

# *Tidings of Peace*

August 2014 Newsletter of  
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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## *"Jungle Safari VBS - We CAN Count on God!"*

The first week of June was a busy one at Peace Lutheran Church with high-energy music, engaging skits, and fun challenges to start our safari party off on the right foot as kids explored the nature of God together. 67 children and 34 staff members came together each day at our Jungle Safari for powerful reminders that they can always count on God...the greatest treasure of all!

Amid the colorful jungle canopy kids experienced the sights and sounds of the jungle as they learned who God is. They dug into Bible stories to discover that no one but God could be their **Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior, and King**. Hands-on activities and meaningful small-group discussions helped the kids work through how and why they can always count on God.

On Friday they took their music to the residents of Parkview Haven. Following their program the kids enjoyed a picnic in the park and because they'd exceeded their goal of \$500.00 in offering for Lindsey Mueller's Kids' Projects they relished the moment of Pastor Phil taking a pie to the face.☺ The week ended with VBS songs at church on Sunday morning.



### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!**

*To all the teachers & staff who helped with VBS. This week would not have been possible without all of you. You were awesome! Thanks to the teachers who made this week so much fun for the kids. We know you spent a lot of time preparing for this week. All the work was well worth it. High School helpers - thanks for all you did to help make this week fun for the kids. Thanks for setting a great example for the younger kids to follow. They are watching you. We like what they saw. Thanks to the Craft, Snack & Game people. Your contribution to VBS was invaluable.*

*You did a great job. Crafts, Snacks & Games are always a high point of VBS week. Thanks also to all those who donated snacks or anything for the picnic. We really appreciate all the food and the time you put in it to get it here for us. Thanks to Pastor for sharing his drama and musical talents with the kids all week. The kids loved being part of Jungle Safari with you! Thanks to Marla for helping us in the office. Thanks for always greeting our requests with a smile. Thanks for cleaning up after us, Paula. Sorry we made such a mess! It takes a lot of people to make VBS happen. This is not something we can do on our own. We NEED all of you!!! Thanks for helping us make a Jungle Safari for the kids. Last, but not least, thanks to the kids for coming to Jungle Safari and making this a fun week for all of us. You are AWESOME!! ~ Connie Eitzmann*

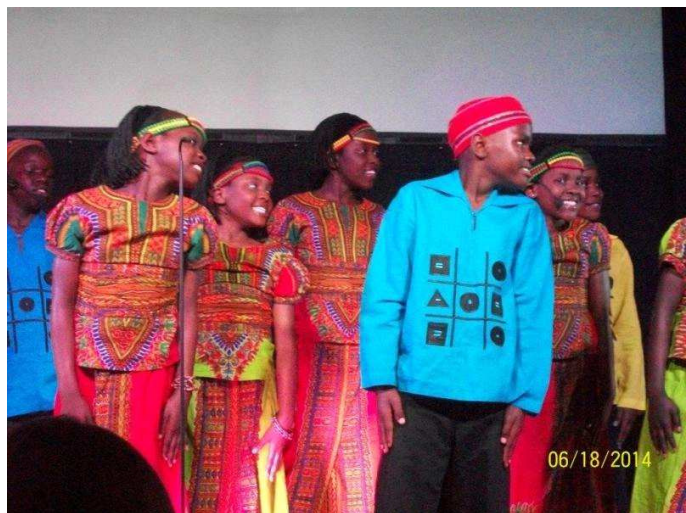
**THANK YOU** each and everyone of you who contributed towards the snack portion of VBS. Yes, we did get plenty of Rice Crispy Bars which we were able to use at the picnic, along with the cookies. The cash donations were very generous and did cover the cost of all the purchased items. **THANK YOU** ~ Joan Kirchhoff & Denise Brettmann

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to our leaders Connie Eitzmann & DeAnn Nielsen!! There's not enough space in this newsletter to begin to thank you! ☺ God gave you amazing gifts and you are invaluable to the VBS ministry at Peace!! *God bless you!*

# Watoto Children's Choir

Wow! If you missed the Watoto Children's Choir from Africa you missed something very special! What a delight it was to see these children sing and dance. Then to listen to them tell their stories of heartbreak and loss, and still see the smiles on their faces because they know in their hearts "God is Good".....well, it was very moving. They were absolutely inspiring and it gave joy to the soul to be able to support them and the good things that Watoto does for children in Africa.

Thanks to everyone who made their visit here possible. Several volunteers made food and cookies, packed sack lunches, and opened their homes and their hearts to these children. Special thanks to our host families: Roger & JoAnn Bohling, Julia Pohlmann, Wayne & Cindy Mueller, Carolyn Riley & Kappy Carlson, Nielsen family, Mike & Sherry Burger, Glen & Marla Maschmann, Steve & Penny Dornbierer, Darrel & Connie Lichty We continue to keep this amazing group and the ministry of Watoto in our thoughts and prayers. If you ever have the chance to see the Watoto Children's Choir again it will make an impact on you and your family. The message they shared of God's power and presence in their lives, despite their hardship, is very powerful.



## August Highlights...

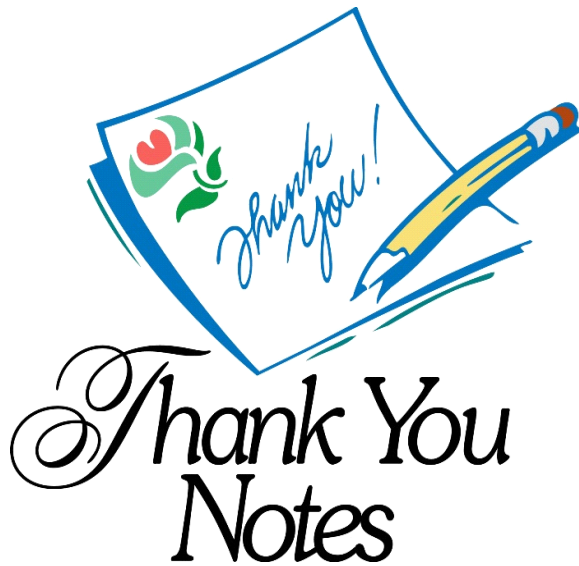
**Sunday, August 10**  
**Youth of Peace leading**  
**County Fair Worship**

**9:30 AM** - All are invited to this non-denominational worship service at the Thayer County Fair Grandstand led by Youth of Peace and Peace Youth Praise Team. Regular 10:00 AM Worship Services will be held at Peace for those unable to attend an outdoor service.

**Sunday, August 17**  
**Adult Bible Class Begins**



**9:00 AM** - All adults are invited join us in the Parish Hall this fall as we continue the study of I Peter.



*Women of Peace,  
Thank you for the prayer book! It will be very useful next year.  
Thank you for helping shape me into the person I have become today.  
~ April Maschmann*

*Thank You so much for the beautiful flower pot I received for leading VBS. I will enjoy it all summer and it will always remind me of the fun I had all week with your children at VBS. Thanks for letting me have that pleasure. It was AWESOME! God's Blessings! ~ Connie Eitzmann*

*A note of appreciation to everyone that sent cards to Clarence Reinke for his 90th birthday. He was thrilled as everyday more well-wishes were received. They were read to him and discussed with several other family members as he was overwhelmed by everyone's thoughtfulness. God's blessings to each of you. ~ Clarence and his family*

*Members of Peace,*

*The words "thank you" seem too small to describe my gratitude for all the support I have received from you over the years. It is with extreme joy I look forward to beginning my years at Western Theological Seminary and there learning more about the Word of God, God himself, and how to better love and serve God's people. I am utterly thankful that the people who prayed for me as I was baptized, taught me Sunday school songs, and walked alongside me as I grew in the Lord are still walking alongside me, supporting me today as I take this next step. What a beautiful picture of the body of Christ! In whatever way I will be serving in the future- as an ordained minister, a youth pastor, in missions, or working with Christian Community Development- you will always be a part of that ministry. Peace and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church, will always be a part of me, as I pray I will always be a part of you. Thank you, friends, family, mentors, and teachers, for walking alongside me so faithfully. May the Grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! ~ Stacey Duensing*

*Thank you so much to Pastor Phil and my church family for remembering my 30<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation. God IS good all the time! Many thanks for your thoughtfulness. The cake was great! ~ Pastor Daryl Nelson*

*There is a new chain link fence now around the Peace Preschool playground which has been on the wishlist for several years. It looks really nice and is such a good safety feature to add for our preschool and any parent or daycare provider who wants to take time to enjoy the benches in the shade and not have to worry about their children being safe. Thanks to these councilmen for installing it: Brendan Schardt, Kevin Ostdiek, Mike Hoops, Stuart Reinke, Nate Brandt, Derek Schnakenberg and also thanks to Eric Isernhagen who dug the post holes.*

## *Thank You Received from Hope Pregnancy Center...*

*Members of Peace Lutheran Church,*

*It feels like Thanksgiving, only in May - my heart is overwhelmed by the generous donations received at Hope Pregnancy Center over the past 5 months. I just had to take a moment to write a thank you note and express my gratitude to God. Without monetary donations to pay our monthly bills we would not be able to meet with and support our parents and their families. With school out many of the children will be attending the appointments with their parents - it is a joy to connect with the babies, toddlers, and primary aged children. Please refer parents to us as you see their needs. We welcome interested individuals or groups to come for a tour or volunteer your time, energy and talents —there is no shortage of work at the center. Presently, we are painting and there is always sorting, marking, organizing, copying and more to do. © It was a joy to receive your \$1590.00 donation last January! May God bless you all according to your needs and His purpose for you in this earthly life. ~ Janice Reinke, Director janicereinke@gmail.com*



# Weekend Worship Schedule...



SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE

6:30 PM Saturday, Aug. 2 & 30  
**NO Saturday Worship**  
August 9, 16 & 23  
10:00 AM each Sunday Morning

Adult Bible Class will begin on  
**Sunday, August 17, at 9 AM.**

First Day of Sunday School for  
Children/Youth is  
**Sunday, September 7**  
**9:00 AM Opening**

*PACE or Peace After-school*  
*Christian Education:*

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PACE begins on  
**Wednesday, Sept. 3**

**4:00-5:00 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades**

**5:00-6:00 - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades**

## **AUGUST 3 - Pentecost 8**

Sermon: "Feeding the World" (Matthe  
Holy Communion

## **AUGUST 10 - Pentecost 9**

NO Saturday Worship  
Sermon: "Hearing God" (I Kings 19)  
9:30 AM Youth of Peace lead County Fair Worship  
Service at the Fairgrounds

## **AUGUST 17 - Pentecost 10**

NO Saturday Worship  
Sermon: "Unanswered Prayer" (Matthew 14)  
Holy Communion  
9:00 AM Adult Class Begins

## **AUGUST 24 - Pentecost 11**

NO Saturday Worship  
Sermon: "Confessing Christ" (Matthew 16)

## **AUGUST 31 - Pentecost 12**

Sermon: "Discipleship" (Matthew 16)  
Holy Communion

# Serving in August...

*If you are unable to assist on the dates shown please  
find your own substitute and notify the office.*

### **USHERS**

Harlan Schnakenberg - Head Usher;  
LeRoy Othling, Roger Hoffmeyer,  
Kenny Muehling & Don Spitler

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Lois Nelson & Ardith Maschmann

### **COMMUNION BREAD**

Alice Kirchhoff

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Don Spitler & Fairy Peters

### **YOUTH PRAISE TEAM**

**VOCALS** - Ashley Hillman, Katie Roth, Triniti  
Reinke, Hope Reinke, Braelyn Isernhagen, Ragan  
Pohlmann, Kim Bargaen, Logan Schultz, Noah  
Mosier, Isaac Nielsen & Ryan Brandt

### **MUSICIANS** - April Maschmann,

Cindy Mueller, Marla Maschmann,  
Brad Schultz & Betsy Maschmann

*Practice for the Fair is*

**Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 8:00 p.m.**

*We'll welcome in-coming freshmen  
and any other high school youth interested  
following Aug. 10, when the  
graduates are off to college.*

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Bill Mize

### **GREETERS**

Richard & Jeanette Mohrmann

### **ACOLYTES**

AUG 3 Ethan Meerkatz & Aaron Buckles

AUG 10 *(County Fair)*

AUG 17 Amanda Schultz & Tyra Mohrmann

AUG 24 Reece Nielsen & Mason O'Neal

AUG 31 Jaide Miller & Sydney Roth

### **SCRIPTURE READERS**

AUG 3 Mary Jo Hofts

AUG 10 *(Co. Fair) No Reader Needed*

AUG 17 Laurie Koester

AUG 24 Marvin Koester

AUG 31 Hope Reinke

### **BULLETIN FOLDER**

Irene Fintel

### **PEW RESTOCKER**

Ervin & Helen Lunzmann

### **FLOWER COMMITTEE**

Ardith Maschmann

### **TRANSPORTATION**

*please call the church office  
if you'd like a ride to church*

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Fred & Ardith Maschmann

# Peace Happenings...

## Happy August Birthday to...

*Special Birthdays this month are: Diane Bartling will be 75 on August 8, Twila Brettmann will be 93 on August 14 and Larry Holtzen will be 75 on August 22. God's blessings to all of you! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is missing or incorrect. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. \*Special note is made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over.*

Aug 3	Judy Kirchhoff	Aug 13	Lois Pederson	Aug 23	Kelsey Herring
	Paige Petersen	Aug 14	Twila Brettmann		Raegan Nelson
	Cody Eitzmann		Myron Peters		Katie Roth
Aug 4	Franklin Tamme		Samatha Jacobe	Aug 24	Stan Hofts
	Bonnie Thompson	Aug 15	Brenda Judy	Aug 25	Jessie Nielsen
	Connie Drohman	Aug 16	Stuart Reinke		Jayden Isernhagen
	Joel Maschmann		Ashley Dahl	Aug 27	Shelly Smith
Aug 5	Tom Eickman	Aug 18	Jeremy Eickman		Jackson Beam
Aug 6	Les Schleif	Aug 19	Sean Jones	Aug 28	Doug Hillman
Aug 8	Diane Bartling	Aug 22	Larry Holtzen		Sadie Isernhagen
Aug 12	Delmer Marquart	Aug 23	Janice Marquart	Aug 29	Steve Drohman
	Howard Pohlmann		Tom Dahl	Aug 30	Chloe Mosier
Aug 13	Verlen Marquart		Betty Mammen		

## Those celebrating August Anniversaries...

*Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Cork & JoAnn Renz on August 29! God Bless!!*

Aug 1, 1998	Brendan & Michelle Schardt	Aug 21, 1976	Doyle & Jan Horwart
Aug 7, 1970	Bruce & Jan Maschmann	Aug 25, 1963	Myron & Fairy Peters
Aug 8, 1975	Paul & Connie Meyer	Aug 26, 1951	Erwin & Florence Kniep
Aug 10, 2012	Jason & Lisa Hintz	Aug 26, 1962	Verlen & Janice Marquart
Aug. 11, 1963	Ervin & Helen Lunzmann	Aug 29, 1954	Berdon & JoAnn Renz
Aug 21, 1971	Stan & Mary Jo Hofts	Aug 30, 1980	Joel & Deanna Maschmann
Aug 21, 1971	Lyle & Lucille Schardt	Aug 30, 2002	Bryan & Priscilla Bower
		Aug 31, 2013	Brandon & Hailey Gehle



## Congratulations...

- ...to Matt Freitag, son of Lonny and Jan Freitag and grandson of Leora Freitag, who graduated from Creighton University, on May 18, 2014 with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.
- ...to Trevor Taylor, son of Randy & Kathy Taylor, who graduated with distinction from Southeast Community College in Beatrice on June 13, 2014, with a Associate of Applied Science Degree in Ag Business and Management Technology. Trevor helps on the family farm and with his Uncle Terry and Cousin Tyson's farm operations.
- ...to Scott and Connie Eitzmann at the birth of a new little granddaughter, Lila Jean Eitzmann, born to Chris and Mikaela Eitzmann on Friday, June 13, 2014. She weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Welcoming her home in Boston, MA are her proud brothers, Coen, Asher and Seth. *God's blessings to all!!!!*



## Welcomed into the Family of God

through the gift of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 29, 2014, was Abram Allen Farringer, infant son of Colt & Kylie Farringer. Abram was born on May 2, 2014 in Superior, NE. His sponsors are Chris Farringer & Kirby Ruhnke.