.

**Oct 9 Generational Photo Shoot continues.** Grown ups turn! Dress to impress — or come as you are — and gather in the Fireside Room between services.



**AND Ableskiver Sunday too!**

Chef Smith will be making this Danish treat for us on October 9<sup>th</sup> as we collect money for Lutheran World Relief. Be sure to come early if you attend the 11am service on that day.

**Oct 9** YOUTH annual visit to Knotts Scary Farms Haunt. 5:30pm-midnight. Cost \$38/person.

**Oct 12 XYZ** will be taking a walking tour of the garden known as the "Jewel of the Peninsula" — the South Coast Botanical Garden. It has over 2,500 species from all over the world. Wear your hiking shoes! Cost per person \$6.00. We meet at 9am to organize; garden opens at 10am; lunch to follow. Please RSVP to Doris MacGregor.

**October 16—Part I of Annual Meeting at 10:15am.** Let YOUR voice be heard for 2012.

**Oct 21-22 ELCA Global Missions Gathering**



Find out what the greater Lutheran Church does around the world. Event held at Long Beach. Only \$35/person. Let us know if you need a scholarship to attend. Contact Doris MacGregor for more info.

**Oct 23 New Members received**



**AND The Ultimate Chili Cook at 1pm**

♥ Dust off your crock pot or large kettle and get your ingredients together. Be sure to bring your appetite to church Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> for very satisfying lunch.

- ♥ We have 3 competitions: Chili, Cornbread and Mac & Cheese.
- ♥ Donation of \$5.00 from everyone who does not make a dish.
- ♥ We will supply water or apple cider and we will be selling beer to those over 21years old
- ♥ We will have prizes for our champions, beside bragging rights!
- ♥ PS Bring a friend.
- ♥ PSS Bring 2 or 3 friends —It's a fun day!



**Oct 29** Halloween party for youth and friends. 7pm-11pm. Come in costume.

**October 30—Reformation Sunday**  
Plus Confirmation for older students.  
See Doris MacGregor for more info.



## *Pledge Cards*

Each year we send out pledge cards to the members of Grace asking them to make a commitment to the ministries of Grace Church. When you receive yours we ask you to pray over it and discuss with your family what you are able to give to the support and commitment of your faith community at Grace Church. Consecration Sunday, when we will offer these commitments during a worship service, will be All Saints Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at both services. God bless you for your gift of Time, Talent, and Financial support.

## YOUNG ADULT STUFF!

♥ **Tuesday Night Young Women's Group at 7:30pm.** Bible study for young women. Please contact Michelle Moreno for more info: (818) 294-0289 or

[junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com](mailto:junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com)

♥ **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** (age 20-30s) Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of the month—7:30-9:30pm in the Fireside Room.

For more info, please contact **Katie Timm** 812/343-3831 [katie.timm@gmail.com](mailto:katie.timm@gmail.com) or **Michelle Moreno** 818/294-0289 [junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com](mailto:junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com)

## And COMING UP . . .

**October 23—"WALK TO END POVERTY"**

Lutheran Social Services Walk-a-thon 1:30pm at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. Donations benefit the Emergency Assistance Program at LSS. Make a pledge or sign up as a walker at [www.lsswalk.org](http://www.lsswalk.org) or 562-599-1321.

**Nov 4 & 5—YARD**

**SALE!!!** Please bring any clean, gently used stuff-you-can-part-with to the church back patio or Fireside Room. Bless your generous heart!



**November 6—Consecration Sunday**

Present pledges of Time, Talent and Resources at the Altar in this moving service.

**November 11-13, 2011**

**Dr. GEORGIANA RODIGER**

**Fall women's retreat at El Camino Pines**

Contact: Dr. Shirley at 626-792-3062.

**Nov 20—Part II of the Annual Meeting 10:15am.**



## Stewardship at Grace takes many forms . . .

Here are some ways we can all join in that don't take much time or effort:

- ♥ Register your "Rewards" card at Ralph's so that Grace will receive a percentage of your purchase in cash
- ♥ Bring your old magazines to be donated to the women's prison
- ♥ Work a two hour shift at Grace Diner on Monday nights
- ♥ Start a bag or box now for your donations to the YARD SALE scheduled for November
- ♥ Invite a friend to church

There are so many ways to be a fine steward and many of those ways can fit into busy family schedules. Involving the children in these efforts can be an important part of their Christian education and create good habits for the future.



### Top 10 Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan

1. 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 other concerns or assistance in reviewing your legacy plan, contact our gift planner, Greg Shepherd at: (909)910-6823 or [gregory.shepherd@elca.org](mailto:gregory.shepherd@elca.org)

## Youth Ministry

### Confirmation class

**WEDNESDAYS at 3:15pm.** 6th to 8th grade. Kids explore their faith in this lively class of education, fun and fellowship.



**Cherub Choir— Wednesdays at 2:30.** Ages 5-8 yrs old. Learn trad'l children's songs of praise and worship in this fun class.

**Thursdays at Grace—3:15pm** Performing arts for ages 8 and up. ALL ARE WELCOME. The **T.A.G. Club** is working on two musicals:



For public performance Dec 10

- ♥ **"The Wishing Tree"** and
- ♥ **"The Greatest Gift"** nativity play for the church on Dec 18.

Please contact Colin Tidwell for more information: 310/204-5196 or call the church office.

**Reminder: Sunday School is during the 9am service this fall.**

### NURSERY CARE

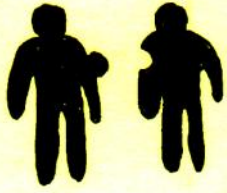
Children under 4 are welcome in our Nursery Rm 3 (in the Parish Hall) with licensed caregiver Wanda Hunter. Or parent and child can sit comfortably in Narthex of the church (it's sound proof), and of course ALL children of ANY age are always welcome in the services—makin' a joyful noise or not!



### YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR AUTUMN

- ♦ **Friday, Oct 7** Dinner, Bible study and football at Culver High.
- ♦ **Sunday, Oct 9** Annual visit to Knotts Scary Farms Haunt . 5:30pm-midnight. Cost \$38/person.
- ♦ **Saturday, Oct 29** Halloween party for youth and friends. 7pm-11pm. Come in costume.
- ♦ **Sunday, Oct 30 Confirmation** for older students. Please see Doris for details.

## You can help support many ministries!



- ◆ Soda cans & bottles for recycling in the back patio — \$\$ for the Youth fund
- ◆ Magazines and stationery in the Fireside Room— for the Prison ministry
- ◆ Campbell labels in the basket in the narthex—American Indian ministry
- ◆ Hotel soaps and lotions in Doris's office—for the Homeless ministry
- ◆ Gently used flat shoes in wheelbarrow in a bag—for the Homeless ministry
- ◆ Mayonnaise, peanut butter, jam, tuna, in wheelbarrow — AIDS ministry
- ◆ Coupons for food in a basket in the Fireside room — anyone is welcome to take and use what they need.

**FIND A NEED  
AND FILL IT.**

And . . . if you have a fruit tree or grow vegetables and have more than you can use, why not bring them on Sunday to put out for people to take? Share your blessings!

*God bless you!*

### PLEASE NOTE:

1. Part I of the Congregational Meeting will be on Oct. 16th, at 10:15am
2. Part II will be held Nov. 20th, at 10:15am. (Budget workshop TBA)
3. Consecration Service will be on Nov. 6th.
4. Pledge cards and "Time and Talent" sheets will be distributed in October.

*God bless you for your dedication to Grace!*

### Prayers

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

Patti & Sean Baker  
Paula Boelsems  
Fran Codd  
Betty Davis  
Lynn Erickson  
Marion Firnhaber  
Goller family  
Elaine Goodyear  
Bette Gregory and family  
Jack Harrier  
Lorene Jones  
Patti LaBarbera  
Brenda Langdon  
Peggy Ledlie  
Pauline Lee  
I Leung  
Wayne Maass  
Trudi Moore

Shirley Nowlin  
Brian & Cherie Parks  
Albert Prabhu  
Maxine Stenstrom  
Claudia Van de Ven

#### Members in the Military

Freddie Wilson  
Natalie Meyers  
John Meyers  
Sean Sloan  
& your Prayer Partner

#### Expectant mothers

*Erin Asheghian  
Kimberly Elder  
Ingrid Trygstad*

***These folks would appreciate calls or visits. Please check the church directory or contact the office for information.***

***Thank you SO MUCH for your ministry!***

### GRACE COUNCIL & STAFF

#### The Rev. James S. Maines, Pastor

*Doris MacGregor, Youth & Family Parish Worker  
Marina Tidwell, Church Administrator  
Mary Lou Basaraba, Director of Music Ministries  
Jim Snodgrass, Handbell Choir Director  
Colin Tidwell, TAG Club, Cherub Choir  
Laura Chapman, Bookkeeper  
Don Martin, Custodian  
Jim Harrold, Facilities Manager  
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Margaret Lowe	Stewardship & Finance
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Lu Petersen	Property & Support
Mary Jane Petersen	Property & Support
Ken Smith	Stewardship & Finance
Colin Tidwell	Youth/Education/W&M
Beverly O'Brien	Sunday School Superintendent

# October Service Assistants

We are so grateful for your help. If you are unable to make your assigned time, please find a replacement and contact the office with the information. Blessings on those who serve in God's house!

## October 2

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Tom Hayes	Patti Baker
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
<i>Lector</i>	ML Basaraba	Diana Kirkpatrick
<i>Cantor</i>	Jim Snodgrass	Sean Baker
<i>Crucifer</i>	Patrick Hayes	Babak Kamjou
<i>Acolyte</i>	Megan Hayes	Robert Condinus
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Tom Hayes	Pastor Jim
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Timm/Moreno	MacInnis/Jefferson
<i>Greeters</i>	O'Brien Family	Joy/Rooney

## October 9

	9:00 a.m. *	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Betty Davis	Marina Tidwell
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Jerry Gottschalk	M Zamorano
<i>Lector</i>	Betty Davis	K Andrew
<i>Cantor</i>	Jack Skelley	Pastor Ellen
<i>Crucifer</i>	Jerry Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
<i>Acolyte</i>	Claire Skelley	April Andrew
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Marina Tidwell	Guy & Silver
<i>Greeters</i>	The Engens	tbd

## October 16

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.*
<i>Asst Minister</i>	John Priebe	Betty Davis
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Joan Engen	Jerry Gottschalk
<i>Lector</i>	John Priebe	Jerry Gottschalk
<i>Cantor</i>	Sherry Hutson	Cherie Parks
<i>Crucifer</i>	Babak Kamjou	Leah Wouters
<i>Acolyte</i>	tbd	Robert Condinus
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Timm/Moreno	Virginia MacInnis
<i>Greeters</i>	The Skelley Family	Erna Guy

## October 23

	9:00 a.m. *	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Ron Engen	Katie Parks
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Joan Engen	Leah Wouters
<i>Lector</i>	Kim Jacobi	Ray Lanthier
<i>Cantor</i>	Claire Skelley	Marina Tidwell
<i>Crucifer</i>	Bruce Welmers	Leah Wouters
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ian Carter	Robert Condinus
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Brad Sick	Brad Sick
<i>Altar Guild</i>	K Smith/Zamorano	Snodgrass/Silver
<i>Greeters</i>	The Danners	Robert Tidwell

## October 30

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Marty Hente	Katie Parks
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Elaine Hente	Leah Wouters
<i>Lector</i>	Marty Hente	Robert Tidwell
<i>Cantor</i>	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
<i>Crucifer</i>	Bruce Welmers	Elizabeth Moss
<i>Acolyte</i>	Hayden O'Brien	Sarah Moss
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Barbara Jefferson	Marina Tidwell
<i>Greeters</i>	Cathleene Biggs	Erna Guy

## Grace Notes Sponsors

Sponsorships are \$25 to defray the cost of materials and postage. Please sign up in the Narthex.

The October issue of Grace Notes is sponsored by:

**Ron & Joan Engen in honor  
of their anniversary,  
Margie Joy in honor of October birthdays,  
The Gottschalks in honor of their wedding  
anniversary (Sept 16)**

# October Calendar

## Birthdays

Olivia Andrew 10/01  
 Agnes McClain 10/01  
 Marina Tidwell 10/02  
 Eric Seeberger 10/03  
 Kenneth Leung 10/04  
 Natalie Meyers 10/07  
 Cathie Seeman 10/10  
 Lila Swenson 10/10  
 George Audet 10/11


Kim Jacobi 10/11  
 Robert Tidwell 10/12  
 Marjorie Walsleben 10/13  
 Cindy Lundquist 10/14  
 John Ziegler 10/14  
 Sara Grimm-Weeks 10/16  
 Finn Swenson 10/18  
 Frances Codd 10/19  
 Kennedy Simon 10/20

Nancy Watson 10/21  
 Joan Engen 10/22  
 Joanne Scheduling 10/25  
 Carol Auslander 10/27  
 Michael Riban 10/27  
 Kent Seeberger 10/27  
 Elaine Goodyear 10/28  
 Marjorie Joy 10/28

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6:30pm CHIEFs

**Yard Sale pricing  
 starts 10/4 and will be  
 every Tues., Wedn., &  
 Thurs from 10-1pm**

2 <b>Services 9 &amp; 11am</b>  <b>NEW MEMBER CLASS -10:15</b>  <b>10-21yrs-Group Photos</b>  <b>Blessing of the Animals at 12:30PM</b>	3 4:30-6pm Grace Diner	4 5:15-Property Mtg  6pm—Bells  7pm— Bible Study  7:30-Young Women's Bible Study	5  6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship Service	6 1pm-Office Angels  7:30pm-Chancel Choir  YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 7:30-9:30pm in the Fireside Room	7 <b>YOUTH</b> Dinner, Bible study and games 5:30-8:30pm	8
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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.

**YARD SALE... YARD SALE... YARD SALE**  
**COMING UP IN NOVEMBER**  
**BUT being prepared for in October!**

Our bi-annual yard sale will be held Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-5pm and Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-1pm.



Pricing begins Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm. We will price Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the month of October. We are collecting items until October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring your CLEAN and GENTLY USED things to the patio or to the Parish Hall stage. If you have jewelry or high-end items to donate please leave them in the office for special marking and display.

*May God bless you for your donations and gifts to help support the youth ministry of Grace Church!*