

Tidings of Peace

December 2010 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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Sunday, December 12 - 8:45 AM

Children singing @ Parkview
Haven

(Preschool thru 8th Grade)

Sunday - December 19 - 10:00 AM

Sunday School Children's
Christmas Pageant

"Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior"

.....directed by Cindy Mueller

*Soup & Sandwich Luncheon and fellowship
following in the Parish Hall*

Peace Youth and Congregational Caroling Party

*We'll pack goodie boxes following the
sandwich luncheon and go caroling in the
afternoon.....followed by hot chocolate,
goodies and a time to warm-up together back at*

Friday, December 24 - 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship led by the Youth of Peace

Saturday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Day Worship

"Fear Not" *Christmas Day Service of Carols with Holy Communion*

Christmas Dinner - 12:00 Noon

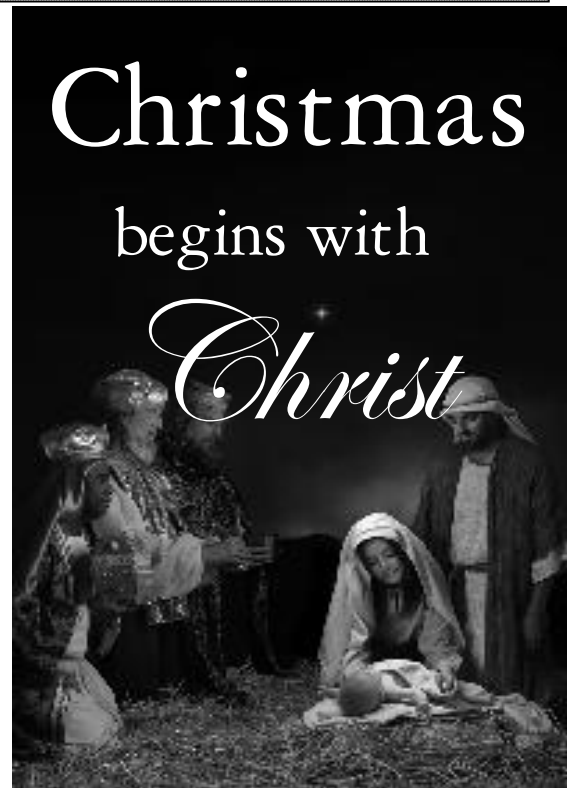
*Join friends for a meal in the Peace Lutheran Parish Hall on Christmas Day! Details are on
page 2 of this newsletter.*

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERINGS have been designated to be equally divided between the Hope
Pregnancy Center in Superior, People's City Mission in Lincoln and Lutheran Bible Translators.

New Year's Worship

Friday, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve - 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

(No service on New Year's Day)



Worship, Education and Stewardship for November 2010



Worship Attendance		(Compared to 2009)
Nov. 7	158 + 13 = 171	162 + 12 = 174
Nov. 14	153 + 10 = 163	140 + 13 = 153
Nov. 21	134 + 30 = 164	170 + 18 = 188
Nov. 24	36	63
Nov. 25	66	100
Nov. 28	139 + 15 = 154	138 + 16 = 154

Stewardship	General Budget
Nov. 7	\$5216.81 (+\$100.00 Operation Christmas Child)
Nov. 14	\$4118.79 (+\$20.00 World Hunger / +\$845.00 Well / +\$781.25 Postage OCC)
Nov. 21	\$2156.13 (+\$120.00 World Hunger / +\$151.00 Postage OCC / +\$2086.00 Well / +\$100.00 Cemetery Fund)
Nov. 24 & 25	\$3025.00 (+\$853.74 LWR / +\$25.00 Prison Ministry / +\$50.00 Well)
Nov. 28	\$2447.43 (+\$175.00 LWF / +\$20.00 World Hunger / +\$70.00 OCC +\$1190.00 Well)

Education

Nov. Offering to Blue Valley		
Christmas Toys		
Nov. 7	78	\$72.95
Nov. 14	62	\$40.00
Nov. 21	84	\$44.70
Nov. 28	62	\$40.56

*The Sunday School Offering
for the month of December
is designated for*



Offering Envelopes for 2010 will be in the overflow the weekend of DEC. 11. Please pick up your box and deliver one to your neighbor or friend if you can. If you didn't get envelopes and wanted them, please notify the office.



Poinsettias

Poinsettias...

will again decorate our chancel to celebrate the birth of Jesus! If you would like to donate a poinsettia this Christmas in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or just to beautify our worship time together, please sign the sheet located in the office. Each poinsettia has 12-15 blooms this year and they are approximately \$12.00. Payment is due when your request is made or you may purchase one on your own (be sure to mark it with your name if you'd like it back). Please look closely when you take one home as poinsettias with labels have been taken home accidentally by others in years past.

Memorial Christmas Tree...

will be shared again this year in memory of loved ones. The angels symbolize those no longer celebrating Christmas here on earth, but with the heavenly angels and our Savior and King, whose birthday we celebrate. The bows on the tree symbolize family ties that will never be broken or forgotten, even in death. The candy cane in the form of a "J" represents the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. **You are welcome to attach a memorial to the tree in memory of your loved ones this Christmas. Some of the older ornaments are looking a little tattered, so you might want to locate your ornament on the tree or that of your ancestors now gone and replace it if it's worn.** *May the promise that Christ's birth gives us help to calm any anxiety you feel during the holiday season. ~ Glen and Marla Maschmann & family*



Weekend Worship Schedule...

6:30 PM
Saturday Evening
Worship
No Sat. Evening
Worship on Dec. 25

10:00 AM
Sunday Morning
Worship

Sunday School
Opening begins at
8:45 AM
Program practice is
the first 30 minutes
with classes to follow.
December 12 children
grades Preschool-8
will perform at
Parkview Haven at
9:00 AM.

DECEMBER 5 - Advent 2

Sermon "Repent" (Matthew 3)
Peace Choir Sings
Holy Communion

DECEMBER 12 - Advent 3

Sermon "Depression"
(Matthew 11)
Peace Choir Sings

DECEMBER 19 - Advent 4

Children's Christmas Pageant

SAT., DECEMBER 25 - Christmas

"Fear Not" (Luke 2)
Holy Communion
No Saturday evening worship

SUN., DECEMBER 26 - Christmas 1

JANUARY 2 - Christmas 2

Holy Communion



Childrens

Christmas Pageant...

This year's program "*Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior*" has been scheduled for **Sunday morning, Dec. 19, during the 10:00 AM Worship Service.** The practice schedule is listed below. The preschool and kindergarten classes will practice during their Sunday School hour and do not need to be at any of the rehearsals. Each Sunday School family will receive a postcard asking them to furnish sandwiches or cookies/bars for the lite lunch and fellowship time following the Sunday morning program.

Following lunch will be the **Youth of Peace and Congregational Caroling Party.** Which means, this year we are asking for **volunteers to furnish soup** for the caroling party *before* we carol. Since Sunday School parents are already furnishing cookies and sandwiches, it would be nice if high school parents or other congregational members volunteered to furnish the soup. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Lunch is hosted by the Discipleship & Education Team.

Wednesdays, Dec. 1 & 8 - Grade 1-6 4:00-5:30 / Grades 7-8 4:00-6:00

(Junior High Praise Band the last 30 minutes)

Sundays, Dec. 5 & 19 - Grades 1-8 - 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 5 / Normal classes on Dec. 19 w/early dismissal to get into costume (*JH Praise Band on Dec. 19 - meet in Praise Loft @ 9:00 a.m.*)

Sunday, Dec. 12 - 8:45 a.m. - Performing at Parkview Haven (Parents drop your children off at PVH)

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - 3:30-5:30 (*Junior High Praise Band from 5:30-6:00*) / **Final Dress Rehearsal w/costumes (Everyone Needed)**

We'd like to thank Cindy Mueller for all the time and effort she's put into directing the children this year. It's always a joy to watch the children and see them learn the story we all love to hear each Christmas. Thanks so much Cindy!!

Peace Happenings

Happy December Birthday to...



Happy Birthday,
Jesus!

There is no one celebrating a birthday milestone this year, but every birthday is a special celebration of the gift of life that God has blessed you with and is a day worth celebrating!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!

Dec 2	Deanna Maschmann	Dec 10	Joshua Raess	Dec 20	Alvin Brettmann
	Brad Reinke	Dec 12	Emily Pohlmann		Curtis Fintel
	Brody Renz	Dec 14	June Degner		Kim Ruhnke
Dec 4	Sondra Ehlers		Stacey Duensing	Dec 22	Warren Fintel
	Derek Farnstrom	Dec 15	Joyce Zucker	Dec 27	Nathaniel Powers
	Jason Fangmeyer		Kristi Petersen	Dec 28	Britny Gertsch
Dec 6	Wayne Pohlmann		Jami O'Neal	Dec 30	Lottie Hoffmeyer
Dec 7	Beverly Pitts	Dec 16	Janice Muehling		Terri Fangmeyer
Dec 9	Richard O'Neal		Kristi Duensing		Betsy Maschmann
	Tyler Fangmeyer		Tate Mosier	Dec 31	Nichole Mosier
	Ardythe Dunn	Dec 18	Floyd Sorge		Ginger Ridolfi

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

Those Celebrating December Anniversaries...

Dec. 1, 2007	Tyler & Alisha Fangmeyer	Dec. 27, 1969	Warren & Jeanette Fintel
Dec. 3, 2001	Randy & Linda Weideman	Dec. 27, 1980	George & Janet Kruse
Dec. 12, 2002	Bill & Donna Tittler	Dec. 29, 1957	Cecil & JoAnn Ehlers
Dec. 13, 1959	Lyle & Sondra Ehlers	Dec. 30, 1967	Vic & Peg Johnson
Dec. 22, 1967	Kenneth & Donna Torbeck		

Special Anniversaries this month: Happy 30th Anniversary to George & Janet Kruse!!

Welcomed into the family of God... through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday evening, November 20, was Mason O'Neal. Mason's parents are Richard and Jami O'Neal and Ginger and Tim Ridolfi.

Welcomed to the Lord's Table...



On All Saints Sunday, November 7 the following young people were welcomed to communion following their three sessions of instruction:

~ Ryan Brandt ~ Brady Fangmeyer ~ Ethan Meerkatz ~ Tyra Mohrmann
~ Tate Mosier ~ Mason Roth ~ Amanda Schultz ~

Welcome to these New Members...

Owen John, son of Daren and Holly Masterson is welcomed into the family of Christ through Baptism on September 18, 2010. He was born May 28, 2010. Owen is a very good baby, even sleeping through the entire church service!! Holly works as a nurse at the Hebron Hospital and Darren works for Reinke Manufacturing. Daren, originally from Wichita, and Holly from Cuba, KS. We welcome all of you as members at Peace Lutheran!

Ethan Meerkatz, son of Kevin and Amanda (Meerkatz) Ostdiek and Justin Jarchow joins Peace Lutheran Church in October 2010. Ethan loves to play sports and drive tractors while helping farm. He is a 5th grader at Deshler Lutheran School. Welcome Ethan!!

Jami Francis is the fiancé' of Nate Canham. They are planning a May 21st wedding.



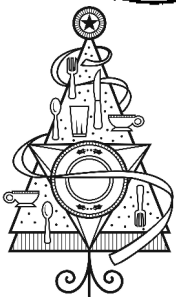
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, FOLLOWING THE SOUP/SANDWICH NOON LUNCHEON

Youth of Peace /Congregational Caroling Party

- * **This event is for all ages, youth, adults with or without children.**

Join us as we get together to fill & deliver Christmas Baskets and sing Carols!

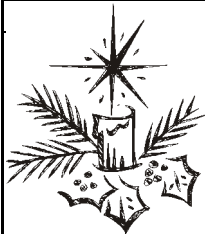
- * Please help if you can by bringing goodies to the church kitchen to add to the baskets. About 40 baskets are delivered. We've been a little short on goodies the past couple of years. Please have your items in the kitchen by noon that day....marked "goodies for boxes" as they may get confused with all the cookies and sandwiches the Sunday School parents are bringing for the noon lunch. ☺
- * **Bring your friends!**
- * Even if you can't make it by approximately 1:00 p.m. you can find our hay trailer driving around town and join us!
- * **Following caroling will be goodies and hot chocolate for all! Watch for sign-up sheets on the church bulletin board to help furnish soup for the noon meal.** Since Sunday School parents are already furnishing cookies and sandwiches, it would be nice if high school parents or other congregational members volunteered to furnish the soup. _____



Christmas Dinner

CHRISTMAS DINNER...

If you don't have plans for dinner on Christmas Day you're invited to join friends for dinner at Peace Lutheran Parish Hall. Arlis Hohl has volunteered to cook the meat for Christmas Dinner so no one has to spend the day alone. (*Thank you Arlis!!*☺) If you know at this time that you'd be able to come, please RSVP to the church office at #365-7746, or you may sign up on the tablet on the counter in the office. **RSVP's by Sunday, Dec. 19** would be appreciated, but not necessary. If you'd be able to help with potatoes, salad, dessert, vegetables, and also could help with decorating or setting up please indicate that. Since this is our first try at having a dinner on Christmas Day, volunteers would be *greatly* appreciated!!



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING...

Just a reminder that we have Advent Candles, Peace Christmas Cards, and Peace 125th Anniversary Cookbooks for sale in the church office. Items are on the counter with prices indicated. Cookbooks are now \$5.00 and Advent Candles and Peace Church Christmas Cards are \$3.00 @ set. Leave money in a marked envelope and drop it in the slot on the office counter.



Special Thanks to...

Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...!!!!!!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Operation Christmas Child a success! It is wonderful to see everyone pull together for such a great cause. Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or money for the shoeboxes. I appreciated the following volunteers who helped during the assembly of the boxes as well: Ashley Hillman, Jessie Nielsen, Eric Nielsen, Louisa Fintel, DeAnn Nielsen, Marty Pohlmann, and Kristi Duensing. Thanks for taking the time out of your busy schedules to help me out!

Without the Sunday School kids and their parents who were willing to bring them to put a boxes together, this wouldn't have been possible- so thank you! I also need to say thanks to all of the Sunday School Kids for working so hard and managing to pack lots of boxes!!!! As a result of the great teamwork, we were able to assemble 111 boxes to ship to children all over the world. What a neat way to share God's love!!!! Thanks be to God!!!! ~ Kim Roth, Project Leader

SPECIAL NOTE-I DON'T NEED ANY BOXES FOR NEXT YEAR!!!! I DO APPRECIATE YOU SAVING THEM BUT NEXT YEAR I'M PLANNING TO USE THE RUBBERMAID SHOEBOX SIZE CONTAINERS TO GIVE THE FAMILIES ANOTHER ITEM THAT THEY CAN USE.

Also thanks to...

...to Kim Roth for her dedication year round to accumulate and coordinate Operation Christmas Child donations. Once again Kim was keenly aware of bargains year-round and shops and gathers the needed items so once November comes we have everything we need to help the kids create this special gift, all wrapped into one Christmas Box. The real Christmas gift is the gift of love which Jesus wants us to share with those children around the world who may not know much about our love or His love. And that love they feel, when they are handed that box, is God's love.....shared.....for them.

...to Barb Larkins for coordinating and cooking the Turkey and Stuffing , Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy for the Thanksgiving Feast at Peace Lutheran on Thanksgiving Day. Approximately 65 people enjoyed giving thanks together by attending the meal and fellowship time. What a wonderful blessing to share together such a nice meal. Thanks so much Barb! Also, special thanks to Erma Lee Hohl for providing the decorations used and to all those who brought food, set tables, washed dishes, helped with clean-up, etc. This wouldn't work without this cooperative effort!

...to Roger Petersen, Don Deepe and Mike Isernhagen who will soon complete their terms on Council. Their exemplary service as Church Council members these past three years is appreciated by the members and staff of Peace.

...It's that time of year when we focus on our many blessings. A blessing for me is all the cheerful volunteers here at Peace! Last month helping me put the newsletter together were: Rachel Hoffmeyer, Darlene Hess, Rose Brettmann, Harlan Schnakenberg, Fern Hofts, Delores Buckles, Phil Nielsen, Irene Fintel, Ines Buntmeyer, Joyce Zucker and Otto Paul. Also, there are many who didn't make it last month, but who help other months. Special thanks to Rachel Hoffmeyer for baking rolls for us to enjoy a pre-holiday gathering before the assembly last month. They were delicious! And thanks to Jane Kolling for adhering all the labels ahead of time. (If you ever receive your newsletter with only the outside cover please let the office know. We've been stapling and taping hoping they make it to you intact.)

Thank You's Received...

Louisa and Peace Lutheran Women,

I received your package with the quilt just after coming back to Afghanistan from my R&R. In the three weeks I was gone the temperatures dropped nearly 20 degrees and so the quilt is very much appreciated. I just sent out a paper letter thanking you so look for that in about a week. Once again, thank you for the quilt and everything else you do for those serving overseas.

Semper Fidelis,

Levi A. Hofts, First Lieutenant (USMC)

RC(SW) C-IED Intelligence Officer

Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan

To my family in Christ,

It's quickly getting cold here in the mountains of Afghanistan. A nice warm quilt was a blessing. I ask that you continue to keep my unit and I in your prayers. For waking up each morning is not luck, but the mighty hand of God being moved by His children's prayers. God Bless.

Sgt. Joshua Sidman

Thanks to the blanket makers of Peace Lutheran Church for the warm blanket. It's so nice to know we are thought of so far away from home. Please keep us in your prayers. ~ E4 Justin Gerstenkorn
Justin's family also thanks for you're your kindness.

December Library News...

by DeAnn Nielsen,

Librarian

Adult Books

Stand-In Groom by Dacus
Menu for Romance by Dacus
A Case For Love by Dacus

Children's Books

More than Friends by Baer
Adrienne by Baer
Laina by Gibson



by Diane Beikmann, Preschool Director

November passed quickly in the preschool room as we enjoyed our learning activities centered around transportation and later, Thanksgiving.

During our transportation unit, we used forms of transportation to study colors, simple patterns and numbers. One of the children's favorite activities was the color train, in which each child got a set of tickets in a variety of colors. In order to ride the "color train," they had to give the conductor (Mrs. Beikmann) the correct color of ticket. We read the book *Freight Train*, which uses colors to describe different train cars, and then made our own freight train pictures using the colors in the correct order. We also had some fun riding on a "number airplane," which was similar to the color train except the children had to match the number in their tickets to a seat number. We also had various counting activities to help us with correctly counting items from 1-10.

Thanksgiving and turkeys were our focal point in the last half of November. We heard the story of the first Thanksgiving in a storybook as well as flannel board story. We talked about the traditional foods at Thanksgiving and used colored pie wedges to review colors and talk about what flavors those might be. We did a few activities involving letter identification, such as fishing for a Mayflower boat and identifying what letter it had on it, as well as catching lettered turkey feathers and trying to figure out what letters those were. The children also were encouraged to express thankfulness to God for blessings in their lives and share these ideas with each other as well as their families.

This December we are anticipating the celebration of the birth of our Savior! During Jesus time we are studying the story of Jesus' birth. We are also getting ready for our Christmas program, *The Colors of Christmas*, which will be Tuesday, December 14th, at 6:30 p.m. We would like to wish the congregation of Peace Lutheran a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support of early Christian education and sponsorship of PEEP. ~ Diane Beikmann, Director

Highlights of the Peace Women Board Meeting Nov. 15, 2010...

The meeting was called to order by President Julia Pohlmann with seven ladies present; Jeanette Mohrmann, Deanna Maschmann, Linda Fangmeyer, Louisa Fintel, Cindy Mesloh, Earlene Othling, and Diana Jacobe.

Louisa led devotions with a reading from Our Daily Bread entitled "Restoring Order".

The minutes of the Oct. meeting were read and approved. Jeanette reported a total of \$1,248.08 on hand.

Mission Comm: Deanna will get Christmas gifts for college students and shut-ins.

Circle Reports: Morning and Evening Circles had no report. The Afternoon Circle decided they would continue meeting in the afternoon rather than joining one of the other Circles.

Jeanette gave a brief report on the LCMC Women's Gathering in Fremont.

Three more names will be added to the ballot making a total of 10 names to go on the ballot for the general meeting.

A thank you from Carol Good for the casserole was received.

A request from Blue Valley Lutheran Homes for us to make table decorations for the nursing home or the care home. There was some discussion and it was tabled until next meeting.

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be Jan. 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Jacobe, Secretary

I would like to thank Julie and the youth group kids, Triniti Reinke, April Maschmann, Jessie Nielsen and Eric Nielsen for putting on the skirts for the Women's Annual Meeting. We all enjoyed them. ~ Cindy Mesloh, Mission Growth

Ladies - We have a new project!!

"Little Dresses for Africa"

Little Dresses for Africa is a non profit organization whose mission is to provide relief to children in Central Africa. While in Malawi on a short mission trip a small group of women saw the tattered dresses the children were wearing and decided to do something to change things for these little girls. Someone suggested using a pillowcase as it had a hem and came in all different sizes, colors and material. To date *Little Dresses for Africa* has provided dresses to children in 10 countries in Africa.

The dresses are made from a pillow case. A few are hanging on display in the overflow area of Peace Church. We would appreciate donations of pillow cases, (not white please) ribbon, seam binding or bias tape. This would fit in well with the Africa "Fill the Well" project. ~

Mission Action, Louisa Fintel





Our "Fill the Well" Challenge...

According to Living Water International, which is a Christian mission dedicated to bringing healthy water and the living water of the gospel to all people, it costs an average of \$12,000 to drill a deep water well in Africa. A couple in our congregation wants to encourage us to do just that. They have pledged \$6000 as a matching gift to double any Christmas gifts that the rest of our members give toward the drilling of a well in Africa. As of this printing, we have received \$4171.00 in gifts - double that with the matching pledge made - and the total to date is **\$8342.00**. That well will save the lives of children, improve the health of families, free

women to do productive work, free children to go to school, and allow a community to grow crops. It will show people the compassion of God. It will change the destiny of a whole community.

So this Advent season will you think about how much we are spending on gifts and spend a little less on ourselves and give a little more to the Lord. Your gift to our Peace Lutheran Advent Conspiracy will be doubled and sent to Lutheran World Relief's "Fill the Well" campaign.

Please make all checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church. You may use the special envelopes on the counter in the office and place your gift in the offering plate. Gift cards are also available on the counter in the office if you'd like to give your gift as a Christmas gift to someone. *We are blessed to be a blessing!!*



Event You May Be Interested In...

*Deshler Lutheran School's Cookie Walk
Home-made Christmas Cookies and*

*Candies to purchase
Saturday, December 11
Begins at 8:00 a.m.*

Deshler Lutheran School Gym

Crossways Graduations

Congratulations to 26 graduates of the Crossways Bible Study who will complete their two years of study on Wednesday, December 8: Diane Bartling, Joann Ehlers, Curtis & Louisa Fintel, Vic & Peg Johnson, Alice Kirchhoff, Laurie Koester, Janet Kruse, Jane Marquart, Marla Maschmann, Paul & Connie Meyer, Richard & Jeanette Mohrmann, Cindy Mueller, DeAnn Nielsen, Jessie Nielsen, Eric Nielsen, Bev Pitts, Dorothy Pohlmann, Julia Pohlmann, Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann, Joann Renz, Kim Roth.



Peace Has Got Talent

God has given gifts and abilities to the members of our congregation. They are gifts meant to be shared. So the Membership and Friendship Team invites everyone to consider sharing a talent at a "Peace Has God Talent" Night on Friday, January 14, 7 PM.

We are looking for about 15 acts of music, skits, magic, joke telling, recitation, drama, and unusual talents to put together into a one hour show. Individuals, families, Sunday School classes, friends, are all welcome. Prizes for the oldest and youngest, most unusual, funniest, and so on will be awarded. Sign-up sheet will be in the church office. So start planning to share your talents at our "Peace Has Got Talent" Night.