

# *Findings of Peace*

*January 2010 Newsletter of  
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska*

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## **THE HOLY ALPHABET**

**A**lthough things are not perfect

**B**ecause of trial or pain

**C**ontinue in thanksgiving

**D**o not begin to blame

**E**ven when the times are hard

**F**ierce winds are bound to blow

**G**od is forever able

**H**old on to what you know

**I**magine life without His love

**J**oy would cease to be

**K**eeptanking Him for all the things

**L**ove imparts to thee

**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"

**N**o weapon that is known

**O**n earth can yield the power

**P**raise can do alone

**Q**uit looking at the future

**R**edeem the time at hand

**S**tart every day with worship

**T**o "thank" is a command

**U**ntil we see Him coming

**V**ictorious in the sky

**W**e'll run the race with gratitude

**X**alting God most high

**Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...

**Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

## **JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS...**

### **Sunday, January 10 - Congregational Information Meeting**

to discuss the resolution recommended by the church council concerning our affiliation with the ELCA and LCMC. Soup & sandwiches will be served preceding the meeting at 11:00 a.m. - Meeting will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m.

### **Sunday, January 24**

#### **Congregational Annual Meeting / 1:00 PM**

Please come to share in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2010. We will discuss and decide several issues including the resolution discussed at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

To save on the cost of postage the Annual Report will not be mailed. You may pick one up at the Church after 12:00 PM, Friday, January 15. They will be located in the overflow. If you are unable to pick a report up and would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office (#365- 7746).

### **Youth of Peace/ Fund-Raising Dinner *prior to the meeting***

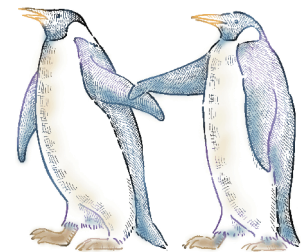
# WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP FOR DEC. 2009..

## Worship Attendance

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Dec. 6       | 137 + 12 = 149       |
| Dec. 13      | 155 + 11 = 166       |
| Dec. 20      | 262 + 11 = 273       |
| Dec. 24      | 245                  |
| Dec. 25      | 59                   |
| Dec. 27      | 107                  |
| Dec. 31 - PM | 53                   |
| Jan. 1 - AM  | No service this year |
| Jan. 3       | 117 + 13 = 130       |

## (Compared to 2008)

|                |
|----------------|
| 143 + 7 = 150  |
| 169 + 12 = 181 |
| 159 + 0 = 159  |
| 230 + 75 = 305 |
| 165            |
| 179 + 15 = 194 |
| 53             |
| 21             |
| 131 + 10 = 141 |



**Bring a Friend This Sunday**

## Stewardship

## General Budget

|         |           |  |
|---------|-----------|--|
| Dec. 6  | \$5700.38 | (+\$20.00 Kids College Baskets Fund / +\$25.00 Hope Pregnancy Center/Lutheran Family Services/Lutheran Disaster Response-<br>(Christmas offering designations) |
| Dec. 13 | \$3635.77 | (+\$100.00 Lakota Mission /+\$100.00 Prison Ministry)  |
| Dec. 20 | \$1491.00 | (+\$787.25 HPC/LFS/LDR / +\$275.00 Family in need)   |
| Dec. 24 | \$20.00   | (+\$966.90 HPC/LFS/LDR)  |
| Dec. 25 | \$400.00  | (+\$505.00 HPC/LFS/LDR)  |
| Dec. 27 | \$1325.00 | (+\$370.00 HPC/LFS/LDR)  |
| Dec. 31 | \$6166.75 | (+\$10..00 HPC/LFS/LDR / +\$50.00 LFS / +\$1000.00 Overhead Projector Fund)  |
| Jan. 4  | \$2828.55 | (+41.30 LWR)   |

## Education

|                               |    |         |
|-------------------------------|----|---------|
| Dec. Offering to              |    |         |
| Parkview Haven Tree of Lights |    |         |
| Dec. 6                        | 73 | \$24.10 |
| Dec. 13                       | 82 | \$36.22 |
| Dec. 20                       | 98 | \$22.00 |
| Dec. 27                       | 19 | \$4.95  |
| Jan. 3                        | 33 | \$17.38 |

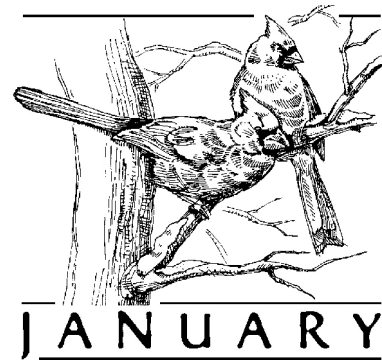
*The Sunday School Offering  
for the month of January  
is designated for  
Lutheran Family Services*

## ANNUAL REPORT...

If you are president or chairperson of any committee or organization it would be courteous and informative if you would submit a report for the year. The deadline for annual reports to be in to the office is Wednesday, **January 6, but I will accept reports received before Sunday, January 10.** E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped - [peacemarla@gpcom.net](mailto:peacemarla@gpcom.net)

The report will be assembled on **Friday, January 15, at 10:30 AM (volunteers welcome☺)** and available for pick up following the assembly. If you'd like a report, but are unable to pick it up please feel free to call the church office to have it mailed or delivered. Thank You.

# PEACE HAPPENINGS...



## Happy January Birthday to...

*Special birthdays this month are Bob Jacobe who was 80 on January 1 and Kuniko Heinrichs who will be 85 on January 29. Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!*

|         |                     |         |                   |         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Jan. 1  | Bob Jacobe          | Jan. 11 | Ron Mammen        | Jan. 21 | Dennis Buckles      |
|         | Bryan Bower         |         | Cynthia Petersen  | Jan. 22 | Kristina Schoenweis |
|         | Kevin Ostdiek       | Jan. 12 | Emma Canham       | Jan. 23 | Priscilla Bower     |
| Jan. 4  | Dawn Schleif        |         | Gracyn Canham     | Jan. 24 | Shana Gerberding    |
|         | Kimberly Fayle      |         | Jolie Reinke      | Jan. 25 | Don Spitler         |
|         | Kim Roth            | Jan. 13 | Diana Jacobe      |         | Barb Larkins        |
|         | Kristopher Collins  | Jan. 15 | Cecil Ehlers      |         | Nolan Underwood     |
| Jan. 5  | Jazymynne Fangmeyer | Jan. 15 | Faith Schneider   | Jan. 28 | Jon Marquart        |
| Jan. 6  | Trevor Taylor       |         | Logan Maschmann   |         | Corey Larkins       |
| Jan. 7  | Braelynn Renz       | Jan. 16 | Janet Kruse       | Jan. 29 | Kuniko Heinrichs    |
|         | Ashleigh McBride    |         | Orville Bokenkamp |         | Gloria Eickman      |
| Jan. 8  | Gary Hoops          | Jan. 18 | Russ Hoffmeyer    |         | Jonathan Vortman    |
| Jan. 9  | Donna Torbeck       |         | Megan Pohlmann    |         | Leslie Horwart      |
| Jan. 10 | Wilma Christian     |         | Kelsey Durflinger | Jan. 31 | Janet Koch          |
|         |                     | Jan. 19 | Caleb Durflinger  | Jan. 31 | Luke Johnson        |

*( Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over.)*

## Those Celebrating January Anniversaries...

|               |                        |               |                         |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Jan. 2, 1971  | Ken & Chris Fox        | Jan. 14, 2000 | Jason & Wendy Fangmeyer |
| Jan. 2, 2004  | Heath & Amy Birkel     | Jan. 16, 1993 | Patrick & Jody Wharton  |
| Jan. 11, 1959 | Larry & Deanna Holtzen | Jan. 29, 2005 | Brad & LeeAnn Roth      |



*A New  
Miracle  
from God*

## Congratulations

to Tom and Gloria Eickman at the birth of a new little granddaughter. Sidney Paige Bruyere, daughter of Steve and Amber (Eickman) Bruyere of Omaha Ne, was born on December 17, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Yvonne Bruyere of Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

## Welcome to Peace New Members

Marilyn Cook, Josh and Amy Nash and their children Paiton, Gavin and Easton, who was baptized at Peace on September 6 of 2008. Kristi Duensing is our volunteer to interview our new members and we appreciate the time she gives to do that. As soon as she has an opportunity to meet with them we will feature an article which introduces these new members to you. *Welcome to Peace!*

## Address Changes...

Norma Hyman  
802 E Elm St.  
Deshler NE 68340

John Riens  
809 M St  
Aurora NE 68818-1952

Jeremy Eickman  
13804 Jennifer Rd  
Omaha NE 68138-3406

## **THANK YOU'S RECEIVED..**

*My sincere thanks to our Peace Carolers for their beautiful singing of carols and for the stocking of goodies. God bless you all. ~ Irene Fintel*

*Thanks so much to the Peace Carolers for singing at my house and the sock of goodies. Always great to hear the familiar Christmas carols. God's blessings to all. ~ Darlene Hess*

*My sincere thanks to the youth and sponsors who came and sang carols for me. Your singing was heavenly. And thanks for the goodie bag. ~ Julia Pohlmann*

*Thank you for stopping by my house and singing Christmas carols to me. Also, thank you for the stocking of goodies. God Bless. ~ Ines Buntmeyer*

*Thank you sooooo much for your visit on Sunday. I loved your singing and also the goodies. Please relay my thanks to those who participated. ~ Jane Kolling*

*Thank you for the goodies and the wonderful carols. I enjoyed it oh so much! And also thank you to the children and Amy Vortman for a wonderful program. They all did so good. ~ Delores Buckles*

*Thank you for the cards, gifts, telephone calls and visits on my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, December 30. Special thanks to the Women of the Church for the gift certificate. I thought my birthday would be an ordinary day, but your kindness and thoughtfulness made it a very special day.....God Bless ~ Lottie Hoffmeyer*

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO..**

*...the college youth assisting in worship on the Sunday after Christmas and special thanks to Jordan Pohlmann for delivering the message.*

*...to Joel Maschmann and Bob Duensing for their assistance clearing snow - which has been quite a job this December and sounds like this weather will continue on into 2010! And even though it's a paid position, the Judy family is putting in a lot of time keeping up with the snow and we thank them for all their hard work. You're doing a great job!*

*...to Garrett Morales, Kevin Ostdiek, John Ireland, Justin Hintz, Travis Miller, Nate Canham, Eric Isernhagen, Neva Koester, Julia Pohlmann, Paul Meyer and Gary and Denise Brettmann for helping with the new artificial Christmas tree and the outdoor Nativity Scene. It was great to have so many willing and helpful volunteers!*

*...to Jon Vortman, Bill Mize, Kevin Ostdiek, Jason Fangmeyer, Rob Gertsch and Josh Mosier for helping with the stage (the first time). There were many volunteers (whose names we can't keep track of) taking it up and down after that and we appreciate the assistance of all of you!*

*...to Paula Dahl, April Maschmann and Briana Dahl for putting up the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. I heard many comments from members and visitors how festive our church looks at Christmas time. I remember how Beth Effenbeck loved Christmas and all the decorating and I think she came up with the idea to decorate with the lights and greenery many years ago. And even if it wasn't her idea initially she always enjoyed it. But anyway, we appreciate those who enjoy decorating as we try to depict a little of the beauty and joy of the birth of Christ in our house of worship.*

*...Thanks to all who came to the caroling party and helped deliver Christmas stockings to all those alone or grieving a loss this Christmas season. It's very meaningful to take part in the caroling party each year and we couldn't do it without the many volunteers.*

*...to Glen Maschmann for lining up the hay trailer and pulling it around town for the caroling group.*

*...to Pastor Nielsen, Julie Deepe and the Youth of Peace for the meaningful Christmas Eve Service.*

*...to Amy Vortman for a wonderful rendition given by the Sunday School Children of the "Promise Fulfilled" by the gift of a Savior.*

## **Together We Can Make a Difference..**

*Thanks to All who contributed last Sunday to helping a family in need. The family you all helped had no health insurance and the husband lost his job. He had been unemployed for four months. This is truly what Christianity is all about - changing lives. We are the hands, eyes and feet of Jesus. Pastor, myself and Kelsey took the money to her at the hospital. You could tell she was overwhelmed! Thanks to all of you, we were able to give her over \$300.00. Look what a difference people can make in the lives of others for the cost of an admission to a ball game! God Bless You All! ~ Kim Ruhnke*

## **VALET PARKING OFFERED..**

We'd like to offer the service of valet parking during these winter months of ice and snow. If you drive to worship and cannot walk safely to the sidewalk when you park your car, we invite you to use the sidewalk ramp and pull up onto the sidewalk in front of the south doors. The volunteer would park your car and drive it back up for you following worship. This service would be available from 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. to allow volunteers to attend Sunday School.

Now, we need volunteers to help make this work. ☺ If you think this is a good idea would you please consider volunteering? Let Marla know in the office.

## **YOUTH SCENE**

*by Julie Deepe*

768-8112 - [jdeepe@esu6.org](mailto:jdeepe@esu6.org)

We purchased gifts for two families with the proceeds from the soup dinner. Everything from socks and jeans to a tricycle! I'm sure the Christmas holiday will be a lot brighter for these two families. Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the youth!

On January 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having Janice Reinke speak to the youth during the Sunday school hour. She works at the Hope Pregnancy Crisis Center in Superior. She will be speaking to the youth about what the crisis center offers and what some of their needs are.

The youth will also be doing a meal after church and before the annual meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for details about the meal and what the proceeds will be used for.

When school gets back in session we will get back to our study nights on Wednesdays. Watch for dates and times!

With God's Strength,  
Julie Deepe

## **LIBRARY NEWS - JANUARY 20 10**

*by DeAnn Nielsen*

### **ADULT BOOKS**

God Came Near by Lucado

Beyond This Moment by Alexander

From a Distance by Alexander

### **CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

Marty by Gibson

Silent Tears No More by Baer

No Turning Back by Baer

### **DVD**

Pilgrim's Progress ~ Journey to Heaven

*A modern adaptation of John Bunyan's beloved classic tale. (recommend for ages 12 and older)*

## **SOUP SIGN-UP FOR JANUARY 10**

Please Sign up on the Bulletin Board to help furnish soup for the informational congregational meeting next **Sunday, January 10, at 11:30.** We'll have conversation and soup/sandwiches before the meeting.

## **WORLD HUNGER**

### **DONATION FORMS...**

If you just bring a voided check from the bank where you'd like to have your automatic debit from we can fill out your form in the church office with you. If filling the form out yourself, the blank for Individual ID number is a number that we will assign you.

Other members are welcome to join us in fighting world hunger. You may fill out one of the new forms to have \$10.00 (or any amount) automatically debited from your account each month and donated to Lutheran World Relief. Blank forms are available on the counter in the office. Any other questions, please ask Marla or Pastor Phil.

## **LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Upcoming weekends are:

Feb. 12-14 - Lincoln / contacts: Arnold & Yvonne Nilsen (308-452-3002) / [aynilsen@nctc.net](mailto:aynilsen@nctc.net)

Mar. 5-7 @ Sioux Falls, SD / contacts: Vern & Karen Harrington 712-533-6221

Mar. 19-21 / contacts: Bob & Mary Botsford (262-547-6439) [rmbots@earthlink.net](mailto:rmbots@earthlink.net)

## **SPONSORING A DAY OF CHRISTIAN RADIO**

From the Bridge KROA Radio:

*Would you be willing to pause, pray and ask God if some of the funds He has entrusted to you are to be invested in the ministry of My Bridge Radio again this year? We invite you to consider sponsoring a day. (The full letter is posted on the bulletin board.)*

A full day is \$720.00 or a half day is \$360.00. Peace Lutheran Church has sponsored days in previous years and we'd like to do it again. If you'd like to make a contribution to this day of sponsorship, please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran and leave it in the office (marked KROA.)

We'll keep you posted in upcoming bulletins as to our progress at meeting this goal.

## **61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL**

### **LUTHERAN BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Held at Blue Valley Bowl in Hebron. Information is posted on the bulletin board for anyone interested.