

Findings of Peace

March 2011 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Office Hours 8:30-3:30 Monday & Friday
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The **GREATEST SACRIFICE** **REVEALS** *the* **DEEPEST** **LOVE.**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

~ Galatians 2:20



Worship with us at Peace this Lenten Season to hear of God's great sacrifice of love for you. Welcome this gift of love into *your* soul.

Lenten Worship Services...

7:15 Every Wednesday (but Ash Wednesday)
with soup & fellowship from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday - *"The Valley of the Shadow"* (Psalm 23) / NO Soup or Fellowship Offering to Lakota Lutheran Center in Scottsbluff

March 16 - *"The Prodigal God: He Welcomes Sinners"* (Luke 15) / Soup Supper by the Women of Peace - Servant Team 1 / Offering to Lindsey Mueller's Mission Trip to Uganda

March 23 - *"The Younger Brother: Give Me My Share"* (Luke 15) / Soup Supper by the Women of Peace - Servant Team 2 / Offering to Reaching the Unreached Ministries

March 30 - *"The Elder Brother: He Refused to Go In"* (Luke 15) / Soup Supper by the Women of Peace - Servant Team 1 / Offering to Urban Impact Ministries

April 6 - *"The True Elder Brother: All I Have Is Yours"* (Luke 15) / Soup Supper by the Women of Peace - Servant Team 2 / Offering pending

Worship, Education and Stewardship for February 2011



Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 12.

<u>Worship Attendance</u>		<u>(Compared one year ago)</u>
Feb. 6	147 + 16 = 163	160 + 20 = 180
Feb. 13	150 + 13 = 163	168 + 14 = 182
Feb. 20	138 + 10 = 148	118 + 13 = 131
Feb. 27	130	163 + 12 = 175

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>Gen. Budget</u>	
Feb. 6	\$6848.00	(+\$20.00 World Hunger, +\$75.00 Christmas Offering)
Feb. 13	\$2078.25	(+\$25.00 Building Fund)
Feb. 20	\$3262.07	
Feb. 27	\$2607.50	

<u>Education</u> Feb. Offering went to		
<i>Mosaic - Martin Luther Homes</i>		
Feb. 6	51	\$42.25
Feb. 13	82	\$7.30
Feb. 20	52	\$63.09
Feb. 27	55	\$30.22

The Sunday School Offering for the month of March is designated for Oaks Indian Mission

Super-Bowl Sunday Offering = \$355.00 donated to the Blue Valley Food Pantry

The Men of Peace Pancake Feed

THANK YOU to the 20 or so volunteers who helped prepare the meal and serve at the pancake feed on February 13. Also, thanks to those who donated items and those who attended. The free will offering totaled \$963.00 with a few expenses still to be paid. This offering will be used to provide assistance to youth attending church camp this summer. Thanks again for all your support! ~ Don Stelling, Peace Lutheran Men

THANK YOU to the Mid South Nebraska Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the 3 cases of Thrivent dinner napkins received in appreciation and in recognition of Thrivent advocates, officers and all volunteers in our congregation.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED...

In May of 2010, Peace Lutheran Church gave two \$500.00 scholarships for communing members of Peace Lutheran Church who were enrolled at a seminary or Christian college. This year Peace will be offering one \$500.00 scholarship. Applications are available on the counter in the church office for this 2011 scholarship. Completed applications are to be turned in to the church office no later than **April 30, 2011.**

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



MARCH 6 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Message: PMA Leah (Fintel) Krotz
Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 13 - Lent 1

Sermon: "Jesus and a Seductive Satan" (Matt. 4)
Holy Communion
Holy Baptism for Aaron Buckles

MARCH 20 - Lent 2

Sermon: "Jesus and a Religious Man" (John 3)
Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 27 - Lent 3

Sermon: "Jesus and a Thirsty Woman" (John 4)
Holy Communion



Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron will be celebrating 100 years of ministry this summer, **Sunday, June 19, 2011**. Members of Peace Lutheran are invited to join in the festivities of the day. **Worship** is at **10:00 a.m.** with a catered, free-will offering **dinner to begin at 12:30 p.m.** at the Thayer Central High School in Hebron. Anyone wanting to attend this event will need to **RSVP to the Peace Lutheran office by May 31** or sooner.

Adult Class S. S. Presentation

On **March 20** Rodney and Melinda Hinrichs of Lincoln will be with us during the Sunday School hour from 9 to 9:45 AM. They will be sharing stories from their mission work and travels in India and Africa. Through a ministry they call "Reaching the Unreached Ministries" they support Christian congregations in India and elsewhere to bring the hope of Christ to people who have never heard the good news. Come learn about and be inspired by what God is doing in places like India.



New Bible Study Series

NEW Bible Study Opportunities for Men and Women

The third Saturday of each month will offer a new Men's Bible Study "Brothers for Others" at 7:30 AM. A Women's Bible Study "Prayerfully Simple", led by Jeanette Mohrmann, will meet at 9:00 AM. Due to conflicts on the 3rd Sat. in March both groups will meet the 2nd Saturday, March 12. *The coffee will be on! Come and join us as we begin the day studying God's word.*

Peace Happenings....



Happy March Birthday to...

A special birthday this month is Neva Koester, who will be 91 on March 11. Special thanks also to Neva for her service as chairman of the Altar Guild for approximately the past 25 years. We are so thankful for her and want to be sure she knows what a blessing she is to Peace and how much she is appreciated! May God bless your birthday and your dedication to the weekly preparations you made to His house of worship! Neva has asked to retire from this position at this time in her life. We've called for a meeting of the Altar Guild Women on Tuesday, March 15, to receive input and suggestions as to the future of the Altar Guild.

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

Mar 1	Lonny Hintz	Mar 12	Emmit Hintz	Mar 24	Dawn Buckles
	Karina Brandt	Mar 13	Ivan Valek		Lyle Pitts
	Brock Renz		Fred Maschmann	Mar 25	Tiffany Shaw
Mar 3	Al Dlouhy		Jay Buckles		LeRoy Othling
	Heath Birkel	Mar 15	Hugh Newman		Adam Roth
Mar 6	Natasha O'Neal		Ashley Norden		Gregg Bohling
Mar 9	Rose Brettmann		Amy Nash	Mar 26	April Maschmann
Mar 10	Cole Schleif	Mar 16	Patty Jasperson	Mar 27	Amanda Ostdiek
	Don Stelling		Gabriel Fintel		Manuel Motto
	Marty Pohlmann		Julia Pohlmann	Mar 29	Jane Marquart
Mar 11	Neva Koester	Mar 18	Randy Weideman		Braelyn Isernhagen
	Derek Schnakenberg	Mar 22	Eric Nielsen	Mar 30	Lula Culler
				Mar 31	Deloris Othling
					Ken Fox

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

Those Celebrating March Anniversaries...

Mar. 4, 1962	Clifford & Wilma Christian
Mar. 11, 1989	Jonathan & Delinda Mohrmann
Mar. 29, 2008	Bill & Ashley Norden



Address Changes...

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Summer Camp Brochues

There are brochures on the counter in the office describing **Carol Joy Holling Camp's 2011 "Jesus Chooses You"** and **Covenant Cedars 2011** camps available. There are so many different programs available for kids, teens, families and grandparents....too many fantastic opportunities to describe in a newsletter, so pick up a brochure, take it home, and learn all about it!☺ Your kids will be glad you did! *Remember the Men of Peace help with a financial contribution to your camp experience.*



February Library News....

by DeAnn Nielsen, Librarian

Adult Books

Lonestar Sanctuary by Coble

Lonestar Secrets by Coble

Lonestar Homecoming by Coble

Youth Books

The Dirt on Dating

The Dirt on Breaking Up

by DiMarco and Lookadoo

Peace Lutheran's Website...



Did you miss last Sunday's message or wish you could shared the message with a friend or family member? Have you misplaced your latest copy of "Tidings of Peace" and need some information? Well, your problems are solved as you can find all that information and more at Peace Lutheran's website, peacedeshler.info.

Our website is a ministry, one used to share God's word and to invite people to worship with us and be part of the community of Christ at Peace Lutheran. We also feel that the website should be a communication tool for our members. We have our calendar, parts of our newsletter and Pastor Nielsen's letter posted monthly. The site also has a interactive map that can help people find our church building. The website is a venue that can help our members and guests be informed about activities in the life of Peace Lutheran. We also want to include important news, events and links outside our local community and have done so from time to time. We have an audio sermons page and a featured video area on the front page. The audio sermon page makes it easy to share sermons with anyone who has access to the internet. All you do is click on the sermon title and it will play the audio through your computer. We continue to grow the site, as well as, update it, so come back every so often and see what is new.

Bill Mize would welcome any input you might have that would help make the website a better ministry. Our goal is to make it inviting, welcoming and useful to all who visit it. You can email Bill at wmmize@gmail.com with your thoughts and ideas. Please take a look at it now and come back often as it continues to grow and develop. Don't forget to bookmark peacedeshler.info.

SPECIAL THANKS to Bill Mize who is our website editor and publisher. He keeps our website inspirational, informational and current and we thank him for his service in this area!!

THRIVENT Members...

Thank you to those members and friends of Peace Lutheran who have designated their "Choice Dollars" for 2010 to our congregation! To date we have received \$1496.00 in Choice Dollars. These dollars are in a separate fund in our account and a meeting of Peace Thrivent members will be held soon to determine how you want to designate your choice dollars.

Reminder: Members can direct their 2010 Choice Dollars through March 31, 2011. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call #1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Contact Pastor Phil or Marla in the office if you would like help.

Events You May Be Interested In...

Sloppy Joe Luncheon and Scholastic Book Fair.

The *Friends of the School* will be sponsoring a luncheon at Deshler Lutheran School on **Sunday, March 13th**. The fundraiser begins at 11:15 at St. Peter's Lutheran School Gym. Sloppy Joe sandwiches and all-you-can-eat salads and desserts will be served. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be in the gymnasium. There will be books to purchase for children as well as adults.

A Healthier Youin 1 Day!!!!

You are invited to experience a fun and highly effective day that can create positive changes in your life and health. In the Circle of Life process you will learn to: find time for self care, immediately reduce stress, replace negative habits with positive action steps, navigate major life choices in a focused and healthy way, achieve your goals, maximize your potential, utilize your strengths.

Presented by: *Positive Solutions, Peggy Meyer, Circle of Life Facilitator & Wellness Coach* / Sponsored by: *Journey to the CORE, LLC Women's Event, September 24, 2011*

Pre-register today!!

When: Saturday March 12, 2011

Where: Brodstone Memorial Hospital West Conference Room, Superior NE

Cost: \$60.00 includes handouts, lunch and one follow-up coaching call

Neb. Humanities speaker Charlotte Endorf to present "Fragile Excess Baggage"

The Deshler Senior Center/Deshler Area Chamber invites you and your community to this Nebraska Humanities Program on March 8th in Deshler.

The Deshler Senior Center presents "Fragile Excess Baggage" by Charlotte Endorf of Norfolk, Nebraska on The Orphan Train. The presentation will be held **March 8 at 12:30 p.m.** at the Deshler Area Chamber of Commerce meeting located at **Grampa's Crossing** (south party room), Deshler, so we may accommodate more people. This is a FREE presentation and the community is welcome and encouraged to attend. Charlotte is sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) with the Midwest Bank as the sponsoring organization.

In 2004 author Charlotte made the decision to document the real-life stories of the children who rode the Orphan Trains between the years 1854 and 1929. She traveled over 15,000 miles, seeking the last surviving riders and descendants. She created and her daughter, Sarah, illustrated *Plains Bound: Fragile Cargo*, a book that brings to light an important chapter in Americas history - the Oprah Train. She co-authored the popular color series *By Train They Came* - Volume 1 and 2 with her daughter Sarah. Finally, she wrote *Trains of Promise* in memory of her own Orphan train ancestor and many more. She will bring the true Orphan Train stories to life while reliving the days of the 1920s.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES of Nebraska offers behavioral health and human care services based upon the Agency's high quality of service, fiscal integrity and faith-based mission and values. **Behavioral Health** includes mental health counseling, sexual abuse/incest treatment, substance abuse treatment, gambling addiction treatment, and specialized counseling for children, adolescents, adults and families.

Children Services provides infant, international and foster care adoption services and searches, foster care, pregnancy counseling, respite care, maternal health care and family support services. Fees are assessed at a sliding scale, based on total family household income. Most insurance companies, Medicaid, and Medicare are also accepted.

The toll free number for Children Services is: **800-267-9876**.

This toll-free number is primarily for SE Nebraska: **866-721-6229**.

The Peace Lutheran Sunday School offering for the month of January will be going to support Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska.

Peace Lutheran Men & Women News...

Peace Lutheran Women's organization is taking on a new name with the change to LCMC. We are now the Peace Lutheran Women of the Word. WOW! We are going to somewhat follow the lead of the Heartland District WOW and modify it for our needs. We will still have the same circles as always, with one exception, the Afternoon Circle has decided to take a break. If anyone is interested in attending an afternoon bible study, please let the board know and we will make sure it gets started again. The Morning and Evening circles are still in action with the addition of a Saturday morning Bible study called "*Prayerfully Simple*". The "*Prayerfully Simple*" group will meet **March 12th at 9:00**. Please note the date change due to conflicts with Deshler Prom, Ikes Sale and the Elem/JH Music Contest on the 3rd Saturday this month. The Bible study we are leaving up to each circle. We do have some wonderful resources, so be sure to ask your circle chairman for details. Please plan on attending a circle of your choice each month.

The Peace Lutheran Women of the Word has finally completed the yearbook! Please find yours on the table in the overflow in alphabetical order. Take a look at our little booklet, this is a way of letting you know what all we are doing and how you can help. Just a reminder this is for ALL women of Peace.

March 16 is our first Lenten Fellowship Soup Supper. Servant work group 1 is in charge of this one and the one on March 30. Servant work group 2 is in charge of March 23 and the April 6 soup supper. When the caller from your work group calls, please help her out by bringing soup or whatever is asked, or better yet if a date works better for you give the servant work group caller a call and volunteer!! That would be greatly appreciated! Reminders...Servant Work Groups are also listed in the yearbooks. All donations taken at the first Soup Supper on March 16 will go to Lindsey Mueller to help with expenses for her Mission trip to Africa! We hope to see a lot of you at the soup suppers again this year.

We have been informed that the Lutheran World Relief projects have changed. We will have the new lists on the project bags as soon as possible. We will also publish a new list for your yearbooks when they become available. The yearbooks are not even a week old and already changes!!

Thanks to all the board members for saying yes to serving. Remember you are always welcome to come and join us the third Monday of the month at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. ~ *Linda Fangmeyer, President*

F r e e d M e n Conference at Pershing...

The Vision for
FreedMen is to see...



- ◆ Every believing Nebraska man experience Christ through reading the Word, listening to the Holy Spirit and making the God connection in every realm. That he and the young men in his life would enter a training regime that allows no compartmentalization apart from Christ.
- ◆ Every believing Nebraska man understand and embrace the reality that he is the most powerful creature in our state. He has been given the authority and leadership role by God to tear down that which is wrong and build up that which is right, sovereignly impacting the culture in our state.
- ◆ The unified Body of Christ-following men of our state to begin linking arms to strategically advance Nebraska Kingdom ground together, so that every individual in our state has an authentic opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel in this generation.

The Freedmen Conquest '11

March 26 / 10am-5pm

The Pershing Center, Lincoln NE

Ron Brown is one of the featured speakers. Tickets are \$30 each after March 1. They can be purchased by calling (402) 742-6821 or see Phil Nielsen if you are interested. Discounted tickets are available, so don't let cost stop you.