

Worship, Education and Stewardship for November 2015

Worship Attendance (Compared to 2014)

Oct. 25	189 + 15 = 204	162
Nov. 1	139 + 7 = 146	173
Nov. 8	145	114
Nov. 15	160	129
Nov. 22	191	144 + 26 = 170

General Budget Balance as of October 31, 2015 = -\$8500.00

Stewardship General Budget

Oct. 25	\$3884.81 (+\$400 OCC)
Nov. 1	\$2939.30 (+\$500 Seminary Fund / +\$100 Bldg. Fund / +\$50 Well / +\$41 OCC)
Nov. 9	\$2108.45 (+\$50 OCC / +\$20 Well)
Nov. 15	\$1851.00 (+\$100 Well / +\$100 Seminary Fund / +\$341 OCC)
Nov. 22	\$2075.00 (+\$100 OCC / +\$200 Orphan Grain Train & Paul & Comfort / +\$100 Well)

Education

Oct. 25	58	\$95.26
Nov. 1	70	\$82.30
Nov. 8	56	\$50.00
Nov. 15	77	\$69.87
Nov. 22	69	\$49.00



Financial News.....

Stacey Duensing is in her second year at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. To assist her with tuition and other expenses while attending seminary, you may place your contribution marked "seminary support" in the Sunday offering plate or drop it off during office hours.

For the past several years, during the Advent and Christmas Seasons, Peace Lutheran has raised money to drill wells in Africa where there is dire need of good, clean drinking water. Many of us struggle with gift giving this time of year; why not consider a donation to this worthy cause and give a community the gift of water that will improve their lives year round. Cards are available in the office if you wish to make a donation in honor of someone. The cost to drill a well is about \$10,150. To date we have received \$2,350 to our Christmas 2015 campaign. Please mark your gift "African well" and place it in the Sunday offering plate or drop it off during office hours.

Peace Lutheran continues to help combat hunger in the world with our monthly auto giving program. We currently have 26 participants and send \$325 per month through Lutheran World Relief. If you wish to participate in this program, please stop in the office for forms and instructions.

Thank you for your support of these missions where the love of Christ is shared around the world!

One last reminder, Peace Lutheran Church accepts gifts of grain of any kind and in any amount. Please notify the office when you have delivered grain for the church so that it can be taken care of in a timely manner. If you wish to remain anonymous, we ask that you have the elevator personnel call the church office. These funds can be designated in any way you wish, if there is no designation, it will go in the general operating fund. ~ Becky Mize, treasurer

**Sunday School
Offering
for Dec. - Feb. is
designated for
Heifer Project.**

**Congregational
Mission Offering for
December:
\$3000.00 to Hope
Pregnancy Center &
\$1500.00 monthly
support to Lindsey**



Offering Envelopes for 2016 will be in your mailboxes by Sunday, DEC. 13. Please pick up your box and deliver one to your neighbor or friend if you can. If you don't use your envelopes please notify the office by DEC 1 to have your name removed from the envelope list. Also, if you don't get envelopes and wanted them please let us know.

Weekend Worship Schedule...

NO Saturday Worship in December

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship

***except 9:30 AM on December 20**

*8:45 -9:15 AM Sunday School Program
practice with regular classes to follow.*

9:00 AM YOP & Adult Class

*December 27 children grades Preschool-8
will perform at Parkview Haven / Drop off
children at PVH & pick up at the church*

*Christmas Worship schedule
is on the front page.*



6th Annual Christmas Banquet....

If you don't have plans for
dinner on Christmas Day
you're invited to join

friends for dinner at Peace Lutheran Parish Hall.
Arlis Hohl has volunteered to cook the meat for
Christmas Dinner so no one has to spend the day alone. *(Thank you Arlis!!©)* You may give the office or Arlis a call
if you'd be able to help with meal preparations (#768-8321).

A sign up sheet will be posted on the church bulletin board or you may RSVP by calling the church office at #365-
7746. **RSVP's** would be appreciated, but are not required. If you'd be able to furnish potatoes, salad, dessert,
vegetables or rolls and could help with decorating or setting up please indicate that.

NOVEMBER 29- Advent 1

Worship Leader: PMA Leah Krotz
Peace Choir Sings



DECEMBER 6 - Advent 2

Worship Leader: PMA Leah Krotz
Holy Communion
Advent Fellowship following worship (*hosted by the
Women of the Word*)

DECEMBER 13 - Advent 3

Worship Leader: PMA Leah Krotz
Peace Choir Sings

DECEMBER 20 - Advent 4

Sunday School Children's Christmas Program
"The Unexpected Christmas"
followed by the Installation of Pastor Rich Stevenson

DECEMBER 27 - Christmas 1

SS. Children sing at Parkview Haven
Peace Choir Sings

JANUARY 3 - Christmas 2

Holy Communion
Installation of Church Officers

Youth of Peace & Family/Congregational Caroling Party

Sunday, December 13 - 1:00 PM

Come hop on a hay rack and join us as we carol around Deshler and deliver Christmas stockings filled with goodies.



*When surveyed there were those who'd like to be able to just grab a quick bite
after worship and then come back and carol right away and have the evening
free. So this year we'll begin at 1:00 p.m. packing stockings, then hop on the
hay racks and carol around Deshler delivering Christmas stockings filled with
goodies. Following we'll enjoy a little hot chocolate and fellowship together.
We'll need enough goodies to fill about 25-30 Christmas stockings.*

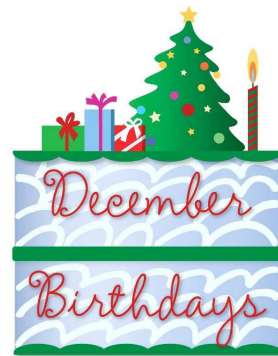
*If you know of someone having a difficult time this Christmas let the church
office know as we set up our caroling list for those dealing with physical or
emotional hardship this past year.*

- * **This event is for all ages, youth, adults with or without children. Join us as we get together to fill & deliver Christmas Baskets and sing Carols!**
- * Please help if you can by bringing goodies to the church kitchen to add to the baskets. We would like to deliver about 30 Christmas stockings. We've had great response on the goodies the past couple of years, so please continue by having your items in the kitchen by that Sunday morning marked "goodies for boxes".
- * **Bring your friends!**

Peace Happenings

Happy December Birthday to...

Birthdays are special celebrations of the gift of life that God has blessed you with and is a day worth celebrating!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!



Dec 2	Deanna Maschmann	Dec 12	Liberty Jacobe-Keown	Dec 21	Tasia Schardt
	Brad Reinke		Justice Jacobe-Keown		Michelle Schardt
	Brody Renz	Dec 14	June Degner	Dec 22	Warren Fintel
Dec 4	Sondra Ehlers	Dec 15	Jami O'Neal	Dec 23	Robert Folkerts
	Jason Fangmeyer		Joyce Zucker	Dec 25	John Flint
Dec 6	Wayne Pohlmann	Dec 16	Kristi Duensing	Dec 26	Brendan Schardt
Dec 7	Beverly Pitts		Tate Mosier	Dec 27	Nathaniel Powers
Dec 8	Daryl Nelson		Madison Shaw	Dec 28	Britny Gertsch
Dec 9	Tyler Fangmeyer		Janice Muehling	Dec 30	Terri Fangmeyer
	Ardythe Dunn	Dec 17	Glenn Kirchhoff		Betsy Maschmann
	Richard O'Neal	Dec 20	Carol Good	Dec 31	Ginger Ridolfi
Dec 12	Emily Pohlmann		Kim Ruhnke		Nicole Mosier
			Kylie Farringer		Ethan Meerkatz

(Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. / Anniversaries are recognized in 5 year increments following the 25th anniversary)

Those Celebrating December Anniversaries...



Happy 35th Anniversary on December 27th to George and Janet Kruse!

Dec. 1, 2007	Tyler & Alisha Fangmeyer	Dec. 27, 1964	Eldon & Judy Kirchhoff
Dec. 3, 2001	Randy & Linda Weideman	Dec. 27, 1969	Warren & Jae Fintel
Dec. 12, 2002	Bill & Donna Tittler	Dec. 27, 1980	George & Janet Kruse
Dec. 13, 1959	Lyle & Sondra Ehlers	Dec. 29, 1957	Cecil & JoAnn Ehlers
Dec. 22, 1967	Kenneth & Donna Torbeck	Dec. 30, 1967	Vic & Peg Johnson
Dec. 22, 1979	Lonny & Jan Freitag		

Congratulations to Becky Cahill at the birth of a new grandson, Kaynen Rae Freitag, born to Travis & Cammie (Cahill) Freitag at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, Nebraska, weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz and was 22 ½ inches long. Grandparents are Becky Cahill and the late Kent Cahill and Great-Grandparents are Lyle and Sondra Ehlers. He is welcomed home to Carleton, Nebraska by his big brothers, Kypton (5) and Huxton (2). *Thanks be to God for His gift of life this Thanksgiving season!! God Bless!*

Address Changes ...

Kevin & Amanda Ostdiek	Paul & Kimm Fintel	Kerry Leslie	Melissa Powers
2884 Rd M	905 Morning Glory Ct	1200 W 3 rd St Apt 2	406 Webster St
Superior NE 68978	Hickman NE 68372-9518	Hastings NE 68901-4907	Superior NE 68978-7441

Peace Prayer Chain...

A Prayer Chain is the spiritual alarm system which communicates and takes prayerful action on the needs of the congregation. The importance of the prayer chain is that it faithfully intercedes on behalf of others in need by lifting up specific requests, concerns and emergency situations. **Keep in mind that prayer requests are to be kept confidential.** The Prayer Chain at Peace is no longer functioning as too many people have passed away or are no longer able to relay messages effectively. The following names marked on their "Time and Talent Sheets" that they'd like to be a part of The Prayer Chain at Peace: Marla Maschmann, Audrey Hoops, Jeanette Mohrmann, Cindy Mueller, JoAnn Fangmeyer, Laurie Koester, Kristi Duensing, Connie Meyer (PM), Linda Fangmeyer (PM), Ardith Maschmann, Delinda Mohrmann (PM), Kim Roth, Jae Fintel, Howard Pohlmann, June Degner, Terri Olsen, Fairy Peters, Myron Peters, Leah Krotz, Eldon Kirchhoff and Judy Kirchhoff. If you have changed your mind about being on the Prayer Chain, or would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office by February 1 and we may try to get a new calling tree organized.

Children's Christmas Program...



This year's program "The Unexpected Christmas" has been scheduled for **Sunday morning, Dec. 20, beginning at 9:30 AM** (Dress Rehearsal for the children at **8:30 AM**). The practice schedule is listed below. The preschool and kindergarten classes will practice during their Sunday School hour and do not need to be at any of the rehearsals. **We are asking families with the last letter A-L to bring one dozen cookies and families with the last letter M-Z to bring one dozen sandwiches for the fellowship following the program and Pastor Rich's installation.**

SUNDAYS

NOV. 29

DEC. 6 & 13

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

...NO Rehearsal

...8:45 - 9:15 AM Grades 1-8 practice

...8:30 - 9:20 All Grades Dress Rehearsal

...9:30 Children's Christmas Program

...9:00 AM Children sing at Parkview Haven

WEDNESDAYS

WED. DEC. 2, 9 & 16

...3:45 - 5:45 PM 1st thru 8th grade

***Important Update** - School does not let out early the entire last week this year, so we will not start until **3:45 PM on December 16, instead of 3:15 PM as publicized.**

**Schedule is subject to change so watch your weekly bulletin for updates.*

Cindy will post updates and last minute schedule changes on Facebook, so send her a friend request to keep updated. You may contact Cindy Mueller @ Waynemueller1@gmail.com and Connie Eitzmann @ eitzmann@superiorinet.net with any questions. If school is dismissed for inclement weather there will be no practice.

SNACKS - We feel it will be beneficial to the children (and the practice☺) to offer snacks on Wednesdays **in December**. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board to furnish snacks and/or serve snacks and help with clean up. The time will be at the discretion of the server- as if you work you could have snacks at the midway point if that helps you out. We appreciate Cindy Mueller and Connie Eitzmann volunteering so much of their time to direct our program. Please consider giving a little of your time and sign up to provide or serve snacks. ☺ *Thanks in advance for helping in this way!!!*

THANKS FOR BEING SUCH A BLESSING!

Words cannot begin to express how thankful I am for all of the volunteers who help make Operation Christmas Child a success. It wouldn't be possible without all of you! My love of children makes this a mission I'm very passionate about!

My family-helped me bargain shop all year and helped me count items to know what I need to purchase

Junior High Youth-hailed supplies downstairs and helped younger children pack boxes

High School Youth/Kristi Duensing-folded 200 boxes

Louisa Fintel, Michelle Schardt, Linda Weber, Becky Mize, Yvonne Hoops, Sue Dlouhy, Dee Jalas-Helped me set out all the supplies for the packing night and cut tags for the boxes

Dave & Linda Weber, Becky Mize, Connie Meyer, Marlys Reinke, Yvonne Hoops, Laurie Koester, Jan Freitag, Janice Reinke, Jake Beam, Michelle Schardt, Katie Roth, Sydney Roth-helped me in a variety of ways the evening of packing boxes-everything from taping tags, to helping kids, to packing the boxes into the shipping containers, and cleaning up

Peace Congregation-supporting this mission with donations and prayers

Parents-taking time from busy schedules to come with your children to pack boxes

Sunday School Kids-made the cards for the boxes and packed boxes

Sunday School Leadership Team-helping get all the cards colored and collected

Ryan Brandt, Noah Mosier, and Ethan Meerkatz-Loading the boxes in the truck for me

IF I OMITTED ANYONE'S NAME, I APOLOGIZE-IT WAS NOT DONE INTENTIONALLY AND I TRULY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S HELP!!! As a result of the great teamwork, we were able to assemble 205 boxes to ship to children all over the world. What a neat way to share God's love!!!! Thanks be to God!!!!

Kim Roth~ Project Leader

I SHOP ALL YEAR FOR ITEMS SO DONATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE ACCEPTED ANY TIME! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE JUST MARK YOUR OFFERING WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND IT WILL GET TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

A Big Thank You To Our Volunteers

- ...Thank you to Kim Roth for making Operation Christmas Child happen here at Peace. You use so much of your own time shopping and organizing donations to help us create the 205 boxes used to spread Jesus' love to little children somewhere in the world who may feel very little love from anyone. Thank you Lord, that we can give them a little hope and love this Christmas and that we have someone here at Peace like Kim willing to give of her time so that we can make it happen. God bless you Kim!
- ...to Nate Brandt, Stuart Reinke and Brendan Schardt who will soon complete their terms on Council. They've gone over, above and beyond the duties expected of members of Church Council! I'm sure we aren't even aware of half of the things they probably had to do this year while we were without a full-time pastor. But just know your exemplary service as Church Council members these past three years is appreciated so much by the members and staff of Peace!
- ...It's that time of year when we focus on our many blessings. A blessing for me is all the cheerful volunteers here at Peace! This past year these are the volunteers (I think:) that have helped one month or several months putting the newsletter together: Rose Brettmann, Wilma Christian, Sonda Ehlers, Louisa Fintel, Darlene Hess, Laurie Koester, Ervin & Helen Lunzmann, Fairy Peters, Julia Pohlmann, Harlan Schnakenberg, Don & Mary Stelling. I may have forgotten someone, as I didn't remember every month to write down my volunteers, but you are all appreciated just the same. And special thanks to Irene Fintel for adhering all the labels ahead of time and Julia Pohlmann and Fairy Peters for labeling and inserting newsletters in the mailboxes. Anyone is welcome to join us any month of the year, if we have most of our volunteers it takes less than 45 minutes. Sometimes we even have goodies!☺
- ...Some of the women at Peace spend many hours cutting and piecing together the blankets from items that are donated. These talented ladies take old slacks, curtains, tablecloths, t-shirts - all kinds of fabric donations and make them into blankets, diapers, sleepers, etc. What a wonderful talent to share - making these items which can be used so desperately in other parts of our world. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us!☺
- ...to those who make the preparations when we have a baptism here at Peace. Linda Fangmeyer prepares the baptismal handkerchiefs, banners and candles and Howard Reinke crafts wooden candle holders for the baptismal candles. We know that you all work with love and joy preparing this special occasion for a family.
- ...to Connie Eitzmann and Cindy Mueller for once again taking charge of the Christmas program. The program is titled "The Unexpected Christmas", which I'm sure as directors they face all kinds of things that are unexpected! But we can't wait to see what the true meaning of "The Unexpected Christmas" is and hear how the story of Christ's birth will be portrayed in their drama. And I'm sure we won't be disappointed even if something unexpected does happen!☺
- ...to Kristi Duensing and the Youth of Peace for weeding and sprucing up the grounds around the parsonage Wednesday evening, Nov. 4th by headlights.☺ What a difference that group made in about an hours time! Thanks so much kids!!
- ...to Lyle Pitts for tilling the garden one last time in preparation for winter. We appreciate the time you've spent this summer and fall keeping it looking so nice.
- ...Thank you to the members of Peace Lutheran Church for your generosity this past spring during our "Cold Days-Warm Hearts" winter clothing drive. A large load of donated winter clothing was delivered to Crossroads Center Rescue Mission in Hastings, NE this past summer. Because of your charitable gifts many less fortunate individuals will stay a bit warmer during the cold months ahead. Thank you again for opening your hearts to our brothers and sisters in need...Yvonne Hoops

LWR PROJECT THANK YOU'S FOR 2015...

So many people to acknowledge and thank for all their work during 2015! Many thanks for all the donations for all our kits, for ladies sewing and tying blankets, especially Julia Pohlmann who binds the edges of all the blankets. Thanks to Glenn and Joan Kirchhoff for the enclosed trailer which transported all of our boxes to Grand Island. Thanks to all who carried the many boxes upstairs and helped load the trailer. We sent 86 Health Kits to Lutheran World Relief, and 25 went to Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, for a total of **111 Health Kits** made. **104 School Kits** went to Lutheran World Relief, and 25 went to Royal Family Kids Camp in Nebraska, for a total of **129 School Kits**. 48 Layettes went to LWR, and 25 to LFS, for a total of **73 Layettes**. 60 blankets went to LWR, 25 to RFKC, and 25 to LFS, for a total of **110 Blankets**. Add to that **107 bars of soap** and **18 Fabric Kits**. Our Thank-offering totaled \$471.85 to help with the shipping of these items. **Thank you** Peace Lutheran Women and donors for your part in supplying so many items for these three wonderful organizations and the individuals and families who will benefit from your generosity. It's another year and we are in need of material, flannel items, adult sweatshirts and adult t-shirts. If you have something made of fabric and question if we can use it, just ask. Thank you all for your generosity! ~ Louisa Fintel, Mission Action

And thank you, Louisa, as this truly couldn't be accomplished without someone leading, coordinating and organizing all the donations and the volunteers. Quoted from God's Little Instruction Book: "You must give some time to your fellow men, even if it is a little thing. Do something for others ~ something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ~ Acts 20:35 Louisa, and all those who help with these projects - you truly put this verse into action, and for that.....we at Peace Lutheran Church thank you.

"Take what I have, turn it into something more. Make who I am, all about the glory of You, Lord."



Poinsettias will again decorate our chancel to celebrate the birth of Jesus! If you would like to donate a poinsettia this Christmas in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or just to beautify our worship time together, please sign the sheet located in the office. You may make a suggested donation of \$10 or \$15 donation for a poinsettia or bring one on your own. Payment is due when your request is made or you may purchase one on your own (be sure to mark it with your name if you'd like it back). Please look closely when you take one home as poinsettias with labels have been taken home accidentally by others in the past.

The Memorial Christmas Tree...



will be shared again this year in memory of loved ones. The angels symbolize those no longer celebrating Christmas here on earth, but with the heavenly angels and our Savior and King, whose birthday we celebrate. The bows on the tree symbolize family ties that will never be broken or forgotten, even in death. The candy cane in the form of a "J" represents the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior.

You are welcome to attach a memorial to the tree in memory of your loved ones this Christmas. Some ornaments are very tattered, falling apart and need to be repaired or replaced. They will be in the church office if you'd like to replace or repair them. *May the promise that Christ's birth gives us help to calm any anxiety you feel during the holiday season. ~ Glen and Marla Maschmann & family*

Thank You Coffee...



The WOW board would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for supporting us this past year. We will be serving coffee and cookies on Sunday, December 6, 2015 following worship. Thank you again for everything you do!

We also have a nice selection of Christmas cards in the Card Corner and Cookbooks in the church office, so be sure to check it out. *Wishing everyone a very Blessed Merry Christmas!!* Lois Nelson, WOW Coordinator

WOW Board Meeting - November 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Nelson with 6 members present. Julia Pohlmann gave devotions on how volunteer projects can help so many people. No minutes from previous meeting were available. Treasury has a balance of \$2342.96. The Thank-offering totaled \$491.85.

It was reported that 18 quilts were tied in October. Also 548 kits had been packed in 46 boxes and delivered to LWR. There was discussion on "Meals for those in Need" and it was decided to have a Meal Coordinator designated with the new Board in 2016. There was also discussion on serving funerals and how to improve on efficiency regarding serving and food. This will be addressed at the January meeting. A motion was made to purchase a new 80 cup coffee pot for the kitchen. December 6th the WOW Board will be serving cookies after church for the Advent Season. Each Board member is to bring 2 dozen cookies.

There will be no Board meeting in December. The January meeting will include the new members with election of officers, setting up committees and updating the Yearbook.

It was noted that Louisa Fintel, Joan Kirchhoff, Laurie Koester, Janice Marquart, Connie Meyer, Lois Nelson and Julia Pohlmann came in prior to the meeting to clean kitchen/walls/tables and chairs.

Joan Kirchhoff, Acting Secretary