

Adult Education Programs
Sunday Mornings, 9:50 – 10:45 a.m.
Summer 2011

Grace Lutheran Church
7300 W. Division St., River Forest, IL 60305
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Biblical Themes

Bible stories you didn't learn in Sunday School

Some parts of scripture are difficult to read. They are appropriately omitted from the children's Sunday School curriculum. However when we read these texts as adults, we may find God's guidance for the difficult parts of our lives. A three-week series presented by Pastor Modahl.

- June 5 *Isaac, Genesis 22*
June 12 *Jephthah's Daughter, Judges 10:6-11:40*
June 19 *David and Bathsheba, 2 Samuel 11-12:24*

Reading Genesis One through Ancient Eyes We know that the Bible is not a science book. When we read it, we also have to try to read it as an ancient audience would have heard it and thought about it. A two-week series presented by John Walton, Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College.

- July 31 *The Old Testament as Ancient Literature.*
August 7 *Genesis 1 as Ancient Literature* - The creation account in Genesis holds some surprises for us when we start trying to read it through ancient eyes. We will discuss some of these and offer a new (old) reading of Genesis 1.

Society & Culture

- June 26 **The Art of Norman Rockwell**, presented by Rhea Sprecher, resident art teacher and historian. Celebrate the approach of our nation's birthday with slides and commentary about this uniquely American artist.

Christian Thought and Literature

Ask the Pastors - The pastoral staff will share their call to ministry stories and answer questions from congregation members. You will be given an opportunity to submit questions via email or in written form prior to these sessions.

- July 10 Presented by Pastor Faulstich
July 17 Presented by Pastors Faulstich and Costello
July 24 Presented by Pastors Faulstich, Modahl and Costello

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Arts in August - Have you ever read a poem that had a profound influence on your faith life? Or seen a play or film or photograph that changed the way you view the world? In this three-week series, fellow members will tell you about works that have had an impact on their lives. You will be invited to add your choices.

August 14 *Poetry*, presented by Jill Baumgaertner

August 21 *Film*, presented by Carla Jankowski and Margaret Smith

August 28 *Photography*, presented by Ernie Tiemann

Bible Study

The class meets weekly in the Conference Room at the bottom of the atrium stairs for a verse-by-verse study of the Bible. All are welcome as the class continues their discussion of the book of Genesis. Bob Jandeska is the leader.

CAFÉ (Coffee, Adult Fellowship & Education)

A series that coordinates with the Sunday School calendar and time slot. Come after opening Sunday School service – in the 6th grade classroom from 10:00 – 10:40. Please join us when this class resumes in the fall.

YOU are invited to these classes, which meet Sunday morning between worship services. Grow in knowledge and faith, meet Grace members and share their insights, enjoy the fellowship, and start your week with a fresh look at topics of interest to you. Check blue signs at the Reception Desk each Sunday for room assignments.

GRACE CHURCH LIBRARY, near the Division Street entrance, has a wealth of resources for the adult education program and for other areas of interest. The library is staffed Sundays from 8:15 to 12:30 and is open for self-service during the week.