



Grace Notes

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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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To the Church of Grace at San Mateo:
From the one whom the Lord has sent to be your Pastor.

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

It has been both a joy and great privilege to serve as the Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church these past years. I am writing this letter to inform you that as of January 15th, 2013, I shall be retiring from the Office to which the Lord has appointed me, and to which you Called me in the Fall of 1981.

I am writing this letter now, that you as a Congregation may move forward with the Calling of a Pastor to serve you the 'means of grace' as the Lord's servant in this place. I have shared my intentions with the Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, President of this District. I have also shared this information with the Chairman of Grace Congregation and with the Chairman of the Board of Elders.

I will continue to serve you faithfully according to my Call, and will not, in any manner, attempt to influence the choice of the man that you shall Call to follow in the Office of the Holy Ministry. Therefore, I will suggest no names, and I will comment on no candidates, nor will I participate in the Calling process; the exception being responding to questions from the Officers or Call Committee as to proper procedure.

I invite your prayers for myself and my family as we move forward toward new challenges. I also invite your prayers for this Congregation and its Officers that they continue to serve God according to His Word. I also ask that you pray to the Lord of the Harvest, that He "would send the laborer to this place" according to His good will and purpose.

I remain your Servant and His,

Charles E. Froh
Pastor Grace Lutheran Church
San Mateo

ALTAR FLOWERS

A great big “thank you” to the folks who donated money for flowers for the altar. Perhaps you have wondered what happens to the flowers after the Sunday Worship service. The flowers are rearranged into vases and delivered to shut-ins, the ill and hospitalized, and happy parents at the birth of their child. Flowers are not placed on the altar during Lent, and therefore, no deliveries occur during that six week period.

Our members who receive the flowers, especially the shut-ins, truly appreciate being remembered. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful ministry, please sign up on the FLOWER CHART in the hallway. Ah Sam is the supplier and charges \$68.00 per Sunday. Please feel free to share the date with others. Make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**, and mark checks ‘**FOR ALTAR FLOWERS**’; place check into offering plate on your chosen Sunday. Please realize how easy it is to sign up and then forget when the check is due. If you are celebrating a special occasion, advise the office by Wednesday of that week before the Sunday bulletin is prepared.

During the year 2010, ninety-two deliveries were made by Hannelore Siarkowski and Alice Wessling. We thank Ruth Klingner who prepared our lovely vases (over 20 years she wrapped milk cartons with lovely paper).

This past summer, Alice retired. A BIG THANK YOU to Marlene Pitt who has filled in, but will not be able to continue after December 2011. **NEEDED:** someone to serve our Lord in this ministry. Please call Hannelore at 349-1575 or Judy at 343-6154.

The 2012 Flower Chart will be posted by December 15th.

Proclaiming the faith

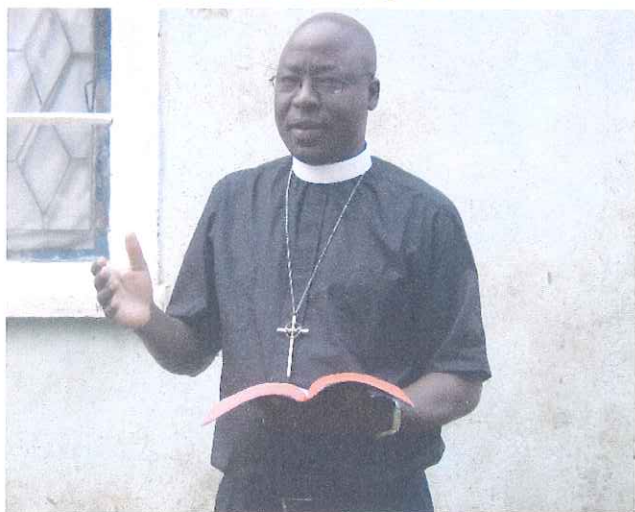


Jesus came to be our life, our light, our way! Proclaim the good news to your neighbors, friends and family.

MISSION FESTIVAL

JANUARY 22, 2012

GUEST PREACHER



REV. TOM OMOLO

Rev. Omolo is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. He has been in the ministry for 11 years and is currently serving as a professor in the ELCK seminary (Neema Lutheran College, Matongo). He earned his MA at Concordia Seminary in 2007 and is now pursuing a PhD degree at the seminary. He is in his second year of the program. He is married to Pamela and they have two boys and three girls. They are all in Kenya.

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Bible Study

Communication Received

3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor-October 16th

Lutheran Theological Seminary-Pretoria

We will be supporting Matthew Tokpah and Enoch MacBen.

Grace: your wire transfer came through this morning. Thank you again for your tremendously generous support of these students and the costs involved with their tuition. Salome Smith

Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane

3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- November 20th

Concordia College Selma, Alabama

Our thank offering will go to our historic Lutheran college in Selma, Alabama. Under the guidance of Dr. Mendedo the college is making a Lutheran presence known in the community and beyond. . A total of \$484.00 was sent to the college.

(the freewill offering was \$358 and the undesignated coffee hour funds from July and August were \$126)

CTS Military Project- December 18th

Concordia Theological Seminary's Body and Soul Care packages are sent to deployed military chaplains and soldiers who provide for our country's peace and security. The care packages include personal items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc,) and a CD entitled "Voice of Bethlehem" a thirty minute service containing sermon, hymns, prayers and liturgy. Please prayerfully consider ontributing to this project. Make you check out to Grace Lutheran Church with memo: CTS Military Project

3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- January 15th

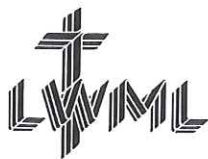
Good News Journal published by Concordia Mission

Society The offering will go to the printing of the Good News Journal which is printed in several country languages and recognizes the Holy Scripture as the only authority for faith and life. Please place your offering in the basket on the table during coffee hour with checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, memo: Good News Journal. God bless you as you freely give in response to His love.



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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

8. Mt. Cross Ministries

Santa Cruz Mountains, CA

\$25,000

Save your mites!



Morning World Friendship

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10:30 am in the Church Library
Please join us as we cut stamps, labels, etc.



GLC LWML Bible Study

Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 10:30 am
in the 7th & 8th Grade Classroom
Lesson 1 from the Winter Quarterly
"The Blessing of Stress"
Leader: Mary Clapp

All Women Welcome!

Circle Bible Study

Date & Time: 3rd Tuesday January 17
Place: Church Library
Continue Study of the Doctrine of Justification
From Good News Magazine

Bring a sandwich - Dessert will be served

All Women Welcome!



Upcoming Dates:

January 27, 2012 – Mission Project Work Night, Dolores Keim's House

February 25, 2012 – Zone 8 Day of Prayer, Bethany, Menlo Park

March 31, 2012 – Zone 8 Spring Rally, Our Savior's, Pacifica

28th ACADEMIC YEAR

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for second quarter will be sent to Samaritan House of San Mateo. To date, \$87.21 has been received. Donations of canned and non-perishable packaged foods are also being received.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

The preliminary round was held on December 14th. Congratulations to following students who have qualified for the final competition: Anjanette Gomez, Armon Plummer, Jose-Alberto Sandoval, James Kilcullen, Bella Archer, Angelique Gomez, Elizabeth O'Donnell, John Velichko, Isaac Viquez, and Aria Rouzmehr. The final competition will be held on Friday, January 6th at 11:00 a.m. Parents and congregation members are invited to attend.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT SERVICES

Thank you to the students who participated in mid-week Advent services. The offerings at these services was placed in the Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund and amounted to over \$1,100.

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4 School Resumes – 8:30 a.m.
- 8 Primary & School Choirs – 9:00 a.m. service
- 10 Open House – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School / No Extended Care
- 17 P.T.L. General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Slipper & Bathrobe Spirit Day
- 24 Kindergarten Information Night – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Second Quarter ends
- 27 P.T.L. Social Event – 6:00 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**Tuesday, January 10th
Wednesday, February 8th**

6:00-8:00 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

**Tuesday, Jan. 24th
7:00 p.m.**





GLS Campus Alive in Christ!



One of the School Board initiatives for the 2011-2012 School Year was to help Grace Lutheran School campus "come alive." The objective of the project we called "Campus Witness" was to involve students in an art project that would give witness of the "lively hope that is within them" and assume some ownership of their campus.

Under the direction of Sue Bethke, Art Enrichment Instructor, the 5th – 8th grade students did just that! Their beautiful butterflies not only add color and delight to the courtyard but do indeed give evidence of their joy, ownership and pride in being part of the Grace Lutheran community and of being "Alive in Christ!"

It took "a village" to get this accomplished before our first Open House which was Thursday, November 17th and so we take this moment to say THANK YOU to the following people who gave of their time and talents!

- **Idea and Consultants:** Kelly Archer and Bob and Dolores Keim
- **Permission and Support:** School Board, Bob Meier and Church Council
- **Cutting Boards:** Darryl Sterner
- **White-Painting Boards:** Bill Bethke
- **Weathering Boards:** Bob and Dolores Keim
- **Installation:** Martin Semmler and Darryl Sterner
- **Project Funder:** Pastor Froh

- **And of course Sue Bethke and her awesome "team":**

Michael Kilcullen (5th), Candace Ma (5th), Aria Rouzmehr (5th), Kaitlyn Underhill (5th)
Bella Archer (6th), Tara Dezham (6th), Angelique Gomez (6th), Maria Khoury (6th), Nicole Lal (6th),
Chelsea Landaverde (6th), Julian Morris (6th), Caroline Nagy (6th), Elizabeth O'Donnell (6th)
John Velichko (6th), Isaac Viquez (6th), Sarah Wannanam (6th), Andraws Zada (6th)
Jaime Aredo (7th), Sagrika Jawadi (7th), James Kilcullen (7th)
Anjanette Gomez (8th), Armon Plummer (8th), Jose-Alberto Sandoval (8th).

"All glory to God who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream ...may He be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of His master plan of salvation through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 3:20-21



VITAL STATISTICS CALENDAR

January, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Janneke Munoz	2 Elizabeth Froh	3	4 Gezine Kruse	5 Fred McKenna Angelique Gomez	6	7 Ann Leung
8 Lou Egan	9	10 Robert Keim	11 John Kilcullen	12 Daniel Saber	13	14
15	16 Kyle Spleiss Brian Norman	17	18 Charles Froh	19 Fred-Marilyn McKenna Angelina Egan	20	21 John Bordy
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Herlin Gomez	31				

Legend: Birthday indicated by one name Wedding Anniversary indicated by two names

A Birthday Prayer: Dear Father, today is _____'s birthday. Thank you for the gift of life you have given to _____. Keep _____ ever mindful of _____ baptism. You have made _____ your child an heir of your heavenly Kingdom. Thank you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

An Anniversary Prayer: Gracious Father, today is the wedding anniversary of your servants _____ and _____. Be with them in the year ahead. Keep them faithful to each other and to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rosangela Adam Judy Boyd Theresa Egan James Graziano Bob Keim Shawn McKenna Theresa Rhoades Joseph Sobczak Eugene Zahnow	2 Kelly Archer Brian Boyd Jessica Egan Roger Guse Dolores Keim Steve McLaughlin Fred Robinson Anne Sobczak Judy Zahnow	3 Emilia Archer Kenneth Boyd James Egan Dan Hahn Emilia Kiani Heather McLaughlin Roberta Robinson Trudi Sorensen Buddy Zimbelman	4 Bella Archer Paul Brownlee Lou Egan Lori Hahn John Kilcullen Ron Meagher Joe Rockmore Kyle Spleiss Marnie Zimbelman	5 Timothy Atwood Lois Brownlee Betty Egan Abby Hahn Stefanie Kilcullen Cheryl Meagher Debra Rockmore Tamaray Starling	6 Lynn Aubright Marcus Brownlee Bob Egan Arthur Hayame Katie Kilcullen Aaron Meagher Logan Rockmore Darryl Sterner	7 Neil Spleiss Scott Brownlee Angelina Egan Barbara Hayame James Kilcullen Sandra Means Casey Rockmore Sandra Sterner
8 Ralph Bailey Katherine Brownlee Christopher Eggert Tim Hayame Michael Kilcullen Robert Meier George Roethel Michelle Sterner	9 Jane Bailey Anna Buckleman Maria Eggert Darren Hayame Scott King Elisabeth Meier Norma Roethel Robert Stevens	10 Marilyn Bailie Ralph Carmann Timothy Eich Joy Hayame Christa King Rob Meier Akram Saber Willis Stevens	11 Frank Balgeman Jessica Chen Robert Emery Lucie Hirmina Janneke Munoz George Melke Ghada Saber Win Swarr	12 Valerie Balgeman Rutis Clapp Doris Emery Art Hitzeman Nicholas King Howard Menche Daniel Saber Iva Swarr	13 Chandler Balgeman Mary Clapp Bill Eng Miriam Hitzeman Fred Klarenbach Donna Menche Michael Saber Isabel Swarr	14 Mike Bannister David Cox Kirk Eppler Marion Hoff Lee Klarenbach Daniel Menche Charles Schaefer Victor Swarr
15 Tarni Bannister Catherine Cox Machtelle Eppler Stephen Honnert Evens Klingner Tobias Meyer-Grunow Donald Schaefer Hans Tuft	16 Nathaniel Bannister Emily Cox Sara Eppler Kathy Honnert Ruth Klingner Candice Meyer-Grunow Maria Schaefer Gina Tuft	17 Cheryl Basonic Jolene Crawford Carly Eppler Nicholas Honnert Bill Koester June Miller Rey Schmidt Mark Tuft	18 Kay Bell, Jr. Robert Crews Lindsey Honnert Faye Koester Pamela Nelson Loretta Schmidt Sue Tuft	19 Steven Bellone Veronica Crews Carlos Espino Samantha Howard Ryan Koester Brian Norman Stephen Schmidt Kendra Dorman	20 Lauren Bellone Clara Crews Debra Espino Robert Innes Amanda Koester Denise Norman Athena Schultz Kevin Dorman	21 Anthony Bellone Celeste Crews Jonathan Espino Shirley Innes Herbert Kruse Jack Norman Jennifer Schultze Megan Tuft
22 Suzanne Bennett Carolyn Cullins Larry Franquez Michael Innes Gesine Kruse Juliet Norman Milton Schwartz Steven Tuft	23 Claire Berg Andrew Cullins Shelly Franquez Christine Innes Lane LeCompte Floyd Oatman Betty Schwartz Isaac Tuft	24 Adele Bergstrom Nicole Cullins Nick Franquez Danielle Iocco Christopher LeCompte Jeannette Oatman Martin Semmler Martin Udisches	25 William Bethke Kaitlyn Cullins Chad Franquez Donald Iocco Scott Lee Doug O'Donnell Michelle Semmler Leann Udisches	26 Susan Bethke Aaron Custino Rudy Frey Heather Iocco Ann Leung Patty O'Donnell Scott Semmler Matthew Udisches	27 Jon Bevilacqua Kellie Custino Gail Frey John Iocco Paul Leung Elizabeth O'Donnell Daniel Semmler Octavian Vasilescu	28 Joanie Bevilacqua Isabella Custino Pamela Frisella Judy Iocco Paul Lewerenz Ramona Pekarek Julia Semmler Diana Vasilescu
29 Joseph Bevilacqua Alyssa Custino Charles Froh Ko Ishikawa Michael Macklin Amanda Peterson Sandy Shanks Joan Weckerle	30 Matthew Bevilacqua Derrick Custino Janet Froh Yuzo Ishikawa Armani Macklin Marlene Pitt Jessica Shanks-Fetalaina Helga Weinreich	31 Lou Bevilacqua Carrie Custino Elizabeth Froh Mariko Ishikawa Briana Macklin Carl Raff Raf Fetalaina Ted Weiss	<p>Please Pray for...</p> <p><i>January 2012 Prayer Calendar</i></p>			

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-LWML Bible Study Book of Concord Youth Bible Study	2	3 10:15 a-Morning World Friendship	4 8:30 a-School resumes	5	6 10:00 a-Epiphany Matins 6:30 p-Epiphany Vespers	7 8:30 a-Elders meet 2:00 p-Confess/Absol.
8 9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-Christian Doctrine G.I.F.T. 11:45 a-School Board	9	10 8:35 a-Morning Prayer 9:15 a-Bible Study 6:00 p-School Open House 7:00 p-Planning Coun	11	12 7:00 p-Senior Choir	13	14
15 10:15 a-Sunday School 9:00 a-Divine Service	16 MLK Jr. Holiday No School/No Ext. Care	17 8:35 a-Morning Prayer 9:15 a-Bible Study 11:00 a-Circle Bible Study 7:00 p-PTL meeting	18	19 7:00 p-Senior Choir	20	21
22 9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-Special Mission Festival	23	24 8:35 a-Morning Prayer 9:15 a-Bible Study 7:00 p-Kindergarten Night/School Open House	25	26 7:00 p-Senior Choir	27 6:00 p-PTL Social Night 7:00 p-LWML Mission Project Night	28 2:00 p-Confess/Absol.
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