

Tidings of Peace

December 2011 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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Sunday - December 18 - 10:00 AM

Sunday School Children's Christmas Pageant "Surprising Christmas Pageant"

....directed by Cindy Mueller & Pastor Nielsen

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

Children singing @ Parkview Haven - 11:15 A.M.
(Preschool thru 8th Grade)

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 the Parish Hall.



Saturday, December 24 - 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship led by the Youth of Peace

Saturday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Day Worship (No Sunday School)

"Who Is He?" 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 4 of this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERINGS have been designated to be equally divided
between Lutheran Family Services and Lutheran Bible Translators.

New Year's Worship

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

Sunday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day - 10:00 A.M. Worship Service

(No Sunday School)

Worship, Education and Stewardship for November 2011



Worship Attendance	Compared to 2010)
Nov. 6 169 + 15 = 184	158 + 13 = 171
Nov. 13 172 + 15 = 187	153 + 10 = 163
Nov. 20 196 + 21 = 217	134 + 30 = 164
Nov. 23 53	36
Nov. 24 75	66
Nov. 27 155 + 19 = 174	139 + 15 = 154

The December Mission Share is designated for Crossroads (Hastings) & People's City Mission (Lincoln), both homeless shelters.

Stewardship	General Budget
Nov. 6	\$4717.91 (+\$100.00 Well / \$ 50.00 Building Fund
Nov. 13	\$2992.05 (+\$70.00 Mission / +\$120.00 World Hunger / +\$800.00 Well / +\$50.00 OCC Postage / +\$450.00 OCC)
Nov. 20	\$3166.05 (+\$50.00 LWR/LDR / +\$200.00 OCC / +\$650.00Well / +\$50.00 Building Fund)
Nov. 23 & 24	\$1427.45 (+\$220.00 World Hunger / +\$215.00 Well)
Nov. 27	\$2539.75 (+\$260.00 LWR/LDR / +\$25.00 Bldg. Fund +\$700.00 Well

Education

Nov. Offering to Blue Valley		
Christmas Toys		
Nov. 6	74	\$41.25
Nov. 13	75	\$60.60
Nov. 20	79	\$55.95
Nov. 27	69	\$46.30

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



Offering Envelopes for 2011 will be in the overflow the weekend of DEC. 10. 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. 9 red poinsettias and 6 burgundy ice poinsettias have been ordered this year and are \$16.00. 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 ornaments have been on the tree almost 20 years and are looking tattered or falling apart. They will be in the church office if you'd like to update.**

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

10:00 AM
Sunday Morning
Worship

Sunday School
Opening begins at
8:45 AM
Program practice is
the first 15 minutes
with classes to follow.
No Sunday School
Christmas Day and
New Year's Day.

DECEMBER 4 - Advent 2

Sermon "Preparing the Way" (Mark 1)
Holy Communion

DECEMBER 11 - Advent 3

Sermon "Pointing to the Light" (John 1)
Peace Choir Sings

DECEMBER 18 - Advent 4

Children's Christmas Pageant

SUN., DECEMBER 25 - Christmas

"Who Is He?" (John 1)

Holy Communion

Peace Choir Sings

NO Sunday School

SUN., JANUARY 1 - Christmas 1

"The Fullness of Time" (Galatians 4)

NO Sunday School



Children's

Christmas Program...

This year's program "*Surprising Christmas Pageant*" has been scheduled for **Sunday morning, Dec. 18, during the 10:00 AM Worship Service**. The practice schedule is described below. Following worship the children will sing at Parkview Haven (apx. 11:15) while parents begin to enjoy the luncheon and fellowship downstairs, but we will need some teachers and parents to aid in transportation to the home and back. Letters were mailed out November 22 listing what S.S. parents need to bring for the luncheon, but you may check with the office if you misplaced your letter.

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.



Practices this year are different than in previous years. We're trying to make it simpler and more efficient by having smaller groups and one focused practice with each group. Children in grades 5-8 will only be needed for one practice the first two Wednesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. Letters were mailed on Nov. 22 with a list stating which practice time your child has. On Wed., Dec. 14, **ALL children grades 2-8** will practice from 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Preschool thru 8th grade will practice music on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m., so please make every effort to be in attendance and on time for Sunday School.

If you'd like to be kept up to date on the Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal schedule, and other updates pertaining to the program, please send your e-mail address to Cindy Mueller at cindysue@gpcom.net.

We'd like to thank Cindy Mueller and Pastor Nielsen for all the time and effort 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.

Peace Happenings

Happy December Birthday to...



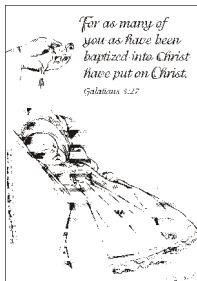
There is no one celebrating a birthday milestone this year, but every birthday is a special celebration of the gift of life that God has blessed you with and is a day worth celebrating!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records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

Dec 2	Deanna Maschmann	Dec 10	Joshua Raess	Dec 20	Carol Good
	Brad Reinke	Dec 12	Emily Pohlmann	Dec 21	Daren Masterson
	Brody Renz	Dec 14	June Degner		Tasia Schardt
Dec 4	Sondra Ehlers		Stacey Duensing	Dec 22	Warren Fintel
	Derek Farnstrom	Dec 15	Joyce Zucker	Dec 23	Robert Folkerts
	Jason Fangmeyer		Kristi Petersen	Dec 27	Nathaniel Powers
Dec 6	Wayne Pohlmann		Jami O'Neal	Dec 28	Britny Gertsch
	Brenden Schardt	Dec 16	Janice Muehling	Dec 20	Lottie Hoffmeyer
Dec 7	Beverly Pitts		Kristi Duensing		Terri Fangmeyer
Dec 9	Tyler Fangmeyer		Tate Mosier		Betsy Maschmann
	Ardythe Dunn	Dec 20	Curtis Fintel	Dec 31	Nicole Mosier
	Richard O'Neal		Kim Ruhnke		Ginger Ridolfi
					Ethan Meerkatz

(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	



Welcomed into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 20, was Joel Ryan Schneider, infant son of Ryan and Faith (Maschmann) Schneider. Joel was born on October 20, 2011 at St. Joseph, Missouri. His sponsors were Logan Maschmann, Jonathon Schneider and Jenny McBride.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Amanda Fayle at the birth of a little son, Braeden Allen, born on Saturday, November 12 in Hastings NE. He weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz.. and was 19 inches long. Also congratulations to grandparents, Bob and Kimberly Fayle; great-grandparents, Don and Sandra Spitler and Bob Kinzie; and great-great-grandmother Gladys Jenkins.



Welcomed to the Lord's Table... On All Saints Sunday, November 6 the following young people were welcomed to communion following their three sessions of instruction:

Jaide Miller ~ Reece Nielsen ~ Mason O'Neal ~ Sydney Roth

Welcome to these New Members...

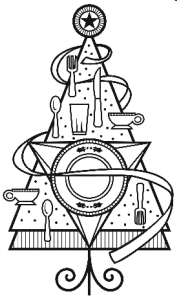
Recognized in Church on Sunday, November 6, as new members to our congregation in the past year were Cheryl Tatro and her son, Nickolas Wasson; Stuart, Diana, Taylor and Dylan Reinke; Brendan, Michelle, Tyra, Trinity, Tierra, and Tasia Schardt; Chris & Terri Olsen & Jennifer; Robert & Deb Folkerts



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, FOLLOWING THE SOUP/SANDWICH NOON LUNCHEON

Youth of Peace /Congregational Caroling Party

- *Here at Peace we fill approximately 45 Christmas stockings with goodies (donated/made by members) and we deliver them to people who live alone, are ill, or have suffered a loss this year.
- * Please help if you can by bringing goodies to the church kitchen to add to the baskets. About 45 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!**
- * High school youth travel the countryside in vehicles while others ride the hay rack around town.
- * **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.

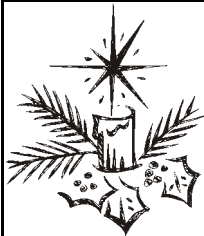


Christmas Dinner

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 and stuffing 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 sheet posted on the church bulletin board. **RSVP's by Sunday, Dec. 18** would be appreciated, but not required. If you'd be able to help with potatoes, salad, dessert, rolls, vegetables, and also could help with decorating or setting up please indicate that. 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. It was also very helpful that the Prayer Partners hauled all the supplies downstairs for me! A big thank you to Isaac and Reece Nielsen for helping me set up and for testing out some of the toys! I appreciated the following volunteers who helped during the assembly of the boxes as well: Katie Roth, Ashley Hillman, Jana Finke, Eric Nielsen, Abi Schroeder, DeAnn Nielsen, Karina Brandt, and Deena Schultz. 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 as well! The Nielsen family along with the Roth kids made clean up go much faster too! Thanks for vacuuming and getting the tables and chairs put back for me! 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 123 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...

- ...Deanna Maschmann for keeping the Women's Card Corner stocked with such a nice selection!! *Reminder: Greeting cards & Christmas cards are available for purchase in the corner of the overflow. There are envelopes for cash or checks to Women of Peace. The envelopes may be turned in to the office or slipped under the office door if the office is locked.*
- ...to the ladies of Peace for sewing tops, bottoms, tying and binding the quilts, goodies brought in for lunch, etc. We thank Irene Fintel for years of making the school bags. This was her last year as next year a back-pack is needed. Thank you Mary Newman for making diapers and also thanks to Lois Pederson for purchasing diapers and bars of soap. Thank you for all the material, sheets, blankets, flannel, bedspreads, etc. brought in to make blankets and baby layettes. All of these items are always welcome.
- Thank you to Pastor, Eric, Isaac & Merlyn Pohlmann for helping load the 46 boxes for Lutheran World Relief. Jeanette Mohrmann and I took the boxes to Grand Island (thank you Jeanette!!). Thank you to Wilma Christian and Julia Pohlmann for all your help.
- These items were sent to World Relief: 102 quilts, 33 health kits, 68 layettes, 44 school kits, 39 sewing kits and 75 bars soap. We could use many knitted sweaters with caps for the layettes. We have lots of yarn (but could always use more) on the table in the storage closet, so help yourself. A t-shirt blanket has been sent to Jon Henes, the serviceman on our prayer list. Thanks again to everyone!!! ~ Louisa Fintel
- ...two people who spent many hours seeing that some important mission projects here at Peace were so successful. Thanks to Kim Roth for all her time spent in preparation for Operation Christmas Child and thanks to Louisa Fintel for overseeing all the projects for Lutheran World Relief. Your time and talents are very much appreciated!
- ...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 70 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 LeRoy and Earlene Othling for setting everything up and decorating and thanks to Erma Lee Hohl for boxing up and loaning all her decorations. .
- ...to Gary Brettmann, Al Dlouhy and Paul Meyer 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! Volunteers throughout the past year helping me put the newsletter together were: Irene Fintel, Don & Mary Stelling, Laurie Koester, Delores Buckles, Wilma Christian, Sondra Ehlers, Harlan Schnakenberg, LeRoy & Earlene Othling, Ines Buntmeyer, Darlene Hess, Julia Pohlmann, Phil Nielsen, Rachel Hoffmeyer, Rose Brettmann, Fern Hofts, Joyce Zucker, Kappy Carlson, Mary Newman, Betsy Maschmann, Jana Finke & Nicky Bohling. And thanks to Jane Kolling for adhering all the labels ahead of time. It's risky trying to thank anyone, so I hope I didn't forget anyone. But know in your heart that I truly appreciate not having to call individually for help each month, but trust that God will provide me with just enough help each month to get the job done. God bless you ~ Everyone!!! ~ Marla Maschmann



December Library News...

by DeAnn Nielsen, Librarian



Adult Books

This month we have four more
Women of Faith Fiction Books.

Sweet Sanctuary by Sheila Walsh and Coloma

Wren has tried to shelter her only son from the tumult of the world. Now she's about to find sanctuary . . . in the last place she ever expected. In tiny Cottage Cover, on the coast of Maine, Wren Evans is raising her gifted son, Charlie. A single mom, she's fought hard to give Charlie a stable, secure home life. When a prestigious music academy in Boston expresses interest in Charlie's talent, Wren is willing to move them again to make his dreams come true.

But Wren doesn't know that Charlie has been praying for her. And the answer to her son's prayers will change both of their lives. As Wren plans their move to Boston, life in Maine begins to fall apart. Her job is threatened with budget cuts, and Wren's grandmother, Ruth, arrives unannounced, with an outlandish request.

The Will of Wisteria by Denise Hildreth

Four headstrong siblings must satisfy their father's dying demands--or risk losing his fortune. Let the clash of wills begin.

Charleston blue blood Clayton Wilcott "got religion" late in life; so late, it turns out his kids never took to it. So he's left a provisional will delivered in a highly unorthodox way. Now they're going to have to honor Daddy's commandments from beyond the grave--for a full year--or be cut off from their substantial inheritances. The scent of wisteria lingers in the air as the four spoiled Wilcotts battle for their birthright. Told in Denise Hildreth's trademark blend of humor and heart, this Southern tale is about learning to love, learning to live, and learning to bend.

The Wedding Machine by Hart

Welcome to Jasper, South Carolina. A place where Southern hospitality thrives. Where social occasions are done right. And where, for generations, the four most upstanding ladies of this community ensure that the daughters of Jasper are married in the proper manner. Friends from school days, "the gals" have long pooled their silver, china, and know-how to pull off beautiful events. They're a force of nature, a well-oiled machine. But the wedding machine's gears start to stick during the summer their own daughters line up to tie the knot. In the lowcountry heat and humidity, tempers flare, old secrets leak out . . . and both love and gardenias bloom in unlikely places.

The Blue Bottle Club by Stokes

In 1929, four friends gathered in a cold, dusty attic on Christmas day to make a solemn pact. "Our dreams for the future," they whispered, placing tiny pieces of paper into a blue bottle. But the girls' dreams of love, fame, and success take a twisted path of difficulty caused by seduction, betrayal, and loss--and nothing turns out as expected. Years later, local news reporter Brendan Delaney stumbles upon the bottle and discovers the most poignant story of her career...and possibly the meaning she's searched for all her life

Events You May Be Interested In...



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

to purchase

Saturday, December 10

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Deshler Lutheran School Gym

Donations Welcome

Proceeds for Stage Improvements

**Coincides with*

*Deshler Chamber Christmas Activities**

Ruskin Community Soup Dinner

Sunday, December 11

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

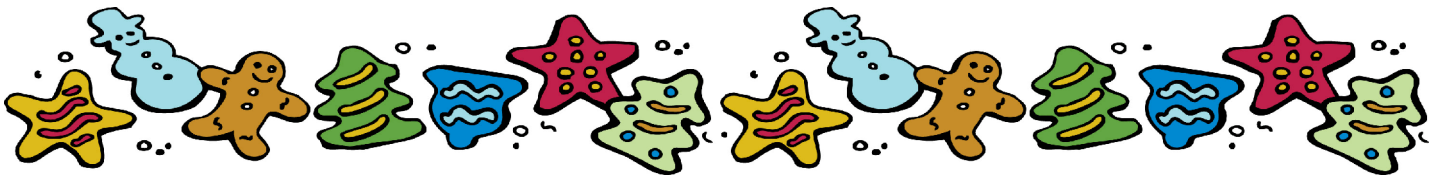
Ruskin Community Center

Free Will Offering

*Fund-raising for saving
the Ruskin Post Office.*

Preschool News

by Diane Beikmann, Preschool Director



November at preschool was spent learning with a space theme first, and then we talked turkeys and Thanksgiving at the end of the month. The space theme was especially fascinating to the children. We learned about stars, constellations, the moon, planet names, and of course, our Earth. We reviewed shapes by traveling to "shape planets," studied patterns on space shuttle cards and talked about rhyming words. We picked up "moon rocks" and classified them as "rough" or "smooth." We held playground balls to represent planets and circled the sun (a flashlight) to learn about orbiting. We pretended to be rockets and counted backwards from 10 to blast off.

2. For our turkey/Thanksgiving theme, we learned about the Mayflower ship that the pilgrims traveled on and made our own Mayflowers by painting paper plates and attaching sails. We counted the number of feathers our turkeys had and talked about what colors they were. We used tweezers to pick up corn and cranberries (colored pom pom balls) to feed our turkeys. Since cranberries are a traditional Thanksgiving food, we sampled cranberries and tested them in our water table to see if they sink or float. Since cranberries float to the top of the water, we used colanders to "harvest" them. A special favorite of the preschoolers was a game called "Turkeys in the Nest." Mrs. Beikmann was the farmer hunting for a turkey for Thanksgiving, and the children were the turkeys who had to evade the farmer and make it to their safe nests. Finally, we also talked about some things we were thankful for. Carlee, Camryn and Brent were thankful for their pet cats. Addison, Tasia, Easton and Reese were thankful for their dogs. Conner felt thankful for his scooter, and Nathanael was thankful for his sister, Abigail. (Hutch was absent the day of our journaling.)

Jesus Time during November has been spent learning about David. We learned about his time as a shepherd boy, and some of the dangerous things he had to do to defend his sheep. God helps us do hard things. We also learned about David's defeat of the giant Goliath. God helps us be brave during scary times. Because David put his trust in God, David became a great king. God helps us trust Him.

The preschoolers have also been busy learning new songs and fingerplays for our Christmas program, "Happy Birthday, Jesus." We look forward to this program on December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Blessings as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior!



*Peace Lutheran Church
Preschool Christmas
Program
"Happy Birthday
Jesus"
Tuesday, Dec. 6
6:30 p.m.*

All are invited

Diane Beikmann, Director

Highlights of the Peace Women Board Meeting Nov. 21...



Coordinator Fangmeyer called the meeting to order, members present were Jeanette Mohrmann, Deanna Maschmann, Lea Brettmann, Earlene Othling, Joann Fangmeyer, Lousia Fintel, Julia Pohlmann, Jae Fintel, Wilma Christian, and Diana Jacobe.

Lousia led devotions with a reading from Our Daily Bread entitled Thanksgiving Pardon.

Jeanette reported a balance of \$1,592.56

JoAnn made a motion the money from the thank offering boxes go to the Drill a Well Fund.

Deanna seconded the motion, motion carried.

Reports from Mission Growth: no report

Mission Action: 102 quilts were finished and delivered to Grand Island by Louisa Fintel & Jeanette Mohrmann and their husbands. One of the quilts made from Peder Eide t-shirts was sent to Jon Henes who is serving in Afghanistan. The next quilt tying day is Jan.23,2012.

Mission Community: Christmas gifts for the collage students and shut-in's will be sent soon. New cards are in and Christmas cards will be put out after Thanksgiving.

Morning Circle: no report

Evening Circle: Julia reported the evening circle will disband the end of Dec. 2011.

Prayerfully Simple: no report

Earlene will be leaving her job as kitchen coordinator. The old dishes went to the cafe in Davenport and she was very happy to get them.

The nominating committee counted the ballots new board members are: Denise Brettmann, Wilma Christian, Sondra Ehlers, Joann Fangmeyer, Linda Fangmeyer, Jae Fintel, Lousia Fintel, Deb Folkerts, Diana Jacobe, Connie Meyer, Jeanette Mohrmann, Julia Pohlmann, members at large are: Kim Ruhnke, Chrystal Miller, and Janice Muehling.

The December Advent Tea is set for Dec.4, at 2:00p.m. and each board member is asked to bring 1-dozen cookies and a Christmas Center piece for the tables. Coffee and hot cider will also be served.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Jan. 16,2012

Respectfully Submitted, Diana Jacobe Secretary

Thank You Received...

Dear All,

Upon this Veteran's Day, a day in which Veteran's are thanked and remembered for their services, I would like to send a mass message of thanks to all of you for your support of the service of our great nations' military members. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all of the thoughts, prayers, emails, cards, letters and packages received during my deployment to Afghanistan over the past year. Your support meant a great deal to not only me, but to my fellow soldiers and the Afghan civilians who were the beneficiaries of the many care packages that were sent. It was my honor to serve our great nation in a capacity to help uplift the Afghan people with the goal of helping them become self-sustained, which in-turn decreases their vulnerability towards insurgency, terror and crime. I was honored to have the support of so many, back at home. Thank you for being a part of our mission to help the people of Afghanistan through your many means of support. Whether it was in the form of letters, prayers or packages, it was all felt and greatly appreciated. God bless America and God bless you all!



Sincerely,

SSG Joseph Dunlap