

Findings of Peace

April 2015 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Public Office Hours 9:00-12:30 / 1:00-2:30 Mon., Tues., Thurs.,
9:00-12:30 / 1:00- 5:30 Wed. (Closed Friday)◆

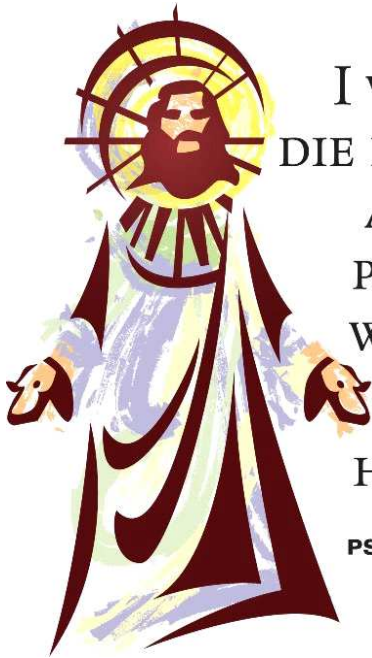
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Holy Week Worship Schedule...



I WILL NOT
DIE BUT LIVE,
AND WILL
PROCLAIM
WHAT THE
LORD
HAS DONE.

PSALM 118:17, NIV

April 2 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Communion

Offering for Children of the Nations

April 3~ 7:10 PM Cross processional

beginning at Parkview Haven (*weather permitting*)

7:30 PM Good Friday Service

Offering for Bridges to Hope in Lincoln

April 5 – The Resurrection of Our Lord!!

**Easter Sunrise ~ 7:00 A.M. @ Zion Lutheran
Cemetery (2 miles west on HWY 136, 3 miles
south & 1 mile west)**

Easter Breakfast ~ 8:00 A.M. in Parish Hall
sponsored by the Youth of Peace

Sunday School ~ 9:00 A.M.

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



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 and Stewardship for March 2015

Worship Attendance

(Compared to one year ago)

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| Feb. 25 | 57 | 105 |
| Mar. 1 | 122 + 15 = 137 | 129 + 16 = 145 |
| Mar. 4 | 58 | 112 |
| Mar. 8 | 123 + 10 = 133 | 141 + 14 = 155 |
| Mar. 11 | 69 | 103 |
| Mar. 15 | 111 + 6 = 117 | 174 + 15 = 189 |
| Mar. 18 | 71 | 105 |
| Mar. 22 | 130 + 7 = 137 | 151 + 12 = 163 |

Stewardship

Gen. Budget

March Mission Support went to Blue Valley Community Action)

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| Feb. 25 | 0.00 | (+480 St. Paul Lutheran Seminary) |
| Mar. 1 | \$3085.00 | |
| Mar. 4 | 0.00 | (+\$552 Falls Community Church) |
| Mar. 8 | \$5754.53 | (+75 Christmas Candy) |
| Mar. 11 | \$50.00 | (+\$698 Homeless Shelters Lincoln/Hastings/York) |
| Mar. 15 | \$2093.00 | (+\$250 Military Bible Sticks) |
| Mar. 18 | 0.00 | (+\$872 Institute for Lutheran Theology / \$25 Military Bible Sticks) |
| Mar. 22 | \$3696.86 | |

Education

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| Mar. 1 | 36 | \$38.23 |
| Mar. 8 | 46 | \$66.25 |
| Mar. 15 | 36 | \$60.23 |
| Mar. 22 | 52 | \$90.18 |

Peace Mission Share Offering for April is designated for our missionaries Paul and Comfort in Ghana.

The Sunday School Offering for March thru May is designated for Royal Family Kids Camp. A camp for children in Nebraska who have experienced neglect or abuse.

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 May issue of "Tidings of Peace" and the deadline for the May Newsletter is **April 15**. Thanks!

Address Changes...

Lela Mae Brettman - Different Phone Number: #402-904-8642

Just a reminder to all: If you have an address change, it's save the church correction fees if you notify the office before the newsletters are mailed. Otherwise we are obligated to pick up the corrected newsletter and pay the fee.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED...

In May of 2014, 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 2015 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, 2015**.

Worship Schedule...

7:00 PM
Saturday Evening
10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning

Sunday School
begins at 9:00 a.m.



MARCH 29 - Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms

APRIL 2 - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 PM

Holy Communion

APRIL 3 - Good Friday - 7:30 PM

Cross Procession from PVH at 7:10 PM (weather permitting)

Tenebrae Service

APRIL 4 - Vigil of Easter - 7:00 PM

Holy Communion

APRIL 5 - The Resurrection of our Lord

7:00 AM YOP Sunrise Service @ Zion Cemetery

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast by Youth of Peace

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Easter Celebration w/Holy Communion

Peace Choir Sings

Brass Ensemble

Adult & Youth Praise Teams

APRIL 12 - 2nd Sunday after Easter

Peace Choir Sings

APRIL 19 - 3rd Sunday after Easter

Holy Communion

APRIL 26 - 4th Sunday after Easter

Peace Choir Sings

9th Annual Festival of Humor...

We will have our 9th 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!

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 table 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 \$10.00 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 Good Friday worship service. We especially rely on the alumni (college students) to help us out with this. If you'd like to see music ahead of time, please contact Marla in the office.

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Peace Happenings..



Happy April Birthday to...

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!!

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| April 2 | Mason Roth | April 11 | Lilly Luben | April 21 | Merlyn Pohlmann |
| | Keira Marquart | April 12 | Coleton Marquart | April 22 | Lois Nelson |
| April 3 | Linda Weideman | April 13 | Audrey Hoops | | Drew Buckles |
| April 4 | Tim Kruse | | Jan Horwart | April 23 | Denise Brettmann |
| April 5 | Lyle Ehlers | | Stephen Kirchhoff | | Ervin Lunzmann |
| April 6 | Briana Dahl | | Travis Miller | | Ervin Fangmeyer |
| | Deb Bohling | April 14 | Bill Mize | | Tierra Schardt |
| | Tabitha Foutch | | Brady Fangmeyer | April 24 | Anna Mesloh |
| April 8 | C J Reinke | | Gavin Nash | | Emma Mesloh |
| | Rachel Hoffmeyer | April 16 | Laurella Duensing | | Scott Eitzmann |
| | Cindy Mueller | April 17 | Cassandra Row | April 26 | Carol Mammen |
| | Kirk Culler | April 18 | Justin Hintz | April 27 | Laurie Koester |
| April 10 | Chloe Fangmeyer | April 19 | Paul Fintel | | Steve Brettmann |
| | Cindy Mesloh | April 20 | Lucille Schardt | April 28 | Bay Robinson |
| | Sena Mesloh | April 21 | Onna Robinson | April 29 | Trinity Robinson |
| April 11 | Linda Weber | | | April 30 | Brian Isernhagen |
| | Alisha Fangmeyer | | | | Kevin Christian |

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

Those Celebrating April Anniversaries...

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| April 5, 2014 | Jason & Debbie Reinke | April 24, 1982 | Barry & Dorothy Renz |
| April 13, 2013 | Brock & Nikki Renz | April 25, 1964 | Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann |
| | | April 25, 1996 | Brad & Deena Schultz |



Congratulations and God's Blessings...

...to Marvin and Lynn (Wilton) Koester who were united in marriage on January 30, 2015, at Olive Hill Church, rural Jewell County KS, with Pastor Tim Koester and Pastor David Waters officiating.

...to Grandparents, Lonny and Jan Freitag and to Great-grandma, Leora Freitag, at the birth of a new granddaughter, Riley Anne, born to Nate and Stacey Freitag of Belleville, KS. She was born 6-7 weeks premature and delivered by C-section, weighing 5 lbs. She has two little sisters (ages 2 & 4) waiting for her to come home.

...to the Howard Pohlmann family at the birth of two precious grandchildren this past week. A boy, Jayce Mitchell Pohlmann, was born in Hebron, Nebraska, to Joshua Pohlmann and Kaylee Fairchild of Deshler, on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Jayce weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

A girl, Elisabeth Rose Pohlmann, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Jordan and Mary Pohlmann of Marengo, Iowa on Monday, March 2, 2015. She was 5 weeks early and weighed 5 lbs. Grandparents are Howard and Lori Pohlmann and Deb Pohlmann of Deshler. Great-Grandmother is Julia Pohlmann.

Minutes of Cemetery Board Meeting - March 12, 2015

The Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery Board met on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. Present were board members: Roger Hoffmeyer, Marvin Koester and Roger Bohling; Cemetery Lot Supervisor, George Kruse and Peace Office Administrator/Cemetery Records Keeper, Marla Maschmann.

After discussion **a motion** was made and seconded to implement the following guidelines for the Cemetery Board:

- When a cremation burial involves one party who is a member and one party who is a non-member the member plot price will be used.
- Cremation limits will be two burials per plot, limited to husband and wife (front ½ will be husband, back ½ will be wife). Three cremation burials will be permissible per plot for two parents and a dependant child.
- The Cemetery Board will place a semi-permanent block marker on reserved sites.
- Persons with reserved grave plots will forfeit ownership if payment is not received within a reasonable time frame from when reservation request was made.
- Peace Lutheran Church does not charge a \$25.00 staking fee.
- Grand-fathered reservations given up will revert back to Peace Lutheran Church.
- All who bury on our cemeteries shall be held to provide some form of permanent grave marker with one year from date of burial, subject to approval by the Cemetery Board.

Motion carried.

George Kruse is updating 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. Don Stelling has volunteered to update the permanent paper cemetery maps stored in the vault. 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.

REMINDER:

In January of 2013, the congregation of Peace approved the following change to the Bylaws of Peace Lutheran Church, Part X - Cemetery Rules - Paragraph D, Item #2:

“Grave spaces may be purchased or reserved for members of Peace Lutheran Church by payment of a perpetual care fee determined by the Cemetery Board. The fee may be equal to, but shall not exceed the cost of a burial plot for a resident of Deshler in the Deshler City Cemetery.”

The 2013 Peace Lutheran Cemetery Board set the fee at \$350.00 for members and \$450.00 for non-members, per grave site. Whereas, beginning January 2013 you may now reserve plots in advance, with full payment, and will receive a certificate of ownership which states which cemetery, row and lot number. In the past you were only granted a reservation if a spouse or child had died. 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.

Thank You Received...

Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting our youth on our mission trip to Omaha this past weekend. We had a jammed-packed couple of days! Although we didn't get too many pictures (because we were not allowed to photograph the residents at the mission) we have much to share with you about our trip. We will be happy to visit with you after church...just ask us!! Also, be sure to see the poster in the fellowship area in the back of the church. You will see each person's perspective on how they saw Jesus on our trip. God is so good and takes care of all of us. ---Youth of Peace, Kristi Duensing, Amanda Ostdiek, Nate Brandt, Hope Reinke, Noah Mosier, Tate Mosier, Tyra Mohrmann, Amanda Schultz, Brady Fangmeyer, Braelyn Isernhagen, Ethan Meerkatz, Kimberly Bargaen, Mason Roth and Ryan Brandt.