

Grace Notes

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Culver City, California

September 2011



WELCOME, DISCIPLES

Welcome everyone!

***Please join us for
RALLY DAY***

September 18

1:00 pm

Carlson Park

(Braddock & Le Bourget)

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***YOUR ministry makes Grace the place
to grow in love and service, so . . .***

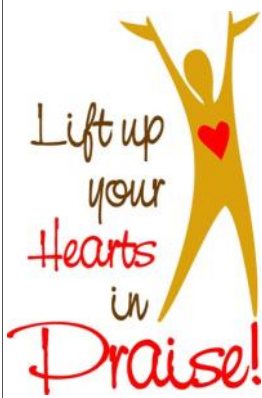
We're Counting Our Blessings!

Here are just a few of the people and things we're so grateful for at Grace:

- ♥ All who volunteered for our Summer Camps — adults and youth alike. You ministered to over 100 families of the Culver City community by helping to provide 8 weeks of quality camps and care.
- ♥ Those who visit the sick and ease the fears of the those who are suffering, including the ministries of Barbara Jefferson, Ginny MacInnis, Margaret Zamorano, Marty Hente, Stephen Jahn, Ron Engen and many others.
- ♥ Our Altar Guild, especially Barbara Jefferson for heading the Guild and Jeannie Meyer for her faithful service. We'll miss these two ladies as they step down from their posts.
- ♥ The wonderful music of the Praise Band led by Mary Lou Basaraba. For this summer's Country Supper they gave their first "formal" concert at Grace. Let's hope it's the beginning of a sensational annual tradition! And our thanks to head cook, Ken Smith, for a delicious supper, too!
- ♥ Lu Petersen, Nancy Watson, MJ Petersen & Linda Schumitzki who have worked so hard to beautify the church gardens this summer.
- ♥ Our Council for keeping a watchful eye on the functioning of the church body.

And many, many more. We thank God for all of you!

The Pastor and Staff of Grace



Spirit Matters

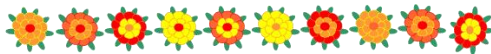
Tuesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Jim—7pm

NEW: 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

Wednesdays, starting on Sept. 21 at 10am.
"God Renewing Our Women" (GROW)

Hinds Feet on High Places— review the adventures of "Much-Afraid" as she takes her first steps to follow Jesus - so much like our own faith-walks. Books are available in the office for \$7. 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!



A NEW approach to Sunday School



Both children and adults enjoy fellowship between services, so we're changing the time of Sunday School to run during our 9am worship service, rather than between services.

After the Children's Message, kids will go to the Fireside Rm for Sunday School. They will return in time to take communion with their families.

This new approach means that children and teachers will be able to participate in fellowship between services.

Our curriculum is based on a wonderful series for ages 4 through 12. If you are interested in being part of the rotating teaching team please contact Bev O'Brien, Miriam Stenshoel, or Doris MacGregor.

The new schedule begins September 18th

September at Grace

Sept 4 10am ONE SERVICE (in honor of Labor Day)

Sept 9 YOUTH gathering (see p. 3)

Sept 11—Patriot Day Please join us for worship and to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11.



Sept 11—Sunday School teachers meeting at 11am in the Fireside Room. Join the team to proclaim the gospel to our wonderful children. First timers welcome.

Sept 14—XYZ at 9am —LA Zoo in Griffith Park and lunch at the zoo too. RSVP to Doris: 310-559-1027. Cost \$11.00, plus lunch, and \$2.00 to the van fund.

Sept 17 YOUTH at Magic Mtn (see p. 3)

Sept 18—Sunday School start up during 9am service . . . AND . . .

Rally Day Picnic & Games & Fellowship at 1pm—
Carlson Park (*Braddock/LeBourget*)



We'll provide the meat and you may provide a side dish, beverage or dessert to share. If it fits with our Asian theme, so much the better, but any yummy food is welcome! Bring your own chair if you prefer it to the picnic benches or grass.

Please plan to attend!



Sept 19—4:30-6pm Grace Diner
 2nd Anniversary Celebration Picnic

Sept 24—"Fitness for the Future" at Burton Chace Park. 9am-1pm (Lots more info about the event on the back page!)

Sept 25 Generational Photo Shoot
 We're taking new pictures of Grace folks for the website. This Sunday we'd like a group shot of ages 9yr and younger. Gather in the Fireside Room between services.



NEW THIS AUTUMN

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- ♥ **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 or **Michelle Moreno** 818/294-0289 junglecruisebarbie@gmail.com

And COMING UP IN OCTOBER

- ♦ **Generational Photo Shoot continues.** We're taking pictures of Grace folks for the website. Oct 2—age 10 to age 21. Oct. 9—the rest of us. Dress to impress, or come as you are, and gather in the Fireside Room between services!



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

- ♦ **New Members class** starting up! New members will be received on October 23 after three meetings: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16.
- ♦ **Confirmation** for older students on October 30. See Doris MacGregor for more info.

E.C.L.A. Global Missions Gathering—find out what the greater Lutheran Church does around the world. Event held at Long Beach on Oct 21-22. Only \$35/person. Let us know if you need a scholarship to attend. Contact Doris MacGregor for more info.



PLUS Fellowship, Applefest at El Camino Pines, and MUCH MORE!

August 17, 2011 Council Meeting



- ♦ The loan on the Franklin Street property is coming due in October, and the church will soon make decisions about refinancing.
- ♦ Offerings for July were strong at around \$21K. It was a very good month in both donations and attendance, especially for the summer. This was propelled largely by the excellent children's service on 07/10.
- ♦ Budget projections for the upcoming fiscal year are due next month. The Council's final budget will be presented to the congregation in October.
- ♦ Many thanks to Marty Hente for his time volunteered during PJ's sabbatical. Marty led Bible Study and Wednesday Service, and helped with a variety of functions while PJ was away. Thanks, Marty, for all your work!
- ♦ The Macy's fundraiser has raised around \$250 in funds for Stephen Jahn's seminary fund so far. When Stephen leaves for seminary, Council President Jim Snodgrass will appoint a new Secretary and Council Member to fill his place.
- ♦ The Council is very enthusiastic about the upcoming **Fitness to the Future event on September 24th**. Much planning has gone into it, and it should be a good day for communicating information about Grace, discussing relevant issues, and providing opportunities for even more involvement at Grace. The Council strongly encourages all members to attend.
- ♦ The Grace Diner 2nd year anniversary will be held on September 19th. Congratulations to the volunteers and leaders of this wonderful ministry!



How Do You Want To Be Remembered?

Some give more thought to this question than others. For myself, I hope I will be remembered more for my service to my church and community.

However, I also want to be remembered as a good steward.

Being a good steward to me means having grown in my giving throughout the years, supporting with extra gifts to those ministries for which I have a passion, and remembering the work of the Lord at my death with a final gift from my estate.

Many forget to witness their love of God to their family by including a gift to the church from their estate. Yet, it is such a simple thing to do. One may simply name the church or a particular ministry as a percentage recipient in their trust or will; or they may include the church as a beneficiary of any financial asset with a simple form.

God remembered us in His Son's death by giving us forgiveness of all our sins. To give thanks for this precious gift, we can all return a little of what God has given us to go towards His continued work here on earth. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

For further information on planning your gift of remembrance, you may contact me at (909)910-6823 or gregory.shepherd@elca.org

— Greg Shepherd, ELCA Gift Planner



The Personnel Committee is accepting applications for Youth & Family Director —Deadline is September 30—

Doris MacGregor is retiring in January 2012. The church has been truly blessed by her gifts of evangelism, organization and leadership!

We encourage Grace Church members to prayerfully consider this position.

Please contact the office for an application and more information: (310) 559-1028

Youth Ministry

Sunday School at 9am — we will meet during the first service in the Storytime slot after the Children's Message, instead of between services. More details on p. 1.



Confirmation class—WEDNESDAYS at 3:15pm. 6th to 8th grade. Kids explore their faith in this lively class of education, fun and fellowship. Starts Sept. 14th.



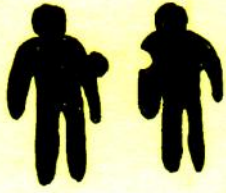
Cherub Choir— Wednesdays at 2:30. Ages 5-8 yrs old. Learn trad'l children's songs of praise and worship in this fun class. Call Colin Tidwell for more info: 310-384-1402 or 310-204-5196. Starts Sept 14th.

Thursdays at Grace—3:15pm performing arts for ages 9 and up — starts September 15. The club will be working on a musical for December as well as individual and small group songs. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please call Colin Tidwell for more information: 310-384-1402 or 310-204-5196.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR AUTUMN

- ♦ **Friday, Sept 9** Dinner, Bible study and games 5:30pm-8:30pm Bring a friend and hang out.
- ♦ **Saturday, Sept 17** Hallelujah Fest at Magic Mtn 9am-9pm. Cost per person \$30. RSVP: Doris
- ♦ **Sunday, Sept 18** Church picnic at 1pm, Carlson Park. Youth to help with some great games.
- ♦ **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.

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!

Culver-Palms Meals-on-Wheels (CP MOW)

CP MOW has been delivering meals for over 35 years from Grace to people

In need of help due to age, disability, illness, or convalescence. CP MOW serves Culver City, Playa Del Rey, Marina Del Rey, Playa Vista, Venice, Mar Vista, Westchester, and parts of West LA.

If you can assist this program either by recommending a client, volunteering to deliver food, or making a donation, please contact the following or for more information:

- 1) Frances Stronks, Executive Director, at 310-559-0666, Mon-Fri, from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 2) Church members on the Board of Directors: Doris & Larry Green and Doris MacGregor.
- 3) Visit the website at: <http://mealsonwheelsculverpalms.org>

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
Cathie Seeman
Maxine Stenstrom
Claudia Van de Ven

Members in the Military

Freddie Wilson
Natalie Meyers
John Meyers
& your Prayer Partner

Expectant mothers

Erin Asheghian
Kimberly Elder
Lindsay Thompson
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
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

September 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, September 4	
10:00 a.m. ONE SERVICE ONLY	
<i>Asst Minister</i>	John Priebe
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Joan Engen
<i>Lector</i>	Robert Condinus
<i>Cantor</i>	Michelle Moreno
<i>Crucifer</i>	Babak Kamjou
<i>Acolyte</i>	The Priebe girls
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Pastor Jim
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Timm and Moreno
<i>Greeters</i>	The Skelleys

Sunday, September 11		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Marina Tidwell	Patty Baker
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Jerry Gottschalk	Margaret Zamorano
<i>Lector</i>	Thomas Tidwell	Keeshawn Andrew
<i>Cantor</i>	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Moreno
<i>Crucifer</i>	Jerry Gottschalk	Alexis Andrew
<i>Acolyte</i>	Brandon O'Brien	April Andrew
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Brenda Langdon	Brenda Langdon
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Tidwell	Guy and Silver
<i>Greeters</i>	The Danners	Joan Engen & Patti Baker

Sunday, September 18—RALLY DAY		
	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>	Brenda Langdon	Jerry Gottschalk
<i>Cantor</i>	Clare Snodgrass	Clare Snodgrass
<i>Crucifer</i>	Carol Hayes	Babak Kamjou
<i>Acolyte</i>	Megan Hayes	Robert Condinus
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Tom Hayes	Tom Hayes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jefferson	MacInnis
<i>Greeters</i>	O'Brien family	Erna Guy

Sunday, September 25		
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Asst Minister</i>	Ron Engen	Marty Hente
<i>Com. Asst</i>	Joan Engen	Elaine Hente
<i>Lector</i>	Ron Engen	Marty Hente
<i>Cantor</i>	Claire Skelley	Tara Alexander
<i>Crucifer</i>	Jeannie Meyers	Leah Wouters
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ian Carter	Robert Condinus
<i>Kids' Sermon</i>	Brad Sick	Brad Sick
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Tidwell	Snodgrass
<i>Greeters</i>	The Carter family	The Schneiders

Grace Notes Sponsors

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

The September issue of Grace Notes is sponsored by:

***The Hentes in honor of
Elaine Hente's birthday, Sept 30
&***

The Keisters in memory of loved ones

September Calendar

Birthdays

09/01	Isaac Danner	09/12	Thomas Szujewski
09/01	Patricia LaBarbera	09/13	James Snodgrass
09/02	Michelle Moreno	09/18	Leon Marr
09/03	Jin Jin Mayberry	09/19	Kristin Berger
09/05	James Maines	09/19	Ross Berger
09/07	Corrie Van Rensburg	09/21	Doris Green
09/09	Cherie Riban	09/25	Jack Harrier
09/10	Karen Ellingson	09/28	Kathleen Tepley
09/12	Andrew Lowe	09/30	Elaine Hente

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1pm-Office Angels

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
7:30-9:30pm in the
Fireside Room

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No CHIEFs this
month. See you in
October!

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**ONE
SERVICE
AT 10AM**



5 Labor Day
Office Closed
4:30-6pm
Grace Diner

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5:15-Property Mtg

6pm—Bells

7pm— Bible Study

7:30-Young
Women's Bible
Study

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6pm-Potluck
6:45 Worship Service

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1pm-Office Angels

7:30pm-Chancel
Choir

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YOUTH
Dinner, Bible
study and games
5:30-8:30pm

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Services 9 & 11am



Sunday School
teachers mtg 11am

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9am XYZ to the ZOO

2:30 Cherub Choir

3:15 Confirmation

3:30-W&M mtg

6pm-Potluck
6:45 Worship Service

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1pm-Office Angels

3:30-5pm TAG club

7:30pm-Chancel
Choir

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
7:30-9:30pm in the
Fireside Room

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YOUTH
Hallelujah Fest at
Magic Mtn 9am-
9pm. \$30/ticket

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Services 9 & 11am



1pm at Carlson
Park

Sunday School
start-up during
9am service

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4:30-6pm
Grace Diner 2nd
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

20

4:15—Stewardship

6pm—Bells

7pm— Bible Study

7:30-Young
Women's Bible
Study

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10am GROW Study
"Hinds Feet on High
Places"

2:30 Cherub Choir

3:15 Confirmation

6pm-Potluck
6:45 Worship Service

7:30—COUNCIL

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1pm-Office Angels

7:30pm-Chancel
Choir

3:30-5pm TAG club

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**"Fitness for the
Future"**
**Burton-Chace
Community
Center
Marina del Rey
9-1pm**

(see the back page
for details)

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Services 9 & 11am
Sunday School
during 9am service

Photos—age 9 and
under between
services

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4:30-6pm
Grace Diner

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7pm— Bible Study

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6:45 Worship Service

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7:30pm-Chancel
Choir

3:30-5pm TAG club

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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.



“Fitness for the Future”

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm; to give you a future with hope.” —Jeremiah 29:11

**A very special event for Grace will happen on
Saturday, September 24, 2011**

We will gather at Burton-Chace Park Community Center in Marina del Rey from 9am-1pm. The Stewardship Committee has planned a morning filled with thought-provoking information and opportunities to learn more about what is happening at Grace now, and what you think should happen in the future.

We will have “time and talent” to share ideas and exchange information. There will be time for singing and sharing.

You will receive an invitation in the mail soon, and find that there will childcare provided and that we will enjoy lunch together.

An invigorating morning is planned and we hope you will mark your calendar now to attend this unique happening!