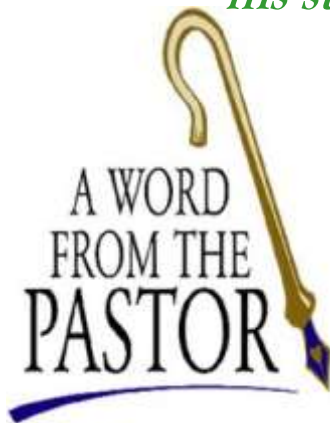


Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California
November 2012

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.” Psalm 107:1



It has been said, “a single grateful thought towards heaven is the most complete prayer.” I believe that this style of prayer is especially appropriate for the approaching month of November in which we traditionally celebrate Thanksgiving... It is that reminder that we are a people that have much to be thankful for... Thankful for food, shelter, family, friends, health... the list goes on...

So, what are you thankful for? Did you thank God when you opened your eyes this morning to view this wondrous world in which we live?

What about the air that is filling your very lungs as you read these words? Can you hear the rustle of paper as you turn the pages of this newsletter (or the hum of your computer if you are reading this online)?

Have we taken the simple things of life SO for granted that we have forgotten to say thank you for the basic “stuff” of life?

I believe thanking God for all our blessings is crucial. It was the one leper out of 10 who returned to give thanks who was truly healed of body and soul. I believe our returning to the One who is the Lord of Life to express our “thank you’s”... restores our joy and our hope, and continues to move our lives toward healing and wholeness...

Living a life of THANKSGIVING is what the children of God are to be about! May we never cease to daily give thanks, not only for God and all his blessings, but for one another as well.



WE have been a blessed people! Let us go and BE A BLESSING to one another!

On behalf of all the staff & their families,
A Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving to all!

Gratefully yours,

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

Elaine & Marty Hente — “Blessings abound”
Cathie Seeman in honor of Caleb & Lorelei’s birthday
The Hatfield family to the glory of God

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) G.R.O.W. Bible study with Pastor Ellen —Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireside Room.



Bulletin board



Collecting for Angelica Lutheran Thanksgiving

This inner city church feeds 1800 needy people each Thanksgiving. Can you help? Drop off fresh or frozen turkeys by noon on Nov 18.



*To All The Friends at Grace,
 You have made me fell very humble
 in your outpouring of caring, visits,
 food, telephone calls, cards, flowers,
 and the wonderful "sitter", but most
 of all your prayers. We want to
 thank you all for what you have done
 for Ron and I during this
 time. Friendship is a treasure and
 you are the gems.
 Love and God bless us all
 Ron and Joan*

God’s Global Barnyard

Is your loose change building up in the little barn we passed out a few weeks ago? Have you chosen an animal you’d like to purchase for a family in Africa or Asia?

Want to learn more?

Pick up a catalog in the Narthex or contact Margaret Lowe,
MLoweAK@aol.com

Alone on Thanksgiving? Like to be of service this day?
 You’re invited to Grace Church ‘s

4th Annual Thanksgiving Supper!

- ♥ **Worship service at 10am**
- ♥ **Meals on Wheels deliveries and Dinner set-up
11:30am to 12:30pm (Drivers needed)**
- ♥ **Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:30pm—2pm**

If you’d like to bring or donate a side-dish, please use a disposable container for easier clean up.

**To volunteer, donate, or attend, contact the office to
 RSVP by Nov 15th.**

November

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

November 1—DAYS FOR GIRLS—Sew & assemble sanitary supplies for women around the world. 7pm in the Fireside Room—no sewing skills necessary.

November 3—CHIEFS 6:30pm—Fellowship, potluck and cards. Contact Dolores for info: (323) 292-9998. **(REMINDER: Turn your clocks back before bed—daylight savings time ends)**

Nov 4—All Saints Sunday. Pick up a paper leaf in the Narthex and write the names of the people (living or dead) who blessed your life.

And Parish Nurse Katie Timm, RN, will be on hand to check your BP and discuss your personal health issues between services.



**Nov
9 & 10
YARD
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Nov 11 Consecration Sunday. You are invited to take part in a special processional to the altar where your 2013 “MAKE IT SIMPLE” commitment for God’s work will be blessed. Thank you for making “Grace the place” to use your God given gifts!

Nov 18—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION Part 2 at 10:15am

All members of the congregation should be present for the Annual Report. Thanks!



Nov 22—Thanksgiving,
see page 1 for details

Nov 25—Christ the King

marks the completion of our annual journey through the life of Jesus Christ, which began with Advent 2011. We celebrate this day by joyfully embracing the authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos.



November Birthdays

Tom Hayes 11/04	Paula Boelsems 11/15
Betty Davis 11/09	Scott Johnson 11/15
Veronica Jones 11/09	Stephen Jahn 11/17
Roy Mathison 11/10	John Swenson 11/20
Nicolas Bucher 11/10	Kyle Johnson 11/23
Don Gripp 11/12	Jana Koppula 11/28
Timothy Lowe 11/13	Krystyna Riban 11/25
Don Thorne 11/13	Peter Stenshoel 11/30

In December . . .

Dec 1 & 2 — “Les Miz” Songbook Concert

Familiarize yourself with the most fantastic musical of all time (even sing along with some of the songs) before the blockbusting movie opens later in Dec. Jana Koppula and Cody Gillette, accompanists, with soloists from Grace and the community!

**And . . . Choraliers Concert,
Christmas Pageant,
Live Nativity, Christmas Eve services**



"MAKE IT SIMPLE"

Simplify our lives to place Jesus as the center of our Time, Talent & Resources decisions.

Tip of the Month: De-clutter Your Home!

You don't have to take this to the extreme right away. Start with a little, then do more. Clean out your closet, the kitchen drawers or your work desk. It will give you a sense of what you own and allow you to get rid of the stuff you don't need. **BONUS:** You can bless others with your excess stuff by donating it to the Grace Yard Sale!

For Inspiration

¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Phil. 4:

Make It Simple is a message of HOPE for a richer, more abundant life. Richer in things that truly matter. It's our choice—let's choose wisely!



Leftovers

Soon, thanksgiving will be here! We will begin the thanksgiving meal with prayer. When we begin serving the thanksgiving meal, we will have passed the food in a manner that tried to make certain our guests were served first. When the meal has ended and cleanup has begun, we will begin packaging up the leftovers. We divide up the packages so that we can give some to each of our guests to take home with them.

Our lifelong stewardship is much like the thanksgiving meal. We make certain that the first fruits are given to God before satisfying our own needs. At the end of our life, there will be leftover gifts from God which we no longer need as we enter into His kingdom. Before our departure, we package those gifts into a will or trust. We put names on the packages in the way of beneficiaries of financial assets. Was God present at your table during your lifetime? Is God's name on one of the leftover packages?

To help plan your leftover gifts from God to be given to your loved ones, and His continued work here on earth, contact our congregation's gift planner, Greg Shepherd at (909) 910-6823 or by email at: 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

Grace Lutheran
Youth Group

FOR YOUTH AGES 13-20

November Service Assistants

November 4		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Tom Hayes	Betty Davis
Com. Asst	Carol Hayes	Patti Baker
Lector	Tom Tidwell	Diana Kirkpatrick
Cantor	Clare Snodgrass	David Stamford
Crucifer	Patrick Hayes	Patti Baker
Acolyte	Katie Garner	Jessica Salazar
Kid's Sermon	Tom Hayes	Tom Hayes
Altar Guild	Katie Timm	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Skelley Family	Margie Joy

Nov 11		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	Marty Hente	Jason Silver
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	K Andrew
Lector	Marty Hente	K Andrew
Cantor	Jack Skelley	Michelle Moreno
Crucifer	J Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
Acolyte	Evan Miller	April Andrew
Kid's Sermon	Patty Millet	Patty Millet
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Silver/Guy
Greeters	The Danners	M Schneider

Nov 18		
9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.*
Asst Minister	Lila Swenson	Patti Baker
Com. Asst	Elaine Hente	Jerry Gottschalk
Lector	Lila Swenson	Jerry Gottschalk
Cantor	Tara Alexander	Sherry Hutson
Crucifer	HELP NEEDED	Leah Wouters
Acolyte	Finn Swenson	Jessica Salazar
Kid's Sermon	Pastor Jim	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Ginny MacInnis
Greeters	Miller Family	Erna Guy

November 22-Thanksgiving Day	
10:00 a.m.	
Asst Minister	Ron Engen
Com. Asst	<i>None needed</i>
Lector	Ron Engen
Cantor	Michelle Moreno
Crucifer	HELP NEEDED
Acolyte	HELP NEEDED
Kid's Sermon	Pastor Jim
Altar Guild	HELP NEEDED
Greeters	HELP NEEDED

*choir

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

Nov 25		
9:00 a.m.*		11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister	John Priebe	Katie Parks
Com. Asst	Patty Baker	Katie Timm
Lector	John Priebe	Leah Wouters
Cantor	Claire Skelley	Jana Koppula
Crucifer	Choir	Leah Wouters
Acolyte	Isabel Cortes	M Zamorano
Kid's Sermon	Brad Sick	Brad Sick/ Moreno
Altar Guild	M Zamorano	Pam Snodgrass
Greeters	Elliott & Sick	Tidwells



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

Calendar

				<p>1 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG 7:30-Chancel Choir</p> <p>"Days for Girls" Sewing Group 7pm Fireside Room</p>	<p>2 6:30-Youth Meeting</p>	<p>3 CHIEFS 6:30pm</p> 
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<p>25 Services 9 & 11am Sunday School during 9am service</p> <p>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p>	<p>26 4:30-6:30pm Grace Diner</p>	<p>27 7pm— Bible Study 7:30-Young Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28 10am-GROW 2:45 Cherub Choir & CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6pm-Potluck 6:45 Worship service</p>	<p>29 1pm-Office Angels 3:30pm TAG 7:30-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 6:30-Youth Meeting</p>	<p><i>DEC 1</i> Les Miserable Songbook Concert <i>Saturday night at 7pm and Sunday at 1:30pm</i></p>

GRACE COUNCIL & STAFF

The Rev. James S. Maines, Pastor

Marina Tidwell, Church Administrator

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Michelle Moreno, Youth Leader

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Jim Snodgrass, Handbell Choir Director

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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!

Can You Help?

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

- **Can you plan or work the Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace?** Contact Lisa!
- **Grace Diner**—Dessert ministry! We need bakers to supply desserts as a treat for our Diners. Contact Johnaamiller@gmail.com.
- **Event Volunteers**—Yard Sale helpers, Concert aides, Christmas Pageant coordinators . . . Your time and talent is appreciated! Contact Marina or Lisa: 310-559-1028.
- *Toy Drive for Angelica Lutheran and for GRACE DINER coming up in December.*

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.



- ♥ Good quality clothes, children's stuff, household items, electronics, jewelry, finer vintage, and Christmas items.
- ♥ **We need donations and volunteers! Please contact Lisa Skelley: 310-559-1027.**
- ♥ The Yard Sales support Grace youth programs and outreach to our community. Thanks so much for your help in this ministry!