

Tidings of Peace

April 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

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◆ Pastoral Vacancy ◆

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

◆ Chandra Hillman, Youth Director ◆

◆ Kim Roth, Preschool ◆ Arlis Hohl, Custodian ◆

Holy Week Worship Schedule...



TOMB, THOU SHALT NOT HOLD HIM LONGER;
DEATH IS STRONG, BUT LIFE IS STRONGER.
STRONGER THAN THE DARK, THE LIGHT;
STRONGER THAN THE WRONG, THE RIGHT.
FAITH AND HOPE TRIUMPHANT SAY,
CHRIST WILL RISE ON EASTER DAY.

April 14 ~ 10:00 A.M. Palm Sunday

Procession of Palms / Passion Story

April 18 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Communion

April 19 ~ 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

No Saturday Worship

April 21 - The Resurrection of Our Lord!!

6:30 A.M. ~ Easter Sunrise

@ Peace Town Cemetery - SE corner of cemetery

7:15 A.M. ~ Easter Breakfast in Parish Hall

sponsored by the Youth of Peace

**9:00 A.M. Sunday School w/13th Annual
Festival of Humor in Adult Class**

We will have our 13th 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**

The answer is Easter



After the April 2013 suicide of his 27-year-old son, Matthew, pastor and author Rick Warren was often asked how he was able to keep going. His frequent reply? "The answer is Easter."

In the Easter sermons Warren preached the following year, he emphasized that Jesus' resurrection is the answer to discouragement, defeat and devastating trials.

"The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus happened over three days," Warren explained. "Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But Easter, that Sunday, was the day of hope and joy and victory."

"You will face these three days over and over and over in your lifetime. And when you do, you'll find yourself asking, as I did, three fundamental questions. Number one, what do I do in my days of pain? Two, how do I get through my days of doubt and confusion? Three, how do I get to the days of joy and victory? The answer is *Easter*."

Worship, Education & Stewardship - March 2019



Attendance

(One year ago)

Feb. 24	Cancelled - Blizzard	132 + 0 = 132
Mar. 3	Cancelled - Snow	130 (Sat. cancel)
Mar. 6	65? est. (Ash Wed.)	106
Mar. 10	118	no count + 8 = 8
Mar. 13	68	86
Mar. 17	107	117 + 0 = 117
Mar. 20	88	87
Mar. 24	103	115 + 6 = 121

**General Budget Balance Feb. 28, 2019 =
\$1918.09**

Stewardship *March was for Children of the Nations and Lindsey suggested we designate it for their annual field trip or they may not get to go.*

	<u>Gen. Budget</u>	<u>Others</u>
Feb. 24	Cancelled	
Mar. 3	Cancelled	
Mar. 6	0	(\$805 Lent)
Mar. 10	\$4649.00	(\$40 Lent/\$30 Bldg. Fund)
Mar. 13	0	(\$775 Lent)
Mar. 17	\$4929.41	(\$35 Lent/\$100 Bldg. Fund)
Mar. 20	0	(\$745.75 Lent /\$20 Flood)
Mar. 24	\$2970.17	(\$20 Lent /\$370 Flood)

Education

Mar.10	33	\$51.80
Mar. 17	43	\$77.21
Mar. 24	41	\$59.85

OUR OFFERINGS

Congregational Mission Support of \$1500
for April is designated for
***Parkview Haven Foundation (includes
Meadowlark Heights)***
plus our continued monthly support to our
African Well Project and Paul & Comfort.

Lenten Offerings will be divided equally
between People's City Mission, Matt Talbot
Kitchen & Outreach, Children of the Nations
& Habitat for Humanity.

March thru May S. S. Offering is designated to
Royal Family Kids Camp.

OFFERING CONTINUES FOR FLOOD/BLIZZARD TRAGEDY...

Peace Lutheran Church will accept donations for those affected by the recent weather and we will be working with Pastor Ernst (Columbus) and Pastor Dan (Osceola) as to where the funds will go. Our intention is that our donations will go directly to affected individuals/families through their connections. You may leave your donation in the offering plate and mark it "Flood" or you may leave it on Marla's desk in the church office in an envelope marked "Flood".

A WORD ABOUT OUR FINANCES FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JAKE BEAM...

Fellow Members of Peace,

I know it is starting to get warm out as we get closer to Easter and everyone is excited to back to the field, out in the yard, on the golf course or whatever outdoor activities are your favorites. It wasn't too long ago that there was almost a foot of snow out there. With that being said we missed 2 weeks of Sunday services in March and the general fund is running a little low. April 1st we have our quarterly insurance premiums due. If you can find it in your heart to give a little more to the church we will not have to borrow from the auxiliary accounts to cover the normal day to day expenses of Gods church.

Also with it getting warmer out there will be some projects getting started around the properties. We currently have enough in the building fund to fund one of the two major projects, parsonage roof and YOP basement walls. If you feel the urge from the Holy Spirit to give more, this is an area that we could use some more funds.

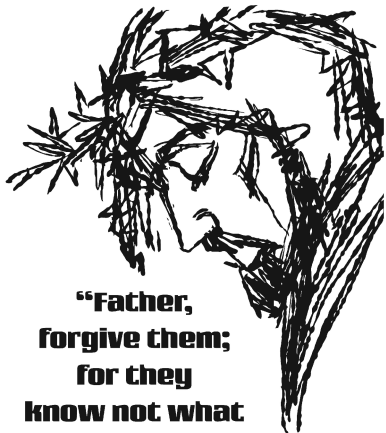
I pray that God shows his blessings on all of those who are going to start the busy season of planting and getting the fields ready for this year's upcoming crops.

God Bless, Jake Beam

Weekend Worship Schedule...

*NO Saturday Worship
10:00 AM - Sunday Morning*

9:00 AM - Sunday School



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

Luke 23:34, KJV

Lent Continues...

Wed., April 3 • Mud •

The healing of the blind man reminds us that Jesus brings healing and hope. John 9:1-15, 24-34, 39-41 Youth of Peace Meal

Wed., April 10 • Cave • *The raising of Lazarus reveals hope during despair, light into the darkness of our lives, and life in and through Christ. John 11:27- 44 Servant Team #1 Meal - Peace Choir Sings*

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. Last year we had no brass for our Easter hymns and it was really missed. Rehearsal and checking out the music for those in the area would be after the Maundy Thursday worship service, approximately 8:15 p.m., but on Easter morning we'd catch all those home for the holiday and run through it about 9:15 AM. If you are a college student and could play on Easter Sunday would you text me at 402-364-3366 and let me know. Plans currently are to show the music to the Junior High students before PACE class and see if they might be advanced enough to play it, so encourage your Junior High student to check it out. Thanks ~ Marla

APRIL 7 - Lent 5

Holy Communion w/Pastor James Ernst
Peace Choir Sings

APRIL 14 - Palm Sunday

Worship w/Pastor Daryl Nelson
Procession with Palms
Reading of the Passion Story

APRIL 18 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Holy Communion w/PMA Becky Mohling

APRIL 19 - Good Friday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Worship w/PMA Becky Mohling
8:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

APRIL 21 - Easter Sunday

6:30 AM YOP Sunrise Service @ **Peace Town Cemetery**
7:15 AM Easter Breakfast by Youth of Peace
8:30 AM Praise Teams Rehearsal
9:00 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM Brass Rehearsal
10:00 AM Easter Celebration Holy Communion w/Pastor Daryl Nelson
Peace Choir Sings

APRIL 28 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Youth of Peace Graduate Breakfast / Adult S.S. in Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship Leader - TBD w/Graduate Recognition

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

GREETERS

Lyle & Beverly Pitts

ACOLYTES

APR 3 (Wed.) Kris Collins & Zion Reinke

APR 7 McKylie Smith & Addyson Hintz

APR 10 (Wed.) Cameron Czekai & Coleton Marquart*

APR 14 (Palm Sunday) Gracie Miller & Zion Reinke

APR 18 (Maundy Thurs.) Kris Collins & Colton Isernhagen

APR 19 (Good Fri.) Cameron Czekai & Coleton Marquart

APR 21 (Easter) Gavin Nash & Gavin Fangmeyer

APR 28 Tierra Schardt & Danica Buckles

MAY 5 Danessa Buckles & Addyson Hintz

SCRIPTURE READERS

APR 7 Laurie Koester

APR 14 (Palm Sunday) Mike Isernhagen

APR 18 (Maundy Thursday) Marvin Koester

APR 19 (Good Friday) Janet Kruse

APR 21 (Easter) Fred Maschmann

APR 28 Ardith Maschmann

BULLETIN FOLDERS

Ervin & Helen Lunzmann

USHERS

Head Usher - Dan Judy

Ushers - Stuart & Diana Reinke,
Denise Brettmann**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

Jami O'Neal

PEW RESTOCKER

Laurie Koester

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Fangmeyer & Diana Reinke

COFFEE PREPARATION

Connie Meyer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Paul Meyer & Marvin Koester

COMMUNION BREAD

Judy Kirchhoff

PRAISE TEAMS

April - Youth Team

May - Adult Team

Easter - Both Teams

SOUND SYSTEM - Bill Mize**SCREEN OPERATION** - Becky MizeVacation Bible School...

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 3 thru Friday, June 7, 2019** for Vacation Bible School at Peace Lutheran Church. *Thanks to Connie Eitzmann for starting us off again as the Director!!!* The curriculum is entitled "*The Incredible Race*". Connie would greatly appreciate volunteers stepping forward as soon as possible to offer assistance in any way. Teachers are needed. Also, Junior High and Senior High volunteers - please communicate with Connie if you're planning to help out. Talk to her after church or give her a call at #402-236-8840. The more volunteers we have, obviously, the more enjoyable it gets for all, so please consider spending a few hours that week with the adults and kids at Peace! *Thanks Connie!!!!*

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for February**PreK-K**

Jase Beam

1st & 2nd

Jackson Beam

Jaden Beam

Drew Buckles

3rd, 4th & 5th

Danica O'Neal

6th, 7th & 8th

Danessa Buckles

Danica Buckles

**Last Day of Sunday
School will be Sunday,
May 12.**

**Teacher Recognition
will take place during
worship.**

Peace Happenings..

Happy April Birthday to...

Linda Weber will be 75 on April 11 and Ervin Lunzmann will be 91 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	Linda Weber	April 22	Lois Nelson
April 2	Mason Roth		Alisha Fangmeyer		Drew Buckles
	Keira Marquart	April 12	Coletton Marquart	April 23	Ervin Lunzmann
	Olivia Flint	April 13	Jan Horwart		Ervin Fangmeyer
April 4	Tim Kruse		Audrey Hoops		Denise Brettmann
April 5	Gracelynn Knigge		Travis Miller		Tierra Schardt
April 6	Deb Bohling		Stephen Kirchhoff	April 24	Scott Eitzmann
	Tabitha Foutch		Kevin Lowery		Anna Mesloh
	Briana Dahl	April 14	Bill Mize		Emma Mesloh
April 8	Rachel Hoffmeyer		Brady Fangmeyer	April 26	Carol Mammen
	Cindy Mueller		Gavin Nash	April 27	Steve Brettmann
	Kirk Culler	April 18	Justin Hintz		Laurie Koester
	CJ Reinke		Anita Stevenson	April 28	Bay Robinson
April 10	Cindy Mesloh	April 20	Lucille Schardt	April 29	Trinity Robinson
	Sena Lowery	April 21	Merlyn Pohlmann	April 30	Brian Isernhagen
	Chloe Fangmeyer		Onna Robinson		Kevin Christian

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



Those Celebrating April Anniversaries...

Happy 55th Anniversary to Merlyn & Lorena on April 25!!

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

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Mike and Yvonne Hoops at the recent births of two new grandchildren! A boy, Alexander Mason, was born to Josh and Melissa Hoops on January 29, 2019, at 7:57 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 8.8 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. He has a big brother, Logan (5) to welcome him home in Lincoln, NE.

A little girl, Charlotte Grace, was born to Gilbert & Kate (Hoops) Bolivar on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 8:02 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. She has 2 sisters, Jacqueline (3) and Madison (1) to welcome her home in Savannah, TX.

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 16**. Thanks!

Address Changes...

Derek & Jennifer Schnakenberg
5373 Road S
Carleton NE 68326

Harlan Schnakenberg
313 E Willard Ave. #110
PO Box 325
Deshler NE 68340

Joshua Pohlmann
3354 West Jordan Line Parkway
Apt. 129
West Jordan, Utah 84088

Major Stephen & Dr. Vanessa Kirchhoff
8116 Arlington Blvd
Falls Church VA 22042

Women's News...

The Women of Peace have been busy tying blankets and have a goal for 100 Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train during Lent. Many Thrivent members of Peace have applied for Thrivent Action Team Funds where they receive a \$250 gift card to purchase supplies for their projects and then set a time when their projects go into action. It's actually hard to keep track of whose doing what, but I will attempt to mention the project applications I know of: Paul Meyer and Earlene Othling for School Kits Backpack Bags; Louisa Fintel and Connie Meyer for flannel for quilts; Julia Pohlmann for quilt batting; Becky Mize for Health Kit Supplies for Orphan Grain Train; Bill Mize for Health Kit Supplies for Royal Family Kids Camp. And I just know of these applications because we tried to coordinate different dates for each to take place. There may be more, so great work Thrivent members, taking advantage of the wonderful offer from Thrivent to make things happen.

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....."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Tracking numbers were put on the boxes of blankets and health kits that left Peace Lutheran Church and were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief Collection Site in Grand Island in November of 2017. These boxes left the United States on March 21, 2018. The health kits were shipped to Lebanon, a country in Western Asia and the boxes of blankets went to Mali, a country in West Africa. No information is available on the date of arrival in those countries. ~ Joan Kirchhoff

Due to the collection sites being limited to Omaha and Kearney in 2018, and not having a trailer to deliver that distance, the Women decided to donate their items to Orphan Grain Train because we could make connections much easier. St. Peter's Lutheran in Davenport delivers items to the Grand Island location weekly and will gladly take our kits and blankets whenever we have enough items ready to make the extra pick-up, drop-off feasible. Thanks to Karen Haake, Patty Elting and Marla Maschmann who are going to make the connections for delivery when needed. And the Women of Peace will continue to donate certain kits and blankets to Royal Family Kids Camp in June.

**Other thank you's are mentioned in the Church Council minutes and then posted on the Peace bulletin board.*

Special Thanks...

...to Brian Isernhagen who has been volunteering his time and equipment to clear the church parking lot of snow, which is getting to be a weekly event! I'm sure he is ready for winter to be over, and we greatly appreciate the time he spends taking care of this for Peace!

...to Glen Maschmann, Earl Hillman and Wayne Mueller for volunteering their time to build the new shelves in the basement, and to Earl, Glen & Marla for a few late nights spent organizing and sorting through all the stuff in the basement. Memorial Funds, given in loving memory of Lucille Hofts, paid for the cost of the shelving materials and her family will be thanked for this gift.

...to Linda Fangmeyer for seeing that all the Altar Guild preparations were made for the Lenten season.

Thank You's Received...

Youth Of Peace, Thank you for the support you have given to those in need and extending help to others through this donation. We appreciate you thinking of us during your "Souper Bowl" Sunday collection! Your donations will be passed on to those in need. There are many individuals and families who will benefit from your kindness and who are very appreciative when we are able to share your donations with them. Thanks you again and may God richly reward and bless you! ~ Nuckolls Co. Food Pantry

March 11, 2019

Dear Friends at Peace Lutheran, Deshler, First, I want to thank you again for giving generously to drill another fresh water well in Uganda. If each well provides safe, clean water to 2,000 people in the area, then you helped Hope 4 Kids International drill 75 new wells last year to serve over 150,000 people. That means countless girls can spend time in school rather than walking many dangerous miles hauling those 40-pound cans of dirty water. What a Blessing!

Second, are there times for you when God brings two worlds together? That just happened to me. I just started here at H4KI in October and soon realized your former pastor, Phil Nielsen, is my cousin. And found out that he and your congregation, Peace Lutheran in Deshler, have been helping with several wells for many years. Praise the Lord!!

Again, thank you for your gift and especially for helping kids and families find new Hope because of fresh water from this new well!!

*Blessings to you! Mark Sorensen,
Senior Development Director
Hope 4 Kids International*

More Financial Information

Sunday School Offering to Heifer International...

Your donations to Sunday School, December thru February, totaled \$963.65. That is awesome! About \$375 more than we were able to designate last year. When I got my information out for Heifer International, I found out that if we just sent them the check and allow them to determine where it was needed most our contribution would be doubled! So upon mentioning that to the Discipleship & Education Team at their meeting on March 24 we decided that would be the best use of our funds, thereby actually donating \$1927.30 and knowing that the most immediate needs will be met with that.

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.

Peace Lutheran Church College Scholarship

Offered...

In May of 2018 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 a \$500.00 scholarship. Applications are available on the counter in the church office for this 2019 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 **May 15, 2019.**

Have You Dreamed of Taking a Trip to the Holy Land?

Can you imagine.....walking as Jesus did; down the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday? Touring Gethsemane where Judas betrayed our Lord? Watching the sun rise over the Sea of Galilee? Walking the battlefield where David defeated Goliath? Join Pastor Dan and Marji Cloeter on a spiritual pilgrimage to Israel! Brochures and registration information are available on the counter in the office. Questions? Contact 402-613-7157 (Pastor Dan) or 402-613-7158 (Marji). Discounts are available! (see brochures)

Library News by Lois Nelson

A BRIDE FOR KEEPS
by Melissa Jagears.

WALKER'S WEDDING

CAPTURED BY LOVE
by Jody Hedlund

WESTWARD HEARTS
by Melody Carlson

GOD GAVE US EASTER
by Lisa Tawn Bergren

TEAROOM FOR TWO
by Susan Page Davis

TEA ROSE
by Erin Keely Marshall

Youth News by Chandra Hillman

Reflecting on the past month- In March, we had a planning meeting with the youth from Friedensau and St. Peters to discuss what we could do together as a group. Our youth group invited them to join us in making Easter cards, twelve youth came to work on the service project and enjoy a meal together. Eleven youth helped out in serving our first soup supper and we appreciate the church's support very much! Our Sunday morning lesson was titled, "It's Not My Fault-Excuses, Excuses, Excuses". The key scripture was from Genesis 3:1-9; we talked about how the devil is so deceitful and how it pleases him when we fall into sin and blame others. But may we be reminded that all our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus. We also talked about ways we can be humble servants to reflect Christ in us.

Looking ahead to the next month- The month of April will be another busy month for the youth group. We will start the month out by serving the meal on Wednesday, April 3rd. On Sunday, the 14th we will deliver Easter cards to the residents at the nursing home and assisted living. The next Sunday we will be leading the Easter sunrise service with a breakfast following. Senior Sunday will be celebrated on the last Sunday with a breakfast for the seniors and their parents. Our seniors will also be recognized in church that day. As we look ahead to the new month may we think of the new life that we were given through Christ's resurrection. For it was the first Easter that taught us that life never ends and love never dies. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

*"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have yet believed". John 20:29*

Have a Blessed Easter, Chandra