

Grace and Peace



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Grace and Peace Lutheran Church
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Rev. O.Wayne Shelksohn

July 2011



Welcome Aaron and Randi Fremuth who have transferred from Trinity Lutheran in Ann Arbor, MI. Aaron works for Caterpillar and Randi works for the Girl Scouts. Aaron and Randi are already active in our church helping with the Vacation Bible School. Aaron and Randi will celebrate their first anniversary July 3rd.



Meet our New Missionary Christine Eige

Christine teaches English as a second language at a school of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church and assists in a Lutheran congregation.

Her email is
japan4610@yahoo.com

Christine Eige, ELCA missionary in Japan, recently experimented with calligraphy. She described the painstaking process:

As I practiced, many times I wished that I had a delete or undo button; one small mistake could mess up the whole picture, and that really started stressing me out. I would start out fine but inevitably make a mistake, get even more frustrated, and then make more mistakes. Finally, I paused long enough



to examine the word in front of me: megumi (grace). Then the light bulb above my head suddenly lit up. I was trying so hard to do my calligraphy perfectly, but that's not how grace works. Grace is God's free gift of forgiveness that is not based on anything we do. God looks at our mistakes and says, 'Of course you can have another chance; Jesus died to take away those sins and mistakes of your past.'



Meet Our New Bishop Rev Dr. John Roth

The Rev. Dr. John Roth was elected June 4th to a six-year term as bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (ELCA). Roth, 57, was elected at the synod

assembly in Springfield.

Roth is pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Ill., where he has served since 1988. Roth and his wife, Kristina, are parents of three children: Maria, Laura and Sam.

The ELCA Central/Southern Illinois Synod has more than 47,155 baptized members in 140 congregations. The synod office is in Springfield.

The 2011 Synod assembly also made by-law revisions to restructure the synod and its committees. The Assembly also passed three memorials:

1. Calling the Church to speak and act to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence.
2. A call to celebrate and support Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois.
3. Acknowledging 2011 as the international year for people of African descent.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

July 2011



Lay Readers

July 3	Nancy Claude
July 10	Mary Jane Hinshaw
July 17	Deb Meyer
July 24	Sandie Storer
July 31	Linda Ericsson

Assisting Minister
 July 3, 10, 17—Roger Ericsson
 July 24, 31—Linda Ericsson



Counters

July 3, 10	Carol Gard & Pam Kovach
July 17, 24	Carol Gard & Dave Dietrich
July 31	Carol Gard & Pam Kovach



Greeters

July 3	Mark and Chris Golden
July 10	Vicki Bittner and Deb Meyer
July 17	Barry and Rene Domon
July 24	Brian and Julie Smith
July 31	Mike and Fran Love

Communion Servers

July 3	Barry and Rene Domon
July 10	Jerry and Mary Jane Hinshaw
July 17	Ken and Sarah Armstrong
July 24	Vicki Bittner



Prayer Partners

July 3	Barry and Rene Domon
July 10	Roger and Linda Ericsson
July 17	Deb Meyer and Chris Mitchell
July 24	Nan Goff and Mary Whitledge
July 31	Terry Goff and Chris Mitchell





Sanctuary Projection System -- *Thank You!*

We are pleased and appreciative to report sufficient funds and commitments are now in hand to support the Sanctuary Projection System Task Force proceeding with obtaining quotations and making a recommendation to Church Council for installation of the System. The Task Force includes representatives from Worship & Music, Stewardship, and Property. We offer our prayerful support to them as they pursue the next step of their work. Thank you to all who've made this step possible!

July Community Outreach -
Common Place, 514 S Shelley St, Peoria

Breakfast Foods



This month let's celebrate this congregation's commitment to helping all residents of Peoria have freedom from hunger.

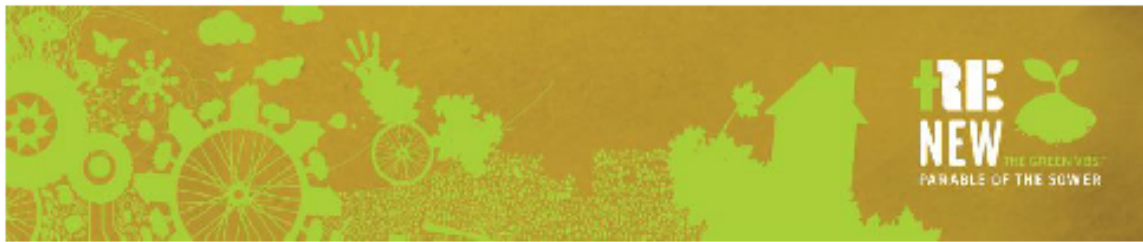


Will you help fill the shopping cart in the great room with **Breakfast Foods**, such as pancake mix and syrup, cereal, muffin mix or oatmeal?



Donations will be taken to the Common Place food pantry.

Let's work together to care for creation! It's time to register for ReNew: The Green VBS



Are your kids ready to **GROW IN FAITH,**

HAVE FUN, and

CHANGE THE WORLD?

Get ready for ReNew : The Green Vacation Bible School

ReNew invites kids to learn about Jesus, helps build our community, and grow as they become stewards of creation while exploring God's word through Jesus' parable of the Sower

Place: Grace & Peace Church Date: July 24th thru 28th Time: Dinner at 5:45/program from 6:30-8:15

All kids preschool thru 6th grade are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to ReNew our congregation and the community



Volunteer opportunities for 7th graders thru adult are encouraged & welcome to serve in this mission

Don't Delay.....Register today!

Stop by the VBS registration table to sign up, call 309.693.8428

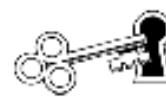
or visit www.graceandpeacelutheran.org for on-line registration



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Coffee Hour Hosts for July

July 3	Military Moms
July 10	Rebecca Circle
July 17	Ron & Roberta Groth
July 24	Volunteer Needed
July 31	Women's Board



July Key Person
Joyce Smith
208-6762



Altar Flowers—we have many Sundays with no one signed up. Please consider sponsoring the flowers for a Sunday—cost is \$26. Two people may share a Sunday and split the cost.



August Cornerstone Deadline
July 25, 2011



Dear Pastor Wayne, Pastor Hanson, Theresa, and everyone at Grace and Peace Church,

I want to thank everyone for all your help, love, support, and prayers for helping me, Julie and Randy for their beautiful wedding on May 14, 2011. To know and remember how far we've come since she was small and now how grown-up she is—she was so beautiful coming down the aisle—brought tears to my eyes. Thanks again!
Love & God Bless
Sherry Thorn, "Mother of the Bride"



With our 2 sessions in June we have 55 quilts finished so we are making a dent in our goal for the 2011 crop. We can always use help so if you have a couple of hours plan to join us.

Our aGAPe days will be Wednesday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 20. 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.

MIRIAM CIRCLE thanks everyone for your donation of toothbrushes and soap for the health kits. You will probably have another chance in the fall to round out the health kits.

Right after VBS in July we will be looking for donations of crayons, pencils, erasers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, and 70 page notebooks. It takes 3 notebooks for each kit so look for the good bargains that will be out there in late July and early August.



So it's July—the month of spectacular fireworks! Gotta love em! There is a popular song out now called “Firework” sung by Katy Perry. In case you don't know who Katy Perry is, she is a rock star!! This song is one of my favorites! I even bought her CD “Teenage Dream” so I can listen to it whenever I want! From Wikipedia I learned that:

“Katy Perry (born **Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson** on October 25, 1984) is an American singer-songwriter and actress. Born in Santa Barbara, California, and raised by Christian pastor parents, Perry grew up listening to only gospel music and sang in her local church as a child. After earning a GED during her first year of high school, she began to pursue a career in music. As Katy Hudson, she released a self-titled gospel album in 2001, which was unsuccessful.”

And now she is extremely famous! So here are the words to the first part of the song:

Do you ever feel like a plastic bag
Drifting through the wind
Wanting to start again

Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin
Like a house of cards
One blow from caving in

Do you ever feel already buried deep
Six feet under scream
But no one seems to hear a thing

Do you know that there's still a chance for you
Cause there's a spark in you
You just gotta

Ignite the light
And let it shine
Just own the night
Like the Fourth of July

Cause baby you're a firework
Come on show'em what you're worth
Make 'em go “oh, oh, oh!”
As you shoot across the sky-y-y

Baby your're a firework
Come on let your colors burst!

So now you ask, where are you going with this?? Remember the movie “Sister Act” where Whoopie Goldberg and her choir of nuns sang popular songs: “I Will Follow Him”; “My Guy (My God)”; and “Shout”? The words of the song sung by the nuns were heard differently. The

words in Katy Perry's "Fireworks" could be heard differently as well, especially knowing of her background.

Mid-July will see Cindy Shelksohn, Mary Jane Hinshaw, Sue Sylvester, Linda Ericsson, Ann Joyce, and me, along with Nancy Howerter of Washington, at the Eighth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA in Spokane, Washington – **Renew, Rejoice, Respond!** We will feel the fireworks in our hearts those three days with thousands of other Lutheran women across the United States and actually the world! We will **renew** our faith (and our tired *house of cards*-like bodies); we will **rejoice** in the love of Jesus Christ (*igniting the light and letting it shine*); we will **respond** (*let your colors burst*).

Even if you are not able to attend the gathering with us, you can participate! As I understand it, all the plenary sessions will be streamed live via the Internet. Visit www.elca.org or Facebook to watch live video feeds. Materials indicate you do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page, but if you want to interact with others across the country who are joining in via the Internet, you'll need a Facebook account and will need to be a fan of or "like" Women of the ELCA first.

Here is a listing of the speakers – impressive and exciting!

The Rev. Susan Briehl

Presider, Opening Thankoffering Service
Friday, July 15, 2011, 9 a.m.

Susan R. Briehl is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has served as executive director of Holden Village, a Lutheran center for renewal in the North Cascade Mountains in Washington State.

Nora Gallagher

Keynote Speaker
Friday, July 15, 2011, 9 a.m.

Nora Gallagher has turned rejection into renewal many times in her life. After numerous New York publishers turned down her book proposal on families in Prague and she was fired by her agent, she wrote *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*, an account of her spiritual life.

Dr. Jane Redmont

Evening Prayer Service
Friday, July 15, 2011, 5 p.m.

Jane Redmont is the author of *When in Doubt, Sing: Prayer in Daily Life*, a book about prayer and a whole lot more. She is a professor of religious studies at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C.

Leymah Gbowee

Keynote Speaker, with Response Panel
Saturday, July 16, 2011, 9 a.m.

Leymah Gbowee's response to life has kept her focused on peacebuilding and social work for more than 15 years. She brought peace to Liberia after more than a decade of civil war and is the central figure in the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," which chronicles the interfaith, female-led journey for Liberian peace.

The Rev. Mary Louise Frenchman

Presider, Closing Worship Service
Saturday, July 16, 2011, 7 p.m.

Mary Louise Frenchman is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe and was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She worked at St. Paulus Lutheran Church in San Francisco throughout the 1990s as an outreach coordinator.

The Rev. Megan Torgerson

Preacher, Closing Worship Service
Saturday, July 16, 2011, 7 p.m.

Megan Torgerson is a 2002 graduate of Concordia College (Moorhead, Minn.) and 2006 graduate of Luther Seminary (St. Paul, Minn.). She spent 2007 studying in Rome at the Angelicum, a Pontifical University, as the recipient of a graduate preaching fellowship.

We ask that you pray for us and for all of the Gathering participants.

You don't have to feel like a waste of space
You're original, cannot be replaced
If you only knew what the future holds
After a hurricane comes a rainbow

Maybe a reason why all the doors were closed
So you could open one that leads you to the perfect road
Like a lightning bolt, your heart will blow
And when it's time, you'll know

You just gotta ignite the light
And let it shine!!

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

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Chris Mitchell

JULY 4
Chris Golden

JULY 7
Carol Martino

JULY 9
Keri Dodson

JULY 16
Sue Hughes
Shawn Priess

JULY 21
Mary Whitledge

JULY 22
Lorene Maher

JULY 24
Vickie Bittner

JULY 27
Winston Lorentz

August 3
Joyce Smith
Sandie Crowe

