

Grace and Peace



Cornerstone

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Grace and Peace Lutheran Church
7611 N. Knoxville Ave.
Peoria IL 61614-2023
Rev. O.Wayne Shelksohn

February 2012

Is There More To Life?

Alpha To Begin February 21st 6:00 pm

We will have an introductory presentation on Alpha during our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

What Happens At Alpha?



We will serve a meal each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm and we will end the evening at 8:00 pm promptly. The Alpha video course usually

lasts 10 weeks with a day or weekend getaway in the middle. Courses vary in size from one small group meeting in a home, to hundreds of people in a church. Some courses are held over morning coffee or during a lunch hour. Most are evening courses, typically lasting 2 hours.

Each gathering begins with a meal or refreshments - a chance to get to know others. Then there is a short video talk which looks at a different aspect of the Christian faith each week. This is followed by a time of discussion in small groups, where everyone is welcome to contribute their opinion and ask questions. People usually stay in the same small groups for the duration of the course so they can get to know each other, continue discussions and deepen friendships. The emphasis is upon exploration and discovery in a relaxed and informal environment.

Introduction	Is there more to life than this?
Dinner: 2/21/12	
Week 1: 2/29/12	Who is Jesus?
Week 2: 3/07/12	Why did Jesus die?
Week 3: 3/14/12	How can we have faith?
Week 4: 3/21/12	Why and how do I pray?
Week 5: 3/28/12	Why & how should I read the Bible?
Week 6: 4/04/12	How does God guide us?
Week 7: 4/11/12	How can I resist evil?
Week 8: 4/18/12	Why & how should we tell others?
Week 9: 4/25/12	Does God heal today?
Week 10: 5/02/12	What about the Church?

Who Is Alpha For?

Alpha is for anyone...anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. People attend from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints. They come to investigate questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and more. Some people want to get beyond religion and find a relationship with God that really changes life. Others come for the close, long-lasting friendships that are built during the Alpha course.

Many guests have never been to church, others may have attended church occasionally but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome.

How can I help?

We Need people to volunteer to

- Coordinate
- Host dinners
- Facilitate discussion

We are asking all members of Grace and Peace to attend this program and please invite a friend!



Ash Wednesday Services

We will again have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday. Services will be Wednesday February 22nd at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm.



Our Lenten Journey also

includes opportunity for study and prayer. Beginning February 29th we will meet at Salem Lutheran Church. We meet Wednesday mornings at

6:30 am. More details to follow in weekly Cornerstone and our website www.graceandpeace.lutheran.org.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

February 2012



Lay Readers

February 5 Carol Gard
February 12 Pam Kovach
February 19 Mike Love
February 26 Sandie Storer

Counters

Carol Gard and Pam Kovach



Assisting Minister

February 5, 12 - Roger Ericsson
February 19, 26 - Deb Meyer



Greeters

February 5 Larry and Juanita Eftefield
February 12 Bonnie Valentine and Brent Dornon
February 19 Ken and Sarah Armstrong
February 26 Mark and Chris Golden



Prayer Partners

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

Communion Servers

February 5 Wally and Roxanne Hochsprung
February 12 Jerry and Mary Jane Hinshaw
February 19 Ken and Sarah Armstrong
February 26 Mark and Chris Golden



pancakes



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Alpha Program Begins
February 21, 6 pm

Grace and Peace's annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is coming up! The Church Council will prepare pancakes, sausage, applesauce and drinks.

If you would like to volunteer to bring supplies for the meal please see the signup sheet outside the kitchen.

Won't you ask family or friends or neighbors to join you for dinner and the kickoff for our exciting new Alpha Program??



Volunteers Needed

The ten-week Alpha program, taking place from Shrove Tuesday until May 2, is looking for hosts/hostesses for the meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. The host/hostess would coordinate the meal of his or her choice. Some suggestions are available in the Alpha cookbook. You may sign up for a week to provide the meal and to tidy up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet in the great room or you may contact Sandie Storer 922-6784 or email shstorer@yahoo.com THANK YOU

February Wish List for Common Place



In Common Place's recent newsletter, they listed the following items that would help support the adult and youth literacy, educational and community improvement activities that this organization provides:

- ✓ Coffee supplies: regular and decaf coffee, creamer and sugar
- ✓ Healthy snacks and juice for youth programs
- ✓ Liquid hand soap
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Bottles of hand sanitizer
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Paper Napkins

Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the great room.

Operation Paperback

Here's a new ministry for Grace and Peace – collecting **good paperback books and magazines** to send to our troops overseas.

Operation Paperback was established about 10 years ago with the mission "to give our troops the opportunity to escape into a good book".



A collection box will be in the great room for the next couple of months- look for the box covered with pages from a book.

Some of the kinds of books requested are Bestsellers, action and spy novels, murder mysteries, fantasy and science fiction plus business and investing books, classics, history (especially military history), and current event-oriented non-fiction.

Once we have enough books collected to make our mailing, we'll go to the Operation Paperback website to see what serviceperson or what location (like a base library or USO) has requested the kind of books that we have collected. Books will be shipped via US Postal Service Media Mail.

If you have any questions, contact Jan Jarrett.

**Come one...come all....make plans
to join the Grace & Peace Youth
Groups for another Family Fun
Event Winter Jam 2012**



The Winter Jam Tour Spectacular, Christian music's largest annual tour, is coming to the Peoria Civic Center on Sunday, **March 18th.**

Featuring

Sanctus Real, Building 429, Peter Furler, Skillet, NewSong, Kari Jobe, and more will take the stage starting at 6:00 p.m. and a Pre-Jam Party featuring For King & Country and Dara Maclean.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m

The cost is just \$10 at the door. No tickets required.



**Let us know you're interested in details by signing
up...see the sign up sheet in the great room.**

More information found at : <http://www.wcicfm.org/>

aGAPe

Work behind the scenes is happening in February. There are 10 sets ready of the 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ size quilts and about 15 sets of the big 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ size quilts all set for sewing. Lorene will take all of the 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ones. Let me know before February 2 if you want one of the smaller ones to sew while I am gone.

As usual I take my sewing machine and all kinds of equipment along when we travel by car. I will concentrate mostly on the "new" book bags. They take more material and time to make than the former design. Perhaps we won't be able to send quite as many this year.

There will be a cutting party for aGAPe early in March of 2012. Mark your calendars for Friday night, March 2, about 7 p.m. Bring your rotary cutter and mat or just your scissors. You might want to bring a treat to share. We will work about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours cutting squares of two sizes for the quilts.

The actual sewing days for March will be Wednesday, March 7, and Wednesday, March 21. We like to start at noon after eating our sack lunches at 11:30 a.m. Bring your scissors for these days as well.

We will all miss Edith Johnson who was one of our chief pinners. We would welcome anyone who has a couple of hours on those days to come and take her place.



It's not too often I am at a loss of words or what I could say through the keyboard. However at this moment in time I am having that issue. January is typically not a month for women's ministry activities at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church; the Northern Conference or the Central Southern Synod of Illinois Women of the ELCA. There is planning going on though! Watch this space for details on what's coming up:

- The film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* will be shown during an upcoming Sunday School hour. The following Sunday (via Women of the ELCA website) will be Layma Bohwe's talk at the Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA. You will recall Ms. Bohwe recently received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in war-torn Liberia.
- CSSI Women of the ELCA retreat at Camp Grisham on Saturday, March 17. Specific details coming soon.
- Northern Conference Women of the ELCA spring event. Specific details also coming soon.
- Women of Grace and Peace: Bible studies, circle meetings, coffee hours, quilt making. Need more details, just ask one of us! ↓

Roxanne Hochsprung for the Board of the Women of Grace and Peace:
Carol Gard, Sandie Storer, Pam Kovach, Ann Joyce, Jan Jarrett, Mary Jane Hinshaw, and Ruth Grenzow



Rebecca Circle

February 13

11:30 pm

Meeting at Church

Miriam Circle

February 14

7:00 pm

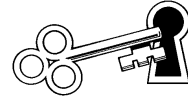
Meeting at Church

Roxanne Hochsprung, Hostess

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February Key Person
Joyce Smith 682-2137



Coffee Hour Hosts for February

February	5	Volunteer Needed
February	12	Volunteer Needed
February	19	Volunteer Needed
February	26	Volunteer Needed



March Cornerstone Deadline
February 27, 2012



Upcoming Youth Events:

- Feb 07 - Christian Ed & Youth Ministry Meeting - 6PM
- Feb 12 - Children's Church
- Feb 24-25 - Be Like Jesus Weekend (3rd-5th Graders)
- Feb 26 - Children's Church

Mar 18 - Winter Jam 2012 Family Fun Event



**Children's
Church**

Winter Conference with Tracie Miles

Redeemer Lutheran Church is hosting a conference for women on Friday, February 24 and Saturday, February 25, 2012. The guest speaker is international conference speaker and contributing writer for Proverbs 31 Ministries Tracie Miles. Tracie is also a contributing writer for P31 Woman Magazine and the author of one book, Reinventing Your Rainbow. She will be speaking on *Whispers of Relief*, *Staying Afloat in a Sea of Stress* and *Jumping Overboard in Faith*.

Cost is \$35 (Friday only—\$10; Saturday only—\$30; \$5 late registration fee if registered after Friday, February 17). Questions; Lisa Mack at 309 243 5859.



Grace and Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council
January 17, 2012

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

Prayer concerns were shared. Devotion was given by Terry Goff.

Sharing the Vision:

Evangelism: First Alpha session will be on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, after the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Beginning the next week, sessions will be on Wednesday evenings.

Each Alpha session will be approximately 2 hours long, beginning with a light supper.

A coordinator for the Alpha program is still needed.

Community Involvement: Paperback books are being collected to send to members of the military. You may leave them in the great room in the box that has pages on the outside.

Congregational Sharing: Mary Whitledge presented a request to install handrails that would make access to both sides of the altar area more accessible. The material and labor to install would be a gift to the congregation from Brian Smith and Mary.

A motion was made and seconded and the council unanimously approved the request.

Pastor's report: Written report submitted.

Old Business

Rerooting: In an attempt to find out more about the needs of the neighborhoods around Grace and Peace, a meeting was held with Ross Black, Peoria City Planner, and Chuck Weaver, Peoria City Councilman, with Pastor and several members of the Executive Council. While there were not many suggestions for needs in the immediate area around the church, one suggested area of need was the Reading Buddy program in District 150. Pastor will talk with representatives of District 150 to determine their recommendations of where Grace and Peace could be of service to the community.

The congregation would be consulted about what projects excite them, and whether Grace and Peace has the resources to accomplish them.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner: Tuesday, February 21 – Kelly Smet agreed to coordinate the dinner with other members of the church council.

Nominating Committee Report – Nominees still needed for at least 3 vacant church council positions.

New Business

Stewardship Ministry plans to again have the Ton of Food for a Ton of Good food collection during Lent.

Reports

Treasurer's report, Finance Ministry, Stewardship Ministry

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 6:30 pm.

Executive council: To be determined by new executive council

Devotions and snacks for next meeting: Terry Goff and Mark Golden

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jarrett

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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Randi Fremuth

FEBRUARY 3
Rhonda Lorentz

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Lana Staelens

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Ethel Theinert

FEBRUARY 16
Lauren Huskins

FEBRUARY 17
Ron Groth

FEBRUARY 19
Jonathan Goff

FEBRUARY 21
Cheryl Rauhaus
Coral Quitschau

FEBRUARY 23
Evan Glenzinski

FEBRUARY 24
Dona Kozuch

MARCH 2
Laura Tomblin

