

Findings of Peace

*January 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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*Wouldn't life be worth the living
Wouldn't dreams really come true
If we lived the Christmas Spirit
All the whole year through ~ Peder Eide*

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 9 - Congregational Vote following worship

Peace Lutheran Congregation will take the 2nd vote on the resolution to terminate its affiliation with the ELCA and affirm its affiliation with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Friday, January 14 - 7:00 PM 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.



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 IS ON THE CHURCH OFFICE COUNTER.** So start planning to share your talents at our "Peace Has Got Talent" Night.

Sunday, January 23 - 1:00 PM Congregational Annual Meeting

Please come to share in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2011. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

To save on the cost of postage the Annual Report will not be mailed. You may pick one up at the Church after 12:00 PM, Friday, January 14. They will be located in the overflow. If you are unable to pick a report up and would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office (#365- 7746).

Youth of Peace/ Fund-Raising Dinner prior to the meeting

WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP FOR DEC. 20 10...

Worship Attendance

(Compared to 2009)

| | Sun. + Sat. = Total | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Dec. 5 | 128 + 23 = 151 | 137 + 12 = 149 |
| Dec. 12 | 148 + 13 = 161 | 155 + 11 = 166 |
| Dec. 19 | 237 + 8 = 245 | 262 + 11 = 273 |
| Dec. 24 | 325 | 245 |
| Dec. 25 | 108 | 59 |
| Dec. 26 | 119 | 107 |
| Dec. 31 - PM | 21 | 53 |
| Jan. 1 - AM | No Services | |
| Jan. 2 | 126 + 9 = 135 | 117 + 13 = 130 |



Stewardship

General Budget

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| Dec. 5 | \$1871.25 | (+\$2894.75 "Fill the Well") |
| Dec. 12 | \$3348.50 | (+\$340.00 "Fill the Well") |
| Dec. 19 | \$2257.00 | (+\$460.00 "Fill the Well" /+\$ 81.00 Christmas) |
| Dec. 24 | \$350.00 | (+\$1422.72 People's City Mission / Superior Hope Pregnancy Center / Lutheran Bible Translators) |
| Dec. 25 | \$475.00 | (+2522.45 City Mission / Hope / LBT) |
| Dec. 26 | \$1722.25 | (+\$440.00 City Mission / Hope / LBT /+\$30.00 World Hunger / +\$1238.72 "Fill the Well" /+\$100.00 Cemetery Fund) |
| Dec. 31 | \$5186.00 | (+\$100.00 World Hunger / +\$1000.00 Projector fund) |
| Jan. 2 | \$1916.50 | (+\$10.00 Christmas) |

Education

Dec. Offering to

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| Parkview | Haven Tree of Lights | |
| Dec. 5 | 70 | \$29.55 |
| Dec. 12 | 71 | \$34.62 |
| Dec. 19 | 79 | \$18.47 |
| Dec. 26 | 32 | \$23.50 |
| Jan. 2 | 44 | \$48.55 |

*The Sunday School Offering
for the month of January
is designated for
Lutheran Family Services*

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Arlis Hohl for carrying through with the idea and initiative to host a Christmas Dinner at Peace Lutheran Church. 72 people enjoyed the meal and fellowship together on Christmas Day!! Not to mention the delicious turkey and ham with potluck dishes offering a great variety for all. The free-will offering of \$263.00 will defray any costs incurred with the balance donated to the Blue Valley Food Pantry. Thank you also to DeAnn Nielsen, Ken Vogel and Naomi Grupe for setting up and the many volunteers working in the kitchen before and after the dinner.

ANNUAL REPORT...

If you are president or chairperson of any committee or organization it would be courteous and informative if you would submit a report for the year. The deadline for annual reports to be in to the office is Wednesday, **January 5**, but **I will accept reports received before Sunday, January 9**. E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped - peacemarla@gpcom.net

The report will be assembled on **Friday, January 14, at 10:30 AM (volunteers welcome☺)** and available for pick up following the assembly. If you'd like a report, but are unable to pick it up please feel free to call the church office to have it mailed or delivered. Thank You.

PEACE HAPPENINGS...



Happy January Birthday to...

An addition to December birthdays was Carol Good, who celebrates God's gift of life on December 20. Special birthdays this month are Bob Jacobe who was 80 on January 1. Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan. 1 Bob Jacobe | Jan. 11 Ron Mammen | Jan. 21 Dennis Buckles |
| Bryan Bower | Cynthia Petersen | Jan. 22 Kristina Schoenweis |
| Kevin Ostdiek | Jan. 12 Emma Canham | Jan. 23 Priscilla Bower |
| Jan. 4 Dawn Schleif | Gracyn Canham | Jan. 24 Shana Gerberding |
| Kimberly Fayle | Jolie Reinke | Jan. 25 Don Spitler |
| Kim Roth | Jan. 13 Diana Jacobe | Barb Larkins |
| Kristopher Collins | Jan. 15 Cecil Ehlers | Jan 28 Corey Larkins |
| Jan. 5 Jazymynne Fangmeyer | Jan. 15 Faith Schneider | Jon Marquart |
| Jan. 6 Trevor Taylor | Logan Maschmann | Jan 29 Leslie Horwart |
| Jan. 7 Braelynn Renz | Jan. 16 Janet Kruse | Kuniko Heinrichs |
| Ashleigh McBride | Orville Bokenkamp | Gloria Eickman |
| Jan. 8 Gary Hoops | Jan. 18 Russ Hoffmeyer | Jan 31 Janet Koch |
| Jan. 9 Donna Torbeck | Megan Pohlmann | Luke Johnson |
| Jan. 10 Wilma Christian | Kelsey Durflinger | |
| | Jan. 19 Caleb Durflinger | |

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

Those Celebrating January Anniversaries...

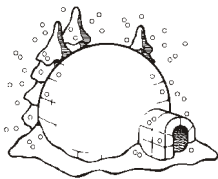
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| Jan. 2, 1971 Ken & Chris Fox | Jan. 16, 1993 Patrick & Jody Wharton |
| Jan. 2, 2004 Heath & Amy Birkel | Jan. 29, 2005 Brad & LeeAnn Roth |
| Jan. 11, 1959 Larry & Deanna Holtzen | |



Congratulations and God's Blessings to Tyler and Rebecca (Duensing) Stengel who were united in marriage Saturday, December 18, at Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Robert Wiest officiating.

Welcomed into the family of God through the gift of Holy Baptism on Saturday evening, December 4, was Avery Nichole Ostdiek, infant daughter of Kevin and Amanda Ostdiek. Avery was born on October 6, 2010 at Hebron, Nebraska. Her sponsors are Lance and Brenda Meerkatz.

Address Changes...



Lela Mae Brettmann
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Temporary Address:
Irene Fintel
c/o Vicki Fintel
11812 S. 213th Street
Gretna NE 68028

Samatha Jacobe
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Omaha NE 68104

Amber Judy
14736 V Plaza
Omaha NE 68137-2517

Tyler & Rebecca (Duensing) Stengel
5602 Road S
Carleton NE 68326

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JANUARY 20 10

GREETERS

Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann

ACOLYTES

- JAN 9 Christian Reinke & Logan Schultz
JAN 16 Katie Roth & Rio Mohrmann
JAN 23 Jared Pohlmann & Noah Mosier
JAN 30 Brittaney O'Neal & Betsy Maschmann

SCRIPTURE READERS

- JAN 9 Mike Isernhagen
JAN 16 Fred Maschmann
JAN 23 Deanna Maschmann
JAN 30 Katie Roth

BULLETIN FOLDER

Fern Hofts

PEW RESTOCKER

Jennifer Reinke

TRANSPORTATION

Bob Duensing
#365-4204

FLOWER COMMITTEE

**Volunteer Needed*

Two volunteers for 2010 have asked to take a break or have moved away, so I really need someone new. With this job you tend to the flowers that are furnished-which involves watering, pulling out the bad-looking flowers and carrying arrangements to the frig. in hot weather. Then seeing that the flowers are out for worship. If you could help out in this way it would be greatly appreciated!! You don't have to furnish flowers if there are none, but we enjoy it when you do. Contact Marla in the church office if interested. Thanks!!!

If you are unable to assist on the assigned dates, please find your own substitute and call the office.

USHERS

Head Usher

Joel Maschmann

Ushers - Bruce Maschmann, Richard Mohrmann, Al Dlouhy, Kyle or Luke Dlouhy

COFFEE PREPARATION

JoAnn Fangmeyer

ALTAR GUILD

Deanna Maschmann
& Lela Mae Brettmann

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Paul Meyer & Bob Duensing (Jan. 2) - *Need volunteer Jan. 16 & 30.*

COMMUNION BREAD

Cindy Mesloh

ADULT PRAISE TEAM

VOCALS - Barb Larkins, Laurie Koester, Brianna Pohlmann, & Bill Mize

MUSICIANS - Deb Pohlmann, Marla Maschmann, Brad Schultz Earl Hillman & Betsy Maschmann

Website

Don't forget to keep current with www.peacedeshler.info Bill Mize is our web page editor and we thank him immensely for his time spent keeping

NEW VOLUNTEER...

We'd like to express our gratitude and thanks to Paulette Hynek who has accepted our invitation to tend the two outside flower gardens at Peace. This is a hobby she loves and we're thrilled that she's going to share her love of gardening by tending to our flowers come Spring!! *Thanks so much Paulette!!*

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED...

A note of thanks from Abby and myself for the wonderful Thanksgiving meal your church prepared for the community. We enjoyed the great food, fellowship and the Thanksgiving spirit of that day. Thanks again for this caring service offered by your church. ~ Joy and Abby Harms

Thank you to Cindy Mueller and all the volunteers who assisted her in presenting such a wonderful Christmas program for the children. It brought a smile and inspiration to all who were able to be here!!

Thank you to those who responded to our need and signed-up on the bulletin board to furnish soup for the congregational luncheon following the children's program: Gary Brettmann, Diana Jacobe, Lorena Pohlmann, Jeanette Mohrmann, Ardith Maschmann, Barb Larkins, Arlis Hohl, Wayne Pohlmann and Julia Pohlmann. It was brought to our attention that Paula Dahl & Jan Maschmann also brought soup, but didn't sign the sign-up sheet, so we indeed thank you for your contributions! If there were others who didn't sign (we have no way of knowing who you are) but please know the soup was appreciated by all who attended! Also thank you to the Sunday School parents for the cookies & sandwiches.

*Thank
You*

Thank you very much Peace Carolers for singing Christmas Carols at my apartment and for the large sock of goodies. God's blessings and Merry Christmas to all of you. ~ Darlene Hess

Thank you to the Peace family of carolers for thinking of us with songs of Christmas and for the nice stocking of goodies. God Bless you all. ~ Larry and Deanna Holtzen

Thank you to the Peace Carolers for coming to my home to carol and for the goodies. I also really enjoyed the children's program on Sunday morning. I just couldn't help but feeling uplifted after watching such a joyous program and I commend Cindy Mueller for her time and leadership in directing the program. I thoroughly enjoyed it Sunday and several more times on the cable channel! ~ Delores Buckles

Thank you to all the carolers for the music and such a nice stocking of goodies....so many nice things.....and so nice to be remembered. ~ Delbert & Lula Culler

A big "THANK YOU" to Julie and all the young adults who came to my home to sing Christmas Carols, and bring a big Santa hat filled with "goodies". It filled my heart with joy and thankfulness to be a part of such a caring and loving fellowship. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ~ Marilyn Cook

Such a nice group of carolers came to Meadowlark and I appreciate so much the full stocking of goodies they gave me! I am so grateful to belong to a church that shares such joy and love at Christmas time. God Bless! ~ Lucille Hofts

Thank you to the carolers for the wonderful music and the Santa hat full of goodies - we were so surprised. Have a blessed new year! ~ Lyle & Sondra Ehlers

My sincere thanks to the Peace Carolers who came and sang the great Christmas carols. We are so fortunate to have them take the time out of their busy schedule. Also thanks for the hat with the goodies!!! God Bless ~ Alice Kirchhoff

We would like to thank Peace Lutheran Carolers for stopping by at Christmas time. Your wonderful songs and treats meant so much to us. God's blessings ~ Cliff & Wilma Christian

We would like to thank the Men of Peace and the Ladies Auxiliary for the nice gifts we received at Christmas time. It was nice of you to remember us. Blessings to all in the new year! ~ Alfred & Lewis Hofts

Thank you Peace Lutheran Carolers for remembering me at Christmas time. Also for the goodies!! May you all have a happy and safe New Year. ~ Rose Brettmann

Thank you to the Peace Carolers for singing some nice Christmas songs at our home. And thanks for the nice large Santa hat filled with all the goodies. ~ Ervin & Helen Lunzmann

Thank you to the carolers that came to our house to blend their beautiful voices in Christmas carols. May the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness. Many thanks for the goodies in the Christmas stocking. I shared it with Herman. ~ Neva & Herman Koester

Thank you to the men of the church for the lovely Christmas card and the gift. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness. ~ Herman Koester

I enjoyed the carolers who came to my home singing and bringing a stocking full of goodies. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to me. ~ Marvin Koester

What joy I have remembering our wonderful Christmas at Peace! We have many willing servants, our Pastor Phil, the carolers, the youth's candlelight service, the Sunday School's Christmas program, our faithful choir and all of the other special music. Thank you - and for all the goodies in a Christmas stocking. ~ Dorothy Pohlmann

SPECIAL THANKS...

...Thanks to all who came to the caroling party and helped deliver Christmas stockings to all those alone or grieving a loss this Christmas season. It's very meaningful to take part in the caroling party each year. They didn't have enough carolers to split into two groups in town this year, which means they were in the cold a little longer. Perhaps your family would consider getting involved with the caroling party next Christmas? As you could see by the thank-you page in this newsletter, it means a lot to so many people. And your young children would truly benefit and enjoy participating in this family activity. Talk to your friends and see if next Christmas you'll have room in your schedule, and in your heart, to join the caroling party.

*...to Glen Maschmann for finding straw bales and making extra trips to Deshler to deliver them in time. For next year: **Does anyone in this congregation have square bales they would let us borrow for an afternoon next year?** Would sure save a lot of hassle!☺ Also, thanks to Jon Mohrmann for pulling the trailer for the Caroling Party and Bob Duensing for furnishing it.*

...for helping set up and decorate the Church Christmas Tree: Justin Hintz, Manny Motto, Brad Reinke, Bay Robinson, Pat Wharton, Phil Nielsen, Julia Pohlmann, Neva Koester, Sheila & Keisha Nielsen. It was great to have so many willing and helpful volunteers!

...to Paula Dahl and those who helped her put up the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary.

...to Pastor Nielsen for his work finding and writing the Christmas Eve worship service and to Julie Deepe and the Youth of Peace for their participation.

...to Pastor Phil, who in search of the mysterious odor December 26th, vacuumed all the dead bugs and cloroxed the cement stairwell leading to the church basement. It turned out it wasn't the cause of the odor, but what a vast improvement to the stairway!!

...to Bob Duensing for his work and effort at solving the furnace-odor-sewage problems.....not a pleasant task! And to Kristi for helping with the clean-up!!

...to Reece, Sheila and Keisha Nielsen for their help un-decorating the memorial tree in record time!!

*...to JoAnn Fangmeyer for caring for the poinsettias...of which there were many beautiful ones! **Please come and take yours home if you haven't already.** Plastic bags are here at the church to help avoid freezing .*

YOUTH SCENE

by Julie Deepe

768-8112 - jdeepe@esu6.org

Here's hoping everyone had a blessed holiday season. We had a busy December and I want to thank both parents and the youth for their participation and help with all of our activities.

On December 5th we went shopping for two families off of the giving tree from Blue Valley. Between the two families we shopped for 10 children for a total of 30 presents in all! The youth had a ball shopping and wrapping! It's always fun to deliver the presents to the bank in Hebron and see the look on the faces of the tellers who work there! They always are pleased that we make a point to purchase all the wishes for all of the children. Thanks to you for your support of this project and because of it 10 children had an extra special Christmas.

Our caroling was warmer than usual as we went right after church. Our group was fortunate enough to find everyone at home! Thanks to the youth that went with us and thanks to Amy Reinke for transporting us. We have a blast doing this and having the sunshine was an added blessing.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Candlelight Service. I want to thank the youth that participated and for helping to clean up afterwards.

In January we will be starting a new series entitled "Made to Make a Difference". It is narrated by Max Lucado and I hope the youth find it interesting.

We will be hosting a meal after the church service and before the annual meeting on January 23. Parents will be receiving information about the meal so watch your mailboxes! Funds from this meal will cover our expenses incurred from the family giving tree shopping.

With God's Strength,

Julie Deepe



At the risk of leaving someone out, I try to thank the volunteers who do little & big things at Peace. But I'm sure a lot of people do things I'm unaware of....so please, if you know of something that someone has done that you'd like me to mention, just let me know about it! ☺ Thanks!! ~ Marla

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Coffee Fellowship Time...

The Church Council would like us to meet for Coffee Fellowship in the Parish Hall during the winter months and we'd like to have goodies to serve to encourage members to gather for fellowship in the basement. We're asking for members to consider furnishing the treats - cookies, donut holes, coffee cake....whatever you'd like. Please contact the church office #364-7746 to volunteer for a Sunday. Families/Members could go together to furnish, or the office may be able to pair you up with someone else wanting to furnish a little.....but not a lot. We may go to a chart (similar to the flower chart) but are undecided what would work best at this time.

JANUARY 9 - Baptism of Our Lord

Sermon "Who Needs Baptism?"
Installation of Officers
11:15 Congregational Special Mtg.

JANUARY 16 - Epiphany 2

Sermon "Called, Gathered, Enlightened, Sanctified, and Kept"
Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings

JANUARY 23 - Epiphany 3

Sermon "Is Christ Divided?"
(1 Corinthians 1)
1:00 PM Congregational Annual Mtg.

JANUARY 30 - Epiphany 4

Sermon "The Foolishness of God"
(1 Corinthians 1)
Holy Communion

Ladies - We have a new sewing 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.

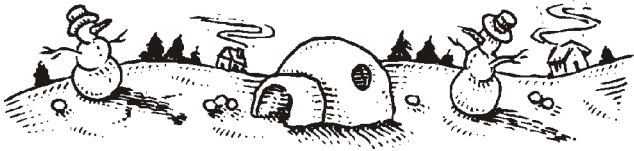
The dresses are made from a pillow case. A few were hanging on display in the overflow area of Peace Church.

Anybody wanting to donate pillow cases or who is making some dresses, the deadline for this project is Jan. 31. We would appreciate donations of pillow cases, (not white please) ribbon, seam binding or bias tape. This will fit in well with the Africa "Fill the Well" project.

~ Mission Action, Louisa Fintel



PRESCHOOL NEWS



December was a busy month for the preschoolers. We spent a lot of time preparing for our program, "The Colors of Christmas," which was December 14, 2010. The children did a beautiful job of sharing the Christmas message through songs, echoes, and an object lesson. As the children hung colored stockings on a miniature fireplace, the different colors of the stockings helped tell the true Christmas story. They also put together some Christmas artwork that was displayed in the Parish Hall during refreshments following the program. Our favorite art projects were making ornaments for our parents, using a marble in paint to stripe a candy cane, and creating a manger scene with popsicle sticks. Thank you to all the parents, who provided the refreshments after the program.

Once "The Colors of Christmas" was over, we changed our focus to the Christmas party, which was on December 17th. The children enjoyed festive Christmas snacks, a Christmas bow relay, a "snowball" throw through a wreath, and the candy cane toss where they tried to "hook" the post with a candy cane. That's harder than it sounds! After the games, the children had a gift exchange. It was a joy to see how much fun they found the giving as well as the receiving of gifts.

Class resumes on January 4th. During January, we will increase our focus on the letters of the alphabet, our names, and identification of numbers 1-20. Our themes for January will remain wintery. We will talk about animals in winter, snow, and nursery rhymes through our theme activities.

The children are looking forward to snow, but it has been a blessing to continue to be outside even through December for our recess time. The teacher is hoping we can talk about snow in our activities but not have so much of it outside! Happy New Year!

Diane Beikmann, Director

LIBRARY NEWS

by DeAnn Nielsen

ADULT BOOKS

Serendipity by Cathy Marie Hake
The Girl in the Gatehouse by Klassen
Bringing Up Girls by Dr. James Dobson

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Tallest of Smalls by Max Lucado
The World God Made by Bergey
Poems to Read to the Very Young
selected by Frank

PEACE MEALS...



The Peace Meals, available in the freezer in the kitchen for members to deliver to a member in need, have gone over very well. Thanks to Louisa Fintel, Cindy Mueller, Jeanette Mohrmann, Linda Fangmeyer, Laurie Koester and Kim Roth for the meals provided and delivered in 2010. Nine casseroles were delivered to those from our congregation who had medical needs and needed a little TLC. ☺

Anyone from Peace is invited to participate. There is a notebook by the east refrigerator in the Parish Hall outlining the details. You basically take pans home, prepare a dish with instructions, and sign it up in the notebook. When anyone knows of a member in need they can sign out a casserole and deliver it with love and blessings from the family of Peace Lutheran.

Please consider preparing something for this ministry. We currently have no casseroles in the freezer. Thanks again to those who prepared and those who saw a need in the congregation and delivered!!

EVENT OF INTEREST

WHO: "Eternity Focus" award singing sisters.

WHAT: Hope Pregnancy Center Fund-Raiser

WHEN: Sun, Jan. 23, potato bar at 5:30, Concert to follow

WHERE: Superior High School Cafeteria and Gym