

## **Activities and Fellowship at Grace Lutheran**

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that we welcome you. Our faith community is a loving place where you can meet Christ through fellowship, service, worship and love. Please know we value you being a part of our family. At Grace Lutheran you will find friends, healing, joy and lots of activities – all focused on Jesus Christ!

We encourage you to “get involved” here at Grace because, as in all things...you only get out of life what you give to it. You will be amazed at the difference involvement in our church community will make in your life. Our faith community and our greatest resource – the wonderful and generous people who gather here at Grace – do not just go to church, but to 'do' church together!

## **Grace Lutheran Christian School**

We are a congregation filled with former students and teachers, or parents of former students. The ripples of their lives touches many around the world—from a missionary in the orient, to teachers around the United States, scientists, business leaders, moms and dads, lay leaders and pastors etc.



For sixty years this church has educated the youth of our church and community with an outstanding record of success. Our school-wide educational growth is 1.7 academic years for every calendar year. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) from the LCMS.

## Children's Activities

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"* Mark 10:4

We welcome all children to share in the many happenings at Grace designed to interactively engage them with meaningful faith and life lessons. Here they get to experience unconditional love—true Grace!



### Children's Programs

#### Weekly—Sept through June

Sunday School K-4<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

#### Special Scheduled Activities

##### **Vacation Bible School**

June 11-15

##### **Family Movie Nights**

Jan 19 & April 20 @ 6 pm

##### **Easter Egg Hunt**

March 31 @ 10 am

##### **60th School Anniversary**

May 4 @ 6 pm

##### **PTL Quarter Dip**

September 29 @ 5:30 pm

##### **Trunk or Treat**

October 27 @ 6 pm

Whether it's our Sunday school, Vacation Bible School or after school events, Grace practices the rotation style of teaching: Bible stories, crafts, games, interactive skits, and music. Worship services have a children's message.



## Youth Activities

*"May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace"*

Psalm 144:12

We welcome our youth, who are the church now and in the future, to share in the many activities at that engage them with meaningful faith and life



lessons. Here they get to receive and to give unconditional love—true Grace!

All believers are members of the body of Christ, living stones that constitute the various parts with each part being equally

valuable. Therefore, it does not matter what age, gender, Spiritual gifts or other differences, all are to be held in mutual accountability and play roles as both the served and the serving (Hebrews).

### Youth Programs

#### Weekly—Sept through June

<b>Gather</b>	Wed	6 pm
<b>Worship</b>	Sun	10 am
	Wed	7 pm

#### Special Scheduled Activities

**VBS Helper** June 11-15, 2018

**Easter Egg Hunt Helper**

March 31 @ 10 am

**PTL Quarter Dip Helper**

September 29 @ 5:30 pm

**Truck or Treat Helper**



## Adult Activities

Paul says in Philippians to that we are to remember the love and encouragement and fellowship and tenderness and compassion of God that has changed your life forever. *"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose"* (Philippians 2:2). Here you experience unconditional love—true Grace!

### Adult Programs

**Weekly—Sept through June**  
**Bible Study** Sun 9 am  
(children in Sunday school)

#### Special Scheduled Activities

- Family Movie Nights
- Lent /Advent Services
- Lent & Advent Soup Suppers
- Oktoberfest
- Trunk or Treat
- Dancing under the Stars
- Progressive Dinner
- Spanish & German Classes
- Prayers & Squares
- Rubber Duck Race
- Cancer Walk
- Angel Shop
- Potluck Brunch
- Chile & Dessert Cook-off
- Talent Show
- Monday Night Bible Study
- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Easter Breakfast
- Voice & Bell Choirs
- Mother's & Father's Day



## Women's Activities



### **Mary Martha Bible Study**

The ladies of Mary Martha meet faithfully every Thursday morning to study topics related to living out their lives as Christians in today's world.

The group meets in the Modular Building every Thursday morning September thru May for fellowship at 9:30 am and Bible study from 10 to 11.

### **Prayers & Squares**

Grace Lutheran Prayers & Squares since 2008 have given over 225 prayer quilts to people in need of prayer at difficult times in their lives. Their ministry also includes quilts



for Lutheran World Relief. Over 350 quilts have been sent to Peru, Nicaragua and Africa. At Sew In Saturdays ladies have made 200+ pillowcase dresses and 75 pairs of shorts for children who may never have any new clothes.

### **Lutheran Women's Missionary League** LWML Sunday

has the ladies doing the Readings & providing Special Music ~ LWML Ladies Choir. LWML has a major emphasis in the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of mite box offerings. These mite box offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars in mission grants.

## Worship

**A Lutheran Divine Worship Service** is held on Sundays at 10:00 am, with communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

By definition Christianity is salvation-centered. That is the clear biblical witness, that God in Christ came to save sinners (I Timothy 1:15). Therefore, the Church's worship is salvation-centered as the people of God gather to hear the Word of life and to eat and drink the holy meal of Christ's body and blood. Hence, worship could be described as a lively interchange between the God who saves and sinners in need of salvation.



Worship plays a vital role in the formation of faith in the lives of God's people. Through weekly repetition of basic, Gospel-centered texts from Holy Scripture, the people of God are schooled in the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith. The liturgy and hymns serve as building blocks for a lifetime of receiving God's gifts through Word and sacrament.

**A Mid-Week Worship Service** is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm as a half-hour devotional service and communion.

In our devotional service, we start by recognizing that God is beyond our words of praise. Worship is God speaking. It is our listening and receiving His gifts. It begins with God's Word (Christ). He is the content and comes to us to give us His gifts of forgiveness and community. We respond in faith and devotion. It's in the tradition of Martin Luther to speak in the heart language of the times we live in.

## Fellowship

Peter says in his first letter, "*Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.*" So, we are to gather together in unity and love—as a family—the family of Christ as established here at Grace.

Fellowship is a great privilege, possible whenever the above occurs; in church, Bible studies, prayer meetings, or family. It is how God meets our needs—it is His "vine supply line"

Church fellowship has been described as the 'glue' that holds the church together. And in a way, that is true, for we are a community of believers in Christ—His very Body—that is nourished and sustained by His Word and Sacraments. But, we are also a human organization that has the very human needs of love, friendship and support. A large part of that is accomplished through the breaking of bread together.



Our Parish Life committee provides the food and often plans the "fun" events that bring our congregation together—Picnics, Potlucks, Advent & Lent Soup Suppers, Brunches, Easter Breakfast, High Tea and Sandwiches, Graduation Banquet, Funeral Receptions and much more!

# Music Ministry

## Weekly—Sept through June

<b>Handbells</b>	Thur	5:30 pm
<b>Choir</b>	Thur	7:00 pm

Since the time of Martin Luther, the Lutheran Church has been known as the “singing church”.

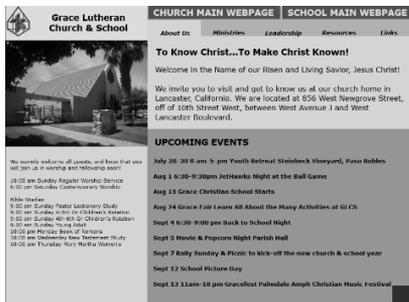
We continue to enrich our worship and celebrations with a priceless collection of liturgies, choral works, and hymns through which we express our faith. Grace is blessed with many gifted musicians who continue in this rich tradition and lift our spirits each week. On any given Sunday you may hear the organ, voice choir or bell choir. If you like to make a ‘joyful noise’, you would be welcomed to the family!

## Evangelism

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age"* Matthew 28:18-20.

Make us a part of your family!

- Food & Fellowship
- Community
- Pizza & Bible Study
- Real Life Workshops
- Retreats
- Science & the Bible



**Grace Lutheran Church & School**

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**To Know Christ...To Make Christ Known!**

Welcome in the Name of our Risen and Living Savior, Jesus Christ!

We invite you to visit and get to know us at our church home in Lancaster, California. We are located at 856 West Newgrove Street, off of 5th Street West, between West Avenue J and West Lancaster Boulevard.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 28 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Youth Retreat Steinbeck Vineyard, Peace Hubbs
- Aug 1 6:30-9:30pm Jetsetters Night at the Ball Game
- Aug 13 Grace Christian School Starts
- Aug 24 Grave Fair Learn All About the Many Activities of GI CS
- Sept 4 6:30-9:00 pm Back to School Night
- Sept 5 Movie & Popcorn Night Parish Hall
- Sept 7 Rally Sunday & Picnic to kick-off the new church & school year
- Sept 12 School Picture Day
- Sept 13 11am-10 pm GraceFest Palmdale Amph Christian Music Festival

As Christians we bring the love of Christ within us to those around us. Serving, loving and forgiving the least of these because of what Jesus has done for us.