

## What's Happening this Week

**Faith Forum: Tuesday, January 14, at 10 a.m.**

**Location: Church Library**

Rabbi Max Weiss of the Oak Park Temple will provide his perspective on the conflicts in the Middle East and the experiences of the Jewish people since the Hamas attack on Israel in October 2023.

**Cornerstones: Wednesday, January 15, at 10 a.m.**

**Location: Church Library**

Join us for fellowship followed by a discussion about the upcoming Scripture readings. This week includes our Morning Prayer and lunch afterwards.

**Parish Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, January 15, at 7:45 p.m.**

**Location: Music Room**

**GriefShare Seminar Series: Thursday, January 16, at 10 a.m.**

**Location: Church Library**

Topic: Is This Normal?

To register: go to [GriefShare.org](https://www.griefshare.org), click on Find a Group, and use the River Forest zip code (60305) to locate our group; call 708-366-6900; or email [gracechurch@gracriverforest.org](mailto:gracechurch@gracriverforest.org). For further information, contact facilitator Linda Bernard at 773-259-4720 or at [lmbernard5@gmail.com](mailto:lmbernard5@gmail.com). For more information, including session topics, visit our [website](#) or [Grace Links](#).

**Moms of Littles: Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Church Library**

**Yoga Class: Thursday, January 16, at 6:30**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

**Grace's Women's Choir: Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Location: Music Room**

Contact the director, Gwen Gotsch (708-557-5740; [gwegotsch@gmail.com](mailto:gwegotsch@gmail.com)), if you have questions.

**Religion in Literature: Friday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a discussion on Phil Klay's short story collection, *Redeployment*, winner of the National Book Award. Klay served as a Marine deployed to Anbar Province during the Iraq war, and these stories are about the experiences of soldiers during that war. The meeting will be held in the home of Michael and Chrissy Nelson, 639 S. Lombard Ave., Oak Park. Jeff Wood will lead.

## Upcoming Events

### **Operation Deluge: Sunday, January 19, before and after worship**

Operation Deluge will return next week, so be sure to stop by the table. When you sign a greeting card or write a note, you brighten the day for a fellow member of our Grace community.

### **Bach Cantata Vespers: Sunday, January 26, at 4 p.m.**

Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh allzeit, BWV 111 (What my God wills, may that always happen)

Bach's cantata is based on a Reformation-era chorale text by Albert, Duke of Prussia, published in 1554. The spirited music expresses complete trust in God, in life's trials and in the face of death.

### **Slovak Mission Trip 2025: June 26 to July 8**

Center for Christian Education (CCE)'s Vacation Bible School generates an abundance of interest and applications to attend. The number of applicants that the CCE can accept for the program depends on how many volunteers we can bring. Just one more volunteer means that 10 more kids can come to VBS to learn about Jesus and His love for them. There are different roles to fill, using different gifts. What is needed most are your love, smile, and desire to share with the children. If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Dave Lyle ([dlyle@graceriverforest.org](mailto:dlyle@graceriverforest.org)).

## Other Information

### **Grace Church Library**

Continuing on through mid-January, the Church Library features resources for the Christmas season. Look for books and DVDs on display in the Atrium and in the Library. You can also find the book list on [Grace Links](#). To check out a book or DVD from the Atrium bookcase, see the receptionist.

## Fellowship Groups

For more information on the groups, and contact information, visit [Grace Links](#).

**Cornerstones:** Every Wednesday in Church Library

**Yoga Class:** Every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Faith Forum:** Tuesday, January 14, at 10 a.m. in Church Library

**Moms of Littles:** Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

**Religion in Literature:** Friday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m.

**Knitting Group:** Tuesday, January 21, at 1 p.m. in Church Library

**Grace Notes Mailing Crew:** Thursday, January 23, at 9:30 a.m. in Church Library

**Theology on Tap:** Friday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. at One Lake Brewing Company in Oak Park

**Men of Grace:** Saturday, January 25, at 9 a.m. in Youth Center

**Dads of Grace:** Monday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. (Contact Pastor Lyle for the location)

**Finding Hope:** Friday, February 14, at 10 a.m. in Church Library

**Moms of High School Teens and Young Adults:** Stay tuned for the next event!

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