

Grace and Peace



Cornerstone

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church
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June 2011

A symbol of hope amid the destruction



Christ Lutheran Church's building in Cullman, Ala., was destroyed by a tornado on April 27.

"It must belong to the Lutherans."

That was the immediate response of an Episcopalian family in Cullman, Ala., who unexpectedly found a large processional cross buried in rubble in their backyard.

The cross belongs to Christ Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation not far from the family's home. A tornado tore through the small town

April 27, destroying the church, homes and other property and spreading debris for blocks.

The tornado was part of a larger storm system that ripped through four states, killing more than 190 people in Alabama alone. Thankfully, no one in Cullman was hurt.

Lying in the rubble in the family's backyard, the cross was a poignant illustration that Jesus Christ is present in the pain and suffering of this community, as well as in those who will help to provide hope and healing.

Within hours of the storm ELCA Disaster Response had committed an initial emergency grant of \$10,000 to support local relief efforts. More funds are being committed to support relief efforts in the South.

"We're also providing a spiritual care specialist who will support local clergy and Lutheran congregations," says Kevin Massey, who directs this church's disaster response efforts.

To help support the ELCA Disaster Response you can give by phone at 1-800-638-3522 or on line at www.elca.org/springstorms or by mail to

ELCA Disaster Response

39330 Treasury Center

Chicago IL 60694-9300

SERVING IN WORSHIP

June 2011



Lay Readers

June 5	Roxanne Hochsprung
June 12	Kristina Glenzinski
June 19	Mary Whitledge
June 26	Jan Jarrett



Assisting Minister

June 5, 12—Linda Ericsson
June 19, 26—Roger Ericsson



Greeters

June 5	Jack and Marilyn South
June 12	Will and Lana Staelens
June 19	Lorene Maher and Carol Gard
June 26	Jackie Righter and Carol Gard

Communion Servers

June 5	Jan Jarrett and Vicki Bittner
June 12	Wally and Roxanne Hochsprung
June 19	Vicki Bittner and Pam Kovach
June 26	Jerry and Mary Jane Hinshaw



Counters

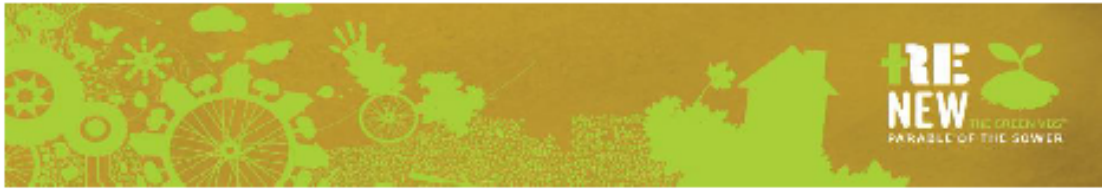
Mark Golden
Mark Priess



Prayer Partners

June 5	Roger Ericsson and Deb Meyer
June 12	Barry and Rene Dornon
June 19	Linda Ericsson and Mary Whitledge
June 26	Terry and Nan Goff





Did You Know.....

Kids in our congregation and community can lead the way as stewards of the earth?

This summer, they will participate in ReNew: The green VBS

ReNew is about hope, opportunity, and service – kids will serve their community and demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful, and fun !

Place: Grace & Peace Lutheran Church

Date: July 24th thru 28th

Time: Dinner is offered at 5:45 pm the program starts at 6:30 thru 8:00 pm

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

Stop by or call 309.693.8428, or register today at www.graceandpeacelutheran.org and click on News and Events.

Volunteer opportunities for 7th graders thru adult are encouraged to serve in this mission. We are asking that each member of the congregation donate one night during VBS to help promote the biggest evangelism effort that we have here at Grace and Peace! There are opportunities to work on crafts, games, snacks, bible study, serve dinners, and be a small group leader.

Call or e-mail Grace & Peace Lutheran or contact Rene Dornon at 309.692.5537 or by e-mail at r-nails4@comcast.net or Randi Fremuth at 309. 530.3191 or by e-mail at randi.fremuth@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities today!





Summer Worship Schedule



9:00 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School classes
in the summer months, June through August.

Thrivent Builds Opportunity

Looking for something different to do this summer? Take a trip to El Salvador July 30 to August 7, 2011. This mission trip is led by Steve Becker, a Thrivent representative who lives in Kewanee, Illinois. Housing is at Hotel Sahara in Santa Ana, El Salvador. Cost is \$604 plus airfare for Thrivent benefit members and \$959 for associate members and non members. Contact Steve as soon as possible if you are interested. Phone 309-852-0708 or steve.becker@thrivent.com

Reminders -- you can still get reduced price tickets for Six Flags through June 30th. And you can still volunteer for 'Jerseys off their backs' day with the St. Louis Cardinals on September 5th, game with Milwaukee Brewers at 3:15 pm. Contact gail.blackman@thrivent.com

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

IN HONOR OF DAX ... RUNNING FROM MEMPHIS TO PEORIA



2011 is the 30th St. Jude Memphis to Peoria Run. This unique event has raised over \$22 million for St. Jude's kids. On Tuesday, August 2 the runners travel to Memphis where they begin the 465-mile run back to Peoria, they will arrive on Saturday, August 6, just in time for the annual St. Jude Telethon at the Civic Center. Come down and cheer for them as they run their final mile home!

Runners are required to raise a sizeable amount of money for the privilege to participate in the run. This year is Peoria Fire Chief Kent Tomblin's tenth run and he will again be running in honor of Dax Locke. Please help Kent raise the money needed to cover his sponsorship. Donations can be made at the June 26 Coffee Hour or any time in the "St. Jude Huggy Bear" canister on Theresa's desk.

Many thanks for your years of generous support so that someday we finally WIN the fight against all childhood cancers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
St. Jude Memphis to Peoria
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It's a day at the ballpark!! Join us Sunday, June 12. Game time is 1:00 pm. Gates open at 12:00 noon.

It is Super Hero Day at the ballpark and Grill Apron Giveaway (first 1500 fans 21 or older).

Plus the kids run the base and post-game autographs.



COME JOIN THE FUN!



Sign-up sheet is in the Great Room

**June Community Outreach –
Common Place, 514 S Shelley St, Peoria**



CLEANING AND KITCHEN SUPPLIES

When I called Common Place this week to ask what they most needed to help continue their mission of providing adult, children and community education programs, the first thing the director mentioned was **Cleaning and Kitchen supplies.**



So even though that request might be a little different from our usual food drive, in June let's concentrate on filling the shopping cart in the great room with **Cleaning and Kitchen supplies like liquid hand soap, paper towels, bleach, paper napkins, plastic food storage bags, all purpose cleaners and aluminum foil.**



Of course, non-perishable food is always welcome for their food pantry.

Church Mouse Update

The Church Mouse has outgrown its home!! What a wonderful blessing! For 23 years the "Mouse" has been located at the corner of Main and Sheridan and has approximately 5000 sq. feet for storage and display. We are now searching for a larger building to lease or perhaps purchase. We would like to stay in the same area, but would certainly be interested in any suitable location. If you can help in any way, please contact Shirley at the Church Mouse. (673-2363)

Our sales this year through mid-May total almost \$30,000.00. Your donations made this possible! We now have a driver for furniture and large item pick-ups. Another wonderful blessing! Your support of this ministry is so needed and so appreciated. The "Mouse" touches the lives of many people in our community, and all profits are divided equally between LSSI and LHV.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

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Coffee Hour Hosts for June

- June 5 30th Anniversary of Pastor Shelksohn's Ordination
- June 12 Miriam Circle—soap, toothbrushes
- June 19 Volunteer Needed
- June 26 St Jude Fundraiser in Memory of Dax Locke



June Key Person
Barbara Bollman
676-6964

Telephone Directories

Please pick up a copy of a new telephone directory.



July Cornerstone Deadline
June 27, 2011



Ascension of Our Lord Service

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting a celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord with candlelight Vespers and Holy Communion on Wednesday, June 1, at 7 pm. (This year's service is being held on the Eve of the Ascension due to the Synod Assembly being in session on Ascension Day.) An offering will be received for the Prison Mission of Zion and the Northern Conference, which sponsors Project Return of Peoria. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

Project Return of Peoria assists incarcerated mothers reintegrate into the Peoria community by matching each returning mother with a team of trained and supported volunteers. The ministry's sixth partnership team, made up entirely of members of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Peoria, Heights, is being commissioned at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 28, by Zion's Pastor Steven Tibbetts at St. Thomas Church. Project Return is led by Karen Wong, AIM, Missionary to Prisons.

Zion is located at 1534 S. Easton Avenue, one block west of the intersection of Jefferson and Western on the South Side of Peoria. For more information on either of these, contact Zion at 637-9150 or its website <www.zionpeoria.org>.



Any plans for a summer vacation? In our household there is no such thing as a summer vacation! There are no lazy hazy days of summer! We have the crazy part but that is about it. My husband labors long and hard during the summer and fall—he doesn't even get Labor Day off! So there are no summer vacations for us; of course we would like to but it's not happening! Since moving to Illinois in 2000, I have always wanted to go to Galena, Illinois and to Door County, Wisconsin but haven't been there yet. We can only vacation in the winter so who wants to go "north" in the winter time! Summer in Door County would be beautiful, don't you think!

Why don't you come with me on Sunday, June 12, on a little mini trip to Door County!

The Women of Grace and Peace will hold their Spring Event on Sunday, June 12, beginning around 11:00 a.m. at church. Sharon Clemens of Groveland, Illinois will present a program on writing Christian fiction. Sharon is the author of *Timeless—A Door County Love Story*. This just released book is the fourth in her Door County love story series.

Here is an excerpt from her website, sharonclemens.wordpress.com:

"Timeless spans time and space—from the present-day Door to the war-torn South Pacific of the 40's.

A long-forgotten sea chest reveals a treasure in secret love letters. Richard is determined to find his great-uncle's World War II love, Eulalie, but unexpectedly finds himself captivated by her feisty young niece, Laurel.

*Will the same conflict that tore Eulalie and David apart destroy Richard and Laurie's happiness? Only *Timeless* will tell."*

Sharon presents a great program. A few years back a WOGAP event took us to her herb gardens and gift shop in Groveland. This time she is coming to us; and will bring copies of her book should you wish to purchase one.

So join us on Sunday, June 12! It will be a memorable little trip! And just in case you want to take the big trip, it is 385 miles to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin and the drive would be about 6 ½ hours traveling through Rockford, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, and Green Bay!

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



A bit of trivia for you: Did you know Door County, Wisconsin has more lighthouses than any other county in the United States?

Did you know that a Door County lighthouse served as a parsonage for Lutheran ministers?

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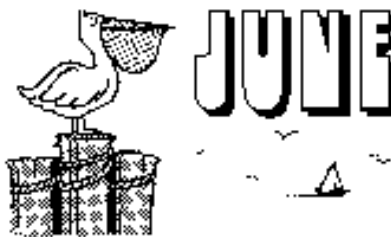
We are happy to announce that we have 38 quilts completely finished so we are on our way for the 2011 crop.

Our aGAPe days will be Wednesday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 15. As usual, we invite you to bring your sack lunch, scissors, and your good humor. Come about 11:30 a.m. and we try to get started around noon.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will do the coffee hour on Sunday, June 12. Instead of a monetary offering, we would appreciate **toothbrushes or big bars of bath soap** for the health kits that our congregation does for Lutheran World Relief. If you bring Ivory soap, we will put those in the layettes we do too. Last year we were very grateful for the outpouring of gifts.

There are quite a few changes for the various kits from Lutheran World Relief for 2011 but we don't have to slip into the new lists until 2012. They will take what we have already for 2011. They know that congregations plan ahead at least one year.

Woman to Woman
June 15 - 6:30 p.m.



Rebecca Circle
June 13- 11:30 a.m.
Meeting at Church
Sack Lunch

Miriam Circle
June 14 - 7:00 p.m.
Mary Jane Hinshaw's home
Project: Health kit items
(washcloth, toothbrush, bandaids)

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council
May 17, 2011

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

Christ Caring Concerns: Members of the council contacted at least 2 congregation members to ask for prayers for the council during their upcoming retreat, and asked if there was anything the council could lift up in prayer for them.

Devotion was shared by Linda Ericsson.

Sharing the Vision:

Community Involvement: A Ton of Food for a Ton of Good food drive collected 2852 items.

Spirituality: A new session of Crossways Bible study begins Sunday June 5th at Faith Lutheran in Washington from 3 -4:30 pm.

Congregational Sharing: Carol Luecht, as a representative of the Property Ministry, presented a bid of \$25,800 from Tremont Roofing for roofing the education wing of the church. She had another contractor look at the roof this afternoon and expects his bid by the end of the week. The funding to pay for the roofing would come from the Capital Campaign and the Sanctuary Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to give the Property Ministry the authority to accept whichever bid is most reasonable to pursue. Motion passed.

A motion was also made on a proposal from the Property Ministry to replace the current cement blocks on the west and east sides of the driveway with poured concrete curbing. This should eliminate the damage caused by snowplows.

Discussion followed that this work will be done as a gift from a member of the congregation.

Motion passed.

Pastoral Report:

Council approved the transfer of Carin Caras to All Saints Greek Orthodox Church.

Old Business:

Discussed the general agenda of upcoming council retreat. Pastor and Terry Goff met earlier with Terry Moore from Synod and established expectations and the format for the retreat. Retreat begins at 6:30 pm Friday, May 20 at the Signature Inn in Normal, and will end at 4:30 pm Saturday, May 21.

New Business:

Bethany Freitag submitted her letter of resignation effective September 1. Bethany and Graham will be moving to Springfield.

A small committee from the Worship and Music Ministry has been formed to search for a replacement choir director, and to examine the current job description and hours.

Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, July 24 through Thursday, July 28. Rene Dornan is the coordinator. The theme will be "Green", and the congregation will be invited to help with the program in many ways, including donating/recycling needed supplies to the program. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for how you can help.

Registration forms for VBS are on the church website.

Reports:

Pastor's report accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report

Ministry reports: Christian Education and Youth

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: Tuesday June 21, 6:30 pm.

Executive council: Wednesday June 15, 5:30 pm.

Devotions and snacks for next meeting: Nan and Terry Goff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jarrett

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Jan Jarrett

JUNE 4
Richard Joyce
Mike Love

JUNE 6
Peg Creasy

JUNE 7
Sam Sylvester

JUNE 8
Shannon Creasy

JUNE 14
Morgan Burton

JUNE 16
Jacob Hughes
Marcella Burris

JUNE 18
Marilyn South

JULY 2
Edith Albright

JULY 3
Chris Mitchell



**BIRTHDAY
WISHES!**