

Grace and Peace



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Peoria IL 61614-2023
Rev. O.Wayne Shelksohn

October 2011

ON LINE NEWSLETTER: Beginning in November the newsletter will be sent to those with e-mail addresses on line. A link will be created that all you need do is click on the link and you will be brought to the newsletter. As always you can access the newsletter by going to www.graceandpeace.lutheran.org and clicking on the news and information bar at the top of the web-site. **But I don't have E-Mail!** Not to worry, a box with all those who do not have e-mails will be here at church with your family name and the newsletter will be found there in hard copy. For those who need their newsletter mailed to them, we will mail a copy first class postage. Also, a few extra hard copies will be here at church. If you have e-mail and would still like a hard copy, please let the church office know and we will add your name to our box.



October 30th a

Reformation service will be held at Barrack's Cater Inn on Pioneer Parkway with our stewardship emphasis and a meal to follow. Some members have made a contribution to this meal so it is paid for.

The worship service will be a regular Reformation service held in one part of Barrack's and the dinner in another room. This means no tear down and set up needed and we can go from worship right to the stewardship presentation and meal. Katie and Martin Luther will be joining us as we look at ministries in 2012. There will be child care available for the meeting. Someone will be at church to direct people to Barrack's.

Martin Luther to Present The Smalcald Articles October 30th

The Smalcald Articles were written near the end of 1536 by Martin Luther and submitted to the Smalcald League for adoption early in 1537. They were written as a summary of Lutheran doctrine in preparation for the long-awaited general council of the church.

In keeping with the changed historical context, they offered a further correct explanation of the Augsburg Confession. Luther regarded these articles as his "last testament." Expecting his own death in the near future, he writes in the preface to the articles: "I have decided to publish these articles so that, if I should die before a council meets...those who live after me may have my testimony and confession...to show where I have stood until now and where by God's grace, I will continue to stand."

Only when sterner measures failed to dispose of the religious controversy sweeping Germany, Pope Paul III conceded to the emperor's pressure and called a general council to meet at Mantua, May 8, 1537. The elector of Saxony, John Frederick, instructed Luther in a letter of December 11, 1536, to prepare a statement indicating the articles of faith in which concessions might be made for the sake of peace, and the articles in which no concessions could be made. Seeking wide-ranging consensus, the elector presented the articles to the Smalcald League on February 8, 1537.

Despite not being officially read at the league, the articles were nevertheless subscribed voluntarily at Smalcald (with the exception of the South Germans), and subsequently became known as the Smalcald Articles.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

October 2011



Lay Readers	
October 2	Barbara Purple
October 9	Jan Jarrett
October 16	Kelly Smet
October 23	David Dietrich
October 30	Bethany Freitag



Ushers
Mike Love
Jim Claude



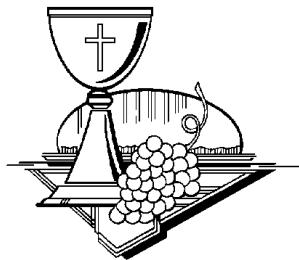
Assisting Minister	
October 2	Roger Ericsson
October 9	Deb Meyer
October 16	Roger Ericsson
October 23	Deb Meyer
October 30	Roger Ericsson



Counters

Mark Golden and Mark Priess
October 30—David & Roberta Dietrich

Greeters	
October 2	Brian, Julie, Jeffrey, Emily Smith
October 9	Jerry & Mary Jane Hinshaw
October 16	Kelly Smet and Craig Lorentz
October 23	Vicki Bittner and Jan Jarrett
October 30	Barry & Rene Dornon



Communion Servers

October 2	Julie & Jeffrey Smith
October 9	Jerry & Mary Jane Hinshaw
October 16	Kelly Smet and Craig Lorentz
October 23	Vicki Bittner and Roxanne Hochsprung
October 30	Barry & Rene Dornon

Prayer Partners

October 2	Terry & Nan Goff
October 9	Deb Meyer and Mary Whitledge
October 16	Barry & Rene Dornon
October 23	Roger Ericsson and Chris Mitchell
October 30	Terry & Nan Goff

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!



Save the Date – 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 Carol Luecht or Jan Jarrett if you have questions.



ELCA Malaria Campaign
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The ELCA, through the **ELCA Malaria Campaign**, is joining hands with eleven Lutheran church bodies in Africa and becoming part of an historic global movement to say, “enough is enough!” No child, no person, should die of a disease that is both preventable and treatable. Therefore the ELCA Malaria Campaign has committed to raise \$15 million to help prevent, treat and educate communities in Africa about malaria and eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

The coffee hour on October 23 will benefit the purchase of mosquito nets to protect people from the bites of mosquitoes as they sleep. Just \$10 purchases a mosquito net, instructions on how to use it, and follow up visits to make sure it is being used properly. For each \$10 donated, we’ll put make sure the netting keeps a mosquito away (you’ll see what we mean at coffee hour!).

If you’d like to make a donation by check please make it payable to “ELCA Malaria Campaign”.

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
requests your prayers and presence as
the Reverend Doctor S. John Roth
is installed as Bishop of the Synod
in a Eucharistic Service of Worship 10:30 a.m.
on Saturday, October 15th, 2011
St. Agnes Catholic Church
245 North Amos Street
Springfield, Illinois
ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will be the
Preaching and Presiding Minister

A Reception will follow immediately after the Service at
St. John’s Lutheran Church
2477 West Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois

Adult Education Class

Equipping The Saints

What is a spiritual gift? Why are we given gifts? We are encouraged to discover our gifts, how do we going about doing so? For what are our gifts used? Are natural talents the same thing as spiritual gifts? What is the difference between gifts of the spirit and fruits of the spirit? What are your gifts? What scripture explains each gift? How can you use your gifts?

Reflection, Bible study, and discussion will attempt to answer these questions and more in the 6-8 week study of spiritual gifts which began in September, led by Sandie Storer following coffee hour at 11:00 a.m. It's not too late to join us and we would be delighted to see you there. If you are planning to attend, please contact Sandie at shstorer@yahoo.com or 922-6784 so enough materials from Equipping The Saints by Eugene Brunow will be available. Thank you.

October Youth Event: Trip to Tanner's & Wiener Roast !!

Join us October 30th for a trip to Tanners Orchard. We will meet at the church at 2PM. After our trip to Tanner's to pick apples we will stop at Brian & Julie Smith's house on the way back for a wiener roast and we will make caramel apples with the apples we pick at the orchard. What better way to spend a crisp, fall day! This is our fall youth event and the whole congregation is welcome. There will be a sign up sheet in the great room on October 2nd. Please contact Kelly Smet or Julie Smith for more information.



Youth Dates

Oct 9, 2011—Children's Church

Oct 16, 2011—Children's Choir

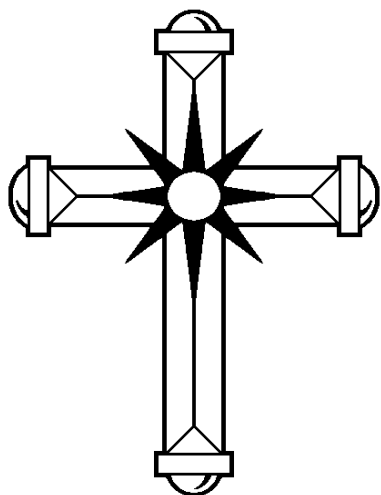
Oct 23, 2011—Children's Church

Oct 30, 2011—Tanner's Orchard & Wiener Roast—Whole Congregation is welcome

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



Via de Cristo Men's Weekend October 6-9 Women's Weekend October 13-16

There isn't anyone among us whose faith doesn't need nourishment and growth from time to time. One opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal is a Via de Cristo weekend. It begins on Thursday night and ends on the following Sunday night. During the three days those attending live and study together. Each day there is prayer, worship, communion and much singing. All for the purpose of gaining a deep permanent, living awareness of one's faith and the response that comes from such awareness. Please see Pastor Shelksohn for an application if you would like to attend or if you have questions.

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria Fall Auction

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria are planning a Fall Auction and "Smalls" sale at 10:30 am on Saturday October 8, 2011 in the shelter area at St. John Lutheran Church, 6614 W. Smithville Rd. in Bartonville.

The auction will feature an eclectic variety of items from household furnishings to services. A table sale of "smalls" will also be offered for those who would rather shop than bid. A light lunch will be available for purchase as well as drinks.

Many volunteers and donations will be needed. We also need places to store the donated items, and volunteers to pick up and deliver donated items to the storage areas and the auction site.

To help in any way call Jo Ann Lambie at 697-5098, Pepper Bauer at 697-5762, or Mary Conrad at 579-2675.

Funds from this event go to LSSI and their "Intouch for Seniors" program, and will be matched by Thrivent.

aGAPe

We had good working sessions in September and have about 114 quilts finished. We might not make 150 but are still working hard and should get to 130.

Our aGAPe days in October will be Wednesdays, October 5, and 12. 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.

The display of the quilts will be done on Wednesday, October 19, and the blessing of the quilts and all the kits will happen on Sunday, October 23. It is always a thrill to see all of the handiwork and to wonder where in the world it will all go. Take a look at the chart in the Great Room to see where last year's crop went.

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. We usually have 4 boxes from St. Timothy's in Wyoming to add to the stack. We will be packing their van on Wednesday, October 26.

There is 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 have started assembling the kits in September. Watch the weekly Cornerstone for updates on the needs.

Miriam Circle wants to thank everyone who donated goods for the health kits at the coffee hour on Sept. 18. People also donated \$49.75 towards items that we may need. We thank you as well.

CALLING ALL LADIES!! WOMEN OF GRACE AND PEACE ELCA

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 22, 2011** for the Sonshine Brunch of the Northern Conference of the ELCA. Join your sisters in Christ at *St. John's Lutheran Church in Toluca, Illinois* for a morning of fellowship and learning. The program "fall for Fair Trade" will be presented by Jackie Corlett, who will share her faith in Jesus deepened by her 20 years in Bangladesh. Registration and coffee begin at 8:45 am with music, devotions, business meeting and program beginning at 9:15 am. Lunch will be served around 11:45 and you will be on your way home by around 1:00 pm. Cost for the morning is \$10, due by October 12th. See the bulletin board in the Great Room for registration forms and directions. Checks may be made to the Women of the ELCA Northern Conference and sent to Beverly Pyles, 715 N Tower Road, Peoria, IL 61604. Contact Carol Gard at 685-1591 if you want to car pool.

Thank You!!

Special thanks to all those who planned, planted, and reaped the Grace and Peace Community garden this summer. Dad and I have enjoyed the 'fruits' of your labor. Fresh garden produce is always so much better than 'store bought'.
Carol Gard

Rebecca Circle
October 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Sack Lunch at Church



Miriam Circle
October 11 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting at Church
Cindy Shelksohn Hostess

Fall Worship Schedule

Worship Service	9:00 a.m. —10:15 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Music	10:45 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
Senior Choir	12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m.
Chimes Choir	1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Book

**Offered by
The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria Area**

The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria Area are offering the Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Book again this year. They are now available and are valid until November 1, 2012. The cost is \$30.00. Ten dollars from each book will go equally to the Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Service of Illinois.

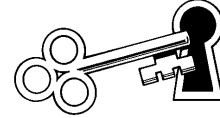
There are 15 new restaurants this year and 99 restaurants total. The 330 coupons are in alphabetical order so this books will be easy to use for all ages, AND for only \$30. The Dining Tour Coupon Books are available through the church office. With the purchase of the coupon books, you will help us provide for needs at the Lutheran Home Village and Lutheran Social Services and at the same time enjoy an evening out or lunch with a friend. These coupon books make great Christmas gifts and will be available through December 15th.



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Coffee Hour Hosts for October

October 2	Volunteer Needed
October 9	Volunteer Needed
October 16	Rebecca Circle
October 23	Malaria Nets
October 30	Reformation Service at Barrack's Cater Inn



October Key Person

Julie Smith
208-6762



November Cornerstone
Deadline
October 23, 2011



Via de Cristo

Men's Weekend October 6-9

Women's Weekend October 13-16

Please see Roger or Linda Ericsson for an application if you would like to attend or if you have questions.

New Facebook Page "LIKE" us

The official Grace & Peace Facebook page will launch in October. Please search for Grace & Peace Lutheran Church and "Like" our page. We need 40 people to like us and our page will become a vanity page so when people search for us they will find us more easily. More information will be coming soon, but for now please check out our page! Help us get to 40 Likes asap!



WOMEN OF GRACE AND PEACE

October 2011



Sitting at Miriam Circle a couple of weeks ago, I underlined a sentence in the Bible Study: “...*promises from the Old Testament are now being lived out in a fresh and life-changing way.*” Right now at this moment, I am having a moment, and can’t quite recall exactly what made me underline that specific sentence! I do remember though that conversation and discussion was good. Miriam Circle uses the Bible study in the magazine *Gather* (formerly Lutheran Women Today.) This was session #1: To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark. It will be a good Bible Study; it will emphasize what it means to follow Jesus Christ today. *Gather* magazine is a publication of the Women of the ELCA and in addition to the Bible study, has many articles of interest to women of all ages. You can check it out on line at gathermagazine.org or there are copies in the church library.

When I served as a delegate at the Women of the ELCA Convention this past July, a resolution was put before the assembly objecting to the name change of the magazine. There was considerable discussion on the resolution and it was ultimately defeated. One premise for the change in name was it is a magazine for all women, and not just Lutheran women! It is the belief that with a name like *Gather*, the magazine will have a wider, more inclusive audience—women of all ages who live out their faith in many ways.

And when you think about it, women gather very well! We love to get together for reasons to numerous to mention here! And one such gathering is happening on Saturday morning, October 22. This is the date of the Northern Conference Sonshine Brunch. It will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Toluca. The topic of the day is “Fall for Fair Trade...and be part of a REAL love story!”

British designer Jackie Corlett has run the Fair Trade business Motif Ltd. for 13 years. Jackie has taken the command in the Gospel of Mark To Follow and To Serve to heart as she ministers to the women of Bangladesh and works with them to provide an income for their families. Think of it as a “fresh and life-changing way” for these women! She will be showing many of the great products and creations of the women of Bangladesh; and yes, you can shop! Registration for this gathering is only \$10.00 and includes coffee and sweet treats in the morning and a delicious lunch! Additional information and registration is also enclosed with this issue of the Cornerstone. And of course we can carpool to Toluca; just talk to Ann Joyce or me. We will more than likely gather in the church parking lot that Saturday morning!

The Women of Grace and Peace will also be taking our Fair Trade coffee and chocolate ministry to Toluca that morning. And a quick FYI, now that it is cooler, chocolate is being shipped again just in time for holiday shopping!

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

Women of ELCA
Northern Conference Fall Event

Sunshine Brunch

WHEN: Saturday, October 22, 2011
8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Registration 8:45 am - 9:15 am; Lunch at approximately 11:45 a.m.

WHERE: St. John Lutheran Church, Toluca, IL.
200 N. Hickory Street, Toluca, IL (815) 452-2266

PROGRAM: Speaker Jackie Corlett, "Fall for Fair Trade ... and be part of a REAL love story!"

British designer Jackie Corlett, has run Fair Trade business Motif Ltd. for 13 yrs. Now based in the US, Jackie enjoys sharing her story and those of many other women she knows, as well as showing their great products for sale. Always ready to answer questions and concerns too, Jackie speaks from a faith in Jesus deepened by her 20 years in Bangladesh.

Offering: ¼ Central Southern Illinois Synod WELCA
¼ ELCA World Hunger

A special in-kind offering of food items will be gathered to be distributed at a food pantry in the Toluca area.

Babysitting is available if pre-requested. Indicate need and ages on registration form.

Start your holiday shopping. Items from Motif Ltd. and Fair Trade will be available for purchase

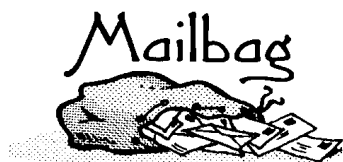
Registration Fee of \$10.00 is due October 12, 2011

Please mail checks payable to Women of the ELCA Northern Conference to
Beverly Pyles, 715 N. Tower Road, Peoria, IL 61604

Upcoming Spiritual Retreats:

Renew, Respond, Rejoice - C-SIS Women of the ELCA 2011 Biennial Convention,
September 16th and 17th at St. John Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL





Church Mouse Has New Home!!

The "Mouse" is moving down the street to 600 W. Main! (Across from Mr. G's) What a blessing! It's a perfect building for our needs! There will be more room for merchandise and even includes an oversized garage for storage and deliveries.

We will close Sept. 26 -30 for the move. We plan to reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 4 in our new facility. Lots of help is needed throughout the month - painters, carpenters, electricians, cleaners, packers, movers, etc. Other specific needs include the donation of paint, lumber, shelving, cabinets, and the use of a floor buffer. Thank you so much!

Do you have a youth group that might be able to help? Men's or women's group? School group? Any amount of time that you are able to help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Shirley at the Church Mouse. (673-2363) The Lord continues to bless this ministry by providing us with an opportunity to share His love, serve our community, and support LSSI and LHV!

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Women's Winter Conference

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria, IL is hosting their annual women's winter conference on February 24 & 25, 2012. **SAVE THE DATE!** The Women of Redeemer welcome you! Our featured speaker will be Tracie Miles from *Proverbs 31 Ministries*. Tracie is an international conference and event speaker, a married mother of three and is actively involved in several ministry capacities at her church in Charlotte, North Carolina. You will have the choice to attend the Friday evening session, Saturday sessions or both. Registration forms available in early January.



Grace and Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council
September 21, 2011

Present: Louise Cheatham, David Dietrich, Roberta Dietrich, Rene Dornan, Nan Goff, Terry Goff, Mark Golden, 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, with a special visit from Katie Luther.

Prayer concerns were shared.

Devotion was given by Kelly Smet.

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

There will be a coffee hour in October to support the ELCA's Malaria Bed Nets campaign.

Pastor's report: Written report submitted.

Installation service for Synod Bishop John Roth will be Saturday, October 15, 10 am, St. Agnes Catholic Church, 245 North Amos, Springfield. Reception to follow at St. John's Lutheran.

There have been some reductions in the synod office staff.

Other changes in synod staffing is that instead of 2 full time assistants to the bishop based in Springfield, Bishop Roth will appoint 6 part time assistants (probably retired clergy), who will be assigned to support about 20 congregations each.

Old Business:

Goals from the council retreat: Terry proposed a timeline for implementation of the Alpha program and the Evangelist. The council expects to present the full Alpha and Evangelist proposal for congregational approval at the January 2012 annual congregational meeting.

We are still seeking 2 people who would be willing to attend the Alpha annual conference in Texas in October and commit to leading 2 sessions of the Alpha program over the next year. If interested see Terry Goff or any member of council.

Sanctuary Projection System: Three bids have been received for the projection system. The task force plans to compare them and bring their recommendation to council in October.

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.

New Business:

Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a Knox box to install on the outside of the church. A key to the church will be placed in the box and allow First Responders access to the church during an emergency.

Finance Ministry asked all ministries to return their proposed 2012 budget requests to Dave Dietrich by October 16.

Human Service dinner will be held Tuesday, November 22.

Reports:

Treasurer's report

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: October 18, 6:30 pm.

Executive council: Wednesday, October 12 5:30 pm.

Devotions and snacks for next meeting: Pastor Shelksohn and Louise Cheatham

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jarrett



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