

Tidings of Peace

*January 2012 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*

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, January 22 - 1:00 PM Congregational Annual Meeting

All active confirmed members are encouraged to participate in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2012. Guests are welcome.

The 2012 Annual Report will be available after 12:00 PM, Friday, January 13.

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 Baked Potato Bar prior to the meeting

to raise funds for the LCMC National Youth Gathering in July.

**Wednesday, February 1 - 7:00
PM**

**WITNESSES
ONE ACTOR * EIGHT
CHARACTERS ***

A FRESH LOOK AT JESUS

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WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP FOR DEC. 2011...

Worship Attendance

(Compared to 2010)

	Sun. + Sat. = Total	
Dec. 4	141 + 5 = 146	128 + 23 = 151
Dec. 11	144 + 26 = 170	148 + 13 = 161
Dec. 18	283 + 10 = 193	237 + 8 = 245
Dec. 24	407	325
Dec. 25	178	108
Jan. 1	105 + 25 = 130	126 + 9 = 135



Stewardship

General Budget

Dec. 5	\$2911.00	(+\$3333.74 "Fill the Well")
Dec. 11	\$5400.69	(+\$1800.00 "Fill the Well" / \$50.00 Lutheran Family Services / +\$50.00 World Hunger / +\$25.00 Praise Team / +\$50.00 Building Fund)
Dec. 18	\$2987.50	(+\$163.00 LFS/LBT / +\$185.00 "Fill the Well")
Dec. 24	\$40.00	(+\$1676.02 Lutheran Family Services / Lutheran Bible Translators / +\$2057.23 "Fill the Well")
Dec. 25	\$2138.00	(+\$1303.52 Lutheran Family Services / Lutheran Bible Translators / +\$200.00 "Fill the Well")
Dec. 31	\$423.00	(+\$75.00 Christmas Candy / +\$20.00 Choir Music / +\$1000.00 Projection System / +\$200.00 "Fill the Well")
Jan. 2	\$2071.10	(+\$55.00 LFS/LBT / +\$190.00 OCC / +\$25.00 Bldg. Fund)

Education

Dec. Offering to "Fill the Well" Campaign		
Dec. 4	95	\$118.05
Dec. 11	87	\$51.06
Dec. 18	79	\$18.47
Dec. 25	NO S.S	
Jan. 1	NO S.S	

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



OUR CHRISTMAS WISH.....OUR CHRISTMAS WELL

We have exceeded our goal of \$10,150.00 to drill a well in the village of Raraka, Uganda by over \$5600.00!!! We will now be able to sponsor one well and make a sizeable contribution to another well. "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!"

Offering Envelopes will be in the overflow until Jan. 22. Please pick them up by that date. If you wanted envelopes and didn't get them please notify the office.

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 Sunday, January 8. E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped - peacemarla@gpcom.net

The report will be assembled on **Friday, January 13, 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...

Special birthday this month is Janet Koch who will celebrate her 80th birthday on January 31. Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate.

Thanks!

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. 22 Lyle Schardt
Jan. 4 Dawn Schleif	Gracy Canham	Jan. 23 Priscilla Bower
Kimberly Fayle	Jolie Reinke	Jan. 24 Shana Gerberding
Kim Roth	Jan. 13 Diana Jacobe	Jan. 25 Barb Larkins
Kristopher Collins	Jan. 15 Cecil Ehlers	Don Spitler
Jan. 5 Jazymynne Fangmeyer	Jan. 15 Faith Schneider	Jan. 28 Jon Marquart
Jan. 6 Trevor Taylor	Logan Maschmann	Diana Reinke
Jan. 7 Braelynn Renz	Jan. 16 Janet Kruse	Corey Larkins
Ashleigh McBride	Orville Bokenkamp	Jan. 29 Gloria Eickman
Jan 8 Gary Hoops	Dylan Reinke	Kuniko Heinrichs
Jan. 9 Donna Torbeck	Jan. 18 Russ Hoffmeyer	Jan 31 Janet Koch
Jan. 10 Wilma Christian	Megan Pohlmann	Luke Johnson
	Kelsey Durlflinger	
	Jan. 19 Caleb Durlflinger	

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

Those Celebrating January Anniversaries...

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



Congratulations and God's Blessings

...to Billy and Ashley Norden at the birth of their first born, a son, Brantley William Norden, born on November 30 at Fairbury, Nebraska. Brantley weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 22 inches long. Also congratulations to grandparents, Jeff and Lisa Arend.

...to Lisa Corey at the birth of a little granddaughter, Clara Mae Yoachim, born to Jamie and Jon Yoachim at St. Elizabeth's in Lincoln. Clara Mae was born on December 10, weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Also congratulations to great-grandfather, Kenny Muehling.

A New Address directory will be located in the back of your 2012 Annual Report

SIGN UP CHARTS FOR 2012 sponsorship for Bulletins, Devotional Booklets, Children's Bulletins, Flowers, Coffee & Juice have been posted on the window to the office. Anyone is welcome to sign-up in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an event, in joy of something in your life, or just to help out.

Costs are: **Bulletins** - \$70.00 for a month/\$35.00 for a ½ month; **Dev. Booklets** - \$35.00 a month/\$17.50 a ½ month; **Coffee & Juice** - \$20.00 a month (*doesn't mean you have to make it, serve it or buty it, just finance it*); **Children's Bulletins** - \$8.00 a month; **Flowers** - your choice. Thanks!!

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JANUARY 2012

GREETERS

Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann

ACOLYTES

- JAN 8 CJ Reinke & Noah Mosier
JAN 15 Logan Schultz & Nathaniel Powers
JAN 22 Madison & Misty Shaw
JAN 29 Hope Reinke & Brittaney O'Neal
FEB 5 Ragan Pohlmann* & Braelyn Isernhagen

SCRIPTURE READERS

- JAN 8 Jae Fintel
JAN 15 Ervin Fangmeyer
JAN 22 JoAnn Fangmeyer
JAN 29 Briana Dahl
FEB 5 Mary Jo Hofts

BULLETIN FOLDER

Carol Mammen

PEW RESTOCKER

Jennifer Reinke

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 8 - Volunteer Needed
Jan. 15, 22 & 29 - Bob Duensing
#402-365-4204

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Marla Maschmann

COFFEE PREPARATION

JoAnn Fangmeyer

*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 Dlouhy

ALTAR GUILD

Deanna Maschmann
& Lela Mae Brettmann

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Jeanette Mohrmann
& JoAnn Fangmeyer

COMMUNION BREAD

Cindy Mesloh

YOUTH PRAISE TEAM

VOCALS - Triniti Reinke, Eric Nielsen, Adam Duensing, Ashley Hillman, Hailey Isernhagen, Mackenzie Mohrmann, Rio Mohrmann & Katie Roth

MUSICIANS - Cindy Mueller, Marla Maschmann, Brad Schultz & Betsy Maschmann

*Practices scheduled for
Wed. Jan. 4th at 5:30 p.m. &
Wed. Jan. 11th at 5:45 p.m.*

SOUND SYSTEM

Brian Isernhagen



SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Thank you to Cindy Mueller, Pastor Nielsen and all the volunteers who assisted 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: DeAnn Nielsen, Deanna Holtzen, Earlene Othling, Heidi Isernhagen, Deena Schultz, Kristi Duensing and Connie Meyer. Also thank you to the Sunday School parents for the cookies & sandwiches.

We'd like to thank Michael & Sherry Burger of "Victory Too" for donating the materials and labor for our new Peace Lutheran Church street signs. They look great and we certainly appreciate your generous donation!

...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.

...to Bob Duensing for once again furnishing the hay trailer for our caroling party. It's nice to know we can always rely on him to take the time to contribute in this way!

...to those men who helped set up the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary and the outdoor nativity: Jay Buckles, Josh Mosier, Bay and Tait Robinson, Les Schleif, Derek Schnakenberg and Pastor Nielsen. The ladies decorating were Linda Fangmeyer, Diana Jacobe and Julia Pohlmann. A big thank you to Paula Dahl for putting up the decorations in the sanctuary. Everything done to glorify the birthday of our Savior is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the joy of the season.

...to Kristi Duensing, Pastor Nielsen and the youth of Peace for the hard work they put into the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

*...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.*

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED...

Thank you so much to Kristi and the Youth of Peace kids for the care package during finals week! It was very much appreciated to be thought of during a very stressful week, and it brought a smile to my face when I read whom the package was from. Thanks again to all of you so very much! - Jennifer Olsen

Thank you soooo much for the care package!! I was having such a rough day and when I checked my mailbox and found the box of goodies it lifted my spirits! I really miss everyone in youth group, so it brought back lots of fun memories and made me very excited to come home! I especially enjoyed the cookies in my bag! They made me remember making "non-traditional" Christmas cookies with Jessie during youth group! It was a wonderful gift!! Thanks so much! ~ Hannah Maschmann

What a happy and pleasant surprise when the carolers from church stopped by and sang carols to me and also gave me goodies. Thank you very much. God Bless ~ Ines Bunttemeyer

Thank you so much to the "Great Carolers". And such a beautiful day! And all the goodies in the Christmas stocking. Wonderful to be able to celebrate our Saviors birth. God's Blessings! ~ Alice Kirchhoff

Thank you to the carolers for the beautiful music and for the gift received. We enjoyed it very much. ~ Larry & Deanna Holtzen

A "thank you" to my dear "Peace Family" who remembered me with Christmas greetings ! ~ Dorothy Pohlmann

My children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren chose to have "one more" family Christmas with all our traditions in the "Deshler Home." What a surprise to open my door to Peace Christmas Carolers! It was truly a blessing to see all of the children and adults gathered in a circle and singing those wonderful carols! I shall cherish the memory of this "one-more-time" visits that I and Ed enjoyed over the years. That big Christmas sock will give me some breakfasts (and snacks) in my new home in Lincoln. ~ Dorothy Pohlmann

THANK YOU'S CONTINUED...

Thank you "Carolers" for coming over and giving me a sack of goodies and singing my favorite Christmas songs. Thanks again to all of you. ~ Janice Muehling

Thank You to the caroling troop of smiling faces who sang Christmas carols and delivered a stocking of good food and goodies. It was awesome! ~ Joyce Zucker

Dear Peace Lutheran,
Thanks so much for the group of carolers. We really enjoyed them for coming out and also thanks for all the goodies. This was truly appreciated. Also thanks to Kristi for all her work with the youth. She is doing such a good job. Merry Christmas and have a blessed Christmas with your loved ones. ~ Love, Orville & Betty Bokenkamp

A special thanks to the Peace Carolers for the stocking full of goodies, but most of all for the beautiful singing of the Christmas carols. It was so appreciated. Thanks again and God bless. ~ Irene Fintel

Thank you very much to Peace Carolers who sang for me and for the sock of goodies. I truly appreciate it all. God's blessings to you. ~ Darlene Hess

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 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

Thank you to the Peace Lutheran Church Council for the delicious meal we received at the Staff Christmas Party. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. ~ Glen & Marla Maschmann

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Arlis Hohl for hosting a Christmas Dinner at Peace Lutheran Church. Fred Maschmann opened the gathering with prayer and approximately 40+ 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 will defray any costs incurred with the balance donated to the Blue Valley Food Pantry. Thank you also to Erma Lee Hohl for furnishing the decorations which Kim Pace and Naomi Grupe set up. Linda Loontjer and Ardie Maschmann were tireless dishwashers. Many volunteers worked in the kitchen before and after the dinner and we appreciate their willingness to help.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

BOXES were shipped and this Christmas kids all over the world will learn that they are loved by Jesus and by our congregation here in Deshler. This is such an exciting way for us to be involved in missionary work and it's a project I feel so strongly about because it helps CHILDREN to learn about Jesus. As you know the cost to ship the boxes increased to \$7 per box. This isn't that much when you think about the impact this shoebox has on a child. This year we have **come up short** on donations to cover the cost to ship the boxes. I am asking anyone who hasn't had a chance to give, or feels like they would like to give more, to **please consider donating**. I have already started shopping for next year and in the past, the donations have been so generous that there is money left for me to continue shopping throughout the year to find bargains. Any amount is greatly appreciated as well as your prayers for this project and all the children that it impacts. Just make a notation on an envelope or check "for OCC". ~ Kim Roth, OCC Project Coordinator

PRESCHOOL NEWS

December was a merry month for the preschoolers. The first part of the month found us busily working on preparing our program, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" which was December 6. We were blessed with good health to rehearse and everyone was there for the event as well. Rehearsing paid off as the children did a wonderful job that evening of delivering the true message of Christmas: the birth of our Savior. Mrs. Beikmann told them that on that evening, they would have the job that usually the pastor does- telling the people about Jesus! They really took that to heart! They were also very excited to deliver homemade gifts to their parents- Christmas tree ornaments. Each family provided cookies for a birthday party/time of fellowship afterwards.

Since we'd talked about Jesus's birthday for our program, we continued the week with a birthday theme. The children reviewed the dates of their own birthdays. We worked on number recognition by counting out birthday candles to put on paper cupcakes. We put together Happy Birthday puzzles. We also talked about the letter B and words that begin with the "b" sound.

We finished out the month of December with a Christmas theme. The children enjoyed reaching into the Christmas mystery bag and using our sense of touch to try to figure out what Christmas item Mrs. Beikmann had hidden inside. We pretended we'd lost a mitten in the snow and had to hunt for the one that matched. We also used our fine motor skills to hang the (paper) mittens up on a clothesline. Given snowman pictures with a number, the children had to count out the appropriate number of buttons to dress him up with. We also looked at the letter "C" and its sound.

Our Christmas party was on December 20th. With the help of Joanna Eitzmann and Julie Buescher, we had yummy treats and enjoyed games. Thank you to both of these mothers for helping. The children participated in a game of pass the present, the snowball throw (through a wreath), a candy cane toss (like a ring toss), and a colored bow relay. We ended the party day with Jesus Time where we continued the story of Jesus's birth, and a gift exchange. All of the children were able to enthusiastically answer Mrs. Beikmann's question, "What is the most important part of Christmas?" The answer was a resounding, "Jesus!" We remember that even amid the excitement of family,

food, Santa, and presents.

Preschool resumes on January 5th. We look forward to many more learning adventures in 2012! Happy New Year!

Diane Beikmann, Director

LIBRARY NEWS

by *DeAnn Nielsen*

ADULT BOOKS

So Long Insecurity by Beth Moore

Perhaps one of the biggest issues all women face is their own insecurity. Beth Moore, one of today's most admired and trusted Christian writers, wants women to be free from the insecurity trap. So Long,

Insecurity will strike a chord with women everywhere, as Beth speaks truth into the lives of readers, showing them how to deal with their innermost fears, rediscover their God-given dignity, and develop a whole new perspective—a stronger sense of self. Women of all ages and backgrounds will resonate with this message of security and discover truths that will free them emotionally and spiritually and lead them to a better life as they walk with God.

The Sheriff's Surrender by Davis

The Gunsmith's Gallantry by Davis

Love Begins

DVD in the *Love Comes Softly Series*

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Voyage with the Vikings by McCuster

Imagination Station #1

Buck Denver asks... What's in the Bible?

Children's DVD #1 In the Beginning (Genesis)

by *Phil Vischer, creator of Veggie Tales*

Buck Denver Asks What's in the Bible? Volume 1 is the first installment of the 13-DVD series from VeggieTales creator Phil Vischer. In his first new project since VeggieTales, Vischer has set out to teach kids (and parents!) the story of the Bible – God's great rescue plan! We know the stories of Moses, Noah, David, and Jesus, but in this groundbreaking new series, we learn how they all fit together to tell one big, redemptive story. Vischer's signature wit shines through with his all-new cast of characters, fast-paced flash animation, and catchy tunes.