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**2011-2012
Anniversary Lecture Series**

Participant name:

Preferred email address:

Preferred phone number:

If childcare is needed, please list name and age for each child:

Indicate Mon. or Wed. course Preference →	Monday 7-8 PM	Wednesday 10-11 AM
Course 1		
Course 2		
Course 3		

Registered participants may change days/times of attendance as suited to personal schedule. Weekly course audio & slides will be posted on www.gracelutheran-lg.org.

Optional information:

Church home ?

(name of church, city, state)

How did you find out about this course?

Anniversary Lecture Series

Please complete and send the sign-up form to register by US mail, or sign-up online by visiting the Grace Lutheran home page at www.gracelutheran-lg.org.

Attendance and childcare are free, however space is limited.

Please note the following details:

Each course is 4 weeks long with a 1-hour lecture each week and is offered at 2 convenient times.

Three courses are being offered:

Course 1—The Life of Martin Luther and the Reformation, Sept.12 through Oct. 5.

Course 2—Lutheranism 101, Oct. 10 through Nov. 2.

Course 3—The Messiah in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ, Nov. 7 through Dec. 7.

Participants choose the day & time that works best for their schedule:

Monday evenings from 7–8 p.m.

Wednesday mornings from 10–11 a.m.

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Weekly course audio & slides will be posted on www.gracelutheran-lg.org.

Advance registration is required. There is no fee to participate. All courses held at:

**Grace Lutheran Church
200 North Catherine Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525
Near Ogden Ave. (Route 34) &
LaGrange/Mannheim (Routes 12/20)**



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The Anniversary Lecture Series will help you grow and nurture your faith.

Discover the extraordinary faith and courage that came to define Martin Luther's life.

Experience the transformative struggle at the heart of Martin Luther's journey.

Delve into Lutheran theology, learn about the central tenets of the Lutheran tradition, and consider the difference they can make in your life.

Investigate Old Testament promises about the Messiah and contemplate their relationship to Jesus, man, and Savior.

About the Anniversary Lecture Series

Course 1 **The Life of Martin Luther and the Reformation, Sept. 12 through Oct. 5.**

Taught by Dr. Ralph W. Klein

In these illustrated lectures, Dr. Klein will follow the life of Luther from his birth in 1483 to his death in 1546, describing his amazing journey from law school to the monastery, and then as university professor who became a reformer of the church. Along the way Luther married a former nun, published a huge number of books and essays, wrote hymns, translated the Bible and was the guiding theological light in what was to become the Lutheran church. At the center of his life was a personal search for God and a commitment to share God's grace in Jesus Christ with all people.

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Course 2 **Lutheranism 101, Oct. 10 through Nov. 2.**

Taught by Dr. Kurt K. Hendel

The course will explore central themes of the Lutheran theological tradition based on Martin Luther's writings and the Lutheran confessional documents included in the *Book of Concord*. Lectures will focus on Lutheran understanding of human nature, of the free will, of law and gospel, and of faith and of forensic justification. The question of faith and baptism will also be addressed with regard to infant vs. adult baptism, and the Lord's Supper. The course will conclude with a description of Luther's vision of the Christian life as that of living in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love.

Course 3 **The Messiah in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ, Nov. 7 through Dec. 7.**

Taught by Dr. Ralph W. Klein

In four weekly sessions this course will look at the central messianic promises in the Old Testament and how they shaped Jewish expectations of God's deliverance. The New Testament and Christianity find these promises fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Many of these promises are still to be fulfilled through the ministry of Christians or at the second coming of Jesus.

As part of the 125th anniversary celebration of Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange, the congregation is pleased to welcome two distinguished professors to lecture in the areas of Lutheran and Biblical heritage.

Professors Ralph W. Klein and Kurt K. Hendel from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will serve as guides on this transformative journey of faith.



Ralph W. Klein is Christ Seminary-Seminex professor of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

An ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Klein is committed to the church-at-large and is a widely published author and speaker. Klein and his wife are parents to two grown daughters and grandparents to five grandsons. On almost every Sunday during the academic year he teaches adult forums in Chicago area congregations. He also is a tennis player and avid golfer.



Kurt K. Hendel is the first Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Professor of Reformation History at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Hendel was born in Germany, is an ordained pastor of the ELCA and has taught at Concordia Seminary, Christ Seminary—Seminex, and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Teaching is his passion. Hendel is married, has three children and five grandchildren and enjoys sports, music and the beauties of nature.