

Grace and Peace



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Rev. O.Wayne Shelksohn

August 2011

HOST A YFU EXCHANGE STUDENT

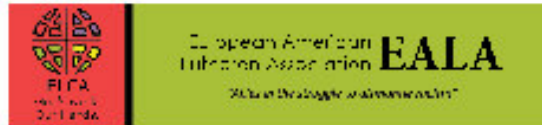


Consider opening your heart and your home to a high school exchange student for the next school year! You would provide a place to live, three meals a day,

encouragement, guidance and love to your new exchange son/daughter. It is a typical family living experience---NOT a tourist/travel opportunity. Families come in all shapes and sizes, with and without children of all ages. The students come with their own spending money, health insurance, and the commitment to live according to the rules and values of your family and **Youth for Understanding** (www.yfu-usa.org). They can share a room with a host sibling, arrive in August 2011 and spend 11 months until June 2012 with your family.

Youth For Understanding is a volunteer based organization and we are always looking for volunteers who enjoy working with teens and families to promote intercultural understanding. If you or someone you know is interested in being a mentor to an exchange student, we have a place for you!

For more information to see if this might be right for you and your family or to request complete profiles and letters of students, contact the Local Field Director, Lisa Trimble at [800-424-3691](tel:800-424-3691) ext 6115 Or e-mail atrimble@yfu.org. More information is available on the YFU web-site at www.yfu-usa.org. On the website, families can fill out an on-line application and then see photos and brief descriptions of unplaced students coming to the Heartland.



On my council report I list organizations that I belong to, one of them is the EALA or European American Lutheran Association, where I am on the board and serve as treasurer. The EALA is the sixth and newest Ethnic Specific Organization of the ELCA. The EALA formed in 2008 and joins the

- African American Lutheran Association
- American Indian and Alaskan Native Association
- Asian and Pacific Islander Association
- Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage
- Latino Lutheran Association

The purpose of the EALA is to dismantle racism, white privilege, and white power by recognizing and confessing our individual and corporate sin, and addressing institutional racism in the church and society by:

Organizing as white people who will stand with people of color in the struggle to address and dismantle racism;

Reclaiming our biblical heritage as one family created in God's image;

Educating ourselves and others within the ELCA about racism and our participation in systems that oppress others and privilege us;

Working within the ELCA to fulfill its commitments to anti-racist multiculturalism, and to become inclusive and anti-racist;

Learning more about the many rich and diverse cultures and national identities that currently are, or that will be, present in the ELCA, its ecumenical partners, and interfaith relationships.

To Learn more about the EALA or to join go to the Website www.elca-eala.org.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

August 2011

Assisting Ministers

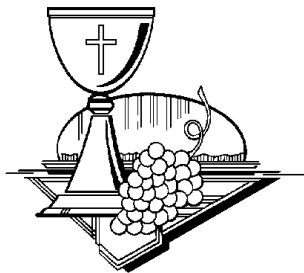
August 7, 14—Roger Ericsson

August 21, 28—Deb Meyer



Greeters

August 7	Bonnie Valentine and Barry Dornon
August 14	Sam and Sue Sylvester
August 21	Vicki Bittner and Jan Jarrett
August 28	Mark and Chris Golden



Prayer Partners

August 7	Barry and Rene Dornon
August 14	Debbie Meyer and Mary Whitledge
August 21	Roger and Linda Ericsson
August 28	Terry and Nan Goff

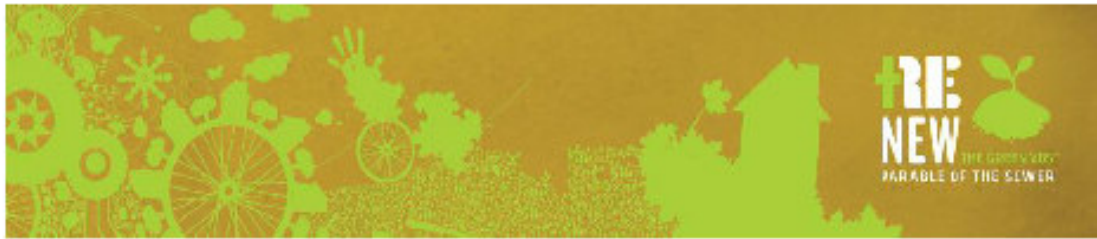
Communion Servers

August 7	Barry and Rene Dornon
August 14	Dale and Barb Bollman
August 21	Vicki Bittner and Jan Jarrett
August 28	Mark and Chris Golden

Counters

Vicki Bittner
Jan Jarrett





Think Globally.....Act Locally

ReNew
Participants



Grew in Faith,
had Fun, and are
prepared to change
the world!

Special thanks to all who helped to make ReNew successful.

To those on the front lines mentoring the children directly, those who worked behind the scenes preparing activity site materials and cleaning up the mishaps, those who thoughtfully prepared each nightly meal & washed all those dishes, those whom have so generously donated recycled materials, and to our church home for opening the building for creation to come inside while the children dabbled in the dirt while learning the parable of Mark 4: 1-9.

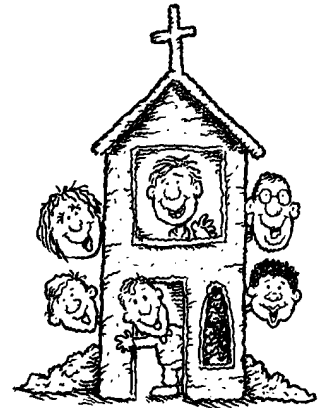


A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who spent countless hours pulling off another awesome VBS for a great group of kids! Special thanks to Rene Dornan and her visions for a Green VBS. Special thanks goes out to everyone who went above and beyond: Aaron & Randi Fremuth, Sue Hughes, Theresa Montgomery, Pastor & Cindy Shelksohn, Shawn Preiss, Nan Goff, Craig Lorentz, Winston Lortentz, and the large committee who provided meals. There were many others who played a large role in the success of the program. Please know that you are not any less appreciated! God Bless You All!

August Youth Event - Splashdown! Please join us for Lutheran Family Night at Splashdown in East Peoria on Sunday, August 7th from 6:30 to 8:30. Admission is free if you bring one canned food item per person which will be donated to Midwest Food Bank. The event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Please contact Kelly Smet with questions.

Upcoming Events:

- Aug 02 - Christian Ed & Youth Meeting at 7PM
- Aug 07 - Splashdown Youth & Family Event
- Aug 14 - Children's Church
- Aug 28 - Children's Church
- Sep 11 - Rally Day! First Day of Sunday School



WOMEN OF GRACE AND PEACE

Circle Meetings—August 2011

Woman to Woman
No Meeting in August!

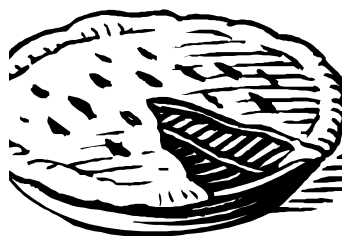


Rebecca Circle
No Meeting
July and August

Miriam Circle
August 9 - 6:30 p.m.
Ming's Buffett, 1000 Riverside Dr. East
Peoria (near Walmart)
Let Roberta Dietrich know if you will be attending so she can make reservations.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS,
EATERS, AND VOLUNTEERS!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

The Annual Lutheran Home Ice Cream Social and Bake Sale is August 14, 2011, from 11:30 to 2:30. Lunch will be served in the dining room, beginning at 11:30. And, of course, ice cream and desserts will be available, as well as the bake sale. Proceeds from this event go to benefit the residents of Lutheran Hillside Village.



Multiple opportunities exist for help -- bake pies, muffins, cookies, specialty breads, brownies, or make candies, volunteer to help out at the event, contribute cash, come and eat.



**Ice Cream
Social**



**Congregational Information Meeting
Sunday, August 14, 2011**

You are invited to join Church Council for an informational meeting Sunday, August 14, 2011, following the Sunday Worship Service. Council will review its work on initiatives aimed at the long term service of Grace and Peace within the ministry field in which we are planted. In 2011 your Church Council is acting as a "committee of the whole" in meeting the Long Range Planning Ministry needs of our congregation and will present the status of Council thinking on this subject. Please join us to learn and dialogue about plans under consideration.



**Lutheran Social Service of Illinois (LSSI)
Visit on Sunday, August 28, 2011**

Please join representatives of LSSI as they describe work being supported by a grant from the Grace and Peace Endowment as well as LSSI's broader ministry. LSSI is a key element of Grace and Peace reaching into our community and this opportunity will undoubtedly provide understanding and inspiration as we learn of that extended service.

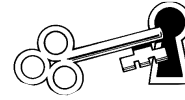
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Coffee Hour Hosts for August



August 7 Volunteer Needed
August 14 Mark & Shawn Priess
Celebration of 20th Wedding Anniversary.
August 21 Volunteer Needed
August 28 Senior Choir

August Key Person



Julie Smith
208-6762

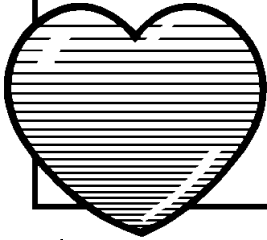
September Cornerstone Deadline

August 28, 2011



September

HEARTFELT



HANKS Our heartfelt thanks to our Grace and Peace Lutheran Church family for all their prayers and cards for our 50th wedding anniversary. We enjoyed a wonderful party with family and friends in Minnesota and hope to be back to Peoria sometime in August.

God Bless You All,
Larry and Juanita Eftefield.



August Community Outreach

Common Place, 514 S Shelley St, Peoria

Lunch and after school snacks



It's back to school time! Can you help provide **healthy lunches and after school snacks** to the kids who come to Common Place for reading and tutoring programs?

Needed are items such as **peanut butter and jelly, crackers, individual puddings and jello or other non-perishable snacks.**

Thank you for your donations. They are a blessing to this community.





With regard to the Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA, five little words sums it up best: **YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE** with us, the Women of the ELCA, Central Southern Synod of Illinois! We are **RENEWED!** We will **RESPOND!** And we **REJOICE** you are with us as we **BOLDLY** serve!



Roxanne Hochsprung for the Board of the Women of Grace and Peace: Carol Guard, Chris Golaen, Pam Kovach, Ann Joyce, Mary Jane Hinshaw, and Ruth Greuzow



With our 2 sessions in July we have 76 quilts finished. We have had Sandy Storer coming to aGAPE in July so that has meant 1 more sewing machine going.

Our aGAPE days in August will be Wednesdays, August 3, 17, and 31. As usual, we invite you to bring your sack lunch, scissors, and your good stories. Come about 11:30 a.m. and we try to get started around noon.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING -

It is time to take advantage of the many sales of school supplies. We have started to collect some things but still need the following items:
School Kits - 70 page college ruled notebooks, rulers, erasers, scissors, crayons, pencils, and pencil sharpeners.

Health Kits - hand towels, sturdy combs, bath size soap, nail clippers, and toothbrushes. We **do not need** washcloths or toothpaste. We especially **need hand towels and clippers.**

Layettes - We need Ivory Soap (bath size), gowns and shirts or onesies.

There will be a box in the kitchen marked school supplies. You can put anything to do with the school kits, health kits, or layettes in it. We like to start assembling the kits about the first of September but it nice to know where we stand with supplies before we have to go out and buy a bunch of any item.

MIRIAM CIRCLE - NIGHT OUT

We traditionally have a Chinese dinner out in July. However, this year with 7 of our gals gone to the Triennial Convention in Spokane we moved the date to August. So, on August 9 we will be meeting at Ming's in East Peoria at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Roberta Dietrich at church or 682-5581 to let her know if you can come that evening. We always have a great time - eating and visiting (no meeting that night).

R. K. Dixon has announced an opportunity for us to "win" an office makeover or at least new office equipment. Theresa has registered us on their web site and given some reasons why we should be considered. All we have to do now is have people from the congregation and/or our friends VOTE on line. The company or 501 c (3) organization that gets the most votes WINS. Prizes range from \$15,000 in equipment to \$1,000 for the same. Please go onto this site rkdixon.com, click on Make my Non-Profit Run Better and VOTE for GRACE AND PEACE LUTHERAN!

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council
July 19, 2011

Present: David Dietrich, Roberta Dietrich, Linda Ericsson, Nan Goff, Terry Goff, Mark Golden, Natalie Hughes, Jan Jarrett, Craig Lorentz, Pastor Shelksohn, Kelly Smet

Christ Caring Concerns: Members of the council contacted at least 2 congregation members to remind them about Vacation Bible School which begins July 24 and tell them about a congregational informational meeting on Sunday, August 14, after the service.

Devotion was shared by Mark Golden.

Sharing the Vision:

Via de Cristo, a spiritual renewal weekend, will be held in October with the weekend for men October 6-9 and a separate weekend October 13-16 for women.

There are some funds allocated in the church budget for scholarships to Via de Cristo. See Pastor Shelksohn if interested.

Pastor's Report: Sunday, August 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm will be family night at Splashdown water park.

Old Business:

Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, July 24 through Thursday, July 28. A couple of more volunteers are needed, and help is needed with snacks. See Kelly or Rene to volunteer.

Discussed the presentation to the congregation about the results of the council's May retreat. Informational sharing meeting will be Sunday, August 14, directly after the church service.

Status of the projection system: Pastor is still getting detailed and updated bids from several suppliers. When the bids are received, the task force will be convened by Roger Ericsson to evaluate them.

New Business:

Thanks to Carol Luecht and her family for providing the new curbing at the entryway to the parking lot.

Proposal made by Worship and Music Ministry to accept the withdrawal of the resignation of Bethany Freitag as choir director. Bethany will be retained as choir director, with choir practice to be Sunday mornings after Sunday School. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Stewardship Ministry to ask the council to approve an off-site special event on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2011. The cost of the event will be underwritten by a member of the congregation and a free will offering will be taken so that the church budget will not be affected. Motion also made to approve a contract with Barrack's Cater Inn for Sunday, October 30 and to approve a deposit of \$300. Both motions passed.

The event will consist of a liturgical service followed by brunch, with a special speaker presenting a stewardship message.

Reports:

Pastor's report accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report

Ministry reports: Stewardship

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: Tuesday August 16, 6:30 pm.

Executive council: Wednesday August 10, 5:30 pm.

Devotions and snacks for next meeting: Craig Lorentz and Jan Jarrett

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jarrett

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Endowment Committee of Grace and Peace Lutheran church accepts Endowment Fund Grant Applications throughout the year. Requests involving community outreach and special ministries of Grace and Peace Lutheran Church are encouraged. The Committee emphasizes giving to causes which are new and different each year. Anyone wishing to submit an application is asked to first obtain an application form from the Church Office. Upon completing the application, return it to the Church Office any-time during the year. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year, however those received by December 31, will be those considered by the Committee for distributions of the following year commencing in March.

Grace and Peace Endowment Committee

August 2011

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Joyce Smith
Sandie Crowe

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Larry Eftefield

August 7

Leona Brady

August 9

Mark Golden

August 10

John Dickson

August 12

Brooke Barnabe

August 14

Issac Glenzinski

August 17

Sarah Armstrong
Stephen Braun

August 20

Dorothy Schroeder

August 28

Barbara Bollman

September 1

Edith Johnson

September 2

Tom Purple

September 3

Dalton Farris

