

# Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California  
October 2012

## *A Note from our Pastor . . .*

*“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us...”*  
*(Romans 12:4-6a)*

There is a wise old adage that I can still hear my mom saying...  
“Many hands make for light work.” So it is with the church...

We are Christ’s body, and I am thrilled to see so many of God’s people sharing their diverse talents and gifts with the various ministries at Grace Church. It has truly gladdened this pastor’s heart to witness such hard work and devotion.

But I am also writing you this note to remind you that there is SO much more that still needs to be done. . . . We need your help! Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, we are kicking off “Make It Simple.” This is a year-long program of information, inspiration, tips, goal setting and planning so that we can more joyfully give of our time, talent and resources as we are led by our Lord Jesus. When you receive your packet of materials, I would ask that you prayerfully look over them over, and respond accordingly as the Lord so leads you.

I do know that a vital church is one that involves all members, no matter our age or background. Please do NOT ever think that somehow your gifts or ministries are not needed or insignificant! You truly are important to this congregation... and to this pastor.



As we move into this fall season together, it is my prayer that God will continue to lift up and empower the people of God for ministry! And do not ever forget that YOU ARE THOSE PEOPLE!

Serving our Lord and His Church with you...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Jim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



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**Margie Joy for all October birthdays—blessings to you all!**

&

**Dr. Georgie Rodiger in honor of Pastor Jim and Mary Lou Basaraba**

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

**Wednesday, at 10am "God Renewing Our Women" (GROW)** G.R.O.W. Bible study with Pastor Ellen —Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireside Room.



# Bulletin board

**COLLECTING NOW  
for November 9 & 10  
YARD SALE**

Good quality clothes  
Household items  
Electronics  
Jewelry

Bring to the back patio or  
Fireside Room  
Thanks!



*Thanks to all our Grace Family for your support . . . Prayers, cards, emails, texts, financially, and all the many other ways that you have stood by us through this journey. We know we don't have an easy road ahead, but it is so much more bearable knowing that we have all of you walking along side us, and holding us up with God's love.  
Love and blessings to all,  
Craig & Marsha Heath*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
CONGREGATION, Part 1  
OCTOBER 7, at 10:15am.**

All members of the congregation should be present to vote for 2013 Council Members and to provide input regarding the 2013 budget. Thanks!

Some ladies haven't heard from their Secret Prayer Partner yet. Please send your partner a card or note!

**THANK YOU GRACE  
CHURCH!!!!**

Thanks to your generous donations we are able to donate eight bags full of business clothes to Good Sheppard Center for Homeless Women & Children. Your generosity will be a huge blessing in these woman's lives!  
-Grace Young Woman's Group

If anyone has jewelry, good china, fine vintage items etc to donate, please bring them to the church for pricing. Ginny MacInnis and her committee are already pricing what they have. Thanks!  
Ginny: 310-839-6015

**Did you know? Our Synod  
gave a recognition award  
to Grace Diner for being  
a shining example of  
"Love in Action"**

# October Happenings

## Wednesdays at Grace

Potluck & Fellowship at 6pm, followed at 6:45pm with a casual Worship Service—**Food for the body and the soul!**

**October 4—DAYS FOR GIRLS**—Sew & assemble sanitary supplies for women around the world. 7pm in the Fireside Room—no sewing skills necessary.

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

## OCTOBER 7—New Members Received 9am ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION Part 1 at 10:15am

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And **Parish Nurse**

**Katie Timm** will talk about your health and take blood pressures between services.



## Oct 11 — XYZ to Skirball

\$7/ticket. The Skirball doesn't open until noon, so let's go out to **brunch** prior to the tour. Meet 10am at Church.

## Oct 14 at 12:30pm—Pet Blessing

All pets welcome, but please use a carrier for small pets, and all doggies should be leashed.



**October 20—Masquerade Ball** \$15/couple, \$7.50/single, under 10 free. ALL AGES welcome to this fun evening of hors d'oeuvres and dancing in the Parish Hall. Jack Skelley is our elegant deejay for the evening! Come in costume. We hope for a great INTER-GENERATIONAL turn out!



## October 21—AT GRACE CHURCH: Health Fair, hosted by USC Pharmacy School. 9:30am to 1:30pm—



FREE FLU SHOTS, glucose readings, BP, health education booths and much more! Don't miss out!

## October 31—Halloween

Kiddie Costumes and Trick 'r Treat at Grace after school.



Color us wow-ed!!!

**The Best of Culver City 2012**  
Culver City News

Thanks to the Culver City News Readers' Poll, Grace Church was voted 2012 **“Favorite Place to Worship”** by their readership.

How about THAT?!

Check the CC News for more info.

## October Birthdays

Agnes McClain	10/01	Olivia Andrew	10/16
Marina Tidwell	10/02	Sara Grimm-Weeks	10/16
Eric Seeberger	10/03	Finn Swenson	10/18
Kenneth Leung	10/04	Frances Codd	10/19
Natalie Meyers	10/07	Kennedy Simon	10/20
Cathie Seeman	10/10	Nancy Watson	10/21
Shirley Cox	10/11	Joan Engen	10/22
Kim Jacobi	10/11	Joanne Scheduling	10/25
George Audet	10/11	Carol Auslander	10/27
Robert Tidwell	10/12	Kent Seeberger	10/27
Marjorie Walsleben	10/13	Michael Riban	10/27
Olivia Andrew	10/14	Elaine Goodyear	10/28
Cindy Lundquist	10/14	Marjorie Joy	10/28
John Ziegler	10/14	Elizabeth Moss	10/31
Emily Asheghian	10/15		



This year our congregation is participating in a Stewardship program entitled

**“MAKE IT SIMPLE”**

The goal is to simplify our lives and place Jesus as the center of our Time, Talent & Resources decisions.

Matthew 6:25-33 *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

These words speak to us today as we wrestle with the daily realities of our lives. We often find ourselves over-scheduled, over-extended, and over-drawn. Our lives are cluttered with too many commitments, too many possessions. We can be consumed by it all. And where does that leave us?

When everything in our lives begins to revolve around Jesus, we will find a simplicity of life and heart that brings joy and true freedom. That’s what we long to do at Grace: to see a whole community united to build life around Jesus, our Center. Stay tuned — you’ll be receiving tips to help you simplify and other info from Grace Church soon!



#### Using Charitable Deductions for Roth IRA Conversions

When one provides a significant current charitable gift or a future charitable gift by funding a Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity, they may not be able to utilize the entire tax deduction in the first year, or in subsequent carryover years. A way to put that excess tax deduction to good use is to use the tax deduction to convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.



When one converts a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, the taxes on the amount of the traditional IRA being converted are immediately due. If you are considering a significant gift to your church, you may want to use the tax deduction to eliminate or offset the taxes due on an IRA to Roth IRA conversion.

The advantages of converting a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA are significant. Unlike traditional IRA’s, Roth IRA’s grow tax-free. When you reach age 70 ½, you are not required to take IRS Required Minimum Distributions on Roth IRA’s. For those already 70 ½ or older, you will no longer be required to take the RMD’s on the traditional IRA amount you have converted to a Roth IRA. Finally, and most significantly in estate planning, your heirs will receive the Roth IRA’s tax-free. For further information, contact our congregational gift planner, Greg Shepherd, at: (909) 910-6823 [gregory.shepherd@elca.org](mailto: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. September service project: collecting business attire and canned goods for Good Shepherd Shelter. Contact Michelle Moreno for info.

## Youth & Children Ministry

### Wednesdays 2:45pm

♥ **Cherub Choir.** A lively group of 4-8 yr olds led by Colin Tidwell. The group performs simple songs once a month during church services.

♥ **Confirmation Class.** 5th-8th graders learn about Christianity, explore their spirituality, and prepare to confirm their faith at the end of 3 yrs of weekly classes.

**Thursdays at Grace, 3:30pm.** Performing Arts club for ages 10-16. Uplifting songs and dances! Led by Colin Tidwell.

**FRIDAY NIGHT Youth meeting** (see below)

**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](mailto:graceculver@sbcglobal.net)

**f** Grace Lutheran  
Youth Group

**FOR YOUTH AGES 13-20**

# October Service Assistants

October 7—19th Sunday, Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	Barbara Knipple	MJ Peterson
Cantor	Clare Snodgrass	Cherie Parks
Crucifer	Patrick Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Katie Garner	Choir member-TBD
Kid's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Tom Hayes
Altar Guild	Timm/Salazar	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Ron Engen	Margie Joy

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

The jobs are simple and rewarding  
and you can learn them in 15 minutes!!  
Call Marina in the office: 310/559-1027

October 14—20th Sunday, Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Jason Silver	Paul Lundquist
Com. Asst	J Gottschalk	Keeshawn Andrew
Lector	Betty Davis	Paul Lindquist
Cantor	Jack Skelley	Sherry Hutson
Crucifer	J Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Evan Miller	April Andrew
Kid's Sermon	B Langdon	Brenda Langdon
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Silver/Guy
Greeters	Danners	TBD

October 21—21st Sunday, Pentecost		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	John Priebe	Patti Baker
Com. Asst	M Zamorano	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	John Priebe	Jerry Gottschalk
Cantor	Claire Skelley	Sherry Hutson
Crucifer	Hayden O'Brien	Choir member-TBD
Acolyte	Brendon O'Brien	Isabelle Cortez
Kid's Sermon	Patty Millett	Patty Millett
Altar Guild	M Tidwell	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	O'Brien Family	Erna Guy

\*choir

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

October 28—Reformation Sunday		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	Katie Timm
Lector	Marty Hente	Leah Wouters
Cantor	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
Crucifer	Jeannie Meyers	Jessica Salazar
Acolyte	TBD	Jessica Salazar
Kid's Sermon	Brad Sick	Michelle Moreno
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Timm/Salazar
Greeters	Elliott & Sick	Timm/Salazar



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

# October Calendar

	1 4:30-6pm Grace Diner	2 7pm— Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study	3 10am-GROW 2:45 Cherub Choir & CONFIRMATION  6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship service	4 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG 7:30-Chancel Choir  "Days for Girls" Sewing Group 7pm Fireside Room	5 6:30-Youth Meeting	6  <b>CHIEFS 6:30pm</b>
7 <b>Services 9 &amp; 11am</b> Sunday School during 9am service <b>NEW MEMBERS!</b>  Annual Meeting of Congregation Part I 10:15am	8 4:30-6pm Grace Diner	9 7pm— Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study	10 10am-GROW 2:45 Cherub Choir & CONFIRMATION  6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship service	11 <b>XYZ to Skirball \$7/ticket. Brunch prior. Meet 10am at Church.</b>  1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG 7:30-Chancel Choir	12 6:30-Youth Meeting	13
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## 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**

Ken Smith, (Acting) **Treasurer**

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

Johna Miller—**Education**

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

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

Ken Smith—**Stewardship & Finance**

MJ Petersen—**Worship & Music**

Leah Wouters—**Financial Secretary**

Patrick Hayes—**Youth**

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

### Prayers

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

Patti & Sean Baker

Robert Biggs

Paula Boelsems

Fran Codd

Sarah & Isaac Danner

Betty Davis

Lynn Erickson

Marion Firnhaber

Goller family

Elaine Goodyear

The Gottschalks

Bette Gregory

Craig Heath

Sem. Stephen Jahn

Lorene Jones

Patti LaBarbera

Brenda Langdon

ILeung

Jonell MacGregor

Lisa McDaniel

Pr Fred McElderry

Trudi Moore

Ruth Moreno

Shirley Nowlin

Brian & Cherie Parks

Albert Prabhu

Crystie Rooney

Jackie Skelley

Maxine Stenstrom

Leota Thorne

Bryna Walden

**In the Military:**

Freddie Wilson

Natalie Meyers

John Meyers

Sean Sloan

Colette Sprenger

*And . . .*

**Your Prayer Partner**

*God bless you in your prayer ministry!*



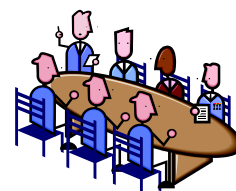
### Council Notes

You're invited to the **COUNCIL MEETING**

October 24 at 7:30 p.m.

**We value your input!**

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



## Can You Help?

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

- **Grace Diner**—Dessert ministry? We need bakers to supply desserts as a treat for our Diners. Can you help? Contact [Johnaamiller@gmail.com](mailto:Johnaamiller@gmail.com) or call Lisa at 310-559-1027.
- **Recycle**—Bins in the back patio. Proceeds help support youth programs. Magazines are donated to the L.A. women's prison.
- **Snack fund**—Healthy snacks or monetary contributions are needed for the hungry kids in our afterschool programs.
- **Worship Assistants**—New members of the Altar Guild (setting the Lord's Table, washing linens), Acolytes, Crucifers, Assistant Ministers, and Communion Assistants are ALWAYS welcome!
- **Event Volunteers**—Yard Sale helpers, Concert aides, Christmas Pageant coordinators . . . Your time and talent is appreciated!

**Thank you and God bless you!**

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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.

**Grace Church**  
**October Masquerade Ball**

Costumes Encouraged! Music Requests and Dedications!

A family friendly Masquerade Ball for all ages!

DJ Jack Skelley will be spinning dance music from:  
Frank Sinatra to Donna Summer all the way up to Nicki Minaj

Tricks and Treats are available for donation!

Please contact the office to RSVP!  
4427 Overland Ave  
Culver City, CA 90230  
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**Saturday, October 20th**  
**6 pm - 10 pm**

**Prices \$7.50/singles**  
**\$15/per couple**  
**Kids Under 10 FREE!**

**WHAT'S COMING UP?**

**yard sale**  
**November 9 & 10**

- ♥ We're collecting good quality clothes (especially office wear, jeans, jackets), as well as household items, electronics, jewelry, and finer second hand things.
- ♥ We need volunteers to organize and price items too. Please contact Lisa Skelley: 310-559-1027. The Yard Sales support Grace youth programs and help outreach to the poorer and needier in our community. Thanks so much for your help in this ministry!