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(Oh my!)

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# 2014 Summer Planner

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# Summer of Grace



During the church year, there are two periods of ordinary time. These are the times of break between the great season of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas and back around. As we enter into this first period of ordinary time, we cast forward to anticipate that great period in the church year that we call...summer. Not really a liturgical designation, but rather a time in which our programming changes and our lives adapt to a different rhythm.

This summer there will be many of the same programs happening that have taken place in previous years. CMT registration is right around the corner, Day Camp is already gearing up with registrations already coming in, summer camp at Mt. Cross, including Shalom Confirmation Camp, will happen in July, as well as this year's Western States High School Youth Gathering with over 500 youth from the western states converging on the campus of Cal Lutheran.

As summer plans start to fall into place, I am always remembering my summers as a camp counselor at Mt. Cross. The power of time away to shape lives of faith and build relationship seemed almost magical. We even had an expression about the quality of time at camp... We called it *camp time*. Camp time was a reference to how much happens in life during these sessions, that in other contexts, would take months—if it ever happened.

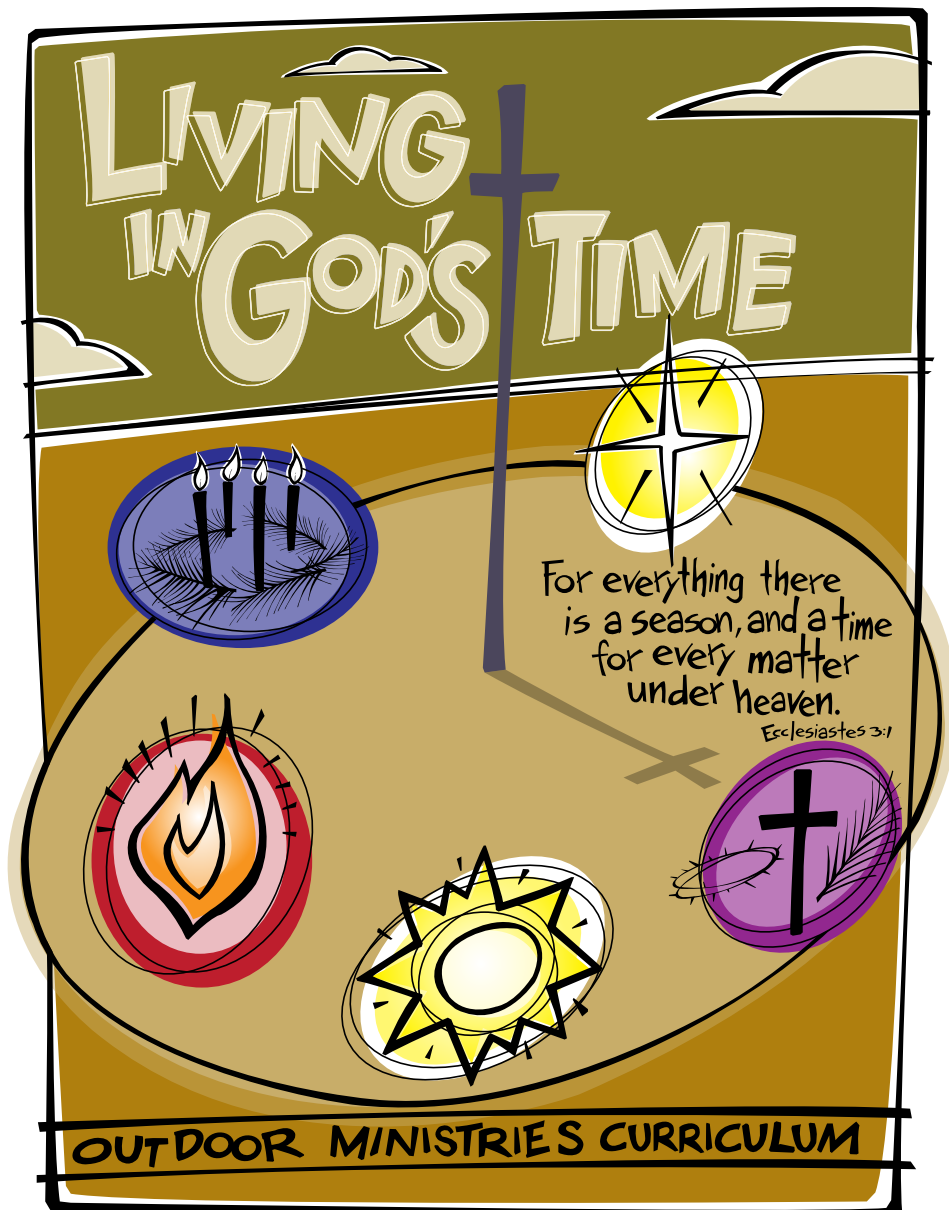
So, plan to dive in and expect your life to be changed. Get engaged as a camper or a supporter of camps and summer programming. In this newsletter, you'll even see opportunities for camp for adults and retirees. No one is too old to have fun and build faith!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Smuts". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Matthew A. Smuts, pastor





# Summer Day Camp at Grace

July 7 - 11, 2014 | 9 am - 3 pm

Evening Potluck & Program for campers, their families, and the whole Grace Community:

Thursday, July 10 | 6:00 pm

for children currently in Kindergarten - fifth grade  
(options for younger children on page 7)

Day Camp this summer is all about Living in God's Time. This exciting camp will focus on the rhythms of life from Advent to Christmas to Easter and more. Kids will have creative opportunities to build relationships and deepen their understanding and appreciation for God's Time and related holy days that we observe. This all takes place in an energetic outdoor camp environment tailored to our campus and led by college age youth who have dedicated their summer to building faith in our children.

In a typical day, your camper will experience:

- Worship
- Small Group Time (Bible lessons, art projects, crafts, and fun games)
- Snack and Lunch
- All Camp Activities
- Sing Alongs
- Quiet Time

Families are invited to join in our closing worship each day!

Your child will need to bring:

A water bottle with their name on it.

A packed lunch.

Comfortable clothing for active play.

Cost: \$100/one child

\$50/each additional child in the same family

Questions? Elizabeth Hood

elizabeth@gracepa.org

Reserve your spot online! [www.gracepa.org/daycamp](http://www.gracepa.org/daycamp)



## 2014 Dates

<b>Registration Night</b>	2/6
Counselor Apps Due	3/11
CIT Interviews	3/12 & 3/13
Hire Date	4/1
Counselor Training (ALL counselors)	6/1
<b>I'm Blessed</b>	
Session 1	6/2 – 6
Performance	6/6
<b>The Disappearance of Mirabelle VanDeVeer</b>	
Sessions 2A/B	6/9 – 6/20
2A Performance	6/19
2B Performance	6/20
<b>We Have a Right</b>	
Session 3	6/23 – 27
Performance	6/27
<b>Esther</b>	
Sessions 4A/B	8/4 – 8/15
4A Performance	8/14
4B Performance	8/15

*Christian Music Theater (CMT)* is a performing arts camp for children of ALL faiths, cultivating consideration, confidence, and community. Each day children participate in designing costumes, constructing sets, acting and singing, and learning choreographed movement—all culminating in an original musical drama. Under the direction of Kären Salvesson, CMT has enriched the lives of Bay Area children for decades. Join us, for this, our 29th year!

## Christian Music Theater at Grace Lutheran Church

### June I'm Blessed

Every child possesses unique gifts, but some are subtle. Our protagonist Aaron/Erin has no apparent talent, at least none of the 'obvious good ones.' But in a world where tough guys expose their passion for embroidery or reveal dreams of becoming a librarian, one learns that everyone possesses diverse interests. As the play and the session unfold, the children will see the value of quieter gifts like loving well, listening intently, and being a good friend.

**Session 1:** 9 AM — 4 PM (all day)

**Performance — Friday, June 6 at 7:30 PM**

### The Disappearance of Mirabelle VanDeVeer

### Session 2 | June 9 – 20 (Monday – Friday)

When the Van DeVeer sisters throw a party, they know how to have a ball. This grand gala at their mansion is attended by everyone who's anyone. Unfortunately each of the guests embodies either one of the seven deadly sins or their counterpart virtues, which makes for some interesting repartee. A whacky whodunit unfolds at the ball when Mirabella is discovered missing. As pandemonium sets in, detectives, servants, and houseguests look for clues and examine the evidence. Has she disappeared into thin air, run away, was it foul play? or... perhaps without her vanity and pride she's unrecognizable.

**Session 2A:** 9 AM — 12 NOON (mornings)

**Performance — Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 PM**

**Session 2B:** 1 PM — 4 PM (afternoons)

**Performance — Friday, June 20 at 7:30 PM**

### We Have a Right

### Session 3 | June 23 – 27 (Monday – Friday)

When a favorite camp is destined for destruction, its loyal campers are devastated. Harvey, the camp director, is intimidated by the power plays of nasty Mr. Suit. With all hope gone, the camp seems destined to become a power plant; but never underestimate the power of a child. As the children come together to save the camp, they realize that though they are small, they are capable of great things. Camp Yahweh is a place full of great fun, memorable songs, and rockin' dances. Why would you go to any other camp?

**Session 3:** 9 AM — 4 PM (all day)

**Performance — Friday, June 27 at 7:30 PM**

### August Esther

### Session 4 | August 4 - 15 (Monday – Friday)

This scripture story about a Hebrew girl who rose above all expectations takes on a modern twist with this original script and 10 fabulous songs. With Mordecai to hooray and Haman to boo, this rollicking story will engage and delight audience and players alike, reminding each that we possess the power to make a difference in the world.

**Session 3A:** 9 AM — 12 NOON (mornings)

**Performance — Thursday, August 14 at 7:30 PM**

**Session 3B:** 1 PM — 4 PM (afternoons)

**Performance — Friday, August 15 at 7:30 PM**

**WHO CAN REGISTER FOR CMT?****CAMPERS:**

Children **currently** in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 2, 2014 (attending kindergarten in the fall) are also eligible.

**CIT's:**

(Counselors in training) volunteer positions for students currently in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**COUNSELORS:**

Paid positions for students who are currently in high school or college.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

**1 child — \$375.00 \*2 children — \$675.00 \*3+ children — \$875.00**

*\*Children must be from the same household to qualify for family rates.*

Registration fee includes one DVD of the final performance and one audio CD of the musical numbers *per family*. Additional CDs and DVDs can be ordered for \$10 each. **Make check payable to: CMT**

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

We want every family to be able to participate. Full or partial scholarships and payment plans are available. *To request a payment plan* or a confidential scholarship application, e-mail the CMT office ([cmt@gracepa.org](mailto:cmt@gracepa.org)) *prior to registration*. **To register you must have either a check or a completed scholarship application.** CMT is a self-supporting non-profit organization. Donations to the scholarship fund are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

**COUNSELORS AND CITs:**

Applications are available beginning February 6 online at:

[www.gracepa.org/CMT](http://www.gracepa.org/CMT).

Completed applications for *returning counselors* **must** be submitted by 11:00 pm, **Tuesday, March 11, 2014**. You **will** receive an e-mail receipt of your application. **If you don't get a receipt, please check with us to ensure we have received your application.**

Interviews for *NEW counselors/CITs* will take place on **Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13 after school (3:30 - 5:30 pm)** in the Grace Library. If you are interviewing, **bring your completed application with you.**

Everyone will be informed of their status, hired or not, by April 1, 2014.

**PLEASE do not call or email prior to April 1 regarding your status.**

**CANCELLATIONS:**

You **must** notify us in writing, or via e-mail ([cmt@gracepa.org](mailto:cmt@gracepa.org)), **at least 14 days before the session begins** in order to receive a refund.

There is a **\$50 per child** processing fee for ALL cancellations.

Cancellations received less than 14 days before the session begins will not be eligible for a refund.

**Questions?**

Before you call, find the answers on our website at:

**[www.graceCMT.org](http://www.graceCMT.org)**

Christian Music Theater  
Grace Lutheran Church  
3149 Waverley Street  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

650 494-1212 [CMT@gracepa.org](mailto:CMT@gracepa.org)

**To register for CMT:**

1. Check availability and download a registration form at [gracecmt.org](http://gracecmt.org)
2. Fill it out completely, including signature and emergency contact information.
3. Drop it off with your check (made payable to CMT) at the church office or mail it to the church.



Elizabeth will take the Grace Youth from Palo Alto to Mt. Cross for an amazing week of camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains among the trees!

We leave Sunday afternoon and get picked up at camp Friday afternoon! Children 2nd grade through 8th grade are invited to join Elizabeth and other Grace children and youth for this fabulous week of camp.

Dates: Week 6

July  
20-25

### Explorers

Youth Grades 2-3  
Explorers 6: Jul 20 - 25, 2014 - \$390

This program is designed to gently introduce younger campers to all the fun and excitement summer camp has to offer. Explorers will enjoy in traditional camp activities such as hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, Bible encounter, morning worship and evening campfires.

Limit 20 campers per session.

### Pathfinders

Youth Grades 4-6  
Pathfinders 6: Jul 20 - 25, 2014 - \$390

This program is designed for new and returning campers who are ready for a week of fun and excitement. Pathfinders will enjoy traditional camp activities such as hiking, swimming, archery or creek walking and they will have a chance to try new-options like geoache, Balanz Bikes, night hikes and campouts.

Stay two weeks using Connections options (or use Connections for a Sunday pickup time.)

### Trailblazers

Youth Grades 7-9  
Trailblazers 6: Jul 20 - 25, 2014 - \$390

This program is designed for new and returning campers who are ready to take their camp experience to the next level. Trailblazers will enjoy dynamic programming full of new experiences such as low ropes, high ropes, night swims, beach day and other special activities.

### Beach Camp

Youth Grades 7-9  
Beach Camp 6: Jul 20 - 25, 2014 - \$525

Beach Campers spend their days playing on the world famous beaches of Santa Cruz and then return to camp an evening activities and nightly campfires. Highlights of this camp include: professional surfing lessons, delicious picnic lunches, a special campfire worship on the beach, low ropes, high ropes and other special activities.

Limit 24 campers per session.

Register at

[www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org)

and let Elizabeth

know you are

going to camp!

### Tree Toppers

Youth Grades 4-6  
Tree Toppers 6: Jul 20 - 25, 2014 - \$390

Sleep under the stars in our tree houses, learn how to cook your meals over a campfire and enjoy a unique camp experience. Our older Tree Toppers will enjoy adding high ropes to their experience.

Limit 20 campers per session.





# Summer Fun Camp

Grace Lutheran Summer Fun Camp is back! We have planned six fun filled sessions, each with its own theme. Your child may attend one or more sessions. We will offer a morning snack. Parents are to provide a bag lunch for their child. We ask that all parents arrive 15 minutes prior to pick up, one time per session, to help clean up. Sign ups will be available on the first day of camp.

OPEN TO: Currently enrolled Grace Lutheran Preschool children and members of Grace Lutheran Church. Session 6 (July 7-11) is also open to Grace Day Camp families.

DATES:	Session 1	May 27 - 30	<b>Trickster Folktales</b>	*(4 days)
	Session 2	June 2 - 6	<b>Dinosaurs/Science</b>	
	Session 3	June 9 - 13	<b>Space/Colors/Father's Day</b>	
	Session 4	June 16 - 20	<b>Circus/Animals</b>	
	Session 5	June 23 - 27	<b>Cooking/Folktales</b>	
	Session 6	July 7 - 11	<b>Ocean/Pirates</b>	

**Cancellation Policy:**  
Please notify us at least 14 days before the session begins in order to receive a refund. There is a \$50/session processing fee for ALL cancellations.

TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (pack a lunch!)

COST: \$ 275.00 per session (\*\$220.00 for Session 1 - 4 days)

REGISTER: Registration forms available in the office and in the Preschool.



## Western States Youth Gathering

**Parent and Youth Meeting (Current eighth-twelfth graders are eligible) | February 9**

Event and Travel | June 27-July 3 Theme: Epic Fail | Epic Faith

- » Road trip to Southern California (What is more fun than that?)
- » Staying in California Lutheran University dorms! — Get to experience college life for a few days
- » Awesome contemporary Lutheran Worship with hundreds of Lutheran youth
- » A trip that you will never forget

**Sunday Worship**

**8:30 & 10:45 am**

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Also broadcast on Cable 30

Sundays 11 am | 8:30 pm

Mondays 12:30 pm



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**Blood Drive**

in **Ed Wing** (hosted by Stanford Blood Center)

Sunday, February 9 | 9am-1pm

Sign up: [www.gracepa.org/giveblood](http://www.gracepa.org/giveblood)



*Ladies* YOU

are invited to our annual SweetHeart Party! This is a party, a lunch, a craft day, a social event, and a time to just be together. All girls, women, sisters, mothers, and best friends are invited! We will gather, eat, laugh, create and enjoy being together. Please join us and bring a friend!

**February 9, 2014**  
**12:00 - 1:45 pm**  
**Brown Hall**