

Tidings of Peace

February 2019 Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Public Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Mon. & Tues. /
9:00 - 5:30 Wed & Thurs. / Closed Friday & Saturday

◆ Phones: Office: 402-365-7746 ◆ Preschool/Parish Hall: 402-365-7855 ◆

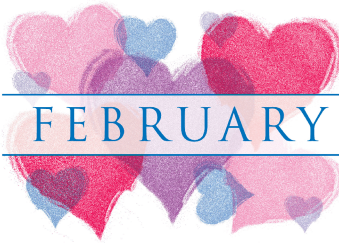
◆ Pastoral Vacancy ◆

◆ Marla Maschmann, Office Administrator ◆ Jake Beam,, President ◆

◆ Chandra Hillman, Youth Directors ◆

◆ Kim Roth, Preschool ◆ Arlis Hohl, Custodian ◆

February Highlights...



Sunday, February 10

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. Men of Peace could use a few more volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board to offer your assistance with the event.

Weekend Worship Schedule..

*NO Saturday Worship currently
planned during interim*

10:00 AM Sunday Morning

9:00 AM Sunday School for all

YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED...

Peace Lutheran Church is looking for an individual (preferably a man) to share the Youth Director position 50% with Chandra Hillman. Please direct any inquiries to Discipleship and Education Team Chairperson, Derek Schnakenberg #402-460-7546.

FEB. 3 - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor Daryl Nelson / Holy Communion

Peace Choir

"Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday Offering for Food Pantry

FEB. 10 - 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor Dan Cloeter, LCMC, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Osceola
Informational Congregational meeting following worship

Men's Pancake Feed 11:30 - 1:00

Youth Planning meeting, bring your pancakes - J.H. Classroom

FEB. 17 - 6th Sunday of Epiphany

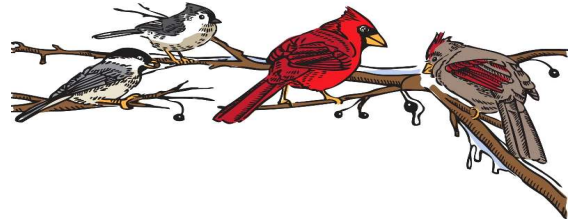
Pastor Daryl Nelson / Holy Communion

FEB. 24 - 7th Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor James Ernst, LCMC, from
Columbus, NE and a member of St.
Paul Lutheran, Osceola

**Weekend
Worship
SCHEDULE**

Signs of Love



Prayers For February

Bring your healing & comfort to...

Recovering from surgery: Konner Stichka (*scheduled for surgery February 11*) ~ Gladys Jenkins (*recovering at Tabitha in Lincoln*)

Those fighting cancer: Sena (Mesloh) Lowery ~ Monte Gehle ~ Ken Rigler (*friend of Roth's & Weber's*) ~ Ellie Pachta (*18-month-old daughter of Lance &*

Jenna Pachta) ~ Deb (Mrs. David) Fangmeier (*Merlyn Pohlmann's cousin, diagnosed with liver cancer on hospice*) ~ Chuck Hinze (*friend of Marilyn Cook*) ~ Chris Hoffmeyer (*cousin of Marilyn Cook*) ~ Lily Scheclert (*Chandra Hillman's Aunt with breast cancer*) ~ Roma Bedlan (*Rose Brettmann's sister*) ~ Megan Vales (*friend of Amy Nash's diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma*) ~ Larry Degenhardt (*Cindy Mueller's brother as he goes through chemo*) ~ Paul Chase (*friend of Yvonne Hoops with terminal brain cancer*) ~ Lance Greenwood (*Janet Koch's grandson diagnosed with stomach cancer will begin treatments and surgery will be scheduled later*) ~ Pastor Cathi Braasch

Prayers for healing, strength and comfort: Leora Freitag (*suffered a stroke on 1-3-19, transferred to Madonna on 1-8-19*) ~ Rosanne Newell (*moved to Superior Nursing Home*) ~ Lula Culler (*on hospice*) ~ Stan Thompson ~ Gary Hoops ~ Donovan Yoachim ~ Donna (Schmidt) Tittler (*Billy Tittler's wife*) dealing with Alzheimer's ~ Amanda (Holes) Snook (*Dawn Buckles' niece*) ~ Verla Heitman (*Jeanette Mohrmann & Leora Freitag's sister, heart issues*) ~ Cliff Shellhase (*father of Jan Maschmann*) ~ Krew Anderson (*5 month old son of Richard & Stephanie (Freitag) Anderson with leukemia*) ~ Isaiah Zapata ~ Myron Poppe ~ Patt Lentfer (*friend of Arlis Hohl's suffered a massive stroke*) ~ Robert Crane (*Anisa Hillman's dad*) ~ Amy Ludwig (*Stan & Bonnie Thompson's daughter hospitalized in Lincoln with pneumonia*)

In the Mission Field: Our missionaries Paul and Comfort in Ghana

Prayers for God's guidance for our Calling Committee.

Thank You's Received...

...Peace Lutheran Church, Thank you for all the cards, memorials and prayers for our mom, Wilma. She loved serving at Peace and the people in the church. You have all been such a wonderful part of her life. May God bless you all.
~ *The family of Wilma Christian*

...Ladies of Peace Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for your gifts of food and service for mom's funeral. She so enjoyed serving in that same capacity for many years. May God bless your service. It truly meant so much to our family. ~ *The family of Wilma Christian*

Updates to Our Pictorial Directory...

Peace Lutheran would like to begin the process to update the pictorial directory on our website and then have them printed when we get closer to calling a new minister. Most everyone's picture is from the year 2015, so young children have grown, maybe your family has grown, some have married and/or joined other churches, maybe you've lost weight or cut your hair ☺, etc. So basically, if your looks have changed enough since 2015 that a new pastor wouldn't connect you with your current picture, please submit a new one. Preferably with just the family members who belong to Peace in the picture. If children are out of college and/or out of the household, they are listed as a separate household in the roster and can have their own picture or one with their parents. Whatever is convenient for you. You can email it to peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com or bring it in and have it scanned in. There's a copy of our current directory on the counter in the office if you need to check it out. *Thanks!*

Worship, Education and Stewardship for January 2019

Worship Attendance (Compared to one year ago)

Jan.6	123	149 + 13 = 162
Jan. 13	95	138 + 9 = 147
Jan. 20	132	134 + 0 = 134
Jan. 27	123	153 + 4 = 157

Stewardship

Gen. Budget

Jan. 6	\$2986.25 (\$100 well, \$70 Bldg Fund.)
Jan. 13	\$1901.40
Jan. 20	\$3985.00
Jan. 27	\$1919.00

Education Dec. thru Feb. is for Heifer International

Jan. 6	43	\$66.55
Jan. 13	38	\$58.28
Jan. 20	46	\$64.90
Jan. 27	44	\$41.75

DECEMBER 31, 2018

GENERAL FUND BALANCE: \$4291.34

Congregational Mission Support for February is designated to Hope Pregnancy Center in Superior and Lutheran Family Services plus our continued monthly support to our African Well Project and Paul & Comfort.

The Youth Annual Meeting Meal Fund-raiser raised \$588! 91 members signed in for the Annual Meeting.

Thanks everyone for your support!!!

Annual meeting minutes are available in the church office and will be in your March newsletter due to space needed.

February 2019 Serving Page

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GREETERS

Bruce & Jan Maschmann

ACOLYTES

FEB 10 McKylie Smith & Danessa Buckles
FEB 17 Tierra Schardt & Danica Buckles*
FEB 24 Addyson Hintz & Danessa Buckles
MAR 3 Coleton Isernhagen & Gavin Fangmeyer
MAR 6 (*Ash Wed.*) Cameron Czekai & Kris Collins

SCRIPTURE READERS

FEB 10 Terri Williams
FEB 17 Shelly Smith
FEB 24 Jae Fintel
MAR 3 Deb Folkerts

BULLETIN FOLDER- Irene Fintel

PEW RESTOCKERS

Sondra Ehlers & Becky Cahill

COFFEE PREPARATION - Paula Dahl

FLOWER COMMITTEE - JoAnn Bohling

ALTAR GUILD - George & Janet Kruse

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

USHERS

Head Usher - Glen Maschmann;
Earl & Chandra Hillman,
Fred & Ardith Maschmann

COMMUNION BREAD- Jan Maschmann

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Becky Mize & Chris Roth

FEB - YOUTH PRAISE TEAM

MARCH - ADULT PRAISE TEAM

Practices scheduled through text messaging.

SOUND SYSTEM - Nate Brandt

SCREEN OPERATOR

Lori Grummert / Becky Mize

Peace Happenings...

February Birthdays...

Special birthdays this month are Irene Fintel, who will be 93 on February 12 and Cork Renz will be 85 on February 25. 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. 3	Tiffany Beam	Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 25	Cork Renz
Feb. 4	Levi Nelson		Matthew Marquart		Taylor Wharton
Feb. 6	Konner Ostdiek		Gracie Miller	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith	Feb. 18	Leah Nelson		Brad Schultz
Feb. 8	Bill Callahan		Josh Weber	Feb. 27	Anthony Hillman
Feb. 11	Jason Reinke	Feb. 19	Ragan Pohlmann	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
Feb. 12	Irene Fintel		Monte Gehle		Josh Mosier
	Anthony Collins	Feb. 20	Blake Befort		Kyler Stichka
Feb. 14	Terri Williams	Feb. 21	JoAnn Ehlers	Feb. 29	Jan Freitag
		Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt		

(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@.)

February Anniversaries



Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to Roger & Rachel Hoffmeyer!!!

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		

Thank You's...

- ...Dear Women of Peace Lutheran Church, Thank you for the beautiful card and Christmas greeting. Thanks also for the money gift! Wishing you also a Blessed New Year! ~ Gladys Jenkins & Florence Kniep
- ...The church office received a call on Wednesday from Sally of Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach in Lincoln as they were extremely grateful for our unexpected gift from our Thanksgiving offerings totaling \$1228.28. She offered if we even have a group coming to Lincoln they would love to give a tour. They serve about 100,000 meals a year she said. She wanted me to pass on their extreme thankfulness and gratitude.
- ...Dear Women of Peace, Thank you very much for the support and inspiration that you have given to me this past Christmas. The card was wonderful, and the bible verse could not have been more comforting. Also, thank you for the Subway gift card, for that gave me the opportunity to get something to eat in my busy schedule. I hope you all had a wonderful and merry Christmas. May the new year bring you all joy and happiness. *Sincerely, Jared Pohlmann*
- ...Dear Women of Peace, Thank you so much for the Subway gift card. Every once in awhile, it's really nice to get off campus and eat a meal. Subway is one of my favorite restaurants and I will definitely use it to order a steak and cheese sandwich with extra peppers and chipotle sauce. *God bless, Ragan Pohlmann*

Congratulations to Danielle (Fayle) & Jacob Cathey at the birth of twins on Friday morning, January 11, 2019! The little boy is named Declan James and weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz., and the little girl is named Everleigh Nichole and weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. They were born at Bryan East and will return home this week in Lincoln, Nebraska. Congratulations also to grandparents, Bob and Kimberly Fayle, great-grandparents, Don & Sandra Spitler and great-grandmother, Gladys Jenkins! *God Bless this new little family!*

Summer Camp 2019

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

Carol Joy Holling at Ashland has a high ropes challenge courses, horseback riding (at Tipi Village and Ranch Camp sites), swimming, boating, creative arts and many other classic camp activities. This year's theme is "Chain Reaction." There is a half-price offer for first-time campers. New brochures about all Carol Joy has to offer are available on the counter in the church office.

Covenant Cedars at Hordville has lively worship, engaging speakers, climbing tower and zip line, water slide and water inflatables. You can inquire in the office and we can find a way for you to connect with them.

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. Their family camp though is an awesome boost for any family!!

Camp is always more fun if you can share it with friends. There are camps for children of all ages from 1st grade to senior high. Okoboji also features great weeks of family camping. And remember: there is funding available to make camp affordable for everyone.

Carol Joy Holling Poster taped on

Library News by Lois Nelson

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE that donated books over the past year. Each book was certainly a welcomed addition.

New books for your enjoyment are:

Stealing the Preacher, Karen Witemeyer

The Heart's Pursuit, Robin Lee Hatcher

Full Steam Ahead, Karen Witemeyer

Love in Disguise, Carol Cox

Butterfly Palace, Colleen Coble

The Last Bride, Beverly Lewis

Check out the books by Karen Witemeyer, featured author.

If there is a particular book you would like to see in the library, please let me know.

Thrivent Choice Dollars...

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, 2019. 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 your 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 your 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.

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 2018 the Peace Thrivent Choice dollars for 2017, totaling \$2457, were distributed to the following:

\$819.00 to Women of Peace

\$819.00 to Men of Peace

\$819.00 to Youth of Peace

2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars total \$2140.00 and plans are to hold a Thrivent Member meeting in the Spring of 2019 to designate the 2018 dollars.

Peace Lutheran Church has 4 members representing the congregation as advocates: Linda Fangmeyer (Lead Advocate), Fred Maschmann, Glen Maschmann and Marla Maschmann. Each advocate receives \$50 in Choice Dollars each year to designate in thankfulness for their service. Each congregation is allowed 8 advocates, so if you'd like to become a Thrivent Congregational Advocate for Peace please let Linda Fangmeyer know. Basically, Advocate responsibilities are to help members with their Choice Dollar designation or Thrivent Team Action applications.

Minutes from the Women's Board

Meeting-Jan. 21, 2019

The meeting opened with appetizers served by the outgoing board members, after which Jami O'Neal called the meeting to order with 14 members present, 2 absent and 1 outgoing member present. Devotions were given by Louisa on "Belonging".

New members, Linda Fangmeyer, Dawn Buckles, and Judy Kirchhoff were introduced.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported a 12/31/18 balance of \$2520.07.

No ballot was necessary as all positions were filled on a volunteer basis. Those were: Coordinator, Jami O'Neal; Vice Coordinator, Connie Meyer; Secretary, Linda Fangmeyer; Treasurer, Mary Jo Hofts; Coordinators of Mission Growth, Mary Jo Hofts-Chairman, Denise Brettmann, Linda Loontjer; Coordinators of Mission Community, Lori Grummert-Chairman, Mary Miller, Dawn Buckles, Judy Kirchhoff; Coordinators of Mission Action, Louisa Fintel-Chairman, Julia Pohlmann, Chandra Hillman, Sandra Spitler. There was discussion on duties of the Committees and making any necessary changes for the yearbook. Pricing of the greeting cards was discussed, noting that this project was done more as a service project for the congregation rather than a money making one.

Louisa reported that the Mission Action projects for 2018 had been sent to the Orphan Grain Train because LWR drop off locations had been changed and were no longer feasible for delivery to those locations. A motion was made, seconded and carried to continue delivering the completed projects to Orphan Grain Train.

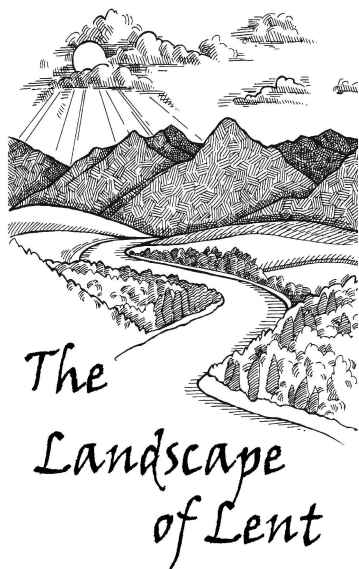
Since the Thankoffering offering had previously been used to cover postage to send our projects to LWR, a motion was made, second, and carried to send \$500 to Orphan Grain Train.

Anita Sevensen's position on the board has not been filled and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to not fill it at this time, but to wait until next fall when a member change was made.

New Business – Jami read "Thank You" notes that had been received. A contact sheet of all board members needed to be updated and would be given to everyone. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to stop the monthly donation to Children of the Nations. Soup suppers for the Lenten services would be discussed at the next meeting as no plans for the services were known at this time. It was noted that if anyone knew of kitchen needs, that a listing should be made available for posting so everyone would be aware of such. A motion was made, seconded and carried to again donate \$500 to the Back Pack Program. In theory it would be coming out of the Thrivent balance with the remainder of that money going into the general treasury.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kirchhoff, Secretary



Our Lenten Series...

We are pleased to share that our Lenten Schedule plans are made and that Becky Mohling, a friend and acquaintance of Pastor Leah Krotz, will be leading us on Wednesday evenings and during Holy Week. The time may possibly be 6:45 p.m., with soup suppers from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Definite times will be in your March newsletter. Ash Wednesday is March 6, with Easter Sunday falling on April 21.

Our series is entitled "*The Landscape of Lent*". We are going to travel through the wilderness, wind, water, mud, into the cave, through the palms, to the stone. Each week we add one elemental concept from our scripture readings to help illustrate our theme in this journey. For each of us it gives us the opportunity to consider where we are in our journey of discipleship with Jesus. Whatever circumstances we find ourselves traveling through this Lent, may we hear God's invitation to draw closer to Him.

My Bio: Pastor Becky Mohling

I have been married to Steve Mohling for 13 years and came from Omaha, NE to live on a farm, near Glenvil. I love the farm as I have my chickens and a variety of exotic birds. I have two children, who live in Omaha, as well as my three grandchildren. I retired from First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings, over four years ago, as Director of Christian Education. I served there for six and half years and while I was there, I worked to complete my PMA certification.

I received a call from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blue Hill, to serve as their Pastor, and I served the church for one and half years. I now have gone back to Geneva to the girls Geneva Teen Prison and I do a weekly Bible Study for the girls. This is my fourth year and I feel so fortunate to share with them the love of Jesus! I also volunteer in different ministries at First. St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

I feel blessed and honored to serve you, at Peace Lutheran Church, this Lenten Season. Thank you and God's Blessings ~ *Pastor Becky Mohling*



Sign-up to Volunteer on Friday Mornings...

The church office is closed on Fridays, so we are looking for different volunteers for 2 hours on those mornings to watch/help with preschool students should there be an accident, sick child, bathroom needs, etc. You would just be in the building on Fridays from 9:00 - 11:00 and can bring your own work to do or just read a book. Kim rings the S.S. bell in the upstairs hallway if she needs assistance. You would also lock and unlock the building for those 2 hours should someone need access on a Friday. Please sign-up on the sheet on the church bulletin board and check in the office for instructions on unlocking and locking the front doors. *Thanks for your assistance!!!*

Event you may be interested in...

A fund-raiser meal is being planned to benefit one of Trinity – Friedensau's members, Frank Northrup. After hospitalization last summer and little help from insurance, Frank has been working two jobs to pay his \$50,000 medical bill. Trinity is planning this fund-raiser to help him. A spaghetti meal will be served **Sunday, February 17**, at Friedensau from 11:30 – 1:30. (In case of inclement weather, the benefit will be Sunday, February 24th.) Take a drive in the country and join us for a good hot meal! If you are unable to attend the fund-raiser but would like to contribute, accounts have been set up at both Midwest Bank in Deshler and Thayer County Bank in Hebron.