



Grace Notes

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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Meditations on Worship and Divine Service

It is true there is no biblically mandated order of service that contains all the details of a typical Lutheran service as we know it today. Luther recognized this clearly. There is, therefore, Christian freedom.

However, Luther and subsequent generations of Lutherans (including our own CFWW) clearly knew from Scripture that freedom needs to be tempered by Christian love, lest it become indistinguishable from secular ideas of individualism. Part of this Christian love is humility in submitting to the liturgical tradition that are theologically sound. After all, we're not the first or only Christians! (1 Cor. 4:7; 14:36) Luther also saw that most will abuse their liberty *in Christ* (faith) by transforming it into liberty *in the world* (self-love). Read *On the Freedom of the Christian* again.

Luther never sat down and developed a new order of service from scratch. He purified what he had inherited. A reformation is something different than a revolution, and CCM, first developed out of the Jesus Music of the Jesus People/Jesus Freaks, is a deliberate musical revolution that disregards what was before--as if the Baby Boomers were a special kind of people who were free to throw earlier traditions (and the people who shaped those traditions, and were shaped by them) over board.

Luther (and CFWW) was leaning into those who abused Christian liberty to "have it their way". They were, in fact, sinning against Christian love. They were being different without any theological reason, and there, Luther cautioned, they were fostering theological disunity by having different ceremonies: you believe as you worship, and you worship as you believe. If you worship like an Enthusiast, you'll become one (if you aren't one already)--we know that.

Then, there is of course the Formula of Concord where they teach that when you alter your ceremonies (in and by themselves neither commanded nor forbidden, but instituted for the promotion of the gospel and good order) to "blend in" (either with other churches or, today perhaps more so, with the world) you, too are abusing your Christian freedom to avoid persecution. That persecution exists today: it produces martyr pastors and laymen by districts and congregations who don't want to be martyr congregations/districts but teach: if you don't change, you'll perish! Death sentence executed by change/progress (or congregational/district executives), not by the Roman emperor's executioners.

The theology against contemporary services and for maintaining a strong and unapologetic visible/audible link with those who've gone before us in the faith, and one with those who're standing beside us in the faith, is in place. Sinning against Christian love is not a small matter, as we learn from Paul's letters (Rom. 14:15 - the first concern is the brother, not those who are outside). Would Paul have put up with a person who persistently sinned against Christian love, mocking the victim: show me from Scripture, show me from Scripture that I'm wrong; don't I have the right to do this or that?

The theology is there. What is lacking are people who act on it. But that's part of our ecclesial/personal paralysis; no one wants to be a martyr, at least not "right now". "There is so much we still can do." The Lord said: Take up your cross and follow me.

In His glorious name, I remain,

Pastor Froh

28th ACADEMIC YEAR

A WORD OF THANKS

The students and faculty would like to thank all who have volunteered their time, talents, and treasures during the 2010-2011 school year. Your efforts helped to make the school year successful. Thank you to the room parents, classroom aides, field trip drivers, librarians, the members of the P.T.L. Executive Board and the School Board. A special word of thanks to the members of Grace Congregation who have supported Grace Lutheran School through their generous offerings and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

On Friday, June 10th the following were recognized for their achievements during the 2010-2011 school year.

Perfect Attendance: Anjanette Gomez, Jose-Alberto Sandoval, James Kilcullen, Michael Kilcullen, & Aria Rouzmehr

Yearly Honor Roll: Valerie Halasz, Katie Kilcullen, Julia Semmler, Elana Velichko, Samirah Zada, Anjanette Gomez, Armon Plummer, Jose-Alberto Sandoval, Sagrika Jawadi, James Kilcullen, Bella Archer, Tara Dezham, Angelique Gomez, Maria Khoury, Caroline Nagy, Ethan Smith, Michael Kilcullen, Aria Rouzmehr, Kaitlyn Underhill, Abby Hahn, & Lindsey Lee

8th Grade Valedictorian: Julia Semmler

Geography Bee: Valerie Halasz

Helen Seiter Athletic Award: Samirah Zada & James Kilcullen

Spelling Bee Champions: Julia Semmler, Anjanette Gomez, James Kilcullen, Angelique Gomez, Aria Rouzmehr, Jacquelyne Naicker, Jacquelyne Naicker, Matheus Souza, Naoki Sotani, & Kanaho Shimamura

President's Academic Excellence Award: Valerie Halasz, Anjanette Gomez, Jose-Alberto Sandoval, Sagrika Jawadi, James Kilcullen, Angelique Gomez, & Kaitlyn Underhill

Primary & School Choir: Katie Kilcullen, Julia Semmler, Michelle Sterner, Samirah Zada, Anjanette Gomez, James Kilcullen, Bella Archer, Angelique Gomez, Caroline Nary, Michael Kilcullen, Candace Ma, Kaitlyn Underhill, Abby Hahn, Evan Underhill, Sofia McKenzie, Michael Cirillo, Abigail Reiten, & Kahaho Shimamura

<p>P.T.L. WORK DAY</p>

<p>Saturday, August 27, 2011 9:00 a.m.-Noon</p>

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Monday, August 29th marks the opening of the 28th academic year of Grace Lutheran School. A welcome tea for parents sponsored by the P.T.L. will be held in the Parish Hall at 8:30 a.m.

The opening chapel service will be held on Tuesday, September 7th at 8:35 a.m. Members of the congregation and school parents are invited to worship with the students and teachers. Please keep the teachers and students of Grace Lutheran School in your prayers.



TEACHING STAFF FOR 2011-2012

Miss Jolene Crawford	Kindergarten
Miss Jennifer Schultze	1 st -2nd Grades
Mrs. Elisabeth Meier	3rd-4th Grades
Mr. Ted Weiss	7th-8th Grades
Mr. Robert P. Meier	Principal, 5th-6th Grades
Rev. Charles E. Froh	Pastor
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Assistant Pastor

ENRICHMENT STAFF

Mrs. Susan Bethke
Mrs. Miriam Hitzeman
Mr. Will Lamica
Mrs. Maria Schaefer
Mr. Kelly Warner

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 29th

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Grace LWML Mission Statement

"Our mission is to encourage the women of Grace to grow spiritually through Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."

"Serve the Lord
with Gladness"

2010-2012 Mission Grants

7. Hmong Ministry

St. Andrews Lutheran Church,
Stockton, CA

\$6,350

Save your mites!



Morning World Friendship

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 10:30am in the Church Library
Please join us as we cut stamps, labels, etc.



GLC LWML Bible Study

Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 10:30 am
in the 7th & 8th Grade Classroom

Lesson 2: "Overcoming Fear in the Face of Trial"
from the Summer Quarterly Page 18-19

Leader: Mary Clapp
All Women Welcome!

Circle Bible Study

Will not meet in July



Upcoming Dates:

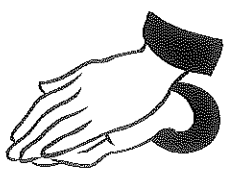
August 26, 2011 – Mission Service Project, 7:00-9:00pm Dolores Keim's house, 1724 Dale Ave. SM
October 22, 2011 - Zone 8 Fall Rally, Trinity, Palo Alto



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August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:15 a. Morning World Friendship				8:30 a. Elders meet
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 a. Divine Service 10:30 a. Bible Study 10:30 a. LWML Bible Study 11:45 a. School Board meets		7:00 p. Planning Coun.				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 a. Divine Service 10:30 a. Bible Study						2:00 p. Confess./Absol.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 a. Divine Service 10:30 a. Bible Study		9:15 a Bible Study			7:00 p LWML Mission Project	2:00 p. Confess./Absol.
28	29	30	31			
9:00 a. Divine Service 10:30 a. Bible Study	8:30 a. School Begins	9:15 a. Bible Study 7:00 p. Sunday School Teachers meet				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please Pray for. 	Nathaniel Bannister David Cox Bill Eng Miriam Hitzeman Fred Klarenbach George Melke Ghada Saber Willis Stevens	Cheryl Basonic Catherine Cox Kirk Eppler Marion Hoff Lee Klarenbach Howard Menche Daniel Saber Win Swarr	Kay Bell, Jr. Emily Cox Machelle Eppler Stephen Honnert Evans Klingner Donna Menche Michael Saber Iva Swarr	Steven Bellone Jolene Crawford Sara Eppler Kathy Honnert Ruth Klingner Daniel Menche Charles Schaefer Isabel Swarr	Lauren Bellone Robert Crews Carly Eppler Nicholas Honnert Bill Koester Tobias Meyer-Grunow Donald Schaefer Victor Swarr	Anthony Bellone Veronica Crews Carlos Espino Lindsey Honnert Faye Koester Candice Meyer-Grunow Maria Schaefer Hans Tuft
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Clara Crews Debra Espino Samantha Howard Ryan Koester June Miller Rey Schmidt Gina Tuft	Fay Bennett Celeste Crews Jonathan Espino Robert Innes Amanda Koester Pamela Nelson Loretta Schmidt Mark Tuft	Suzanne Bennett Carolyn Cullins Larry Franquez Shirley Innes Herbert Kruse Brian Norman Stephen Schmidt Sue Tuft	Claire Berg Andrew Cullins Shelly Franquez Michael Innes Gesine Kruse Denise Norman Kendra Dorman	Adele Bergstrom Nicole Cullins Nick Franquez Christine Innes Al Landes Jack Norman Athena Schultz Kevin Dorman	William Bethke Kaitlyn Cullins Chad Franquez Danielle Iocco Jill Landes Juliet Norman Jennifer Schultz Megan Tuft	Susan Bethke Aaron Custino Rudy Frey Donald Iocco Lane LeCompte Floyd Oatman Milton Schwartz Steven Tuft
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Jon Bevilacqua Kellie Custino Gail Frey Heather Iocco Christopher LeCompte Jeannette Oatman Betty Schwartz Isaac Tuft	Joanie Bevilacqua Isabella Custino Pamela Frisella John Iocco Scot Lee Doug O'Donnell Martin Semmler Martin Udishes	Joseph Bevilacqua Alyssa Custino Charles Froh Judy Iocco Ann Leung Patty O'Donnell Michelle Semmler Leann Udishes	Matthew Bevilacqua Derrick Custino Janet Froh Ko Ishikawa Paul Leung Elizabeth O'Donnell Scott Semmler Matthew Udishes	Lou Bevilacqua Carrie Custino Elizabeth Froh Yuzo Ishikawa Paul Lewerenz Ramona Pekarek Daniel Semmler Joan Weckerle	Paulette Bevilacqua Eli Custino Tim Froh Mariko Ishikawa Michael Macklin Amanda Peterson Julia Semmler Helga Weinreich	Paul Bevilacqua, Sr. Charlotte Custino Terri Gangelhoff Mark Jennings Armani Macklin Marlene Pitt Sandy Shanks Warren Wessling
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Gina Bevilacqua Treva Dieves William Gangelhoff Robyn Jennings Briana Macklin Carl Raff Jessica Shanks-Fetalaina Alice Wessling	Paul Bevilacqua, Jr. Stephen Dieves Shirley Gangelhoff Lance Johnson Tatiana Macklin Gil Ramirez Raf Fetalaina Randy Wimmer	Sarah Bevilacqua Bernie Dille Alex Gomez Doreen Johnson Milton Macklin Kathleen Ramirez Sergei Shev Rosemarie Wimmer	Lauren Bevilacqua David Dubbel Herlin Gomez Katarina Johnson Heather Marchetti Thomas Ramirez Detlef Siarkowski Hiitomi Yamamoto	Jack Bevilacqua Carolyn Dubbel Anjanette Gomez Evelyn Jones Glenn McEnroe Janine Ramirez Hannelore Siarkowski Eugene Zahnow	Alice Boerschinger Jeannette Borden Angelique Gomez Diana Kaufeldt Alison McEnroe Jordan Ramirez Jon Sinclair Judy Zahnow	Egon Adam John Borden Natalie Dubbel Kennedy Gomez David Keim Alexis McEnroe Christian Ramirez Sheri Sinclair Buddy Zimbelman
28	29	30	31	<h1 style="text-align: center;">August Prayer Calendar</h1>		
Rosangela Adam Ellen Borden Eric Dubbel Olivia Gomez Veronica Keim Fred McKenna Larry Rhoades Dave Smoot Mamie Zimbelman	Kelly Archer Joshua Born Chris Egan Joseph Gomez Raymond Keim Marilyn McKenna Barbara Rhoades Barb Smoot	Emilia Archer Judy Boyd Theresa Egan James Graziano Carolyn Keim Paul McKenna James Holcomb Shannon Smoot	Bella Archer Brian Boyd Jessica Egan Roger Guse Bob Keim Cheryl McKenna Chester Rhoades Paul Soals			