

Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California

June 2011

From our Pastor

Pentecost

Spring has sprung! Everywhere I look I see nature exploding in full bloom... and it is wonderful! I guess that old saying; "*April showers bring May flowers*" carries much truth!

As we move into June, we also approach another of the great truths of the Church. — that marvelous festival known as Pentecost; a time when the church exploded into "*full bloom*" as God's Holy Spirit was poured out into the hearts and lives of the people of that day.

The Church was literally "*birthed*" on that day of Pentecost, and has continued to blossom and grow to this day. It remains my hope that the people of Grace would be that CHURCH... a church that continues to explode with God's renewing and empowering love... **The Church was never meant to continue apart from the very POWER SOURCE that gave it life and vitality!**

As we have experienced the awesome "*showers*" of April's Easter Resurrection glory, I pray that we would blossom and grow into the joy and empowerment of the approaching Pentecost Season.

And may the Church continue to move in ever-increasing ways... into the flow of God's current... the very River of God!



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May our lives, our worship, and our service, bring honor and glory to the One in whom we place our trust!

Celebrating the Easter and Pentecost seasons with you...

SPIRIT MATTERS



Tues. 7pm Pastor's Bible Study continues during Pastor Jim's Sabbatical. All are welcome.

Wed. 10am G.R.O.W. (God Renewing Our Women) will take a summer break and be back in September.

Wed. 6:45pm Mid-week worship service. A casual service of praise and communion. Come as you are for a quick faith-lift! Potluck at 6pm Thank you to Marty Hente for leading the service.

²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."
— Phil 2:1-2

What's a SABBATICAL?

- ◆ Well, first of all it's NOT an extended vacation! A sabbatical is a period of time during which pastors set aside their normal responsibilities for the purpose of renewal.
- ◆ The focus is on the total person—the pastor's physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs.
- ◆ It offers a pastor the chance to break the routine of daily ministry and create space for creativity and vision.
- ◆ Positive change happens as Pastor Jim reflects on the mission and goals of Grace, connects more deeply with God, hears more clearly His will for our church, and explores what other pastors and churches are doing.

"The Congregation benefits from new ideas for mission, whatever the focus of the sabbatical."

Your support is needed. Please consider how you can help the church this summer — volunteer, donate goods, time or talents, and pray for Pastor.



More information is on page 2.

Upcoming Events

June 1 **Worship and Prayer service at 6:45, following a fellowship potluck at 6pm**

June 3-4 **YARD SALE**

June 4 **6:30pm CHIEFS** (Christ Here In Everlasting FriendShip) potluck dinner and cards. Please RSVP to Dolores Johnson: 323-292-9998

No XYZ this month.

June 5—10:15 Women's Sunday & Spring Tea

*A lovely luncheon with the ladies of Grace!
You may reveal your Secret Prayer Partner and sign up to participate as a prayer partner for 2011-2012*

Please let us know if you will:

- Attend
 - Help set up
 - Donate cookies or finger food
 - Loan teapot, teacups, china, or tableware
- Thanks!

June 5—St Mary's in Palms BBQ fundraiser— \$6 donation. 3647 Watseka Ave. www.stmarypalms.org

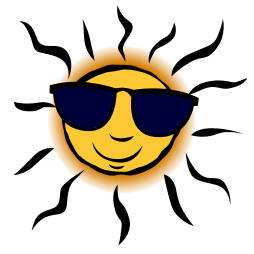
June 12—Pentecost, Children's Sunday, and Confirmation all rolled into one — with fun stuff for all! **Also a special sending and party for Pastor Jim as he begins a six-week Sabbatical.**

June 19—Father's Day and Men's Sunday brunch between services.

June 20 — GRACE SUMMER CAMPS START

See page 3 for details or call the church office to help!

There's a new camp every week for most of the summer — making this the longest, most intensive period of community outreach for Grace Church each year.



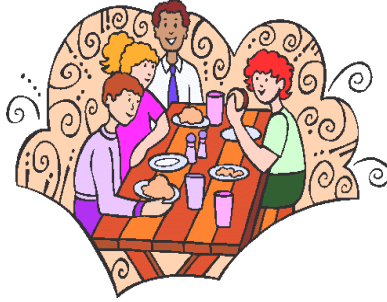
Please keep the teachers, helpers and campers in your prayers!

Upcoming Events, continued

Fellowship at the Hollywood Bowl! August 21st

A summer evening with a picnic under the stars and music from Disney's *Fantasia*.

Tickets are \$25/person. We will carpool from the church. Please see Ken Smith for tickets asap.



RELAY FOR LIFE update—Our team raised almost \$1000. Thank you to all who participated and a special blessing on Elaine Hente who manned the booth and still walked over 26 miles!!!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Notes

- ◆ The new carpets in the narthex and center aisle were successfully installed, and look beautiful – many thanks to MJ Petersen for her work!
- ◆ The baby grand is being repaired and restored. It should be completed by July.
- ◆ The high-school students' concert led by Lovely Ambustrada and Eva Garcia on May 6th was a fantastic success, raising \$300 for Grace Diner.
- ◆ Grace Diner received an additional \$1000 grant from the SW California Synod in support of its mission to provide food and hospitality through Grace Diner for individuals and families in need.
- ◆ The church will mail a brochure about the Endowment Fund to congregants, presenting the opportunity to contribute toward the future of Grace.
- ◆ The annual audit was completed by Larry Green and Tom Hayes.



God bless our High School Graduates:

Kelsey Harrold
Madeleine Krueger
Andrew Sick



Pastor Jim to take a short Sabbatical this summer

Renewal



Grace Church is happy to announce that Pastor Jim will take a 6-week Sabbatical for physical, emotional, and spiritual renewal — a period of study, meditation, retreat, and holistic refreshment to deeply reconnect with our Lord.

A Sabbatical blessing send-off on June 12th and a welcome-home reception on July 31st are planned.

Many volunteers have graciously offered their time and energy to help during Pastor Jim's absence.

Pulpit Supply:

June 19	Doris MacGregor
June 26	Pastor Ellen Jennrich
July 3	Stephen Jahn
July 10	Marina Tidwell (& children)
July 17	Pastor Floyd Lawson
July 24	Pastor Josh Samuelson

Pastoral Care volunteers and home-visitors:

Ron Engen, Ginny MacInnis, Marty Hente, Stephen Jahn, and MJ Petersen. Pastor Ellen will be on-call, too.

Tuesday Bible Study and Wednesday Night Worship: Marty Hente

Liaison between staff, Council, members:

Stephen Jahn (952)797-4084 or stephenajahn@gmail.com

Communication:

We will keep you up-to-date about PJ's Sabbatical through announcements during services, e-News, Sunday bulletins and the July newsletter.

May Pastor Jim return filled with energy, direction, and spirit!

*God's Blessings,
The Sabbatical Committee*

Summer Stewardship Season



Summer activities at Grace begin in June, as does a special opportunity for Stewardship.

Consistent financial giving is needed to support the costs of providing a place of worship, education, and fellowship — and summer camps.

As you make your holiday plans, please remember to continue your support during this important summer season!

(Ask Marina about our automated program, "Simply Giving")

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
2 Corinthians 9:10

How to Give the Same Gift Twice

If you are torn between leaving a gift to your children and leaving a gift to the church upon death, here is a strategy that might be for you.

Using a special trust called a testamentary trust or "give it twice trust", you can benefit both your children and leave a legacy gift for the church.

While you might want to give a major portion of your estate outright to children, the rest of your estate can be put in a "give it twice" trust.

The trust will pay an income to your children for a certain period of years chosen by you, perhaps ten or twenty years. At the end of the term of years, the principal from the trust is then given to the church.

It's both a wonderful way to show your love for your children and at the same time, witness to them your love of God and your church.

If you are interested in learning more about a "give it twice" trust, contact our congregation's gift planner: gregory.shepherd@elca or (909)910-6823.

Youth

GET INVOLVED! Yard Sale June 3-4
Kids , every little bit helps fund:

July 11-15 —El Camino Pines Confirmation Camp
We will pay \$100 for Yard Sale volunteers. The cost is \$350.

August 16-18—House boat trip— you pay only \$75

Sept 10—Magic Mountain trip—get a 50% discount.

BUT to get these discounts you MUST work the Yard Sale for at least 3 hours.

Schedule:

Friday— Help sell from 3-5pm
(6:30pm dinner & movie
Sleepover Friday night)

Saturday— Sell, then help with clean up at 1pm

2011 Grace Summer Camps



Grace Church low-cost summer camps:
\$60/wk. 9am-1pm. Registration forms are in the Narthex or contact the church office.

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| 6/20-24 | Beach Camp/Youth Helper Training
Middle School & up |
| 6/27-7/1 | Vacation Bible School All ages |
| July 5-8 | Fairytale Theater 9—11am. \$30
Ages 4-8 " <i>King Midas & the Golden Touch</i> " |
| July 11-15 | Art Camp Age 6 & up |
| July 18-22 | Art Camp Age 9 & up |
| July 25-29 | Science Camp Age 8 & up |
| Aug 1—14 | Musical Theatre Camp Age 8 & up
" <i>The Big Bad Musical</i> "—includes making a short film, and, of course, public performances! |

Volunteer opportunities

We are always looking for “angels”!

If you are able to give time for the following activities please contact the office.

- YARD SALE HELPERS for set up, sales, and clean up
- Bring treats for between Sunday services (need 4 dozen each week)
 - Garden Thursdays at 11am
 - Paint red trim on church

Donation collections

- ◆ Unused soaps and shampoos from hotels - used for AIDS ministry—bring to office
 - ◆ Magazines - used for Prison Ministry—bring to fireside room
 - ◆ Old glasses - used for LIONS works in other countries—put in bin in narthex
- ◆ Campbell’s soup labels - used for American Indian ministry— put in basket in narthex
 - ◆ Empty Ink jet cartridges - used for Youth ministry—put in bin in narthex
- ◆ Empty Soda cans and water bottles - used for Youth ministry— put in back patio bin



GRACE DINER—Monday evening—free hot supper for our neighbors in need. We serve about 35 clients and give out an additional 10-15 take-home meals each week. We welcome new volunteers. Set-up starts at 3pm, the Dining room is open 4:30-6pm, and clean up is finished by 6:30pm. Contact the office to sign up!

Praying . . .

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
Oscar Carter
Fran Codd
Betty Davis
Lynn Erickson
Marion Firmhaber
Jerry Frascella
The Goller family
Elaine Goodyear
The Gregory family
Jack Harrier
Pastor Bob Johnson
Lorene Jones
Patti LaBarbera
Brenda Langdon
Peggy Ledlie
Pauline Lee
lLeung

Len & Linda Lovgren
Wayne Maass
Pastor Gary Marshall
Trudi Moore
Shirley Nowlin
Brian & Cherie Parks
Albert Prabhu
Maxine Stenstrom

Members in the Military

Freddie Wilson
Natalie Meyers
John Meyers
& your
Prayer Partner or Compadre

Many of these dear people would really appreciate calls or visits. Please check the church directory or contact the office for information. Thank you SO MUCH for your caring ministry!

Serving . . .

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
Kelsey Harold & Colin Tidwell, TAG Club
Laura Chapman, Bookkeeper
Don Martin, Custodian
Jim Harrold, Facilities Manager
Wanda Hunter, Nursery Attendant

Jim Snodgrass	President, Property & Support
Lu Petersen	VP, Property & Support
Stephen Jahn	Secretary, Fellowship/Education
Marsha Heath	Treasurer, Stewardship
Grace Elliott	Fellowship & Outreach
Dolores Johnson	Christian Service
Len Lovgren	Worship & Music
Margaret Lowe	Stewardship & Finance
Marty Hente	Property & Support
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

June 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!

Sunday, June 5		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Stephen Jahn	Marina Tidwell
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Michelle Moreno	Patti Baker
<i>Lector</i>	Michelle Moreno	Robert Tidwell
<i>Cantor</i>	Clare Snodgrass	C. Snodgrass
<i>Crucifer</i>	Robert Condinus	Patti Baker
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ian Carter	Babak Kamjou
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Brad Sick	Brad Sick
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Timm/Jefferson	MacInnis/Jefferson
<i>Greeters</i>	Skelley Family	Joy & Rooney

Sunday, June 12		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Marina Tidwell	Patti Baker
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Stephen Jahn	Keeshawn Andrew
<i>Lector</i>	Stephen Jahn	Ray Lanthier
<i>Cantor</i>	M. Krueger	Madeleine Krueger
<i>Crucifer</i>	Jerry Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
<i>Acolyte</i>	The Priebe	April Andrew
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Meyers crew	Guy/Jefferson
<i>Greeters</i>	O'Brien Family	Ron & Joan Engen

Sunday, June 19		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Tom Hayes	Betty Davis
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Carol Hayes	Jerry Gottschalk
<i>Lector</i>	Kim Jacobi	Jerry Gottschalk
<i>Cantor</i>	Jim Snodgrass	Jim Snodgrass
<i>Crucifer</i>	Patrick Hayes	Jerry Gottschalk
<i>Acolyte</i>	Robert Condinus	Babak Kamjou
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Tom Hayes	Tom Hayes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Tidwell	Jefferson
<i>Greeters</i>	The Danners	Erna Guy

Sunday, June 26		
	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>	Barbara Knipple	Mary Lou Basaraba
<i>Cantor</i>	Sherry Hutson	Sherry Hutson
<i>Crucifer</i>	Babak Kamjou	tbd
<i>Acolyte</i>	Robert Condinus	tbd
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Ron Engen	Ron Engen
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jefferson	Snodgrass/ Jefferson
<i>Greeters</i>	Seeman/Biggs	tbd

June Birthdays

Sarah Moss	06/01	Charles Bader	06/13
Kristina Tepley	06/02	Daphne Yemofio	06/14
Pauline Lee	06/03	Carl Joy	06/15
Sharlo Cruz	06/04	Lynn Erickson	06/19
John Snodgrass	06/04	Babak Kamjou	06/20
Sean Andrew	06/05	Tony Koppula	06/21
Jo Hyatt	06/05	Martha Keister	06/22
Christine Johnson	06/08	Michael Roberts	06/25
Jennifer Priebe	06/08	Edward Tidwell	06/28
Bonnie Seeberger	06/09	Lucas Case	06/30
Bobby Piña	06/10	Jill Rosicki-Piña	06/30

Grace Notes Sponsors

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

The June issue of Grace Notes is sponsored by:

**Shirley Nowlin in memory of
her husband Paul Nowlin and Gladys Rowecamp,
Dolores Johnson in memory of Arthur, and
The Keisters in honor of Martha's birthday**

June Calendar



		1	2	3	4	
		10am-GROW Bible Study 2:30-Cherub Choir 6pm-Supper 6:45 Worship Service Meditation & prayer		YARD SALE 9-5	YARD SALE 9-1pm Cello Recital 4pm CHIEFS 6:30pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Services 9 & 11am Women's Tea at 10:15	3-6:30pm Grace Diner	5:15-Property Mtg 6-7pm—Bell Choir 7pm— Bible Study	10am—XYZ 10am-GROW Bible Study 2:30-Cherub Choir 3:30-W&M mtg 6pm-Supper 6:45 Worship Service	1pm-Office Angels 3:30-5pm--T.A.G.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Services 9 & 11am PENTECOST Confirmation and Children's Sunday Pastor's Sabbatical send off	3-6:30pm Grace Diner	4:15—Stewardship 6-7pm—Bell Choir 7pm— Bible Study	10am-GROW Bible Study 2:30-Cherub Choir 6pm-Supper 6:45 Worship Service 7:30—COUNCIL	1pm-Office Angels 3:30-5pm--T.A.G.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Services 9 & 11am Sunday School 10:15 Guest speaker:	3-6:30pm Grace Diner	7pm—Bible Study	6pm-Supper 6:45 Worship Service	1pm-Office Angels		
<h2 style="color: blue; font-family: cursive;">Beach Camp & youth helper training</h2>						
26	27	28	29	30		
Services 9 & 11am Guest Speaker:	3-6:30pm Grace Diner	6-7pm—Bell Choir 7pm— Bible Study				
<h2 style="color: blue; font-family: cursive;">Vacation Bible School</h2>						

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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.



GIGANTIC Yard Sale!!
June 3, 9am-5pm and June 4, 9am-1pm
Supporting the Grace Youth Ministry
Contact Doris for more info:
310-559-1027



Celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit
June 12, 2011 at 9am and 11am
*(Confirmation, Children's Sunday
and Sabbatical send-off party too! See page 1 for details)*