

Tidings of Peace

April 2018 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Public Office Hours 9:00-12:30 / 1:00-2:30 Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9:00-12:30 / 1:00- 5:30 Wed.

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Holy Week Worship Schedule...



March 29 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Communion

Offering for Missionary, Lindsey Mueller

March 30 ~ 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Offering for Missionary, Lindsey Mueller

No Saturday Worship

April 1 - The Resurrection of Our Lord!!

7:00 A.M. ~ Easter Sunrise

@ Peace Town Cemetery - SE corner of cemetery

7:45 A.M. ~ Easter Breakfast in Parish Hall
sponsored by the Youth of Peace

**9:00 A.M. Sunday School w/12th Annual
Festival of Humor in Adult Class**

We will have our 12th Annual "Festival of Humor"
during the Adult Sunday School hour on Easter morning.
Please bring with you articles, cartoons, or other items of
Christian humor to share with the Adult Class as we
celebrate and laugh in the joy that Easter day brings!

**10:00 A.M. ~ Easter Celebration
w/Holy Communion**

Spoiler Alert!!

In these days of DVRs and streaming programming, it's common courtesy to warn people before discussing a show's plot or ending. How frustrating to inadvertently hear how a much-anticipated drama concludes!

Knowing how everything ends is a blessing for Christians, however. Jesus' victory over death gives us hope and confidence for this life — and for the life to come.

"The church does not pretend ... that it does not know what will happen with the crucified Jesus," writes Thomas Hopko in *The Orthodox Faith*. "It does not sorrow and mourn over the Lord as if the church itself were not the very creation which has been produced from his wounded side and from the depths of his tomb. All through [Holy Week] services, the victory of Christ is contemplated and the resurrection is proclaimed."

Indeed, Jesus' followers know how his story — and therefore our story — ends: in Easter life!

My
KINGDOM
is not of this world.

JOHN 18:36

Worship, Education & Stewardship - Feb. 2018



<u>Worship Attendance</u>		(One year ago)
Feb. 21	86	88
Feb. 25	132 + 0 = 132	130 + 9 = 139
Feb. 28	87	<i>Worship @ H.S.</i>
Mar. 4	130	126 + 13 = 139
Mar. 7	72	81
Mar. 11	no count + 8 = 8	140 + 5 = 145
Mar. 14	60	79
Mar. 18	117 + 0 = 117	167 + 7 = 174
Mar. 21	68	68

**General Budget Balance Feb. 28, 2018 =
+ \$9341.15**

Stewardship *March was for Parkview Haven Foundation*

	<u>Gen. Budget</u>	<u>Others</u>
Feb. 14	\$1600.00	(+\$910.55 Lent / \$927 Well)
Feb. 18	\$2473.54	(+\$20 Lent / +\$20 Peace Men)
Feb. 21	0	(+\$584.50 Lent)
Feb. 25	\$2562.05	
Feb. 28	0	(+\$471.37 Lent)
Mar. 5	\$3680.25	(+\$15 Lent)
Mar. 7	0	(+\$848.35 Lent)
Mar. 11	\$3717.25	(+\$160 Lent)
Mar. 14	\$559.21	
Mar. 18	\$2386.01	(+\$40 Lent)
Mar. 21	0	(\$684.00 Lent)

Education

Feb. 25	34	\$42.55
Mar. 4	41	\$42.75
Mar. 11	31	\$54.20
Mar. 18	45	\$66.00

S.S. February Perfect Attendance...

Pre - K

Jaden Beam
Drew Buckles

1-2

Jackson Beam

3-4-5

Danessa Buckles
Danica Buckles
Danica O'Neal

Sunday School Offering to Heifer International...

Your donations to Sunday School, December thru February, totaled \$588.52. With that we purchased the following items: One Biogas Stove for \$50 - manure and water produces the gas to run the stove which is used for heat and for cooking and is so beneficial for a family. Mostly they said the stoves are sent to Uganda. One \$300 well, which may be a 20 foot borehole, or a hand pump water well, or some means of getting water for a family or village. One \$150 irrigation pump gift of clean water.....used in water tanks for villages but also used for crops and livestock. One trio of rabbits (\$60) and one set of ducks/geese (\$20). *Thank you all for your generous contributions which will change the lives of someone you've never seen or met, but who will be forever grateful to you and to their Lord and Savior, who answered their prayers.*

OUR OFFERINGS

Congregational Mission Support

for April is designated for
Military Bible Sticks
plus our continued amount of \$1250
monthly support to Lindsey Mueller.

Lenten Offerings

Due to our budget shortfall again in 2017, the Congregational Mission Giving Budget for our missionary, Lindsey Mueller, remained reduced by \$3000 in 2018. We've designated our Lenten Offerings to Lindsey to make up the difference and hopefully offer her the same support, or more, as we have in the past years. So, just a reminder that your Lenten offerings go 100% to Lindsey and the work she does with Children of the Nations in Uganda.

Thanks for your support!

Weekend Worship Schedule...

6:30 PM -Saturday Evening
NO Saturday Worship
Easter Weekend - Mar. 31
10:00 AM - Sunday Morning

9:00 AM - Sunday School

April 8 - Lindsey Mueller will
be sharing during S.S.
April 22 - Stephanie Geist will
be sharing during S.S.



**“Father,
forgive them;
for they
know not what
they do.”**

LUKE 23:34, KJV

MARCH 25 - Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms
Reading of the Passion Story

MARCH 29 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Holy Communion
8:00 PM Brass Rehearsal

MARCH 30 - Good Friday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Worship - The Last Seven Words of Jesus
8:00 PM Youth Worship Team Rehearsal

MARCH 31 - 6:30 Holy Communion

APRIL 1 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM YOP Sunrise Service @ Peace Town Cemetery
7:45 AM Easter Breakfast by Youth of Peace
8:30 AM Adult Praise Team Rehearsal
9:00 AM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal
9:00 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Brass Rehearsal
10:00 AM Easter Celebration w/Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings

APRIL 8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Guest Speaker - our Missionary, Lindsey Mueller, Children of the Nations
Peace Choir Sings

APRIL 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

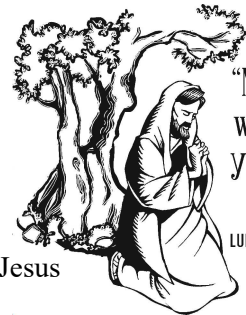
Holy Communion
Thrivent Member Meeting Following Worship

APRIL 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Guest Speaker - Stephanie Giest, Representative for our local RFKC
Peace Choir Sings

APRIL 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion



“Not my
will, but
yours be
done.”

LUKE 22:42, NIV

Easter Lilies...

We will again be decorating the sanctuary on Easter morning with Easter lilies and flowers on the cross. You may sign up on the tablet in the office to sponsor one of the lilies ordered, bring your own lily or make a monetary donation for the cross flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion or in joy of our risen Lord! Sixteen lilies have been ordered at approximately \$8.00 each or you may purchase one on your own or donate any amount for the cross flowers, which cost \$80.00. Payment is appreciated at the time of your request.

Easter Brass Ensemble...

If you play a brass instrument we'd love to have you join us in the brass ensemble for Easter Sunday. Because of the volume of the hymns, it really doesn't work very well for flutes or clarinets as they're just not heard. Rehearsal will be following the Maundy Thursday worship service, approximately 8:15 p.m., and on Easter morning at 9:30 AM. We especially rely on the alumni (college students) to help us out with this, so please encourage and remind your college student to bring their horn home and come one of the practices. Thank you to Julia Pohlmann for working with them.



Peace Happenings..

Happy April Birthday to...



Rachel Hoffmeyer will be 75 on April 8, Merlyn Pohlmann will be 80 on April 21 and Ervin Lunzmann will be 90 on April 23. Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. If you'd like us to include your anniversary date, please let us know the date of your marriage. Thanks!!

April 1	Brexlie Renz	April 11	Alisha Fangmeyer	April 21	Onna Robinson
April 2	Mason Roth		Lilly Luben	April 22	Lois Nelson
	Keira Marquart	April 12	Coleton Marquart		Drew Buckles
	Olivia Flint	April 13	Jan Horwart	April 23	Ervin Lunzmann
April 3	Linda Weideman		Audrey Hoops		Ervin Fangmeyer
April 4	Tim Kruse		Travis Miller		Denise Brettmann
April 6	Deb Bohling		Stephen Kirchhoff		Tierra Schardt
	Tabitha Foutch		Kevin Lowery	April 24	Scott Eitzmann
	Briana Dahl	April 14	Bill Mize		Anna Mesloh
April 8	Rachel Hoffmeyer		Brady Fangmeyer		Emma Mesloh
	Cindy Mueller		Gavin Nash	April 26	Carol Mammen
	Kirk Culler	April 17	Cassandra Row	April 27	Steve Brettmann
	CJ Reinke	April 18	Justin Hintz		Laurie Koester
April 10	Cindy Mesloh		Anita Stevenson	April 28	Bay Robinson
	Sena Mesloh	April 19	Paul Fintel	April 29	Trinity Robinson
	Chloe Fangmeyer	April 20	Lucille Schardt	April 30	Brian Isernhagen
April 11	Linda Weber	April 21	Merlyn Pohlmann		Kevin Christian

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



Those Celebrating April Anniversaries...

April 13, 2013 Brock & Nikki Renz	April 25, 1964 Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann
April 24, 1982 Barry & Dorothy Renz	April 25, 1996 Brad & Deena Schultz

College Graduates...

Please let the church office know if you will be graduating from **COLLEGE** this Spring, when and where, what your degree is and maybe future plans if you know them at this time. You can e-mail the church office at maschmannmarla@gmail.com or call the office at #402-365-7746. I'd like to include **YOU** in the next issue of "Tidings of Peace" and the deadline is **April 23**. Thanks!

Address Changes...

Janet Ritterling
7200 Van Dorn St. Apt 219
Lincoln NE 68506-3270

Janet Fangmeyer
PO Box 96
Deshler NE 68340

Vacation Bible School...

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 4 thru Friday, June 8, 2017** for Vacation Bible School at Peace Lutheran Church. Thanks to *Connie Eitzmann* for starting us off this year as the Director. Connie would greatly appreciate volunteers stepping forward as soon as possible to offer assistance in any way. Thanks Connie!!!!

Women's News...

We met together two times on Monday, Feb. 26, and tied blankets that we had pieced together with the Husker material bought with Louisa's Thrivent Action Team Funds. The backs are pieced of fabric and clothing donations. We are always humbled to tie these blankets with Nebraska themed material because they will go to children attending the Royal Family Kids Camp in Nebraska this June. This is a camp for abused and neglected children who need to feel loved at least one week of their life. It makes a difference to these children, and we in turn feel inspired to know that we can at least share our love and kindness with them in this way and help them feel wanted and needed. Quoted from a song we sing in church: "Live Christ, Love Christ, Share Christ, Be Christ. All these things, do today. All these things along your way....."



WOW Board Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Jami O'Neal with 10 members present, 5 absent. Devotions were shared by Louisa Fintel. Mary Jo Hofts gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1864.76.

Mission growth: Linda Loontjer reported that they were looking at a speaker and would send her some dates to choose from. Anita Stevenson encouraged the women to go to the LCMC convention which will be held in Des Moines on October 7-10.

Mission Community: Anita has ordered cards and Lori Gummert will check on the gifts for our graduates.

Mission Action: Louisa Fintel reported that we will have blanket tying again on March 26th. Earlene Othling received Thrivent funds to buy more rolls

of batting and a lunch will be served during the afternoon session. We made 21 blankets last month.

Old business: Yearbooks are still on hold until the time and talent sheets are tabulated. The next meeting will start at 6:30 so that we can clean the kitchen before the meeting.

New business: A thank-you note was read. The money from the insurance company has come in so the money we gave to replace the CD players which disappeared will be returned to us. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is April 16th.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Meyer, Acting Secretary

Daughters of the Spirit

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

~ 3 John 1:4

Southern Prairie Conference Spring Gathering

**Saturday, April 14, 2018
Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Sanders Ave.
Hildreth NE**

Registration begins at 8:30

Welcome & Music

Bible Study

Business Meeting

Break

Tara Rye, Grace University Dean of Women,
presents a drama on "*Sermon on the Mount*"

Lunch

Spiritual Stretching with Corinne Jensen

Group sing along

Worship with Communion

Conclusion - 3:30 p.m.

Registration is due April 7. Cost is \$18 which includes lunch-transferrable, but not refundable.

Registration Forms are available on the church bulletin board. If you'd like to car-pool let President, Jami O'Neal know. Registration forms have more information as to tangible offering and special requests.

April Library News

by Lois Nelson, Librarian

NEW BOOKS

Her Secret by Shelby Shepherd

An Amish Home by Beth Wiseman

Blessings in Disguise by Nancy Mehl

Sound of Fear by Merta Penny

An Amish Market by Amy Clipston

Like Dandelion Dust by Karen Kingsbury

We have a great number of books in our Church Library which is located upstairs, 2nd door on the left (the elevator is also available for the 2nd floor).

Please feel free to check it out anytime! ☺ Lots of children's books too, plus games, puzzles, etc. available to check out.

My plans are to feature an author every couple of months. So look for the *featured author*, other books, plus kid's stuff in the "Library Corner" in the overflow. That will give you a taste of all that you can find upstairs in our church library.

Thank You's Received...

Dear Peace LCMC Church,
Thank you so much for all the beautiful Christmas cards and cards for my 90th birthday. I got so many cards!! Thank you for all your kindness for thinking about me. I appreciated that very much!
~ Florence Kniep, God bless you all!

Thank you to all who helped make my 80th birthday so special with cards, posts and other beautiful gestures. God bless you ~ Deanna Klover!!

Church Council & The Congregation of Peace,
Thank you so much for the beautiful lighted wooden Amazing Grace Shadow Box. It's something I will treasure. It's also been a pleasure working for a wonderful congregation. Thanks again ~ Paula Dahl

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED...

In May of 2017, Peace Lutheran Church gave one \$400.00 scholarship for a communing member of Peace Lutheran Church who was enrolled at a seminary or college. This year Peace will be offering another \$400.00 scholarship. Applications are available on the counter in the church office for this 2018 scholarship. Preference is given to students closer to the completion of their bachelor's degree and those attending Christian colleges or seminaries.

Completed applications are to be turned in to the church office no later than **April 30, 2018.**

April Youth News

by Chandra Hillman & Stuart Reinke
Co-Youth Directors

This past month in Sunday School we have been studying Genesis 16 & 17. We end each Sunday morning session with prayer, but before we pray, the youth listen to a song that relates to our Bible lesson. This month songs were "Your Love Never Fails" by the Newsboys; "El Shaddai" by Amy Grant and "Impossible Things" by Chris Tomlin.

Some lessons we came away with from Chapter 16 were; to have faith in God, have patience with Him-He's in control not us, trust in the Lord, take responsibility for our mistakes, know that God keeps His promises. Another message we discussed was from Romans 8:28; "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." We all need to be reminded that no problem is too complicated for God, as long as we are willing to let Him help us.

In Chapter 17, we learned that God teaches us to focus on His commitment to fulfilling His promises to us and to continue to obey Him even if we feel doubt. And what is Easter all about? God fulfilling His promise to us! "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)." Our Easter prayer for our youth and church family is to ask God to help us stand strong in our faith and help us to reach out with courage and hope to bring God's everlasting love to our broken world. Thanks be to God for His promises! **Christ has Risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!!**