

Findings of Peace

April 2011 Newsletter of

Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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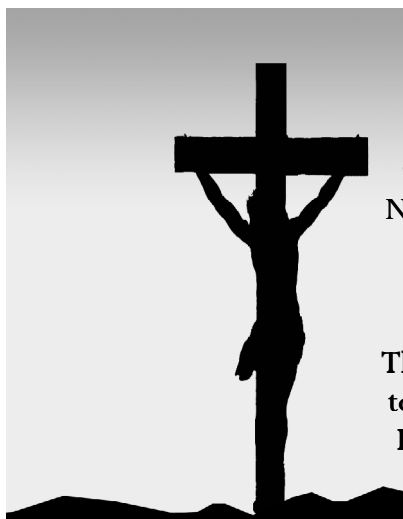
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The Cross of Christ



The cross of Christ, it stands
alone,
the only way a soul finds home.
No other way, but God's own Son.
The cross of Christ, it stands
alone.

The cross of Christ shall be my way
to see my God on that bright day.
I'll ever praise the work its done.
The cross of Christ, it stands
alone.

The cross of Christ, built for me.
An instrument, of agony.
He shed his blood,
for sin's great price.
He rose again and gave me life.

*WHAT IS THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOR
YOU? IS IT YOUR HOPE, YOUR LIGHT,
YOUR WAY? PLEASE JOIN US THIS
LENTEN SEASON AS WE HONOR CHRIST
BY REMEMBERING HIS CROSS.*

LENT CONTINUES...

April 13 - "The Feast of the Father: We Had to Celebrate" (Luke 15) / Soup
Supper by the Youth of Peace / Offering to Mission Trip Support

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

APRIL 21 - MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION - 7:30 PM

We celebrate as we remember Jesus' new commandment to love one another as He
loved us. "Sign Language" / Offering - Blue Valley Community Action

APRIL 22 - GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 P.M.

We meditate upon Jesus' death on the cross. "The Lamb of God"
Offering - Prison Ministry

APRIL 24 - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!!

Easter Sunrise ~ 6:30 A.M. @ Zion Lutheran Cemetery (2 miles west on
HWY 136, 3 miles south & 1 mile west) Breakfast following in the
Parish Hall sponsored by the Youth of Peace

Sunday School ~ 8:45 A.M.

Easter Celebration w/Holy Communion ~ 10:00 A.M.

"A New Hope" (John 20)

WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 2011

Worship Attendance

(Compared to one year ago)

Mar. 6	113	172 + 18 = 190
Mar. 9	105 (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>)	120
Mar. 13	143 +	172 + 26 = 198
Mar. 16	118 (<i>1st week - Lent</i>)	149
Mar. 20	157 + 15 = 172	169 + 14 = 183
Mar. 23	149 (<i>2nd week - Lent</i>)	144
Mar. 27	158 + 19 = 177	162 + 39 = 201 (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)

Stewardship Gen. Budget

Mar. 6	\$2053.00	(+\$75.00 Building Fund)
Mar. 9	980.00	(+\$440.00 Lakota)
Mar. 13	\$2967.15	(+\$160.00 Lakota / \$25.00 Building Fund / \$40.00 Cemetery Fund)
Mar. 16	\$200.00	(+\$845.00 Uganda Mission Trip / \$60.00 Lakota)
Mar. 20	\$2873.30	(+\$130.00 Uganda Mission Trip / \$140.00 Japan / \$50.00 LWR / \$25.00 Building Fund)
Mar. 23	\$200.00	(+\$943.37 Reaching the Unreached Missions)
Mar. 27	\$1886.00	(+\$125.00 Japan / +\$20.00 Uganda / +\$10.00 Unreached / +\$25.00 Building Fund)

Education *March Offering went to Oaks Indian Mission*

Mar. 6	42	\$28.28
Mar. 13	51	\$28.54
Mar. 20	59	\$20.46
Mar. 27	62	\$62.00

The Sunday School Offering for the month of April is for Royal Family Kids Camp



College
GRADUATES

College Graduates...

Please let the church office know if you will be graduating from **COLLEGE** this Spring, when and where, what your degree is and maybe future plans if you know them at this time. You can e-mail the church office at peacemarla@gpcom.net or call the office at #402-365-7746. I'd like to include **YOU** in the *May* issue of "Tidings of Peace" and the deadline for the May Newsletter is **April 26**. Thanks!!

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED...

In May of 2010, Peace Lutheran Church gave two \$500.00 scholarships for communing members of Peace Lutheran Church who were enrolled in college. This year Peace will be offering one \$500.00 scholarship. Applications are available on the counter in the church office for this 2011 scholarship. Completed applications are to be turned in to the church office no later than **April 30, 2011**.

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

6:30 PM
Saturday Evening
10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning

Sunday School
begins at 8:45 a.m.
in the fellowship hall

Children's Board
Books are available in
a basket in the
overflow for use during
worship.

APR. 3 - Lent 4

Sermon: "*Jesus and a Blind Man*" (John 9)
Peace Choir Sings
Youth Praise Team

APR 10 - Lent 5

Sermon: "*Jesus and a Dead Friend*" (John 11)
Youth Praise Team

APR. 17 - Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

Sermon: "*Finding Forgiveness*" (Matthew 26-27)
Peace Choir Sings
NO Praise Team

APR. 24 - The Resurrection of our Lord

Sermon: "*A New Hope*" (John 20)
Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings
Brass Ensemble
Adult & Youth Praise Teams

MAY 1 - Easter 2

Sermon: "*The First Christian Sermon*" (Acts 2)
Peace Choir Sings
Adult Praise Team

5th Annual Festival of Humor...

We will have our 5th Annual "*Festival of Humor*" during the Adult Sunday School hour on Easter morning. Please bring with you articles, cartoons, or other items of Christian humor to share with the Adult Class as we celebrate and laugh in the joy that Easter day brings!



We will again be decorating the sanctuary on Easter morning with Easter lilies and flowers on the cross. Please contact the flower chairperson Marla Maschmann (office #365-7746 / home #364-2567), if you would like to share an Easter Lily or make a monetary donation for the cross flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion or in joy of our risen Lord! One dozen lilies have been ordered at approximately \$8.00 each or you may purchase one on your own or donate any amount for the cross flowers. Payment is appreciated at the time of your request.

PEACE HAPPENINGS..



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO...

Special Birthdays this month are: Ervin Fangmeyer will be 75 on April 23. Have a Happy Birthday Ervin!!

Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. If you'd like us to include your anniversary date, please let us know the date of your marriage. Thanks!!

April 2	Mason Roth	April 12	Coleton Marquart	April 21	Merlyn Pohlmann
	Keira Marquart	April 13	Travis Miller		Onna Robinson
April 3	Linda Weideman		Audrey Hoops	April 23	Ervin Fangmeyer
April 4	Tim Kruse		Jan Horwart		Denise Brettmann
	Lyle Ehlers	April 14	Brady Fangmeyer		Ervin Lunzmann
April 6	Briana Dahl		Ines Buntmeyer	April 24	Emma Mesloh
	Deb Bohling		Bill Mize		Anna Mesloh
	Tabitha Bohling		Viola Schardt	April 26	Carol Mammen
April 8	C J Reinke		Terry Grummert Jr	April 27	Steve Brettmann
	Rachel Hoffmeyer		Gavin Nash		Laurie Koester
	Cindy Mueller	April 16	Reece Nielsen	April 28	Bay Robinson
April 10	Chloe Fangmeyer		Lucille Meyer	April 29	Trinity Robinson
	Clifford Christian		Laurella Duensing		Aaron Mesloh
	Cindy Mesloh	April 17	April Lemke	April 30	Brian Isernhagen
	Jonathan Gumaer		Cassandra Mohrmann		Logan Gumaer
	Sena Mesloh	April 18	Justin Hintz		Kevin Christian
April 11	Alisha Fangmeyer	April 19	Paul Fintel		

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

THOSE CELEBRATING APRIL ANNIVERSARIES...

April 4, 1948	Franklin & Ilene Tamme	April 25, 1964	Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann
April 4, 1954	Floyd & Dorothy Sorge	April 25, 1996	Brad & Deena Schultz
April 5, 1940	Art & Twila Brettmann	April 24, 1974	Ron & Carol Mammen
April 24, 1982	Barry & Dorothy Renz		

WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD through the sacrament of Holy Baptism was Aaron Dale Buckles. Aaron was born on February 18, 2000 at Superior, and is the son of Jay and Kathy Buckles. His sponsors were John Swaim and Patty File. Aaron likes to collect and play with small John Deere tractors. He enjoys his teacher, Mrs. Dutton, and especially the science class. When he has free time, he likes to play Wii and video games. Aaron, we welcome you into God's family.

ADDRESS CHANGES...

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115 w 8th St
Wilber NE 68465-3076

Dylan Jasperson
1494 Road 6100
Hebron NE 68370-1034

Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron will be celebrating 100



years of ministry this summer, **Sunday, June 19, 2011**. Members of Peace Lutheran are invited to join in the festivities of the day.

Worship is at **10:00 a.m.** with a catered, free-will offering **dinner to begin at 12:30 p.m.** at the Thayer Central High School in Hebron. Anyone wanting to attend this event will need to **RSVP to the Peace Lutheran office by May 31** or sooner.

APRIL LIBRARY NEWS...

by DeAnn Nielsen, Librarian

ADULT BOOKS

Mother's Wedding Dress by Billerbeck

Montana Rose by Connealy

Just Between You and Me by Jones
~ Women of Faith Fiction ~

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Jonathan Park ~ The Voyage Beyond
number 7

We hope that you enjoy your exciting journey into the world of Jonathan Park. Each adventure is based on real places and scientific discoveries - all designed to build your faith! In The Voyage Beyond, Jonathan and the Creation Response Team meet an eccentric philanthropist-explorer named Alexander DeMarcus. Mr. DeMarcus appears to have a passion for marine life, exploring the ocean depths with his experimental electromagnetic submarine, The Manta. At first the CRT joins forces with Mr. DeMarcus, excited to learn more about God's amazing creatures beneath the sea. But the team soon realizes that this mysterious explorer has something even bigger in mind. Discover his incredible secret in Jonathan Park and the Voyage Beyond!

WOW BOARD HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH 21, 2011...

Coordinator Linda Fangmeyer called the meeting to order. Those present were, Earlene Othling, Deanna Maschmann, Jeanette Mohrmann, Jae Fintel, Julia Pohlmann, and Diana Jacobe.

Jae led us in devotions with a reading entitled "Getting Rid of Discouragement". Jeanette reported a balance of \$988.39 on hand.

Reports from Mission Growth: Cindy and Amy have started working on the Mother-Daughter Happening, to be held sometime in June.

Circle reports: Julia reported they are using Lutheran Women Today in the Evening Circle. Jeanette is very pleased with the number of women attending the Saturday morning circle, and it is going well.

It was decided to discontinue ordering 8 and 10oz. cups for the kitchen and only 12oz. cups will be used.

Linda and Diana will Co-Chair as head of the Altar Guild.

We were reminded that the Heartland District WOW retreat will be held in Mitchell S.D. on Sept.24.2011. It was decided to check into getting a speaker and having a WOW day for our members here. Ideas for replacing the curtain in the front of the church were discussed but no decision was made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 18,2011

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Jacobe Secretary

FROM LINDA FANGMEYER, PRESIDENT....

Thank you to the ladies who called for food and workers for the Lenten Soup Suppers. Also, thank you to those who responded to their calls by providing food or working. It's always a nice time for fellowship, conversation and good food. Meals like this, every week, simply *could not happen* if someone, like *YOU*, weren't willing to step up and provide food and work. *YOU* are a blessing to the family of God here at Peace.

Take note of the Lutheran World Relief Project Bags located in the card corner and pick one up for your next shopping trip!© We also have a nice selection of cards available for anyone to purchase.

DISASTER ALERT:

Japan Devastated by Earthquake & Tsunami FROM THE DESK OF FRANKLIN GRAHAM, PRESIDENT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE - March 14, 2011

Dear Friend,

Japan is staggering from one of the most devastating earthquakes in history, which triggered a monster tsunami that wiped out entire towns. Untold thousands are dead, and 450,000 survivors are living in shelters.

Just days after the catastrophe, we contacted a Japanese church leader who told us: "Please come. We need your help."

That's exactly what Samaritan's Purse is doing. Our team is on the ground working alongside local churches to meet the needs of thousands of survivors who are cold, hungry, thirsty, and distraught. We are immediately sending in a 747 jumbo jet loaded with tons of emergency supplies, including blankets, hygiene kits, rolls of weatherproof plastic, and water filter systems that can make sea water drinkable.

Please join us in praying for the people of Japan as we work to help them in the Name of Jesus Christ. Above all, we want them to know that "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13, NKJV). Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham, President

PEACE'S OFFERING FOR JAPAN....

If you'd like to make a contribution through Peace Lutheran Church for those suffering from the recent disaster in Japan we will be supporting "*Samaritan's Purse*" and "*World Vision*". Please make your checks payable to **Peace Lutheran Church**, mark your donation and/or envelope "Japan", and place it in the offering plate or on Marla's desk in the church office.

SAVE THE DATES...

Peace Lutheran VBS will be held **June 6 - 10 from 9:00 till Noon.**

Peder Eide Christmas Concert - Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in Davenport or Deshler. *Sponsored by Thrivent Financial Mid-South Chapter.*

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS "SCOUTING FOR FOOD"...

Boy Scout Troop 307 of Deshler is participating in the project "Scouting for Food" by holding a food drive for our local food pantry from April 2 thru April 10. You may bring your food items to the church and place them in the grocery cart that will be in the entryway.

COOKBOOK CORRECTION...

There are a couple of corrections you can make in the Peace Lutheran Church Cookbook.

Page 92, *Communion Bread* recipe should be 2 ½ c. water, not flour.

Page 37, *Au Gratin Potatoes* recipe add the word "or" behind Cream of Mushroom Soup.

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" devotional booklets can be found on the table at the front doors of the church and are there for you to take with you, if you wish to do so. These booklets are sponsored monthly by our generous donors and contain scripture readings and short stories for each day, so are an excellent source for daily devotions.

Everyone is welcome!!

**ASSOCIATION FREE
LUTHERAN BIBLE SCHOOL
CHOIR CONCERT
ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
FRIDAY, APRIL 8 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Emily Hoops, a 2010 Deshler High graduate, is a member of the choir. She is the daughter of Kevin and Paula Hoops of rural Byron.

Youth of Peace News

In February, the Youth of Peace sent 7 youth and 2 adults to the Dare to Share Conference in Lincoln. Everyone had a great experience with some powerful speakers, moving and hilarious drama, worship led by Shane and Shane, and 5000 other youth packing Pershing Auditorium. We learned that Christ has called us and our congregation to reach the youth of our community with the good news of God's love in Christ for them.

In March, 10 youth and 2 adults had a great time together bowling in Hebron.

Sunday morning group time has been led by Kristi Duensing. Thank you, Kristi!

In April, we have three important events coming up.

First, we will be sharing bingo time with folks at Parkview Haven on Sunday, April 3, at 2 PM.

Second, we will be serving the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 16. If you have not signed up for soup, sandwiches, or desserts, please call the church office and let us know what you can bring. Youth need to be at the kitchen by 5:30 PM to be ready to serve. This is one of our 3 fund raisers for the year.

Finally, we will be preparing to lead the Easter Sunrise Service at Zion Cemetery at 6:30 AM on Easter morning. We will have a practice on Friday, April 22, at 1:30 PM. We will also be serving the congregation breakfast at 7:30 Easter morning.

Future events planned include an end of school year lock-in on May 18, a Royal Family Weiner Roast on June 15, and some kind of mid-summer bash in July.

Don't forget to get your parents to our next PEPY (Parents Encouraging Peace Youth) meeting after worship on Sunday, April 17.

Reflections from the Seat of an Old Tractor

An Old Farmer's Advice

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered....not yelled.

Meanness don't just happen overnight.

Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don 't judge folks by their relatives.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.



Preschool News

March came in like a lamb and out like a lion! The preschoolers have enjoyed studying the weather and determining each morning whether we are experiencing a lion or lamb day. Our first theme in March was centered around the weather. The children did some wind experiments, enjoyed a "tornado in a bottle," and sorted clothing according to what season it should be worn in. We even did a survey to find out what kind of weather the children liked best. Here were our results:

Jack and Abbi liked the rain; Colton, Brooke, Tierra, Zak and Camryn enjoy sunny and warm weather; and Conner liked snowy weather best.

In the middle of the month, we learned about leprechauns and shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day. There were some fun art projects that went with this unit, like mixing blue and yellow chalk and spraying it with water to make a green shamrock and gluing hearts together to form a shamrock shape.

At the end of March, we have started a Spring theme. We are still having conversations and activities that center around spring weather, but we have also had some flowers and kites and other spring-themed things for our games.

During Jesus Time, we took a few weeks to talk about the story of the Lost Lamb and the Good Shepherd. Just as the Shepherd searched for the one lost sheep from the herd of 100, Jesus seeks us and values every one of His children. Like that dedicated shepherd, he keeps us safe and calls us by name to bring us into the fold. Now we have started the Easter story. The children have learned about Jesus' reception as a King in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and how Jesus shared a special meal with his friends before his arrest. Pastor Nielsen has brought in Resurrection Eggs to help illustrate the Easter story for the children. The preschoolers can't wait to find out what will be inside the egg to help us learn the story each Friday. Jesus loved us enough to go to the cross and we have new life because of His sacrifice on our behalf. What a joy to share these truths with Jesus' own little lambs! May the joy of Easter remind you of the new life you have in Jesus, too.

Diane Beikmann, Director

