

Amazing Grace

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A MESSAGE from Pastor Maggard

Dear Saints of Grace,

What's in a name? We see a lot of names in Scripture. More times than not, names have a special meaning. The most significant name in the Bible is Jesus, which is a Greek form of Joshua which means Yahweh saves! Yahweh is an extremely important name, but you only know Yahweh as a loving, merciful God because you know Jesus! This highlights something very important about names.

Names define your level of access to someone. Consider this in your own life. "Mommy" tells you exactly who's talking to you and what level of access they have to you. "Daddy" does likewise. You're called something different at church. You're called even something else at the grocery store. What does the checker behind the counter call you? These different scenarios show what level of access that different people have to you.

I'm your pastor! That's not really a big revelation, right? But it does define my role with you. And just like being a son or daughter, husband or wife, or father, mother, it is a full time vocation. At church or at home or at the ballgame, I'm still your pastor. It's like being a son or daughter, but there's a difference. You only have one mother. You might have other women in your life that are like your mom, but you only have one mother. You've most likely had more than one pastor.

The title pastor is meant to honor the office which is filled by a particular man. There's more going on though. I am sure you are aware that casualness infects everything in California. When I met with my Doctor in Palo Alto, she said I could call her by her first name. I never did. Part of my problem is growing up and enlisting in the military. I admit this colors my view. However, that is not my only concern. Calling my doctor by her first name ignores the professional relationship we have. That ties back in with level of access.

When I ask you to call me Pastor or Pastor Maggard, I'm asking you to honor the office of pastor and nothing more. You may have noticed that I use first names during the Sunday morning corporate prayers like Matthew, Mike, Bill, and Daniel who are all pastors. This is traditional church practice because we are praying for the particular man in the office. I would certainly not use Matthew if I ever have the privilege of meeting President Harrison face to face.

I hope to have personal relationships with all of you. I look forward to sharing all the ups and downs of your lives over a long period of time. I will laugh with you and cry with you. At the same time I will still be your pastor. It is with great



Our mission to the Inland Empire is to be **heralds of the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ, healers to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and upholders of God's will and Word.**

pleasure that I continue to serve you in that role!

God bless you and keep you. In Christ, **Pastor Maggard**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Power of Prayer

In my life as a Christian, I have been witness to the awesome power of prayer. I have seen and heard about miracles concerning health issues and prayers of thanksgiving for personal triumphs and milestones. I have also experienced the power of prayer when the thing asked for did not come to fruition, which ultimately turned out to be better in the long run. I have also experienced unanswered prayer, where nothing happened (at least to my awareness). God does not make mistakes when it comes to answering prayers and every answer is always according to His will for our lives. Prayer happens in church, at home, in the car and almost anywhere we call upon the name of the Lord. It is just as important to use prayer to praise God, as it is to ask for something, sometimes we forget the praising part. If you've gotten this far, you're probably asking yourself what is the point. The point is that I need your prayers as your President and more directly on Friday, August 31, 2018 as I undergo surgery on my right hip to repair a torn labrum and to clean out some frayed ligaments and tendons. Whether you pray for a miracle or the steady hands of the surgeon, your prayers are coveted by me and my family. In His Service, **Chuck Stringham**

EVANGELISM UPDATES

National Night Out: despite the heat, this event was well attended by Rialto residents as well as many from surrounding communities who visited our booth. Hopefully, some will give us a visit.

DARING DINERS: will be on Saturday September 15th at the church at 2pm. Craig and Cheryl Smith will provide the meal ala Benihana. Since this is a catered event, we must have all sign ups by Sunday September 9th. We are recommending a minimum \$15 per person for the meal which will consist of steak, chicken, shrimp, and vegetables. Evangelism will provide drinks and desserts.

FEAST OF LIGHTS: at the University of Redlands will be held Sunday December 2nd at 4pm. Tickets will be on sale the beginning of September so please sign up by September 2nd, and the order will be placed on the 4th. To ensure we all can

sit together, we want to make only one order as early as possible to get the best seats available. The price for our group will be \$12.50 each.

CLIPPERS BASKETBALL: has a 'farm' team which plays at the arena in Ontario. They are hosting a Faith and Family night in January and their rep has contacted us to see if we would like to participate in this event. I told him I'd survey our members to see if there is an interest. So a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex to see how many MIGHT have an interest to attend. As I get more information I will pass it along; but for now I am just trying to find out if anyone has an interest in going. Sign-ups will be in the Narthex for all the above. Thanks, and God's Blessings to all. *Joe*

STEWARDSHIP

REMINDER- I will be sending the annual letter regarding your offering commitments out in mid-October. Please prayerfully consider what you can give for the Lord's work and return the pledge card. This information is vital for the Treasurer and Church Council to prepare a budget for the upcoming year.

Gratefully, *Barbara Dellinger*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are celebrating Rally Day and all the studies we can participate in here at Grace Lutheran Church, and at the same time we will also celebrate and "say good bye to summer"! Now I know you love a good party, so join us on Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 for a BBQ pot luck lunch with games and lots of ways to enjoy the day. There will be a cupcake walk thanks to Kim Pickinpaugh, table games, out door games and face painting thanks to Gail Picado. All this is for kids and adults alike. Dave Nehls will BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers for us so all we have to do is sign up to come, sign up for a dish to share and then show up for the fun! *Kim Franzen*

BIBLE CLASSES

What are all the studies you can participate in? On Sundays after church at 10:30, we have Sunday School for the kids and the adult study is with Pastor Maggard using Luther's Small Catechism. On Tuesdays at 7:00pm, the current study is on the book on Judges and will change shortly using suggestions from those attending. On Thursday mornings at 10:30am, Pastor Maggard's study is currently on Genesis and then will go on to the four other books of the Torah, At 5:30 pm on Thursday nights we are studying the Armor of God lead by Kathy Holm. I am looking forward to all the fun, food and study we can share. Hope to see you there!

ELDERS

GRACE CARES is a program administered by the Elders to help families who find themselves in temporary need of help with food or basic household items. The assistance is given in the form of script from our script program and is available to

any member of Grace Lutheran Church. If you or anyone at Grace you know needs a little help with things, please contact any Elder or call or send me an email with the information. Help us to share Christ's love with our family at Grace by taking care of each other in this small but important way.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

KEEP IN PRAYER

Thank you for remembering our "shut-ins" **Jane Mathews, Margaret Dickenson,, Esther Katt, Pamela Woodcox, Jan Mansell, Evelyn Smith, Charlie and Millie Thompson, Joyce McFarland, and Joyce Waters.**

We keep in prayer **Joann Miller, Kurt and Denise Wampole, and Tony Mantz.**

Keep in prayer **Pastor Mathews and sister, Jane** in the passing of their mother, **Helen Mathews..**

Expecting in **November, John and Leslie Richmond** We pray for all of our troops overseas and their families, for our own young people in uniform - **Kurt Wampole, Jr., Noah Nery, Summer Connell and Jacob Livoni.**

Your Donations for the Lord's Work

Total Offerings 2017 \$ 208,426.08
(2017 Monthly Avg \$ 17,368.84)

2018

1st Quarter offerings: \$ 45,357.81

2nd t Quarter offerings: \$ 46,369.50

..... Quarterly Monthly Avg \$ 15,287.88

July \$19,787.00

Attendance

7/1/18 58

7/8/18 56

7/15/18 52

Birthdays - September

01	Evelyn Smith	19	Luke Wampole
04	Greg Nelson	23	Esther Katt
06	Michael Miller		Linda Darnold
14	Daniel Holm	24	McKenzie Murdick
	Joyce McFarland	26	Don Belter

Anniversaries

04 Kurt & Jessica Wampole

08 Glen & Gail James

11 Richard & Kim Franzen

21 Dale & Nancy Telizyn

CHURCH WEBSITE: www.gracelutheranrialto.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE September 12

LENDING A HAND –

SEPTEMBER 2018

USHERS

All ushers need to try to be at church by 8:30 a.m. Ushers please call the Elder-of-the-Day the night before if you cannot serve. Thank you

- 2 Mike Miller Bill Choske, Mike Draney, Larry Adams
- 9 Randy York Allan Dellinger, Glen James
- 16 Greg Nelson Chuck Stringham, Brent Rosen
- 23 Brent Rosen Jim Kline, Ron Pickinpaugh, Dave Nehls
- 30 Richard Franzen Bill Choske, Mike Draney, Larry Adams

Note-Communion Elder: Greg Nelson

ACOLYTES

- 2 Elders or volunteer
- 9 “
- 16 “
- 23 “
- 30



GREETERS

- 2 Jim & Diane Kline
- 9 Grace Family
- 16 Dolores Smith
- 23 Richard & Kim Franzen
- 30 Grace Family



COUNTING COMMITTEE

- 2 Dolores Smith, Barbara Dellinger
- 9 Judi & Bill Choske
- 16 Chuck & Sandy Stringham
- 23 Mike Miller, Ron Pickinpaugh
- 30 Betty Guinn, Maletta Miller

FLOWER CHART

- 2 Jeanne Nelson
- 9 Andrew & Kathy Holm
Eleanor Holm
- 16 OPEN
- 23 Dale & Nancy Telizyn
- 30 Joe & Patti Guerra
Kim Franzen



ORGANIST/PIANIST

- 2 Dolores Smith
- 9 Dolores Smith
- 16 Gail James
- 23 Gail James
- 30 Gail James

DONUT & COFFEE CLEAN-UP

- 2 OPEN
- 9 Jeanne Nelson
- 16 OPEN
- 23 Dolores Smith
- 30 OPEN



ALTAR CARE Gail Picado, Kim Franzen

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