

Amazing Grace

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A MESSAGE from Pastor Maggard

Dear Saints of Grace,

Thank you for your rich generosity to Erin and myself at Christmas. How can mere words capture the gratitude that we have for you?

First, you embraced our support of San Bernardino Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. One of the beautiful things about being a Christian is that there is so much opportunity to give to a variety of causes and neighbors. We certainly are not able to give to them all. It means so much to Erin and myself that you would support something that we hold dear. Thank you for your wonderful gifts that will make a difference in so many lives.

Second, we received so many wonderful cards and gifts. We truly feel appreciated and loved by you. You filled the empty space that comes from living so far away from our blood-family. We consider you our family and are deeply touched by the kindness you have shown us. Thank you for making us feel so welcome!

Third, you blew me away with such a surprisingly generous Christmas/Year-end bonus. I truly was speechless! No matter how hard the labors become, this will never be a job to me. It is a joy to serve you. I never suspected you would heap even more generosity upon the already amazing generosity you have shown to me and also to Erin! Thank you for spoiling us!

My prayer for you this year is that God continues to richly bless your lives. Your generosity is a wonderful Christian witness. I thank God for each and every one of you. Again, Thank you!

*Sincerely,
A very humbled pastor!*

A NOTE from Pastor Holm

Hi Grace family,

I wanted to say thank you for the very generous Christmas gift. Being on vacation reminded me of how great we have it here at Grace, where Christ through Word and Sacraments is our focus and loving each other comes naturally. Being a part of this church has been such a blessing and I look forward to growing together in His Word with all of you.

Love, Pastor Holm



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.*

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Remember Your Baptism

Everyone has a birthday that is celebrated to mark the date of your coming into the world. Each Christian has a second birthday, your baptism, that marks your rebirth as a child of God by the washing of your sins through the blood of the Lamb. Your second birthday should be celebrated just like your first birthday. In fact your second birthday is more important than the first because it signifies that you are saved and assured a place in heaven. So to that end, we want to start the practice of recognizing your baptism month in church at the beginning of each month by singing Happy Birthday. Please email our Church Secretary, Kim Pickinpaugh at gracelutheranrialto@gmail.com with your baptismal month (include all family members) and we will be sure to include it in the celebration. If you don't have email, then hand her a note with the date.

*In His Service,
Chuck Stringham, President*

EVANGELISM UPDATES

Galations 5:13,14 -"...but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

"Love thy neighbor" will be my ongoing theme this year so I hope you don't tire of it. After all, these are Jesus' words and we should never tire of hearing God's Word.

Andrew and I just read an article in the Riverside Press about how Lutheran Social Services in Riverside is offering "permanent supportive housing, case management and critical needs such as food, clothing, and transportation vouchers for the homeless. Its Genesis House offers eight units of affordable housing." The article continues to explain how the organization is reaching out to the homeless in getting them off the street and keeping them off the street. Like Riverside and many other US cities, Rialto is experiencing an influx in homelessness. A friend of mine helped to conduct a census of the homeless with the Rialto Police Department

this past summer. Their total was 1000 and that only included those who came forward to be interviewed and counted! There is a tremendous need to love and serve our neighbors here in Rialto--unchurched and homeless. Matthew 25:34 - 40 is a good Bible passage to read. Meditate and pray on God's words and together with God's help we can be a part of a solution to our city's homeless problem.

Now a recap on my reaching out to my neighbors. We were doubly blessed by sharing Christmas treats with my neighbors! We received so many unexpected gifts and cards in return. On January 19th, we had an Open House from 10am to 2pm for our neighbors so some of us "old" neighbors can meet our "new" ones. I, also, invited Neighborhood Watch police officers to join us. It's a step in building relationships and communication between neighbors and in creating an atmosphere of caring. My next step is to start a neighborhood Bible Study. The ultimate goal is to be assured that all my neighbors know Jesus and know about His love and forgiveness--that they have a relationship with Jesus and have a church where they can worship. And wouldn't it be a blessing if they became part of our Grace family!

Kathy Holm, Evangelism Chair

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

March 9 - Relay for Life Survivors Tea - Location TBA
Planning for March/April -
Relay for Life Fund Raiser - Breakfast
Relay for Life Fund Raiser - Bunco

May 18 - Relay for Life Event at Summit High School.
Sign up to be on our team,-
Grace Crusaders Against Cancer

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you everyone for your dedication, support, and generosity this past year. As you will hear at the upcoming Voters' Meeting later this month, GLC ended 2018 on a positive note. Your dedication not only enabled us to meet our monthly commitments, but allowed us to help support other benevolent causes such as helping the victims of the California fires and Fort Wayne Seminary, and to fund several needed repairs.

The Scrip program had fantastic sales at the end of the year! Thank you for supporting this program by buying scrip for gift giving, as well as using it for your own needs. Rialto has a new shopping mall with new stores opening each month. If you don't see scrip for one that you want to try out, just ask.

The available scrip list is much more extensive than what is on hand and Jim will gladly order what you need.

Your dedication to our Great Little Church is remarkable.....maybe another descriptor of GLC is a Generous Loving Church!

With thanks and praise,
Barbara Dellinger, Stewardship Chair

CHURCH WEBSITE: www.gracelutheranrialto.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE . . - FEBRUARY 13, 2019

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need people to sign up for Donut and Coffee Clean up. It only takes a few minutes after we have enjoyed them and fellowship after service.

The sign up chart is on the bulletin board outside the office.
Thank YOU for your help!

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, the Weir family, and Tony Mantz.** Prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of the newborn baby boy, **Hudson Everett, born December 31st to Justin and Tiffany Izzo.** Grandparents are **Carla and Luis Del Rio.**

We pray for all of our troops overseas and their families, and for our own young people in uniform - **Kurt Wampole, Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah and Summer Hart, Jacob Blanton and Jacob Livoni.**

YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>2018</u>	
1 st Quarter offerings:	\$ 45,357.81
2 nd Quarter offerings:	\$ 46,369.50
3 rd Quarter offerings:	\$ 51,918.00
4 th Quarter offerings:	\$ 50,153.00
2018 Quarterly Average	\$ 50,170.63
2018 Monthly Average	\$ 16,723.54

Thanks again, Dolores, for all your years of dedicated service!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Tristan Travers
- 02 Jacob Del Rio
Sean Villasenor
- 06 Kenny Franzen
- 08 Stephanie Brewer
- 09 Judith Belter
Jessica Wampole
- 17 Bryan Stringham
- 22 Shane Travers
- 25 Judy Adams
JoAnn Miller
- 29 Kevin Mitchell

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Roger and Linda Darnold
- 15 Mike and Hannah Villasenor
- 19 Kurt and Denise Wampole

FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Please let Kim know of your Baptismal Month so that we may celebrate it!

NEW SECRETARY ...

Kim Pickinpaugh is our new secretary. Kim has been a member of our church over 18 years. Kim has a Dual Degree in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of La Verne. She is married to her husband, Ron, and has two children, Nathan and Hannah. She has a grandson, Sean, **who is her love and joy.**

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Kim's office hours are:

Monday	9 am - 1:30 pm
Tuesday	1:30 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 1:30 pm
Thursday	9 am - 1:30 pm

You can call her at the church's phone number: **909-875-3163**

Or send a note to the church's NEW email address gracelutheranrialto@gmail.com

LENDING A HAND –

February 2019

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

- 3 Richard Franzen Glen James, Allan Dellinger
- 10 Mike Miller Jim Kline, Ron Pickinpaugh, Dave Nehls
- 17 Randy York Chuck Stringham, Brent Rosen
- 24 Brent Rosen Bill Choske, Mike Draney, Larry Adams

Communion Elder: Mike Miller

ACOLYTES

- 3 Elders or volunteer
- 10 “
- 17 “
- 24 “



GREETERS

- 3 Grace Family
- 10 Dolores Smith
- 17 Richard & Kim Franzen
- 24 Jim & Diane Kline



COUNTING COMMITTEE

- 3 Chuck & Sandy Stringham
- 10 Betty Guinn, Ron Pickinpaugh,
- 17 Barbara Dellinger, Brent Rosen
- 24 Mike Draney, Mike Miller

FLOWER CHART

- 3 Guerras
Mahomes
- 10 Kathy and Andy Holm
- 17 Dolores Smith
- 24 Barbara and Allan Dellinger



ORGANIST/PIANIST

- 3 Gail James
- 10 Gail James
- 17 Dolores Smith
- 24 Dolores Smith

DONUT & COFFEE CLEAN-UP

- 3 We Need
- 10 Your
- 17 HELP
- 24 Dolores Smith



ALTAR CARE Jeanne Nelson, Lynda Olson
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE February 13th