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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--A rabbi from suburban Chicago will initiate Illinois Wesleyan University's weekly Chapel Hour on Sept. 3, which features 13 programs from September through December.

Rabbi Peter S. Knobel of Beth Emet The Free Synagogue in Evanston, Ill., will lead a Jewish worship experience and preach on the subject, "Is God in Her holy temple?" at 11 a.m., next Wednesday in IWU's Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington.

He also will lead a discussion at 7 p.m., Sept. 3, in the Evelyn Chapel Gallery.

Knobel is chairperson of the Liturgy Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He is past president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis.

Knobel is the author of numerous books and articles. He has taught at the University of New Haven, Yale, University of Connecticut, Connecticut College, Spertus College of Judaica, and Hebrew Union College.

Knobel received a doctorate from Yale University, masters' degrees from Yale and Hebrew Union College, and a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College.

Here is the lineup of upcoming University Chapel Hour programs. (Unless otherwise indicated, these programs take place Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel):

- Sept. 17--Dennis E. Groh, IWU chaplain, "The Things They Carried."
- Sept. 24--Janet McNew, IWU provost and academic dean, Faculty Credo: "Amazing Grace."
- Oct. 1--Dennis E. Groh, IWU chaplain, "The Best Future is an Acknowledged Past."
- Oct. 15--The Rev. Thomas R.W. Longstaff, Crawford Family Professor of Religion, Colby College, Colby, Maine, "The Prodigal Party."
- Oct. 22--Radford Ruether, Georgia Harkness Professor of Applied Theology, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., "Forgive Us Our Debts."
- Oct. 26 (Sunday), 10 a.m.--Rev. Barbara Ayers Donica, pastor, Grace United Methodist Church, Joliet, Ill.; Women at IWU: 125th Anniversary Celebration.
- Oct. 29--Dennis E. Groh, IWU chaplain, "Long Night's Journey Into Day."
- Nov. 5--Muneer Fareed, lecturer in Near Eastern studies, Wayne State University, Detroit, "Islamic Spirituality;" 7 p.m.--A conversation with Fareed.

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- Nov. 12--Father Ron Palmer, Bellermino-Newman Center, Normal, "How to Mismanage a Miracle."
- Dec. 3--Christmas Chapel, Time TBA
- Dec. 4 (Thursday)--Hanukkah Celebration, 7:30 p.m., Turfler Room, Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave.
- Dec. 5--Joint Midnight Advent Communion Service, IWU and the Wesley Foundation of Illinois State University; Wesley Foundation Director, Rev. Raydean Davis, and IWU Chaplain Dennis E. Groh.

Groh joined IWU's faculty last fall as university chaplain and professor of humanities and archaeology. He was a professor of the history of Christianity at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., from 1968-96.

Groh, a 1961 IWU graduate and a former member of the Board of Trustees, led 25 students on an archaeological expedition to Israel in May, exploring Sepphoris in Lower Galilee, the ancient site of a city built by Herod the Great.

Groh is a veteran of about 15 archaeological expeditions to Israel since 1972. He went on his first non-digging archaeological expedition in 1965. Over the years, Groh has participated in various types of expeditions in Cyprus, Italy, Tunisia, Turkey, and Israel. For example, he was co-director of the Tel Nessana Archaeological Expedition of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev from 1991-93, and senior staff member and fine wares specialist for the Meiron Excavation Project of Duke University from 1976-86.

Groh is a member of several professional societies, including the American Schools of Oriental Research, Archaeological Institute of America, and Israel Exploration Society. A widely published author, recent articles by Groh appear in the 1997 edition of The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East.

He earned a bachelor of divinity degree (with highest honors) from the Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., in 1965 and a doctorate from Northwestern University in 1970.

Among Groh's academic interests are the history of Christianity, the New Testament, and classical languages. He has a reading knowledge of Latin, Greek, French, German, Italian, and Dutch.

University Chapel Hour programs are sponsored by the University Chaplain's Office and the University Chapel Committee.

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