

Grace and Peace



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Peoria IL 61614-2023
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November 2011



Sunday November 6th set your clocks back one hour and change your batteries in your fire alarms.

All Saints Day Sunday - November 6th



We will be remembering all those members of Grace and Peace that died since last All Saints Sunday in 2010.

The origin of the festival of All Saints celebrated in the West dates to May 13, 609 or 610, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs. In 835 the day was moved to November 1st. The festival was retained after the Reformation in the calendar of Lutheran churches. Protestants generally regard all true Christian believers as saints and if they observe All Saints Day at all, they use it to remember all Christians both past and present.

Human Service Center Dinner Tuesday November 22nd St Pauls Episcopal Church



We will again be sharing and serving a thanksgiving meal with the people of the Human Service Center. Volunteers are needed. Please see more information in the new sletter.

Thanksgiving Worship Service Wednesday November 23rd 12:00 Noon



Because so many of our members volunteer for the Human Service Center Thanksgiving service and many want Wednesday evening free to prepare their own Thanksgiving dinners or travel, we will only have a 12:00 noon Thanksgiving worship service. The theme will be "A Celebration of Thanksgiving".

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23rd

12:00 NOON.



Give Thanks

TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD/
AND HIS MERCY
ENDURES FOREVER

Woo Hoo! 27 mosquito nets
purchased during coffee hour
October 23!

Did you hear the cow bell ring during the coffee hour that benefited the ELCA Malaria campaign?? Each time the bell rang it meant that the generous members of Grace and Peace had donated another \$10 to purchase a mosquito net to help prevent the spread of malaria. Thank you very much to all who donated, including Children's Church which purchased 2 nets! This donation will help stamp out a disease which currently kills 800,000 people a year.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

November 2011



Lay Readers

November	6	Shawn Priess
November	13	Chris Mitchell
November	20	Volunteer Needed
November	27	Volunteer Needed

Assisting Minister

November	6	Linda Ericsson
November	13	Linda Ericsson
November	20	Deb Meyer
November	27	Deb Meyer



Greeters

November	6	Ken and Sarah Armstrong
November	13	Dale and Barbara Bollman
November	20	Terry and Nan Goff
November	27	Jack and Marilyn South

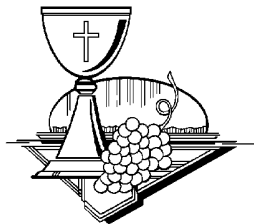
Communion Servers

November	6	Mark and Chris Golden
November	13	Dale and Barbara Bollman
November	20	Barry and Rene Dornon
November	27	Jerry and Mary Jane Hinshaw



Counters

Carol Gard and Pam Kovach





Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Book

Offered by

The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria Area



The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria are offering the Peoria Dining tour Coupon Book again this year. They are available and are valid until November 1, 2012. The cost is \$30. Ten dollars from each book will go equally to the Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Books are available in the office.

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 anytime 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



November 6th All Saints Sunday,
we remember the faithfully departed who have died since All Saints Day 2010.

**Ruth Kirkhus
Esther Driskell
Marian Borgen-Thumma
June White**

The Cupboards are Bare!

Local food pantries have been overwhelmed with requests for more food than ever before. Donations for this quarter will be taken to the **Friendship House of Christian Service on NE Madison Ave.**

Friendship House has been serving those in need on Peoria's near north side for the past 59 years providing food, meals, clothing, children's programs, Hispanic outreach, and emergency services. It is the home of Dress for Success Peoria and RSVP.



If you are able, please pick up a non-perishable item or 2 when you are grocery shopping and drop in the shopping cart in the great room. Some of the needed items are beef stew, canned vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, coffee and flour.

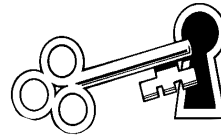
Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Together we are doing great things!

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Coffee Hour Hosts for November

November 6	Volunteer Needed
November 13	Women's Board
November 20	Miriam Circle
November 27	Volunteer Needed



November Key Person

Joyce Smith
682-2137



Office Closed
November 24-25



CONGRATULATIONS! At the September Biennial Convention of the Central Southern Illinois Synod of the Women of the ELCA, Linda Ericsson was elected secretary. Thank you, Linda, for your willingness to serve.

Youth Dates

Nov 01	CE & Y Ministry Meeting
Nov 13	Children's Church
Nov 20	Christmas Program Practice – No Sunday School
Nov 22	November Youth Event – Human Service Center Dinner
Nov 27	Children's Choir + Children's Church
Nov 27	Christmas Program Practice – No Sunday School
Dec 04	Christmas Program Practice – No Sunday School
Dec 06	CE & Y Ministry Meeting
Dec 10	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
Dec 10	December Youth Event – Visit to Shut In's (after rehearsal)
Dec 11	Youth Christmas Program – No Children's Church or Sunday School
Dec 18	A Christmas Story – during Sunday School Hour (all youth together)
Dec 25	Merry Christmas – No Children's Church
Jan TBD	January Youth Event – Ice Skating
Jan 01	No Sunday School
Jan 03	CE & Y Ministry Meeting – 6PM
Jan 08	Children's Church + Sunday School Resumes
Jan 22	Children's Church



Human Service Thanksgiving Dinner, Tuesday, November 22

Whether you are a turkey baker or turkey donator, a salad maker or a salad server, a gravy stirrer or a mashed potato whipper, a pumpkin pie baker or a pie cutter, mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 22, for Grace and Peace's annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the clients of the Human Service Center. Your helping hands are needed!

See the sign up sheet outside the kitchen and let us know where you can share your talents.

See Carol Luecht or Jan Jarrett if you have questions.



For the Women of Grace and Peace, it is tradition to hold our annual Thankoffering Service in November. This year is no exception as our Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 13. And as for Women in the Lutheran Church as a whole, Thankoffering services have been held since the early 1900s. This service is an opportunity for all women, with the entire congregation, to share and celebrate women's ministries! The Women of the ELCA publish the service for congregations to use on this special Sunday and in this particular service, the Gathering Song/Opening Hymn is *Gather Us In*. I know you know this hymn; the first verse is:

**Here in this place...new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought there to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

Here in this place, as a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we offer our thanks and gratitude for God's blessings—significant or ordinary. Our Grace and Peace community will gather together in a worship service led by Women of Grace and Peace to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to us.

I can come up with some significant and ordinary blessings. I am thankful that I can share my fears and my dreams with women here at Grace and Peace. I am thankful that I live in Central Illinois where there aren't many mosquitos at all compared to Africa where those small little bugs carry disease. I am thankful for my family and their love. I am thankful for my good health. I am thankful when I get a good night's sleep. I am thankful for that good cup of Fair Trade coffee when I wake up in the morning. And yes, I am even thankful for that dreaded employee evaluation as that means that I am employed.

I am also thankful for the Women of the ELCA organization as a whole! I have met so many wonderful women and made many great friends. I truly look forward to seeing them at the various events and programs throughout the year. And I am thankful for all of the things I have learned and been made aware of though these events and programs. My life has been enriched!

This Thankoffering service will be special and meaningful. I hope you will be there!

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

Rebecca Circle
November 14—11:30 a.m.
Sack Lunch at Church



Miriam Circle
November 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Mary Jane Hinshaw's Home



We wrapped up another successful year with our quilt making. The final number is 145 quilts, each special for someone or a whole family in a country far away. Many thanks to those who cut, sewed, laid out, pinned, and tied all of the quilts. AND thank you to those of you who gave money so we can send them to Bloomington on Saturday, Oct. 29.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING –

Sue and Sam Sylvester are all set to deliver the boxes and boxes of things from Grace and Peace to St. John's in Bloomington. This year we have 17 boxes from St. Timothy's in Wyoming to add to the stack. We are packing their van on Wednesday, October 26.

We have 150 school kits, 125 health kits, and 24 layettes to add to the mix for LWR this year. Thank you to everyone who donated the various items to complete these kits.

Grace and Peace always does a first-class job in providing kits and quilts for LWR. We know how important they are to those who receive them.

ELCA Malaria CAMPAIGN - It is exciting to report that the offering at last Sunday's coffee hour will buy 28 mosquito nets. We will be sending the funds to the ELCA very soon. Just \$10 purchases a mosquito net, instructions on how to use it, and follow up visits to make sure it is being used properly.

If you missed out on this opportunity, please pop your offering for this mission in the offering plate within the next 2 Sundays.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS GIFTS –

On Sunday, November 6, we hope to have the first of the 65 bundles of gifts ready for your purchase for the foster children who are clients of LSSI. We are excited to begin this project in 2011. We have probably been doing this ministry for 35 years.

Last year there were over 700 children in this program. Unfortunately, the need will be there again this year.

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council
October 18, 2011

Present: Louise Cheatham, David Dietrich, Roberta Dietrich, Rene Dornan, 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 that we will worship at Barrack's Cater Inn on Reformation Sunday, October 30, with worship service at 9 am, followed by a brunch and stewardship presentation.

Prayer concerns were shared.

Devotion was given by Pastor Shelksohn.

Sharing the Vision:

Evangelism: Plan to begin the Alpha Program in Lent. Council is still looking for coordinator(s) for the Alpha program. Several people have expressed interest in helping with the program, but no volunteers yet for the coordinator position for the first session.

Community Involvement: Human Service Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22.

Coffee Hour October 23 will benefit the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Pastor's report: Written report submitted.

There will be a church service at noon on Thanksgiving Day. There will be no services the Wednesday before Thanksgiving due to low attendance in the past.

Jackie Righter has requested a transfer to St Paul Lutheran, where she was a member for 17 years before joining Grace and Peace.

Old Business:

Sanctuary Projection System: Three bids have been received for the projection system. The task force has not been convened to analyze these bids. It is expected that the task force will have a recommendation to present at the council's November meeting.

Stewardship Kickoff Event, Sunday, October 30: The kickoff to the Stewardship campaign will be Reformation Sunday, October 30, at Barrack's Cater Inn on Pioneer Parkway. Worship service will be at 9 am, followed by brunch and a stewardship presentation. Time and Talent sheets will also be distributed at this time.

New Business:

Motion made to set the 2012 Congregational Meeting date as Sunday, January 29, 2012. The nominating committee will be contacted soon so that they can begin developing a slate of nominees for council and other vacancies.

As a potential "re-rooting" activity to involve the congregation more in our community, it was suggested that Peoria city leaders be contacted to determine what they perceive as needs in this geographical area, and what they consider the demographics of this area to be. This could help Grace and Peace reach out and be a more visible and vibrant part of this community.

Motion made to increase the Custodian's salary from \$9.50 per hour to \$10 per hour, retroactive to September 1. The current job description said that the salary would increase to \$10 per hour 60 days after the custodian began the position. The motion was approved.

Grace and Peace has launched a Facebook page. Once there are 40 people who "like" the page, we will get a vanity URL.

Someone has approached the church office about fulfilling his community service requirement by working around the church. Pastor will investigate what the church's commitment would be. The council was asked to advise Pastor if there were tasks they were aware of that this person could take care of.

Reports:

Treasurer's report, Stewardship Ministry

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: November 15, 6:30 pm

Executive council: Wednesday, November 9, 5:30 pm

Devotions and snacks for next meeting: David Dietrich, Rene Dornon

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jarrett

NOVEMBER 1

Nancy Goff

NOVEMBER 4

George Lulay
Terry Goff

NOVEMBER 5

Shirley Rauhaus
David Dietrich

NOVEMBER 6

Ann Joyce

NOVEMBER 16

Ruth Grenzow
Terrie Carton

NOVEMBER 17

Luke Braun

NOVEMBER 21

Aaron Fremuth

NOVEMBER 23

Mary Ellen Noren
Peter Dodson

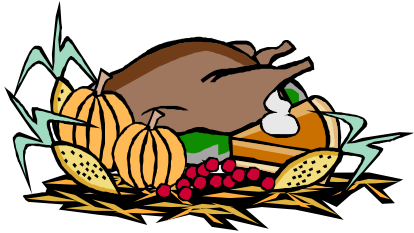
NOVEMBER 30

Terri Jenkins



DECEMBER 2

Will Staelens



CHURCH MOUSE GRAND OPENING

Saturday, November 5
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Refreshments & Prizes
Join us for a day of fun as we
celebrate our new location!

600 West Main St., Peoria

SHOP FOR SIDS

A Craft & Vendor Sale
To Benefit SIDS of Illinois

November 19, 2011
10:00 am.—2:00 p.m.

At PARC
Corner of Townline Road & University Street

Bake sale & Raffle prizes!!

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