

# Tidings of Peace

April 2017 Newsletter of  
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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## *Holy Week Worship Schedule...*

**April 13 ~ 7:00 P.M.**

**Maundy Thursday Communion**

*Offering for Missionary, Lindsey Mueller*

**April 14 ~ 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday Service**

*Offering for Missionary, Lindsey Mueller*

**April 16 - The Resurrection of Our Lord!!**

**6:45 A.M. ~ Easter Sunrise**

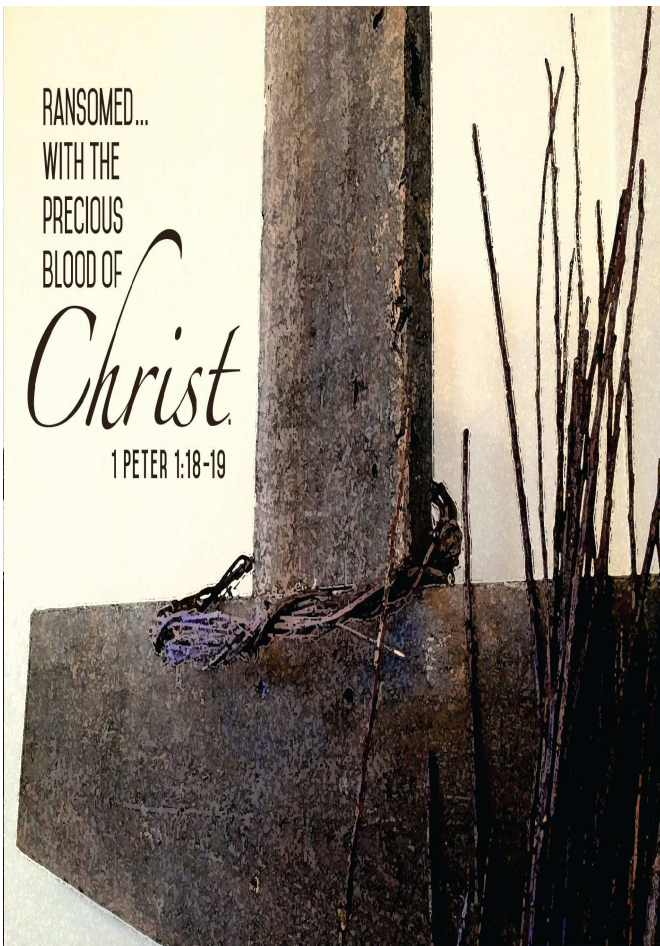
@ Peace Town Cemetery - SE Section

**7:30 A.M. ~ Easter Breakfast** in Parish Hall  
sponsored by the Youth of Peace

**9:00 A.M. Sunday School w/11th Annual  
Festival of Humor in Adult Class**

We will have our 11<sup>th</sup> 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**



## *When We Can't Find Easter...*

Easter is the most joyous Christian holy day ... except when it's not. What do we do when our mood isn't what we think it "should" be? The kids are sugared up, we're juggling family gatherings (and maybe conflicts), our everyday challenges remain, and festive hymns — however rousing — fail to lift our spirits. We wonder, "What's wrong with me, that I can't seem to find Easter?"

Been there, done that. And it's okay. You're okay.

Jesus' resurrection doesn't scoop us out of our troubles, but the death-defying Christ walks through them beside us, on our own Emmaus road (Luke 24). We aren't alone. When we can't find Easter, Easter somehow finds us — if not on this designated Sunday, perhaps two days from now, or next week or mid-May. Watch for it; keep your heart open. Christ is risen indeed — and you shall be too. —Heidi Mann



# Worship, Education & Stewardship - Feb. 2017



## Worship Attendance

		(One year ago)
Feb. 26	130	162 + 18 = 180
Mar. 1 ( <i>Ash Wed.</i> )	103	123
Mar. 5	126 + 13 = 139	153 + 10 = 163
Mar. 8	88	128
Mar. 12	140 + 5 = 145	121
Mar. 15	<i>Worship @ H.S.</i>	118
Mar. 19	167 + 7 = 174	161 + 14 = 175
Mar. 22	81	100

## Stewardship *March was for Parkview Haven Foundation*

	<u>Gen. Budget</u>	<u>Others</u>
Feb. 26	\$2458.30	
Mar. 1	\$2791.88	(+\$841.46 Lent/+\$700 Well)
Mar. 5	\$4080.14	(+\$240 Lent)
Mar. 8	0	(+\$534.47 Lent)
Mar. 12	\$8027.75	(+\$210 Lent)
Mar. 15	No Worship - No Offering	
Mar. 19	\$3760.80	(+\$60 Lent)

## Education

Feb. 26	47	\$87.75
Mar. 5	63	\$52.00
Mar. 12	43	\$69.50
Mar. 19	52	\$78.50

## OUR OFFERINGS

### **Congregational Mission Support**

for April is designated for  
***Tiny Hands International***,  
plus our continued amount of \$1250  
monthly support to Lindsey Mueller.

### Lenten Offerings

Due to our budget shortfall last year,  
the Congregational Mission Giving Budget  
for our missionary, Lindsey Mueller, was reduced  
by \$3000.00 for 2017. 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!*

## Thank You...

...to all those who helped prepare the chancel area for the Lenten season.

...to Jake Beam as King David, Fred Maschmann as Judas, Anthony Hillman as Malchus, and Pastor Rich for the meaningful presentations in our Lenten series dramas.

## Sunday School Offering to Heifer International...

Your donations to Sunday School, December thru February, totaled \$749.20. With that we purchased the following items: 2 Biogas Stoves 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 school of fish for \$300 - this is a continual good source of nutrition. And then we finished out the amount with a flock of chicks (\$20) and 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 Christmas Well Goal Has Been Reached...

The campaign to be able to send enough money to drill one well for a specific village in Uganda has been realized. With your generous extra contributions we've reached an amount of \$10,938.81. It costs \$10,150 to drill a well. *Thank you for seeing this project through to completion!* **God is good, all the time ~ And all the time, God is good**

# Lenten & Weekend Worship Schedule...

6:30 PM - Saturday Evening  
NO Saturday Worship April 1  
or Easter Weekend April 15  
10:00 AM - Sunday Morning

Sunday School begins at 9:00 A.M.

**Wednesdays during Lent**  
5:45 - 6:45 P.M. Meal & Fellowship  
7:00 P.M. Worship



## EASTER

### 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. 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 to the practice. Practice will be after the Adult Team Worship practice following Good Friday worship, April 14, approximately 8:30 P.M. You can be getting your horns out, music selected, stand ready while the Adult Team runs through their Easter music.

#### MARCH 29 - Midweek 5

Youth of Peace Supper  
"At the Crossroads" Declaration - Luke 22:54-62  
Special Music - Shelly Smith

#### APRIL 2 - Lent 5

#### APRIL 5 - Midweek 6

Youth of Peace Baked Potato Bar  
"At the Crossroads" Obedience - Matthew 26:36-46  
Peace Choir Sings

#### APRIL 9 - Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms  
Holy Communion  
Peace Choir Sings

#### APRIL 13 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM

6:00 PM Adult Worship Team Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Holy Communion  
8:00 PM Youth Worship Team Rehearsal

#### APRIL 14 - Good Friday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Worship - The Last Seven Words of Jesus  
8:00 PM Adult Worship Team Rehearsal  
8:30 PM Brass Rehearsal

#### APRIL 15 - NO Saturday Worship

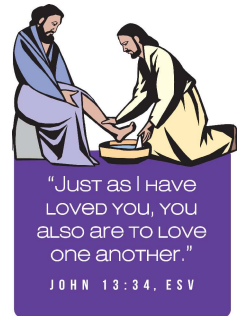
#### APRIL 16 - Easter Sunday

6:45 AM YOP Sunrise Service @ **Peace Town Cemetery** -SE section  
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 23 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### APRIL 30 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion  
Peace Choir Sings  
Graduate Recognition Sunday \*Date has changed from May 7



"Just as I have  
loved you, you  
also are to love  
one another."  
JOHN 13:34, ESV



# Signs of Love

*Prayer Page for April*



## Remember in Prayer....

Recovering from Surgery: Dennis Fuller

Those fighting cancer: Monte Gehle ~ Fred Scheclert (*Chandra Hillman's uncle - leukemia*) ~ Paul Utemark (*friend of Amy Nash*) ~ Kassandra Brooks (*Pat Wharton's niece*) ~ Daryl Kniep (*Florence Kniep's son*) ~ Ken Rigler (*friend of Roth's & Weber's*) ~ Steve Mason (*Earl Hillman's cousin*) ~ Linda Youngblood Saunders

Prayers for healing, strength and comfort: Blake Befort (*tonsillectomy*) ~ Stan Thompson ~ Howard Reinke ~ Diana Jacobe ~ Marla Gerberding ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ JoAnn Fangmeyer ~ Donovan Yoachim (*infant son of Jon and Jamie Yoachim*) ~ Brock Melton ~ Marilyn Asche ~ Mike Lichty (*Lyle Pitts brother-in-law*) ~ Tara Chapman (*Chandra Hillman's cousin*) ~ Baby Judd (*infant son of Jens and Courtney Scholl of Ruskin*) ~ Kermit Kirchhoff (*Glenn Kirchhoff's brother, eye surgery*) ~ Dane Buschling (*close friend of Kayleigh Koester*) ~ Dustin Michels (*step-son of Barry & Dorothy Renz*)

**Serving in the Mission Field:** Our missionaries Paul and Comfort in Ghana; Lindsey Mueller in Uganda

## We Hold in Sincere Sympathy and Prayer...

... and Lonny Hintz, their spouses, family, and friends, at the death of their brother, Gary Hintz, of Hebron, Nebraska, on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Funeral services were held here at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., with Pastor Rich Stevenson officiating.

...Jan and Lonny Freitag at the death of Jan's mother on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Her mother lived in Pennsylvania.

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

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### GREETERS

Lyle & Beverly Pitts

### ACOLYTES

MAR 29 (*Wed.*) Mira Eschilman & Chloe Mosier  
 APR 2 Taylor Shaw & Paiton Nash  
 APR 5 (*Wed.*) Meghan Brandt & Jazmyne Fangmeyer  
 APR 9 Autumn Reinke & Mariah Motto  
 APR 13 (*Maundy Thurs.*) Trinity Schardt & Kyra Jenkins  
 APR 14 (*Good Fri.*) Dylan Reinke & Jayden Isernhagen\*  
 APR 16 (*Easter*) Gracie Miller & Paiton Nash  
 APR 23 Mira Eschilman & Taylor Shaw  
 APR 30 Meghan Brandt & Trinity Schardt

### SCRIPTURE READERS

APR 2 Julia Pohlmann  
 APR 9 Lorena Pohlmann  
 APR 13 (*Maundy Thurs.*) Merlyn Pohlmann  
 APR 14 (*Good Fri.*) Janice Reinke  
 APR 16 (*Easter*) Chris Roth  
 APR 23 Amanda Schultz  
 APR 30 (*Graduate Sun.*) Braelyn Isernhagen & Hope Flint  
 MAY 7 Brad Schultz

### BULLETIN FOLDER

Mary Stelling

### PEW RESTOCKER

Laurie Koester

### USHERS

Head Usher - Dan Judy  
 Ushers - Gary & Denise Brettmann  
 & Rick Krotz

### FLOWER COMMITTEE

Jami O'Neal

### ALTAR GUILD

Connie Meyer & Linda Fangmeyer

### COFFEE PREPARATION

Connie Meyer

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Paul Meyer & Marvin Koester

### COMMUNION BREAD

Judy Kirchhoff

### WORSHIP TEAMS

Maundy Thursday - Adult Team  
 Easter - Both Teams  
 April - Youth Team

SOUND SYSTEM - Bill Mize  
SCREEN OPERATION - Becky Mize

# *Minutes of Cemetery Board Meeting - March 16, 2017*

The Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery Board met on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. Present were board members: Roger Bohling and Dennis Buckles; Cemetery Lot Supervisor, George Kruse, Peace Office Administrator/Cemetery Records Keeper, Marla Maschmann, and Pastor Rich Stevenson. Absent: Board member, Barry Renz

1. **A motion** was made by Dennis Buckles and seconded by Roger Bohling to approve the cemetery maintenance contracts. Both parties have agreed to continue their contracts for 2017 at the same pay rate of \$30.00 per hour: Earl Hillman mowing the Peace City Cemetery and Betsy Maschmann mowing Zion Lutheran and St. Paul Cemeteries. Motion carried.

2. The Board discussed and acted on the following:

- Discussion was held concerning a grave site not yet funded. Letters will be sent again to parties involved.
- The Art Brettmann memorial has been designated for grave stone repair. Marvin Koester had determined 4 stones in the Town Cemetery leaning badly. Spidel Monument of Lincoln, NE, quoted \$679 per stone; Johnson Monument of Belleville, KS, quoted \$300 per stone. **A motion** was made by Dennis Buckles and seconded by George Kruse to go with Johnson Monument for grave stone repair. Motion carried. Roger will contact them and see when they can work it in.
- Marvin contacted Thayer County Weed Control, but they will not set up automatic fall spraying, so the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Board member needs to contact them every fall about spraying all 3 cemeteries.
- George will let Roger know if he needs assistance setting block markers on reserved sites. The first row in the new part will be kept vacant to allow for more parking.
- Marla, Pastor and George will update the informational guideline flyer presented to area Funeral Homes.
- The Cemetery Board agreed that keeping the weeds sprayed around the outside perimeter of Zion and St. Paul's each summer falls as the responsibility of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year member of the Board, thus Roger Bohling this year.
- George and Marla reported that the maps in the vault were updated in May of 2016 with reservations requested and graves reverted back to Peace Cemetery by those who held reservations they will no longer be using.
- George Kruse had updated the Policy on the Erection of Monuments and Memorials to be given to anyone wishing to reserve their burial plots and those that have reserved plots.

3. Permanent records and certificates are recorded in files and on the church office computer, with back-ups stored in the vault and on dropbox.com.

Meeting adjourned.

## **REMINDER:**

Prior to January 2013, no one was able to reserve their cemetery plot unless they had a spouse or child deceased and burial was granted free to all members of Peace upon their death. With the high cost of keeping our cemeteries maintained and looking nice, the Congregation voted in January of 2013 to set a perpetual fee determined by the Cemetery Board for all members (currently \$350 for members and \$450 for non-members). They also voted to allow members to reserve their plots without a spouse or child deceased. So now, members of Peace are able to make pre-plan arrangements and reserve a plot in any of our three cemeteries, Peace Town Cemetery, Zion Cemetery and St. Paul's Cemetery. Only those who were grand-fathered in with a reserved plot next to a deceased spouse or child have their plot reserved for them without a certificate issued or payment required.

These fees have helped considerably in maintaining a positive balance in the Cemetery Fund. Thank you to George Kruse for volunteering to be the Cemetery Lot Supervisor and to the Cemetery Board for their work in implementing guidelines for reservations and placing temporary block markers in the ground for reserved plots. If you desire to reserve your plot, just inquire in the office and they will be glad to help you.

# Peace Happenings..

## Happy April Birthday to...



No milestone birthdays this month, but all birthdays are special. 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 2	Mason Roth	April 11	Alisha Fangmeyer	April 21	Onna Robinson
	Keira Marquart		Lilly Luben	April 22	Lois Nelson
	Olivia Flint	April 12	Coleton Marquart		Drew Buckles
April 3	Linda Weideman	April 13	Jan Horwart	April 23	Ervin Lunzmann
April 4	Tim Kruse		Audrey Hoops		Ervin Fangmeyer
April 5	Lyle Ehlers		Travis Miller		Denise Brettmann
April 6	Deb Bohling		Stephen Kirchhoff		Tierra Schardt
	Tabitha Foutch	April 14	Bill Mize	April 24	Scott Eitzmann
	Briana Dahl		Brady Fangmeyer		Anna Mesloh
April 8	Rachel Hoffmeyer		Gavin Nash		Emma Mesloh
	Cindy Mueller	April 16	Laurella Duesning	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...



Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Barry & Dorothy Renz on April 24!!

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](mailto: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 for the is **April 20**. Thanks!

## Address Changes...

Kelsey Herring  
1027 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Fairbury NE 68352-2816

## Vacation Bible School...

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 5 thru Friday, June 9, 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...

The Women of Peace are again Joining the 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. *\*Note, the Women switched the items collected on specific dates from last year and the last two articles published. It is now in the order listed below:*

**Week 1, March 5** - Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz, any brand, in original wrapping)

**Week 2, March 12**- Large Tooth Combs

**Week 3, March 19** - Bath Towels (Light-weight Max. 52x27", Dark Colors)

**Week 4, March 26** - Nail Clippers (hand or toe-nail, metal, attached file optional)

**Week 5, April 2** - Toothbrushes (Adult Size, in Original Packaging)

**Week 6, April 9** - Bars of Soap

Louisa has a basket in the back of the church (*or sometimes it's in the overflow*) for your items. You may leave your kit items one at a time or all at once. For more information contact Louisa Fintel #1-402-200-0615. The Women of Peace will assemble the Personal Care Kits on April 17, 2017, and all are welcome to come help.

**THANK YOU** to the ladies of the Women's Board for cleaning out the cupboards, refrigerators, and countertops in the kitchen before their Board meeting last Monday. If you're missing a kitchen item please note all the extra dishes and pans in the overflow that have accumulated in the kitchen. Deliver to a friend or neighbor too if that is possible. *Thanks!!!*

## **NEXT FUNERAL LUNCH...**

Just a reminder to all women who are listed on Servant Team #2, if you hear that someone has passed away, you know it's your Team that is serving next and they are responsible for workers and supplying food, as we do not call for food items for funerals. Jeanette Mohrmann is the volunteer caller for that team, so if and when you know you can work at the next funeral, feel free to give her a call and volunteer (#402-236-8731). And if you can bring something for lunch, that would be great. (As many women work, arrangements can be made if you need to drop off food early or late in the day.) And as always, you're welcome to bring food and/or work whether it's your team or not. If you'd like to be added to the email group to be notified when there is a funeral, please give your email address to Cindy Mueller [waynemueller1@gmail.com](mailto:waynemueller1@gmail.com)

**REMEMBER OUR BLANKET MAKERS** when going through your used sweatshirts, flannels, material, sheets, old blankets, etc. Our ladies here at Peace cut them up and use the blocks to piece together their blankets. So your something old can be made into something new, thanks to the talented women here at Peace! ☺ Please wash items and leave them on the table in the large closet at the bottom of the steps to the parish hall.

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## **RESURRECTION ROLLS**

1 (10 ounce) can of refrigerated crescent rolls  
8 large marshmallows  
1/4 cup melted butter  
2 T. ground cinnamon  
2 T. white sugar

This recipe is wonderful to make with kids during the Easter season. The dough represents Jesus' tomb. The white (pure) marshmallow: Jesus. The cinnamon and sugar: burial spices. Kids can place Jesus in the tomb. But when they break open a baked roll, the marshmallow will have disappeared. He is risen!

Preheat oven to 400. Lightly great a baking sheet. Separate rolls into triangles. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar. Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, then roll in cinnamon/sugar mixture. Place marshmallow onto the center of a dough triangle and carefully wrap dough around it. Pinch the seams together to seal the marshmallow inside.

Place on baking sheet. Bake approximately 15 minutes until golden brown. Enjoy!

