

Tidings of Peace

February 2016 Newsletter of

Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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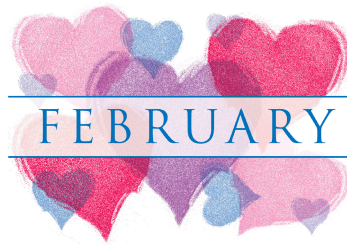
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February Highlights...



Sunday, February 14

Annual ♥Valentine's ♥ Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage

Serving 11:30 - 1:00 PM - Peace Parish Hall

Funds raised are used to support children attending church camp. Supplemental Funds from Peace Lutheran's "Choice Dollars Program" with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



Join us here at Peace
this Lenten season for the

"The Beatitudes"

Services are at 7:00 PM

beginning Feb. 10

with a Meal & Fellowship from
5:45 - 6:45 PM each Wednesday
(except Ash Wednesday).

As the Lenten season fast approaches on
Wednesday, February 10th, please consider joining us here at Peace as we learn about the "Promises" which

God speaks of in the Beatitudes. It will be a series of conversations between a man by the name of Marcerious, and a Pastor. In this series Marcerious deals with one of the beatitudes in his life, what they are speaking, and how he can apply them in his life. So, as we prepare for the Lenten season, join us at Peace to reflect on the "Promises" God has made to us and how we can apply them in our lives today.

~ *In Christ's Service, Pastor Rich Stevenson.*

Promises of Heaven - Ash Wed., Feb. 10 (NO Meal)

Promises of Comfort - Wed., Feb. 17 (Meal-WOW Servant Team #2)

Promises of Inheritance - Wed., Feb. 24 (Meal-WOW Servant Team #1)

Promises of Righteousness - Wed., March 2 (Meal-Youth of Peace)

Promises of Mercy - Wed., March 9 (Meal-WOW Servant Team #2)

Promises of Seeing God - Wed., March 16 (Meal-Youth of Peace)

Weekend Worship Schedule...

6:30 PM each
Saturday Evening
10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning

Sunday School for all ages
9:00 - 9:45 AM

Lenten Services
Begin on Wednesday
February 10.
See front page for details.

JAN. 31 - Epiphany 4

Sermon: *"When God Speaks, Do You Listen?"*

FEB. 7 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sermon: *"It All Comes Together"*

Holy Communion

"Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday Offering for Food Pantry

FEB. 14 - Lent 1

Sermon: *"Who Do You Confess?"*

Peace Choir

FEB. 21 - Lent 2

Sermon: *"The Cost of Unbelief!"*

Holy Communion

FEB. 28 - Lent 3

Sermon: *"My Dad is Better than Your Dad!"*

Peace Choir

Lent
BEGINS

Youth Praise
Team sings
in February

Signs of
Love

Prayers For February



Bring your healing & comfort to...

Dan Judy ~ Erma Lee Hohl ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Daphne Smith ~ Kermit Kirchhoff (Glenn Kirchhoff's brother) ~ Diane Row ~ Tara Chapman (Chandra Hillman's cousin) ~ Sara Braasch-Schmidt (Pastor Cathi's daughter) ~ Carol Streit (friend of Paul and Connie Meyer) ~ Steve Mason (Earl Hillman's cousin) ~ Paul Utemark (friend of Amy Nash) ~ Brett Eilts (Ervin & JoAnn Fangmeyer's grandson) ~ Dean Hobelmann (brother-in-law of Janice Reinke) ~ Gary Schwetz (friend of Lonny & Jan Freitag) ~ Cassandra Brooks (Pat Wharton's niece) ~ Dave Duff (friend of Roth's) ~ Calvin Seybold (Yvonne Hoops' brother) ~ Ken Rigler (Friend of Roth's & Weber's)

Serving in the Mission Field: Paul and Comfort in Ghana; Our missionary, Lindsey Mueller in Uganda.

Thank You Received...

Members of Peace Lutheran,

Thanks so much for including Abby (Harms) Warm on your prayer pages these past months. Abby said she appreciated the many prayers, cards and letters of encouragement from back home through her surgery and healing days. She is doing better - still very tired but working full time and with a busy 3 year old, we know she is on the go. She sees specialists monthly for now as they monitor her blood and thyroid levels and prescribe her meds accordingly. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness. There is definitely power in prayer. God Bless! ~ Joy (Harms) Deterding

Summer Camp 2016

The Men of Peace are hosting their Annual Valentine Pancake, Sausage, and Egg Dinner this month to raise funds to send young people from Peace to Church camp this summer. They usually provide at least a \$100 scholarship to each camper and any additional funds that are needed so that no family from Peace can say that lack of funds prevented their child from going to camp.

A week at a summer church camp is often an experience that people remember for the rest of their lives. It is an opportunity to get into God's creation and away from our usual routines to experience Christian community in a powerful way. We encourage all families to send their children to summer camp at least once. Confirmation students can fulfill some of their confirmation requirements by going to camp.

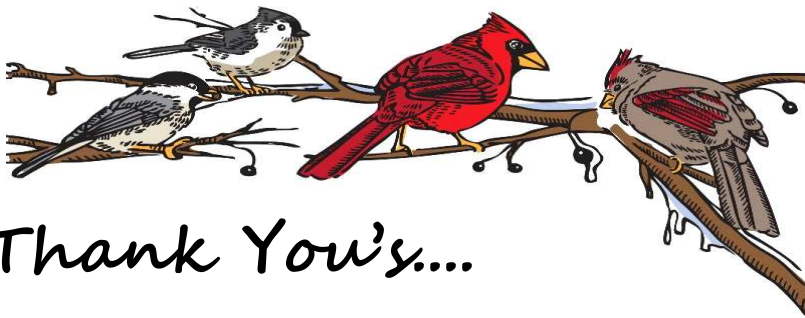
Youth at Peace have enjoyed the camping experience at three different camps.

Carol Joy Holling at Ashland has a high ropes course, zip lines, Co-Op learning games, and horses.

Covenant Cedars at Hordville has lively worship, an engaging speaker, climbing tower and zip line, water slide and water inflatables.

Okoboji at Milford, Iowa, has a great worship band, cool drama, cooler weather, and lake activities. Okoboji is a great camp, but it is six hours away.

Camp is always more fun if you can share it with friends. At this time, Peace Lutheran, doesn't have a week scheduled to attend as a group, but if there is an interest in finding a time for grades to attend together please talk to the church office about it. There are also camps for children of all ages from 1st grade to senior high. Okoboji also features great weeks of family camping. Registration forms will be available in the church office soon. And remember: there is funding available to make camp affordable for everyone.



Thank You's....



Thank you so much for the fruit basket and serving plate you gave me for helping with the Christmas program! I really appreciate you thinking of me! It was a privilege to work with your children. They are all so special and I am amazed how talented they are. You should all be very proud of them!. Keep encouraging them! I look forward to working with them again!

Once again thank you so much for remembering me with these wonderful gifts!

God Bless You All!

Connie Eitzmann

Thank you to the Church Council for the meal Glen and I shared with you at the Broken Spoke this Christmas. All your help and advice these past 16 months without a full-time Pastor was greatly appreciated. I look forward to another year in the church office and am so excited to have Pastor Rich on our staff.

Thanks again. ~ Marla Maschmann

Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you again for your constant support of me in ministry. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1, NIV) It gives me great joy to see the church living in unity in their mission to love God and love others. Peace Lutheran Church, thank you for supporting me in our common mission to love God and others. I am blessed, humbled, and grateful by your generous support. Thank you for your financial help in paying for my seminary degree, your support in prayer, and in your continued growing with me as we live into our identity in Christ.

Grace & Peace, Stacey

Worship, Education and Stewardship for January 2016

Worship Attendance

(Compared to one year ago)

Jan. 10	141 + 9 = 150	153 + 15 = 168
Jan. 17	135 + 10 = 145	156 + 18 = 174
Jan. 24	184 + 14 = 198	176 + 10 = 186

Stewardship

Gen. Budget

Jan. 10	\$3438.38
Jan. 17	\$2863.00
Jan. 24	\$6763.25

Thanks to such generous donors the Youth of Peace earned **approximately \$800** for their meal at the **Annual meeting**. It was such a good meal and we thank the Youth, their parents, and Kristi for all their hard work!!!

Education Dec. thru Feb. is for Heifer International.

Jan. 10	50	\$52.60
Jan. 17	61	\$80.00
Jan. 24	80	\$95.00

General Fund

Ending Balance for December 31, 2015
is \$4577.95.

Congregational Mission Support for February is designated for

Blue Valley Community Action
& Nuckolls County Food Pantry,
plus our continued amount of \$1500.00
monthly support to Lindsey Muller.

Youth of Peace "Souper Bowl" Sunday...

Sunday, February 7 will be "Souper Bowl Sunday". You'll probably be thinking about what food you can enjoy during the big game....so, let's remember those who need our assistance providing food for their families everyday. You'll be able to donate dollars to the "Soup-Pot" following worship that day, which will be sent to our local food pantries.

Sunday School Offering for December - February

Our December thru February S.S. offerings will go to Heifer International to provide farm animals and training for families in need. These are the costs of animals we could provide:

1. a flock of chicks (\$20)
2. a flock of geese (\$20)
3. a hive of bees (\$30)
4. a trio of rabbits (\$60)
5. a goat (\$120)
6. a pig (\$120)
7. a sheep (\$120)
8. a llama (\$150)
9. a water buffalo (\$250)
10. a cow (\$500)

We will keep you posted, as February ends, on what amount we need to meet a certain goal for a certain total of animals! *Thanks ~ Alisha Fangmeyer, S.S. Leadership Team*



OUR CHRISTMAS WISH.....OUR CHRISTMAS WELL

We have exceeded our goal of \$10,150.00 to drill a well in Uganda this summer with Water/Hope 4 Kids International. What an amazing response we had to this Christmas gift! A total of **\$17,117.05** was given this Christmas. We will be able to sponsor one well, and make a sizeable contribution to another well. Water 4 Kids informed me that they have a 2016 goal of 100 wells drilled! I know it means as much to you, the givers, as it does to those receiving this gift, as it brings us such joy to give the gift of fresh water.

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and Peace to ALL people on earth!"*

Peace Happenings...

Happy February Birthday to...

Special birthday this month is Irene Fintel, who will be 90 on February 12. Happy Birthday!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!



Feb. 2	Austin Buckles	Feb. 15	Kyle Dlouhy	Feb. 24	Cheryl Knobel
Feb. 3	Tiffany Beam	Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 25	Cork Renz
Feb. 4	Levi Nelson	Feb. 16	Matthew Marquart		Taylor Reinke
Feb. 6	Konner Ostdiek		Gracie Miller	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith	Feb. 17	Carolyn Riley		Brad Schultz
Feb. 8	Leah Krotz	Feb. 18	Amy Birkel		Brandon Corey
Feb. 11	Jason Reinke		Leah Nelson	Feb. 27	Kim Pace
Feb. 12	Irene Fintel		Aaron Buckles		Paige Turan
	Anthony Collins	Feb. 19	Ragan Pohlmann		Anthony Hillman
Feb. 13	Jaide Miller		Monte Gehle	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
Feb. 14	Terri Olsen	Feb. 21	JoAnn Ehlers		Josh Mosier
		Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt	Feb. 29	Jan Freitag

(Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. If you'd rather your age and birthday not noted, just let the office know@.)



Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary to Mike & Yvonne Hoops on February 14!!!!

Feb. 9, 1964	Roger & Rachel Hoffmeyer	Feb. 16, 2002	Bay & Onna Robinson
Feb. 14, 1981	Mike & Yvonne Hoops	Feb. 20, 1988	Tom & Paula Dahl
Feb. 14, 1987	Wayne & Marty Pohlmann	Feb. 27, 1987	Kirk & Michelle Culler
Feb. 14, 2005	Jon & Kathy Marquart	Feb. 28, 1965	Fred & Ardith Maschmann
Feb. 15, 2003	Bryce & Betty Mammen		

Congratulations & God's Blessings...

to Lonny and Jan Freitag at the birth of a new granddaughter, Eliana Jane Freitag, born on December 27th to Matt and Mandy Freitag of Omaha. *God's blessings at the birth of this precious little one!*

Two Blanket Tying Days in February!!!

Because of inclement weather the ladies postponed their January day to February 1 and will also tie on the last Wednesday, February 29. Since things are set-up they've decided to tie two times each Monday: 1:00 - 4:00 PM and 7:00 - 9:00 PM *Everyone is invited!*

We can use adult sweat shirts and t-shirts, sheets, material, and baby items for layettes. All items must be clean.

Lenten Baskets of Promise for LWR

We're again joining LWR **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week we'll collect a different item for Personal Care Kits with a goal of assembling 100 kits during Lent.

Week 1, Feb. 14 - Bars of Soap / Week 2, Feb. 21 - Bath Towels (light-weight max. 52x27", dark colors) / Week 3, Feb. 28 - Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

Thrivent Choice Dollars....

One act of generosity leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice program. Many of you directed your designated Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church. Through your individual recommendation, you have made a difference. Collectively, Thrivent Financial members have helped us continue our important mission. Thanks you for your support and generosity!!

In 2015 Thrivent members of Peace directed their Thrivent Choice dollars for the following:

- 25% (apx. \$750) to Women of Peace
- 25% to Men of Peace
- 25% to Youth of Peace
- 25% to help a member with medical expenses

Direct Thrivent Choice DollarsSM by March 31

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutheran need to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2016. After that date, any undirected Choice Dollars **will expire**.

By Phone:

Step 1 - Call **1-800-847-4836** and when prompted, say **"Thrivent Choice."**

Step 2 - A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Online:

Step 1 - Visit **Thrivent.com/thrivent choice**.

Step 2 - Click on **"log in"** at the top right of your screen and enter you're MyThrivent user ID and password.

Step 3 - Look for your designated Choice Dollars on the right side of the screen.

Step 4 - Click on **"Direct Choice Dollars"** in the Thrivent Choice box on the right side of you MyThrivent page.

Step 5 - Search the catalog of organizations to find the organization you want to select or find organizations you've previously directed to.

Step 6 - Click on **"Direct Choice Dollars Now"** to direct your designated Choice Dollars and continue to follow the steps when prompted.



Minutes from the Women's Board Meeting - January 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Lois Nelson with 16 board members present. Janice Marquart shared "A Prayer for a New Year".

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Thank you notes were read. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1308.47. Mission Growth reported on status of the Meals for those in Need.

New officers and committees for the next term are: Coordinator - Lois Nelson, Vice Coordinator - Connie Meyer, Secretary - Joan Kirchhoff, Treasurer - Fairy Peters, Mission Growth - Denise Brettmann, Deb Folkerts, Mary Jo Hofts; Mission Community - Jae Fintel, Ardith Maschmann, Terri Olsen; Mission Action - Louisa Fintel, Janice Marquart, Connie Meyer, Becky Mize, Julia Pohlmann; Kitchen Coordinator - Denise Brettmann, Nominating Committee - Linda Loontjer, Deb Folkerts, Janice Marquart; Flower Chairperson - Jami O'Neal.

Lenten Meals are scheduled as follows:

February 10 - Ash Wednesday - No Meal

February 17 - Servant Work Group 2

February 24 - Servant Work Group 1

March 2 - Youth of Peace

March 9 - Servant Work Group 2

March 16 - Youth of Peace

Blanket Tying was discussed and it was decided to also offer Blanket Tying in the evening on the day it was already set up. So, until the summer break, Blanket Tying will be the last Monday of the month at two times: 1:00 - 4:00 PM and 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be February 15 at which time the new yearbooks will be assembled.

The meeting closed with an "Irish Blessing".

Respectfully submitted, *Joan Kirchhoff, Secretary*

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for December

Pre-K

Drew Buckles

Sadie Isernhagen

1st & 2nd

Danica O'Neal

Jolie Reinke

3rd / 4th / 5th

Danessa Buckles

Danica Buckles

Colton Isernhagen

Zion Reinke

6th / 7th / 8th

Dylan Reinke

Adam Roth