

Findings of Peace

February 2011 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Office Hours 8:30-3:30 Monday & Friday

8:30 - 5:30 Tuesday & Wednesday (Closed Thursday) ♦

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Love from Above

We are all valentines in God's sight,
He loves us every one with all His might,
He's better than chocolates tied with a bow,
He loves his children and lets them know.

Give of yourself to someone today,
It's more lovelier than a bouquet.
Don't wait till another year,
to bring someone you love, a smile, some hope, and cheer.



*Men of Peace Annual
Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage Feed
February 13, 2011
Serving from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Peace Lutheran Parish Hall*

**Funds raised are used to support
children attending church camp.**

Men of Peace: A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board for specific duties relating to the pancake feed.

It would be most helpful to those organizing if you'd sign up to do a specific job ahead of time.

Weekend Worship Schedule...

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

Sunday School will
begin 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.

FEB. 6 - Epiphany 5

Sermon "The Simple Gospel" (1 Cor. 2)
Peace Choir
NO Youth Praise Team

FEB. 13 - Epiphany 6

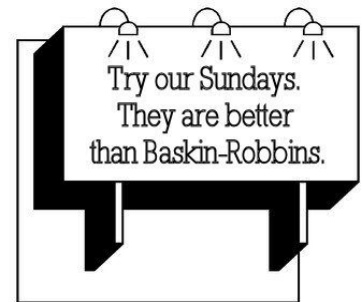
Sermon "Tilling, Planting, Watering, and Growing" (1 Cor. 3)"
Holy Communion
Junior High & High School Classes will join the Adult S.S. Class
for a presentation by Stacey Duensing who worked with *Urban
Impact Ministries* in New Orleans last summer.

FEB. 20 - Epiphany 7

Sermon "Perfect"
Peace Choir

FEB. 27 - Epiphany 8

Sermon "Seek First God's
Kingdom"
Holy Communion



Worship, Education and Stewardship for Jan. 2011

Worship Attendance

Jan. 9	168 + 9 = 177
Jan. 16	150 + 13 = 163
Jan. 23	158 + 18 = 176
Jan. 30	148 + 13 = 161

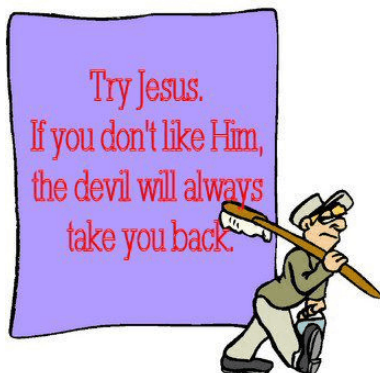
(Compared to one year ago)

165 + 12 = 177
140 + 24 = 164
181 + 24 = 205
184 + 21 = 205

Stewardship

	Gen. Budget	
Jan. 9	\$3009.00	
Jan. 16	\$5496.20	(+\$20.00 World Hunger)
Jan. 23	\$2054.00	
Jan. 30		\$2391.10

***The Sunday School Offering
for the month of Feb.
is designated for Mosaic-
Martin Luther Homes***



Education January

S. S. Offering to Lutheran Family Services

Jan. 9	55	\$40.59
Jan. 16	64	\$42.80
Jan. 23	65	\$42.35
Jan. 30	51	\$39.15

Peace Happenings....

Happy February Birthday to...

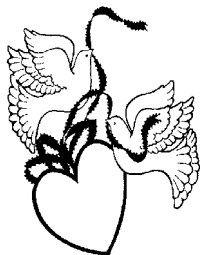
Special Birthdays this month: Irene Fintel will be 85 on February 12. Irene has been recuperating at her daughter, Vicki's home in Gretna since shoulder replacement surgery on December 23. She hopes to be returning to her home in Deshler around February 3, but will be unable to drive for awhile. She'd welcome any birthday cards or visitors. Have a Happy Birthday Irene!!

Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!

Feb. 3	Delores Buckles	Feb. 16	Matthew Reinke	Feb. 25	Cork Renz
Feb. 4	Julie Deepe		Gracie Miller	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith	Feb. 18	Amy Birkel		Brad Schultz
Feb. 10	Joshua Mize		Lori Stubbs		Brandon Corey
Feb. 12	Irene Fintel	Feb. 19	Ragan Pohlmann	Feb. 27	Paige Turan
	Anthony Collins	Feb. 21	JoAnn Ehlers		Anthony Hillman
Feb. 13	Jaide Miller		Travis Kolling		Navaeh Roth
Feb. 15	Kyle Dlouhy		John Riens	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt		Joshua Mosier

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

Those Celebrating February Anniversaries...



Feb. 5, 1997	Brad & Amy Reinke	Feb. 15, 2003	Bryce & Betty Mammen
Feb. 9, 1964	Roger & Rachel Hoffmeyer	Feb. 16, 2002	Bay & Onna Robinson
Feb. 14, 1941	Herman & Neva Koester	Feb. 20, 1988	Tom & Paula Dahl
<i>(Happy 70th Anniversary Herman & Neva!!)</i>			
Feb. 14, 1987	Wayne & Marty Pohlmann	Feb. 20, 1993	James & Melissa Powers
Feb. 14, 2005	Jon & Kathy Marquart	Feb. 28, 1965	Fred & Ardith Maschmann

Welcome to these new members! by Kristi Duensing

Welcome to Jami Francis, fiance of Nate Canham. She joins us here at Peace and is a transfer from Grace Lutheran in Fairbury. Jami works at Reinke Mfg. Jami and Nate will be married in May 2011. We will have fun getting to know you better here at Peace Lutheran!

Mason O'Neal was baptized at Peace Lutheran on November 20, 2010. Mason is 10 years old and loves to play legos and basketball. His parents are Richard & Jami O'Neal and Ginger & Tim Ridolfi. Mason, we welcome you as a child of God!

Avery Nicole Ostdiek became a child of God through Holy Baptism on Dec. 4, 2010. She is the daughter of Amanda & Kevin Ostdiek. She was born on October 6th and is a very good baby. She got to play the part of Jesus in the childrens Christmas program. Avery, welcome to Peace Lutheran!



Thank You's Received...

Thank-you carolers for the wonderful music and the goodies. I was surprised and enjoyed it very much. Have a blessed New Year ~ Joan Prokop

Thank you for the goodies in the Santa hat. It was especially nice because it was the first time two of my great granddaughters got to see what caroling is all about. Thank you so very much. ~ Laurella Duensing

Thank you to the Peace Carolers who came and sang the great Christmas carols. We enjoy the beautiful carols. Thanks for the hat full of goodies. ~ Cork & JoAnn Renz

Peace Lutheran Carolers,
Thank you for the choir singing and the goodies brought by the carolers. For this I am all very grateful ~ Viola Schardt

Merlin and I would like to say thank you to Amy Reinke, Julie Deep and the youth who came to sing Christmas carols to us! The stocking full of goodies was nice also. We really appreciated your thoughtfulness. ~ June & Merlin Degner

Thank you to all the wonderful carolers who came to my home singing the beautiful Christmas songs and also the Christmas stocking which was full of goodies. I enjoyed it so very much. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. Thanks you again. Love to all of you ~ Fern Hofts

Thank you Pastor Nielsen and members of Peace for the fun talent night. It was very enjoyable and fun. ~ Rose Brettmann

Thank you to Pastor Phil, Delinda, Bill, June, Linda, Kim, Scott and T.J. who helped me in church Sunday when I had a fainting spell. Another talent very much appreciated. © ~ Rose Brettmann

Thank you to Deena Schultz for sharing her God given talent as an artist by donating the beautiful picture of Christ on the cross, which is hanging in the narthex. You are a wonderful gift to our church. Thank you for sharing art and truth with all of us in such a beautiful and meaningful way.

Thank you to Joel Maschmann for moving snow from the church parking lots and property. Your willingness is very much appreciated by many!

Thank you to those volunteers who helped assemble

the Church Annual Report. It's a great relief knowing I can always count on someone showing up each and every time we assemble something. It doesn't always work for everyone, which is good or we'd be running into each other!© We seem to always have enough to get the job done and have a good time too. Thanks again for your help!! ~ Marla

Thrivent Members...

The second Thrivent Choice VotingSM Event is in full swing. You can help choose where Thrivent Financial for Lutherans distributes \$1 million of its charitable outreach funds among seven Lutheran and non-Lutheran charitable organizations.

You Can Vote Right Now

Pick one organization from the list below. Each receives a portion of the \$1 million, based on the percentage of votes it receives. Go online to Thrivent.com or call 1-800-THRIVENT to vote now!

Vote for one of these seven national organizations:

Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Feeding America

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Lutheran Services in America

Orphan Grain Train

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Wheat Ridge Ministries

Don't Wait

Voting is open for a limited time. Learn more about these organizations and cast your vote now. All members ages 16 and older are eligible to vote.

Vote now for the cause you care about most!

Participating in Voting Events is subject to the *Terms & Conditions* of the Thrivent ChoiceSM program, and if you participate in any Voting Events, this means that you agree to the *Terms and Conditions*.

Minutes from the Women's Board Meeting ~Jan. 17, 2011

President Julia Pohlmann called the meeting to order. Nine ladies were present, Jeanette Mohrmann, Joann Fangmeyer, Linda Fangmeyer, Lela Brettmann, Earlene Othling, Deanna Maschmann, Cindy Mesloh, Amy Reinke, and Diana Jacobe.

The minutes from the Nov. 15 meeting were read and approved.

Jeanette reported a total of \$859.28 as of Dec. 31, 2010 with all bills paid.

Mission Growth - no report

Mission Action - no report

Mission Community - Deanna reported that Delores Othling and Leora Grafelman did not receive a Christmas gift, they will be receiving a gift on Valentines day. She will be ordering more cards.

Morning Circle - Jeanette reported the remodeling to the upstairs ladies room has been completed.

Afternoon and Evening Circle - no report

A new name for the Women's Group and titles for the officers was discussed, it was decided to leave them as they are.

Election of officers had the following results:

President - Linda Fangmeyer

Vice President - Julia Pohlmann

Secretary - Diana Jacobe

Treasurer - Jeanette Mohrmann

Mission Growth - Cindy Mesloh, Asst. Amy Reinke

Mission Action - Louisa Fintel, Asst. Jae Fintel

Mission Comm. - Deanna Maschmann, Asst. Joann Fangmeyer

Nominating Committee - Jae Fintel, Asst. Lea Brettmann and Earlene Othling

It was decided to put together new year books: Joann Fangmeyer, Jeanette Mohrmann, Linda Fangmeyer, and Earlene Othling will help Marla.

It was decided not to make table decorations for Blue Valley Home, if and when it is decided to make them, it will be for Parkview Haven.

We will donate the proceeds from one Lenten soup supper to Lindsey Mueller for her summer mission trip to Africa.

If anyone would be interested in attending a Sat. morning circle please let one of the officers know. If there is enough interest one will be put together.

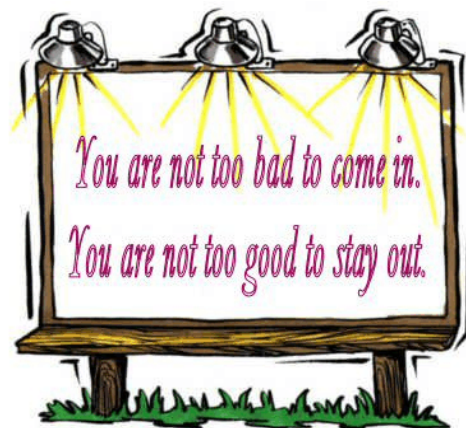
A thank you was read from Emily Pohlmann.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Feb. 21, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Jacobe, Secretary

*Women of Peace,
Thank you for the Subway gift card. It really means a lot to know that there are people thinking about me as I pursue higher education. Many thanks to you for your kindness. God bless. ~ Emily Pohlmann*





Preschool News

The snow has kept the preschool class inside in January, but we have stayed busy! One day we even examined a bucket of snow and made some scientific statements about snow. Each preschooler touched the snow and stated something different about how it felt or looked. After our experiment, we kept the snow inside to see how long it would take to melt.

We have also been diligently learning the alphabet letters one by one. Puppets have visited us to help- Auntie Apple shared some A words and sounds, Beebee Bunny came for the letter B, Curly Caterpillar told us about C, Ditto Dog helped out with D, and Enor Elephant introduced letter E. The children have practiced writing the letters a little and have also done some projects to help reinforce letter sounds, like gluing buttons and beads to B, making a dotty D, and painting an E at the easel.

We have also had some activities centered around winter the first two weeks of the month, like mitten matching and hanging on a "clothesline," polar bear patterns, and dressing a penguin in matching scarf and hat. The last two weeks of January have us looking at several traditional nursery rhymes, such as "Hey Diddle Diddle," "Hickory, Dickory, Dock," "Jack Be Nimble," "Jack and Jill," and "Little Bo- Peep." These have provided some great lessons and games for us, too.

Jesus time has been especially exciting as we study some of Jesus' miracles with the main point that "Jesus can do anything!" Each week we have looked at a different miracle Jesus performed, like the healing of the man by the pool, the feeding of the 5,000, the healing of Bartimaeus, and the disciples' miraculous catch of fish. Singing the song "Blind Man" was a particular highlight for the children. We appreciate so much the time Pastor Nielsen makes on Friday mornings to come share a Bible story and song with the class.



February is sure to bring more fun to preschool as we continue the alphabet, watch for shadows on Groundhog day, and share love on Valentine's day.

Diane Beikmann, Director

February Library News...

by DeAnn Nielsen, Librarian

Adult Books

Crazy Love by Chan

"Overwhelmed by a Relentless God"

Courting Miss Amsel by Sawyer

A Lady Like Sarah by Brownley

Sixteen Brides by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Youth Books

B4UD8 by DiMarco

(Before You Date)

Children's Books

The Valentine Cat by Bulla

YOUTH OF PEACE ACTIVITIES

The Youth are sponsoring a
“COAT DRIVE”

to help the People’s City Mission in Lincoln.

There is a big box in the overflow for your gently used coats, and any winter apparel.

Deadline for collection is February 20.

Sunday, February 6, is
“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY!

You’ll probably be thinking about what food you can enjoy during the big game.....so, let’s remember those who need our assistance providing food for their families everyday. You’ll be able to donate dollars to the “Soup-pot” following worship next Sunday.

Peace LUTHERAN’S Got Talent!

Since there weren’t any basketball games to entertain us on Friday night, January 14, a nice crowd enjoyed the talents of several individuals and groups at “Peace Lutheran’s Got Talent” night. It started with the Junior High Praise Team singing “*He Reigns*” and then an entertaining skit by the 5th & 6th grade Sunday School Class, taught by Cindy Mueller. Julia Pohlmann played a lively piece on the piano about a ticking clock and also read a humorous reading about a little girl in church who was so bored she was entertained by a fly. Phil and Eric Nielsen were great in the skit, “*Who’s on First?*”, which brought lots of laughs. We enjoyed hearing the Adult Praise Team sing their newest song “*Our God*”. Sydney Roth played several nice selections on the piano and then accompanied her brother, Adam Roth, on his harmonica. Then Adam got the crowd involved and broke into “Name that Tune” solos on his harmonica and was very good! Marla Maschmann played a piano solo, while blind folded, and shared her silly talent of saying the ABC’s backwards. Don Heinrichs closed the show with his impersonations of Willie Nelson and Bing Crosby. Pastor Nielsen thanked Deena Schultz for sharing her artistic talents with Peace Lutheran in a painting given to the church. Everyone enjoyed the laughs and fellowship, ending the night with refreshments. Thank you to all these individuals and groups for their preparation and participation to make the evening a lot of fun. Thank you also to the Membership and Friendship Team for planning and hosting this event.



Brian Young, Creation Instruction Association

“Amazing Animal”

Friday, February 4th - 7:00 p.m.

Wilson Building - Hastings College

The SCCHEA (South Central Christian Home Educator’s Association) board is very proud to present nationally known speaker, author and founder of the Creation Instruction Association, Brian Young. Brian has a new program called *Amazing Animal*. He will answer questions like "How do animals reveal evolution as a fraud?" and "Can Darwinian evolution explain the design in animals?" We are offering this program at no charge to you, but we will be taking up a free will offering for Brian. This is also open to any friends or family members you would like to invite. We would also appreciate it if you would like to bring a snack to share (just something simple). So come and see how man's intelligence can't match the design found in animals.

Men of Peace events in February and March...

Men of the congregation are encouraged to sign up to help with the Men's Valentine's Pancake Dinner served on February 13. The dinner raises funds to help young people in our congregation experience a week of camp at one of our Christian camps. A sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the front doors indicates the kinds of help we are looking for.

Also, the men of Peace have been invited to join other men from our area who will be attending the FreedMen men's conference in Lincoln's Pershing Center Saturday, March 26. This is the third in a series of annual conferences that have drawn several thousand men from across Nebraska each year. Coach Ron Brown will be one of the main speakers. The conference runs from 10 AM to 5 PM. See Phil Nielsen if you are interested. Tickets are \$25 until March 1. Discounted tickets are available, so don't let cost stop you.

Also, is there interest in a new monthly Saturday morning men's Bible study and fellowship? Talk to Paul Meyer or Phil Nielsen.

Peace Women make pillowcase dresses for African girls...



Pillowcase dresses completed by the Women of Peace and ready to be sent to African girls.



Keisha and Sheila Nielsen model two of the African dresses.© They were excited to pick one out. Can you imagine the joy and love the little girls in Africa will feel!

Ladies, thank you for the many pillow cases brought in for the African dresses. Together we made 79 dresses that were sent on Monday, January 31. Thank you to Hope Reinke, a 6th grader, who made 7 dresses and to all the others who sewed dresses. Your joy shared in service for this project will be felt by many little girls in Africa! God Bless ~ *Louisa Fintel, Mission Action*

