

Findings of Peace

September 2014 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska
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*Celebrate with us
as we honor
Pastor Nielsen & his family
for 16 years
of faithful ministry
& friendship.*

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:00 AM 1st day of Sunday School

(classes for all ages)

10:00 AM Worship

11:30 AM

*Congregational & Community Potluck Picnic
Peace Lutheran Church Parish Hall & Grounds*

*Please bring a hot & cold dish to share.
Drinks & table service will be provided.*

September Highlights...

**Sunday
September 7**

9:00 AM - **Sunday School Rally Day** All classes (ages 3 thru Adult) are welcome to gather in the Sanctuary. Teachers will be introduced and will escort children to their classes.

11:30 AM - Join us for a potluck picnic on the church grounds to wish the Nielsen family farewell.

**Women's Bible
Studies
Beginning
in September**



Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 8 - 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study

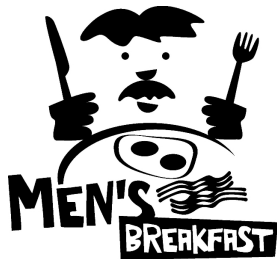
The Prayerfully Simple Bible Study Group meets monthly on the second Monday of each month, beginning on September 8, at 7 PM, in the YOP House. We will be watching and studying Chip Ingram's The Invisible War -- What Every Believer Needs to Know About Satan, Demons and Spiritual Warfare. God details in His Word the battle plan to uncover Satan's cunning deceptions and to resist his sinister schemes. The cosmic conflict exploding all around us will have eternal implications, for us and those we love. In eight sessions, Chip prepares you to do spiritual battle with the enemy of our soul -- and win!

Plan to attend and connect. There are extra study guides available for \$7.50 if you'd like to purchase one. A study guide might be beneficial to you, but isn't necessary. You're welcome to attend the study any time it fits into your schedule - with or without a study guide. We'd love to have you!!☺

Tuesday, September 9 - 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study

The Morning Circle Bible Study group will begin again this fall and plans to meet at Parkview Haven Meeting Room.

**Tuesday,
September 9
7:00 AM**



Men meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Rock Island Crossing for breakfast and devotions. Join them anytime!!!

**Sunday,
September 28
6:30 PM**



"Fall Fiesta" - Youth of Peace will host their Parents for a night of Mexican Food, Festivities and Fellowship. High School Youth and Parents make plans now to attend this fun event!

Worship, Education & Stewardship for August 2014....

Worship Attendance (Compared to one year ago)

August 2	121 + 12 = 133	
August 10	50	54
August 17	131	116
August 24	162	134 + 35 = 169

Offering received at the Thayer County Fair Worship service for Blue Valley Food Pantry was \$231.00

Stewardship General Budget

Aug 3	\$2453.25 (+\$626.81 Bldg. Fund)
Aug 10	\$1139.50
Aug 17	\$2593.11 (+\$40.00 Bldg. Fund / +\$500.00 Seminary Fund)
Aug 24	\$3748.71 (+\$20.00 Bldg. Fund / +\$300.00 Seminary Scholarship)

Sunday School Offering for September through November is designated for Operation Christmas Child.

Congregational Mission Offering of \$3000.00 for September is: Deshler Back Pack Program & our monthly support of \$1500.00 for our missionary, Lindsey Mueller in Uganda. Please read the update from Lindsey on the Prayer Page.

Address Changes...

Jason & Debbie Reinke
411 Madison St.
Byron NE 68325-7003

Paige Turan
5000 High St. Apt. 1
Lincoln NE 68506-3919

Lauren Mize
6516 Havelock Ave
Lincoln NE 68507-1333

Tabitha & Chris Foutch
PO Box 343
Deshler NE 68340

Joshua & Jerra Gumaer
PO Box 211
Deshler NE 68340

Heath & Amy Birkel
PO Box 93
Stamford NE 68977-0093

Paul & Kimm Fintel
430 Chestnut St
Hickman NE 68372-9624

College Students, Graduates and Parents...

I need the new address of your college student or verification that the old address is still the correct one. College graduates I need your new address if you have one and your occupation to include in our database would be appreciated. Please give me a call in the office, #365-7746, or drop me an quick e-mail at peacemarla@gpcom.net and give me an update. I know college students love mail - even if it is only the church newsletter. ☺ *Thanks so much!! ~ Marla*

Keep in mind that it costs us \$.57 to receive the address corrections from the Post Office, so please notify the church office if you have an address change.



"Seek and you will find."
- Matthew 7:7, NIV

Isn't it true, how you really appreciate something someone does when they can no longer do it! Our flowers gardens have greatly missed a gardener this summer, especially the garden by the YOP house. If anyone would be interested in volunteering to tend to the flower gardens this fall it would be greatly appreciated by all. Otherwise we may need to have a volunteer day and try to do it together. Please let Marla in the office know ASAP if you can help out either individually or with a group. Thanks!

September Worship Schedule....

*NO Saturday Evening
Worship during our
interim period.
10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning*

*Adult Bible Class
continues to meet
at 9:00 a.m. in the
Parish Hall*

*ALL Classes are welcome
to gather at 9:00 a.m. in
the Sanctuary on
September 7 for the
opening.*

Pastoral Call Process and Interim Pastor Update..

At the August 12th church council meeting, a call committee was appointed by the council. There are 8 voting members on the call committee and 1 non-voting member. Three members of the call committee are from the council and include: Brendan Schardt, Stuart Reinke, and Marty Pohlmann. Five members of the call committee are from the congregation and include: Paul Meyer, Bill Mize, Kim Roth, Linda Loontjer, and Connie Eitzmann. Marla Maschmann is a non-voting member of the committee. On August 14th the call committee held its first meeting in which Bill Mize was elected chairman. A congregational profile has been set up on the LCMC website to begin the call process. The profile as well as other information about the call process and this time of transition is available for all to view on the LCMC website.

On Sunday August 17th, the church council voted to ask Pastor Cathi Braasch to serve as interim pastor at Peace. President Brendan Schardt contacted Pastor Cathi on Sunday August 17th. She agreed to serve as interim pastor at Peace on a part-time basis starting on September 28th. Her plan is to be here on the weekends and Mondays except for the week of church council in which she will be available until Tuesday evening. Pastor Cathi has a lot of experience in the interim/call process and the council feels that she will be valuable to Peace during this time of transition. Please see her biography for more information.

For those of you that did not receive a call committee questionnaire in church and would like to fill one out, please stop by the office and fill one out as soon as possible. There will be a comment drop box by the guest book for additional comments pertaining to the questionnaire regarding calling a new pastor.

Check future newsletters for updates on the call process as we move forward.

September 7 - Pentecost 13

Pastor Nielsen's Farewell
1st Day of Sunday School
Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders
Installation of S.S. Teachers
Peace Choir Sings
Combined Adult & Youth Praise Teams
Potluck Meal following worship

September 14 - Pentecost 14

Pastor Daryl Nelson
Holy Communion

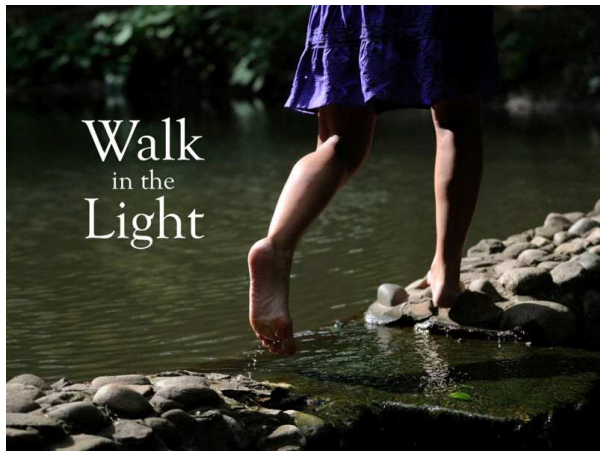
September 21 - Pentecost 15

PMA Leah Krotz
Peace Choir Sings

September 28 - Pentecost 16

Interim Pastor Cathi Braasch
Holy Communion





*Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.*

Take joy in His light and love
and join us at Sunday School this fall!!!!!!

Summer is over, Sunday School teachers are being recruited, Bible studies are beginning, choir and praise teams are in full swing and the pews are filling up. Rally Sunday is a time to gather back together as Sunday School classes and grow, learn and refresh our journey in Christ. You are welcome to join in the opening on **Sunday, September 7**, by gathering **in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.** for a special time together celebrating the return to Sunday School. Teachers will be introduced and will escort children to their classes. The youth of Peace will meet in the YOP house, and Adults will meet in the Parish Hall. During the Sunday School opening 3rd graders will be presented Bibles as gifts from the congregation. We have the blessing of a group of wonderful teachers for the upcoming year who will be installed during worship that day. PreK & Kindergarten--Dawn Buckles and Connie Eitzmann; 1st & 2nd--Kim Roth & Cindy Mesloh; 3rd, 4th, & 5th--Michelle Schardt & *volunteer needed*; 6th, 7th, & 8th--Cindy Mueller (Delinda Mohrmann and Chandra Hillman will be filling in until Cindy can come back); High School - Kristi Duensing.

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Karina Brandt for her three years of service on the Leadership Team. Thanks so much Karina for your commitment and dedication doing your job in joy and service to our Lord!! Continuing to serve on the Sunday School Leadership Team are Jami O'Neal and Alisha Fangmeyer. We welcome and thank Diana Reinke who has volunteered for the most recent 3-year term on the Sunday School Leadership Team!

"Use what talent you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best." ~ Henry Van Dyke

TEACHER NEEDED: The Sunday School Leadership Team is still looking for a team teacher to teach 3rd thru 5th grade. Please contact Jami O'Neal at 402-768-4142 ASAP if you'd be able to help us out in this way.

Peace After School Christian Education (PACE)...

PACE is a program for young people in grades 5 through 8 to help them explore the Bible and the basics of Christian faith and life. The goal of the program is to give young people the understanding they need to make intelligent and informed decisions about their own faith as they grow toward young adulthood.

PACE schedule and teacher is not confirmed at this time. For those parents with students in grades 5 through 8, please watch your mailboxes for a letter coming out soon concerning the plan for our PACE classes.

Peace Early Education Program (PEEP)...

Mrs. Deanna (Dee) J alas is our new Pre-School teacher. She lives in Deshler with her husband, Darin, and they have two children, Mackenzie, a freshman at Deshler High and Caleb, a 7th grader at Deshler Lutheran School. They also have rabbits and fish for pets.☺ She has a valid teaching certificate, taught homeroom for two years, substituted for many years, and worked in a preschool for the last year and a half. She also worked as a programmer at Concordia University in Seward for five years when her children were young. She is passionate about early childhood education and very excited to be back in Christian education, sharing the gospel with the children of God! There are two classes of preschool this year. The 4 & 5 year old class meets M-W-F mornings and the 3 & 4 year old class meets T & TH mornings from 8:15 - 11:30 a.m.

We'd also like to thank Marge Vinkenber g for volunteering as a helper in the preschool classroom on Thursdays of each week! Jessica Fouts, Mary LeFave, Michelle Schardt, Jill Lanham have volunteered to help out at different times during the week. Thanks to these gracious individuals for taking time out of their busy days for the children.

Peace Happenings...



Happy September Birthday to...

Special birthday this month is Donna Newman who will be 85 on September 26. Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is missing or incorrect. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. (Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over.) Thanks!

Sept. 2	Kenneth Muehling	Sept 8	Leonard Heyen	Sept 22	Hope Reinke
Sept 3	Suzie Struve		Louisa Fintel	Sept 23	Mary Stelling
	Michelle Stentz		Deena Schultz		Linda Loontjer
	Logan Schultz	Sept 9	JoAnn Bohling		Kaleesha McBride
Sept 4	James Krotz	Sept 10	Nick Wassom	Sept 26	Donna Newman
Sept 5	Alice Kirchhoff	Sept 11	Brett Sloane		Kathy Buckles
	Isaac Nielsen	Sept 12	Kathy Taylor		Tina Sloan
Sept 6	Kylee Nutsch	Sept 13	Jared Pohlmann		Ryne Dlouhy
	Jessika Luben		Noah Mosier	Sept 27	Tim Loontjer
Sept 7	Mary Miller		Janice Reinke		Kelsey Schilf
	Keith Hillman	Sept 20	Phillip Nielsen	Sept 29	Ulala Meyer
	Kerry Leslie	Sept 21	Delmar Reinke	Sept 30	Betty Bokenkamp

Those celebrating September Anniversaries...

These couples will celebrate special anniversaries: Dan & Brenda Judy - 30 years on September 1; Travis & Chrystal Miller - 15 years on September 18. Happy Anniversary & God Bless!!!!!!!

Sept. 1, 1979	Dan & Brenda Judy	Sept 12, 1965	Bob & Diana Jacobe
Sept. 1, 2007	Kevin & Amanda Ostdiek	Sept 16, 1988	Daryl & Lois Nelson
Sept. 3, 1983	Les & Dawn Schlieff	Sept. 18, 1999	Travis & Chrystal Miller
Sept. 3, 1988	Brian & Heidi Isernhagen	Sept 18, 2010	Cole & Tara Schleif
Sept 5, 1975	Scott & Connie Eitzmann	Sept. 20, 1975	Robert & Debra Folkerts
Sept. 7, 2002	Eric & Miranda Isernhagen	Sept. 28, 1995	Josh & Nicole Mosier
Sept. 8, 1990	Earl & Chandra Hillman	Sept. 29, 2007	Richard & Jami O'Neal
Sept. 10, 1977	Tom & Gloria Eickman	Sept. 30, 2000	Dennis & Dawn Buckles

Congratulations and God's Blessings...

...to Dan and Kara (Fintel)Carlson at the birth of a little boy, David Curtis Carlson. He was born at Lincoln, NE, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to step-grandmother, Louisa Fintel.

...to Loel & Beth (Eschliman) Maschmann who were united in marriage at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE on Saturday, August 16, 2014, with Pastor Phillip Nielsen officiating.

...to Paul and Kimm Fintel of Hickman, NE at the birth of a little boy, Zeke Anthony, born on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at 8:58 AM at Bryan LGH East. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz and was 21 1/4 inches long. He has a big brother, Gabriel (age 11) to welcome him home. Congratulations also to grandparents, Warren & Jae Fintel and great-grandmother, Irene Fintel.

Welcomed into the Family of God through the gift of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 24, 2014,

was Zeke Anthony Fintel, infant son of Paul and Kimm Fintel of Hickman, NE. Zeke was born on August 7, 2014, at Lincoln NE. His sponsors are Christina Ruhge and Corey Burd.

Thank You!!!

...to Eldon and Judy Kirchoff for sharing their potted plants with us following the county fair. They look very nice by the benches!

...to Laurie Koester for taking over delivering the bulletins to Meadowlark Heights and Parkview Haven on Fridays when Irene Fintel moved to Parkview. It's a relief to know that she always faithfully show up and takes care of this, which saves the office another step. Thanks so much Laurie!!!

...Many of the still photographs used in the Sunday Media Shout Service are photographs taken by Yvonne Hoops. Especially this summer - the crop and irrigation pictures, flower gardens and many sunsets and sunrises in Nebraska are submitted by Yvonne. She has a inspired talent for seeing the beauty here in this rural area where we live and capturing in with her camera. Thanks Yvonne!

100 School Kits for LWR..

The Women of Peace would like to challenge our congregation to **assemble 100 School Kits in September!** We've changed the protocol for collecting 100 School Kits for LWR and would like to have children bring their kits to worship on **Rally Day, Sept. 7.** The ladies will be waiting at the back of the sanctuary to give you a school bag to put your items in and then at the beginning of worship we will have a parade of school kits.☺ The ladies will have extra kits available if you don't get a chance to shop. Men and women can have all month to bring additional kits and just place them in the grocery cart that will be located in the entryway in September. ~ Louisa Fintel, Mission Action



Items needed for a kit are:

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks (college or wide-ruled)
- 1 - Ruler with centimeters on one side
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - Blunt Scissors
- 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band; pencils can't say "America"
- 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens); secure with a rubber band
- 1 - box of crayons (16-23 box size)
- 1 - 2 ½" eraser

WOW Board Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Lois Nelson, with 7 members present, 8 absent. Julia Pohlmann led devotions regarding that it's okay to take naps in God's eyes.

There was no Secretary's report. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1940.49.

Mission Growth reported that "Meals for those in need" needed to be replenished. Lois Nelson and Connie Meyer would be making those meals. Several program possibilities for a Mother/Daughter/Friend fall event were discussed. It was decided to look into a "Barbie Doll" program for possibly October 12. Final details would be done at the September meeting.

Mission Action reported that a total of 88 blankets have been tied to date with 25 of those being donated to the Royal Kids Camp along with 25 school bags. The School Kits will be done on September 7th with the Sunday School children participating.

Denise had nothing to report regarding the kitchen.

The next meeting will be held September 15th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joan Kirchoff, Acting Secretary

*A Women's Event is being planned
for Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2:00*