

# *Tidings*

January 2014 Newsletter of

Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

**Office Hours** 9:00 - 3:30 Monday & Friday

9:00 - 5:30 Tuesday & Wednesday (Closed Thursday) ♦

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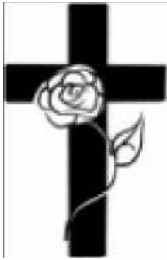
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## *"Cold December Flies Away"*



*Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world awakens.  
In the lily's purest flow'r, dwells a wondrous fragrance.  
And it spreads to all the earth from the moment of its birth;  
And its beauty lives. In the flow'r it lives,*

*In the flow'r, and it spreads in its heav'nly brightness- sweet perfume delightful.*

From the earliest Christian time, the rose has been a symbol of divine love.

Echoing through our sanctuaries in the melodies and texts of many beloved carols, it brings to life the beautiful visions of biblical prophets and the hope of early Christian pilgrims.

Today, the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace both inside the Church and the outside world. Her appearance in the garden is a treasured harbinger of the coming spring's abundance. As a gift, the rose's delicate beauty is usually reserved for the most meaningful expressions of the heart.

No flower holds our dreams of love and hope more beautifully.

**It is our sincerest prayer that as Christ, the Rose of Sharon, opens before you this Christmas, your spirit will be encouraged by the beauty of God's greatest gift.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **January 7, 8 & 9 - 7:00 AM - 12:15 PM - 7:00 PM Prayer Services at Peace**

Pastor Mark Vander Tuig has invited LCMC congregations to join in three days of prayer, January 7, 8 & 9 for our mission in the world. The church stands strongest when it begins on its knees. Peace will offer three different times of prayer each day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, to unite our prayers for the Church in God's mission. All are welcome.

### **Sunday, January 19 - 1:00 PM Congregational Annual Meeting**

All active confirmed members are encouraged to participate in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2014. Guests are welcome.

The 2014 Annual Report will be available after 12:00 PM, Friday, January 10. They will be located in the overflow. If you are unable to pick a report up and would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office (#365- 7746).

### **Youth of Peace/ Fund-Raising Meal prior to the meeting**

# WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP FOR DEC. 2013...

## Worship Attendance

		(Compared to last year)
Nov. 24	139 + 10 = 149	171 + 11 = 182
Nov. 27	44	63
Nov. 28	77	102
Dec. 1	158 + 15 = 173	187 + 24 = 211
Dec 8	132 + 13 = 145	153 + 25 = 178
Dec. 15	154 + 19 = 173	145 + 22 = 167

**Offering Envelopes  
are in your mailboxes.  
If you wanted  
envelopes and didn't  
get them please notify  
the office.**

## Stewardship

## General Budget

Nov. 24	3603.00	(+\$250.00 South Dakota Ranchers)
Nov. 28		(+\$2886.75 S.D. Ranchers / +\$500.00 Well)
Dec. 1	3431.31	(+\$300.00 S.D. Ranchers / +\$150.00 Well)
Dec. 8	4170.00	(+\$50.00 S.D. Ranchers / +\$35 OCC Postage / +\$4600.00 Well)
Dec. 15	3035.00	(+\$20.00 OCC / +\$20.00 LPC/LBT / +\$100.00 Lincoln People City Mission / +\$80.00 Bldg Fund / +\$1300.00 Well)

## Education

Dec. Offering to "Fill the Well" Campaign	
Nov. 24	71 \$55.74
Dec. 1	77 \$78.07
Dec. 8	83 \$83.30
Dec. 15	67 \$143.60

**Congregational Mission Support for  
January is  
To Be Announced**

## Sunday School Offerings 2014

Peace Sunday School offerings will be helping children in various ways. In January, March, and May our offerings will go to Heifer International to provide farm animals and training for families in need. Here is what we hope to purchase with our offerings:

1. a flock of chicks (\$20)
2. a flock of geese (\$20)
3. a hive of bees (\$30)
4. a trio of rabbits (\$60)
5. a goat (\$120)
6. a pig (\$120)
7. a sheep (\$120)
8. a llama (\$150)
9. a water buffalo (\$250)
10. a cow (\$500)

Let's see how many of these we can purchase.

Our February Offering will go to Compassion International to rescue children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Our April offering will go to support Royal Family Kids Camp for children in Nebraska who have experienced neglect or abuse.

## Annual Report...

If you are president or chairperson of any committee or organization it would be courteous and informative if you would submit a report for the year. The deadline for annual reports to be in to the office is Friday, January 3.

E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped - [peacemarla@gpcom.net](mailto:peacemarla@gpcom.net)

If you have gone to all-cellular service, please let the church office know by Friday, Jan. 3, to remove your landline number from the annual report and have your cell phone number published.

The report will be assembled on **Friday, January 10, at 2:00 PM (volunteers welcome☺)** and available for pick up following the assembly. If you'd like a report, but are unable to pick it up please feel free to call the church office to have it mailed or delivered. Thank You.

# P EACE HAPPENINGS.

## Happy January Birthday to...

*Special birthday this month is Don Spitler who will be 75 on January 25. Happy Birthday Don!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!*

Jan. 1	Bob Jacobe Bryan Bower Kevin Ostdiek	Jan. 11	Ron Mammen Cynthia Petersen	Jan. 22	Lyle Schardt Kristina Lowery
Jan. 3	Connie Eitzmann	Jan. 12	Jolie Reinke	Jan. 23	Clate Isernhagen Florence Kniep Priscilla Bower
Jan. 4	Dawn Schleif Kimberly Fayle Kim Roth Kristopher Collins	Jan. 13	Diana Jacobe Rick Krotz	Jan. 24	Shana Gerberding
Jan. 5	Jazymynne Fangmeyer	Jan. 15	Cecil Ehlers Faith Schneider	Jan. 25	Barb Larkins Don Spitler
Jan. 6	Trevor Taylor	Jan. 16	Janet Kruse Dylan Reinke	Jan. 27	Jaden Beam
Jan. 7	Braelynn Renz Ashleigh McBride	Jan. 18	Kelsey Durflinger Russ Hoffmeyer Megan Pohlmann	Jan. 28	Diana Reinke Corey Larkins Jon Marquart
Jan. 8	Gary Hoops	Jan. 19	Caleb Durflinger	Jan. 29	Gloria Eickman
Jan. 9	Donna Torbeck	Jan. 21	Dennis Buckles	Jan. 30	Lonny Freitag
Jan. 10	Wilma Christian			Jan. 31	Luke Johnson Janet Koch

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

## Those Celebrating January Anniversaries...

*Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Larry and Deanna Holtzen!!!*

Jan. 2, 2004	Heath & Amy Birkel	Jan. 11, 1959	Larry & Deanna Holtzen
Jan. 7, 2000	Tina & Shannon Sloane	Jan. 16, 1993	Pat & Jody Wharton
		Jan. 26, 2013	Matt & Jackie Westerman

## Congratulations to Chris Roth!

The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry today announced in December the election of the association's leadership for 2014. Chris Roth, president and CEO of Reinke Manufacturing Co. in Deshler, will serve as the chamber's new chairman. Roth will begin his duties Jan. 30 at the chamber's annual meeting in Lincoln. He succeeds Brian Hamilton, president of Beardmore Chevrolet in Bellevue, as the state chambers top elected officer. Kimberly Russel, president and CEO of Bryan Health in Lincoln, is the chairwoman-elect.

## Welcome to these new members...

*~ Monte and Rita Gehle ~*

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO...**

*...What a wonderful thanksgiving feast we were able to share with family and friends thanks to the generous efforts of Barb Larkins again this year. Thank you Barb for preparing the turkey and dressing , ham, mashed potatoes and gravy to make the day special for about 50 people! What a wonderful blessing to share together such a nice meal. Thanks so much Barb! Also, special thanks to Arlis Hohl & Erma Lee Hohl for providing the decorations used and to Pastor Phil, Arlis Hohl, Louisa Fintel, LeRoy & Earlene Othling, Kerry Leslie and Laurie Koester for offering to help with the preparations. Thanks to all those who brought food, washed dishes and helped with clean-up, etc. This wouldn't work without a cooperative effort.*

*...Thanks to all who came to the caroling party and helped deliver Christmas stockings to all those alone or grieving a loss this Christmas season. It's very meaningful to take part in the caroling party each year. And thanks to Bob Duensing for providing and driving the hay trailer around town for the carolers.*

*...to these men who helped set up the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary and the outdoor nativity: Derek Schnakenberg, LeRoy Fangmeyer, Brian Isernhagen, Isaac Nielsen and Pastor Nielsen. The ladies decorating were Connie Eitzmann, Linda Fangmeyer & Paula Dahl.*

*...to Gloria Eickman, Becky Cahill, Sondra Ehlers, and Glen and Marla Maschmann for setting up and decorating the memorial tree in the overflow.*

*...to Wayne and Cindy Mueller, Becky Cahill, Glen and Marla Maschmann and Pastor Nielsen for hanging the greens in the sanctuary and narthex.*

*Everything done to glorify the birthday of our Savior is greatly appreciated as we prepared for the joy of the season. ...to Onna Robinson for caring for the poinsettias again this year! What a job it is to water all of them and carry them to sunlight during the week. It was a relief to have someone else take that responsibility. They are exceptionally beautiful this year. Thanks again Onna!! Remember to take yours home in the new year.*

*...to Kim Pace, Lois Nelson, Lela Brettmann, Earlene Othling, Janet Koch, Connie Meyer and Deann Nielsen for furnishing cinnamon rolls for the Brent Drohman Family Benefit on December 15. They had a very nice turnout.*

*...to JoAnn Bohling, Louisa Fintel, Daryl Nelson and Kristi Duensing for furnishing soup for the carolers. It was wonderful to come back to the parish hall to such good food even when caroling in beautiful weather. Thank you!!*

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO THANK THE CAROLERS** for gift baskets and singing this year we'd be glad to post your written thank-you note on the bulletin board for all to stop by and read. Due to time and space we will not be printing caroling thank-you's in the bulletin and newsletter this year. Your smile and thanks is enough in the hearts of those sharing their joy with you.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BENEFIT PLANNING...**

Ron Mammen was injured in a car accident, due to a possible stroke, on October 3, 2013. He is a quadriplegic and is receiving therapy at Madonna. He is a member of Peace Lutheran Church and we are seeking volunteers to help organize a benefit for his family in February. To volunteer please speak to Pastor Nielsen. We will request supplemental funds from the Mid-South Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool students proudly presented their Christmas program, "A Promise Kept" on Friday, December 13. The children had been practicing the program for the previous two weeks and were anticipating the evening with great excitement. Two fingerplays were shared first, called "When Jesus Came," and "Five Little Angels." The children then sang "A Special Day" and "Away in a Manger." For the latter, they were accompanied by Pastor Phil. A felt Christmas tree was on display in the front of the church, and as Mrs. Beikmann narrated about God's promise to send a Savior and how that promise was kept, the children added felt ornaments to the tree to illustrate the story. The children also sang "Angel Gabriel," "Jesus is Coming," "Christmas Bells," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Our program concluded with the presentation of Christmas gifts to their parents. Everyone was then invited to fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall. The children did a fantastic job sharing the Christmas Message!



# WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

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6:30 PM Saturday

10:00 AM each  
Sunday Morning

Sunday School Children  
Opening  
@ 8:45 AM  
Classes begin  
@ 9:00 AM

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## **JANUARY 5 - Christmas 2 / Epiphany**

Sermon: *"In the Beginning"* (John 1)  
Holy Communion  
Installation of New Officers

## **JANUARY 12 - Baptism of our Lord**

Sermon: *"Why Was Jesus Baptized"* (Matthew 3)  
Peace Choir Sings

## **JANUARY 19 - Epiphany 2**

Sermon: *"Witnesses"* (John 1)  
Holy Communion  
11:30 PM YOP Noon Fund-raiser Meal  
1:00 PM Annual Meeting

## **JANUARY 26 - Epiphany 3**

Sermon: *"Called to Follow"* (Matthew 4)  
Peace Choir Sings

# S igns of Love

*To Activate Prayer Chain,  
please call Marla Maschmann  
365-7746 (office) or 364-2567  
(home) or Audrey Hoops, 365-  
4392 or another prayer chain*

## **PRAYER PAGE FOR JANUARY**

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER....**

Lottie Hoffmeyer ~ Mary Newman ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Ron Mammen ~ Daphne Smith ~ Marilyn Cook ~ Diane Bartling ~ Jamie Koch (Kathy Taylor's niece) ~ Carson Biltoft (Shawn & Tara Biltoft's son) ~ Lila Schroeder (Aunt to Ardie Maschmann & Linda Loontjer) ~ Nancy Virus ~ Wyatt Collins (Anthony & Kristopher Collins brother) ~ Nancy Vossler (Chandra Hillman's Aunt) ~ Jackie Schaeffer (Jan Maschmann's sister) ~ Bonnie Francis (DeAnn Nielsen's cousin) ~ Jen Barbar (friend of Dawn Draeger) ~ Marie Nielsen (Phil Nielsen's mother) ~ Dustin & Jackie Hallar of Deshler (Jackie has relatives who lost their lives in Tacloban, Philippines, following the November Typhoon Haiyan.) ~ Marjorie Eiseman (Kathy Buckles' mom) ~ Opal Cochran (Kathy Buckles' grandmother) ~ Brenda Still (friend of the Roths & Webers) ~ Roy Hampton (Mary Newman's brother) ~ Allen Hissong (Linda Fangmeyer's brother)

**Serving in the military:** Jacob Wroughton (Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann's grandson) serving in Okinawa, Japan ~ Kevin Matthew McGinn (Lela Mae Brettmann's grandson) serving in the Navy aboard the USS Nimitz ~ Thomas Williams (Leora Freitag's grandson & Lonny & Jan' Freitag's nephew) serving in the Marines in Afghanistan ~

**WE HOLD IN SINCERE SYMPATHY AND PRAYER** Mary Newman, her family and friends, at the loss of her husband, Hugh "Bus" Newman, on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Funeral services were held at Peace on Saturday, December 7, 2013.