

Findings of Peace

*February 2012 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska*

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*How's Your
Spiritual
Health?*

"Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you."

~ James 4:8a

Join us here at Peace this Lenten season as we seek Spiritual Health by practicing the spiritual disciplines of Lent -Breathing, Feeding, Resting, Exercising and Healing - all His gifts offered in grace and love.

He who kneels before God....can stand before anyone.

Man's way leads to an hopeless end.....God's way leads to a endless hope.

February Peace Highlights...

**SUNDAY
FEB. 12**

Annual ♥Valentine's ♥ Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage – Serving 11:15 - 12:45 - Peace Parish Hall

Funds raised are used to support children attending church camp \$500.00 Matching Funds from Peace Lutheran's "Choice Dollars Program" with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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.

**WEDNESDAY
FEB. 22**

Ash Wednesday - 7:15 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Nourish your "Spiritual Life" with us every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Worship Schedule...

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

7:15 PM each
Wednesday Evening
during Lent
5:45 - 6:45 PM
Lenten Soup Suppers
(except Ash Wednesday)

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. 5 - Epiphany 5

Sermon "To Win As Many As Possible" (1 Cor. 9)
Holy Communion
Adult Praise Team
"Souper Bowl" Sunday Offering for Blue Valley Food Pantry

FEB. 12 - Epiphany 6

Sermon "Training" (1 Cor. 9)"
Peace Choir / NO Praise Team

FEB. 19 - Transfiguration

Sermon "More Than Meets the Eye" (Mark 9)
Holy Communion
Adult Praise Team

WED., FEB. 22 - Ash Wednesday

Sermon: "Spiritual Life"
Imposition of Ashes

FEB. 26 - Lent 1

Sermon "Wilderness" (Mark 1)
Peace Choir / Adult Praise Team

WED., FEB. 29 - Midweek Lenten 1

Sermon "Breathing"
Soup Supper by the Youth of Peace



Signs of Love

Prayers For February



REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Delores Buckles ~ Mary Newman ~ Hugh Newman ~ Daphne Smith ~ Mary Stelling ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Betty Bokenkamp ~ Alfred Hofts ~ Jennifer Reinke ~ Diane Bartling ~ Marilyn Cook ~ Art Brettmann ~ Lula Culler ~ Les Starlin (Lottie Hoffmeyer's son-in-law) ~ Gertrude ~ Mike Lynch (Paula Dahl's brother-in-law) ~ Judy Meyer ~ Matthew Eilts (Ervin & JoAnn Fangmeyer's grandson) ~ Lucille Freeman ~ Lynette Koester (Neva's daughter-in-law) ~ Dr. Frank Bowers (friend of Nathaniel Powers) ~ Norma Doering (sister of JoAnn Fangmeyer & Connie Eitzmann) ~ Donna Presnell (Mary Newman's sister) ~ Bruce Paul (Otto Paul's son) ~ David Keim (friend of Glen & Marla Maschmann) ~ Bruce Cook (Marilyn Cook's son) ~ Jill Sutherland (Marilyn Cook's granddaughter) ~ Willard Hinds (Russ Hind's father) ~ The Reiber family ~ Jan Malpert (Marty Pohlmann's mother)

Serving In Afghanistan: Jon Henes (Al & Sue Dlouhy' nephew)

Worship, Education and Stewardship for Jan. 2012

Give God what's right....not what's left.

Worship Attendance

(Compared to one year ago)

Jan. 8	225 + 15 = 240	168 + 9 = 177
Jan. 15	187 + 13 = 200	150 + 13 = 163
Jan. 22	189 + 36 = 225	158 + 18 = 176
Jan. 29	159 + 10 = 169	148 + 13 = 161

Stewardship

Gen. Budget

Jan. 1	\$2071.10	(+\$55.00 LFS/LBT / +\$190.00 OCC / +\$25.00 Building Fund)
Jan. 8	\$3929.10	(+\$170.00 OCC / +\$50.00 BibleSticks)
Jan. 15	\$10114.65	(+\$550.00 Military BibleSticks)
Jan. 22	\$2022.85	(+\$650.00 BibleSticks / +\$100.00 OCC)
Jan. 29	\$6167.37	(+\$50.00 BibleSticks /+\$50.00 Building Fund)

Education January S. S. Offering to Lutheran

Family Services

Jan. 8	78	\$47.76
Jan. 15	81	\$50.03
Jan. 22	74	\$47.50
Jan. 29	59	\$41.10

*The Sunday School Offering
for the month of Feb.
is designated for Compassion
International*

Youth of Peace...

The proceeds from the Youth Baked Potato Bar were approximately \$800.00 with \$500.00 matching funds from Peace Lutheran's "Thrivent Choice Dollars" for a total of **\$1300.00!!!** We are so thankful and grateful to those who supported our meal and bake sale on January 22. We are closer to our goal and excited about our youth trip this summer to the National LCMC Youth Gathering in Tennessee!!

Address Changes...

Jorie Rust
411 Madison St.
Byron NE 68325

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS...

We were able to send **\$1300.00** for this mission project, which at a cost of \$25.00 each will send 52 BibleSticks to those in the military serving our country. Thank you all for your contributions which will be greatly appreciated by our servicemen and women!!!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 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-

Peace Happenings....

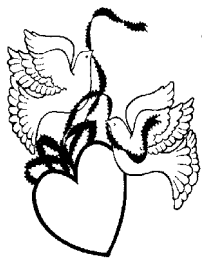


Happy February Birthday to...

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	Gracie Miller	Feb. 25	Taylor Reinke
	Tiffany Beam	Feb. 18	Amy Birkel	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith		Lori Stubbs		Brad Schultz
Feb. 10	Josh Mize		Aaron Buckles		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		Nevaeh Roth
Feb. 14	Terri Olsen		John Riens	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
Feb. 15	Kyle Dlouhy	Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt		Josh Mosier
Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 24	Cheryl Tatro		Nathan Canham
	Matthew Reinke	Feb. 25	Cork Renz		

(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, 1987	Wayne & Marty Pohlmann	Feb. 20, 1988	Tom & Paula Dahl
	(Happy 25 th Anniversary Wayne & Marty!)	Feb. 20, 1993	James & Melissa Powers
Feb. 14, 2005	Jon & Kathy Marquart	Feb. 27, 1987	Kirk & Michelle Culler
		Feb. 28, 1965	Fred & Ardith Maschmann

Welcomed into the Family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism...

...on Sunday, January 8, was Brantley William Norden, infant son of Billy and Ashley (Arend) Norden. Brantley was born on November 30, 2011, at Fairbury, NE. His sponsors are Zach Arend and Jeffrey Caleb Grummert.

...on Sunday, January 22, was Braeden Allen Fayle, infant son of Amanda Fayle and Chad Herring. Braeden was born on Saturday, November 12 in Hastings, NE. His sponsors are Pauly Herring and Danielle Fayle.

...on Sunday, January 29, was Brody Kaja Brettmann, son of Craig and Nada Brettmann. Brody was born Tuesday, August 23, at Englewood, CO. Brody's sponsors are Brian and Heidi Isernhagen.

God's Blessings to Vic and Peg Johnson at the birth of a new little granddaughter, Lauren Marie Johnson, born on Wednesday, January 18 to Jeff and Annie Johnson of Lincoln. Little Lauren weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. *Congratulations!!!*



Welcome to these new members!

Lyle and Lucille Schardt
Jake, Tiffany and Jackson Beam
Linda Loontjer
Kirk, Michelle and Paige Culler

Thank You's Received...

SPECIAL THANKS to Natasha O'Neal, Kim Ruhnke & Heidi Isernhagen for stocking our freezer with a few "Peace Meals". We appreciate these ladies making meals for someone in need of nourishment - physical and spiritual. These meals are in the refrigerator freezer on the east side of the kitchen and are there for any member of Peace to deliver to someone they know could use them. It's not always possible to get a meal made when you hear of someone in need, so these meals are there for Peace members or Pastor Nielsen to present as a gift from the congregation of Peace. Just sign the blue notebook on the kitchen counter when you make a meal or when you deliver a meal.

As members we need to pray and reach out to each other and those in our community. Prayer is the beginning foundation for any of God's work. Let us humble ourselves before Him. Let us ask Him to work through us. Let us tell Him that we are available to be used as His smile, His handshake, His words of introduction. Our actions of love will build a friendlier church.

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

Thank You's Received...

Dear family of Peace,
I have so much to be thankful for! It is so wonderful to belong to such a nice church family that remembers me in so many thoughtful ways during the holidays. Thank you to the Peace carolers for coming to carol and for the goodies; to the Peace Choir for the beautiful Christmas Carols, we all enjoyed it so much; and to the women of Peace for the gift certificate I received. All these acts of kindness mean so much to me and help brighten my days. God Bless! ~ Lucille Hofts

Thank you to Peace carolers who sang for me and for the Christmas sock of goodies. It was greatly appreciated. God's blessings. ~ Lela Mae Brettmann

I would like to thank the group of carolers that stopped by and sang Christmas carols and brought a stocking full of goodies. What a nice surprise. God Bless! ~ Becky Cahill

Thank you to the carolers for the Christmas carols and the sock of goodies. I'm still enjoying the goodies. ~ Rose Brettmann

Thanks so much for your Christmas carols to Ervin and also the stocking of goodies. He really enjoyed the carols and seeing everyone. ~ Ervin & JoAnn Fangmeyer

Thank you to the Carolers who came to our house and sang on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. And then I was blessed to have the Senior Choir stop by on their way to Hebron and carol for me. What a wonderful surprise! Also, another special thanks to the Women's Group for the gift certificate. All was so greatly appreciated. Blessings to you this Christmas! ~ Diane Bartling

I certainly appreciated the youth driving the 6 miles out to my place and singing carols and delivering goodies. It means a lot to me to be remembered at Christmas time. God Bless your thoughtfulness! ~ Marvin Koester

I would like to thank the youth of Peace for coming to my house to sing Christmas carols, and for the stocking full of goodies. May God bless you all. ~ Wilma Christian

Dear Peace Women of the Word,
Thank you for the gifts of appreciation you shared with my family and me. Diana's pies are quite the treat. And so is Zero Pantry. Thanks for all you do to make this congregation so warm and joyful. Yours in Christ, Phil Nielsen

Peace Lutheran Women,
Thank you for the Subway Gift Card. ~ Hayden Bohling

To my dear Peace family,
I just want to say a HUGE thanks to all of you who helped me move. Kristi, thank you for lining up all of the muscles! I was so grateful to each and everyone of them. I continue to give thanks for blessings God continues to pour out on me. I am planning to visit a church this weekend. The Berean Church is nearby and has a very active music ministry.

I know I am here because of something bigger than myself and God continues to show me little glimpses of hope. I have met so many people of faith. The big city folks are well aware of our God. At work I have employees who listen to the Bridge and K-Love. Please use my donation to a well in Africa and again I give thanks to God for the blessing you all were and continue to be. Love, Barb Larkins





Minutes from the Women's Board Meeting ~Jan. 16, 2012

Coordinator Fangmeyer called the meeting to order, members present were Wilma Christian, Jeanette Mohrmann, JoAnn Fangmeyer, Sondra Ehlers, Louisa Fintel, Julia Pohlmann, Connie Meyer, Denise Brettmann, Deb Folkerts, Janice Marquart, Kim Ruhnke, Chrystal Miller, and Diana Jacobe.

Louisa gave a reading from Our Daily Bread entitled, "A Perfect Fit."
The minutes were read and corrections were made and then approved.
Jeanette reported the end of the year balance of \$871.23.

Reports from Mission Growth: no report

Mission Action: Quilt tying will be Monday Jan.23. Louisa will also check to see if we can make colored diapers.

Mission Community: no report

Circle reports: Morning Circle: no report

Prayerfully Simple: Jeanette reported attendance is growing and every woman is welcome to attend Sat. morning

Prayerfully Simple Bible study.

Linda thanked everyone for there help in making the Advent Tea a success.

It was decided to keep the WOW Board meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.

Board members choose the jobs they would hold for the next year:

Coordinator-Linda Fangmeyer; Vice Coordinator-Julia Pohlmann; Treasurer-Jeanette Mohrmann; Secretary-Diana Jacobe; Coordinators of Mission Action- Louisa Fintel, Julia Pohlmann, Wilma Christian, and Sondra Ehlers; Coordinators of Mission Growth-Kim Ruhnke, Connie Meyer, Deb Folkerts; Coordinators of Mission Community-Joann Fangmeyer, Crystal Miller; Nominating Committee-Sondra Ehlers, Wilma Christian, Janice Marquart, Jae Fintel; Kitchen Coordinator-Denise Brettmann

Lenten soup suppers start Feb.29 with the YOP serving the first week. The other 4 will be served by servant work group 1&2 alternating weeks. Joann made the motion we give Lindsey Mueller proceeds from at least one Lenten soup supper for her mission trip, motion seconded by Wilma, motion carried.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Feb.20.2012

We closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Jacobe, Secretary

THANK YOU to everyone for bringing items in for Lutheran World Relief throughout the year. We need lite weight sweatshirts (any color), t-shirts (any color as we use them to make diapers), sheets, blankets and material. If you can crochet or knit you're welcome to use the yarn from our supply to make infant hooded sweaters, jackets or caps for our layettes. We could alwa
~ Louisa Fintel



*You're a
Blessing!*



Preschool News

Preschool resumed on January 5, 2012. The children have been busy learning the first part of the alphabet in January. Using characters called the Letter People, we have studied the letters A-G so far. Each letter person has a special attribute to help the children remember the letter's main sound. For example, Mr. C wore a colossal cap, and when we talked about letter C, we had Cap Day for all of the children to wear caps to school. Ms. E loved to share her exercise energy, so we all learned some new exercises, like sit ups, push-ups, and jumping jacks. We have also done other activities to help reinforce the letters and their sounds, like tossing beanbags at a big poster of B, eating delicious donuts on letter D day, playing the "exit" game for letter E, and covering a G with glue and glitter.

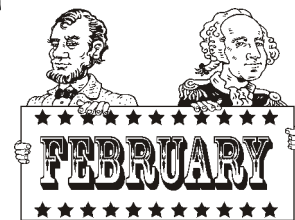
We have also had some side themes to go with our letter activities. The weather did not cooperate during our Winter theme! The children enjoyed sorting summer and winter clothing, matching mittens, and reading stories like *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. Our next theme was nursery rhymes. We did some activities to correspond with favorite rhymes "Hickory Dickory Dock," "Hey Diddle Diddle," "Three Little Kittens," "Fish Alive," "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," and "Jack Be Nimble." Having completed both of those themes, we will next be talking about Groundhog Day and Shadows.

The children have enjoyed the experience of Show and Tell. The whole class brought show and tell one day, and since then, our Line Leader each day has had individual leader show and tell. This is great practice for the children as they experience talking in front of the class and telling about something that is important to them.

Our Bible lessons during January have generated lots of excitement as well. We started with the Wise Men finding Jesus and delivering their gifts. Our next stories have focused on Jesus during his earthly ministry and how He cared for all kinds of people. The children enjoyed hearing about how Jesus healed the paralytic man who was lowered through the roof of a house. We acted out the story of Jesus raising Jairus's daughter, which was a hit. Finally, we giggled together over Jesus's methods of healing the blind man using dirt mixed with spit! (That's in John chapter 9, in case you need a refresher!)

Pastor Nielsen mentioned at the annual meeting that I am interested in having a volunteer help in the classroom. If you have questions about this or are interested in helping on a regular basis, please feel free to contact me.

Diane Beikmann, Director



February Library News...

by DeAnn Nielsen, Librarian

Adult Books

Sandpebbles by Hickman
A Women of Faith fiction book

Promises to Keep by Tatlock

Children's Books

The Imagination Station Series: Adventures in Odyssey
#2 Attack at the Arena by McCusker

What's in the Bible?
DVD #2 Let My People Go! (Exodus)