

Tidings of Peace

March 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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Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.



Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.

Join us at Peace this Lenten season as we journey into the lives of Judas, Caiaphas, Peter, Pilate, and the centurion. Stop, look and listen.....they were there, with Christ, experiencing his amazing power and love.

**Services are at 7:15 PM with Soup & Fellowship
from 5:45 - 6:45 PM each Wednesday.**



WEDNESDAY March 5, 2014

5:45 - 6:46 PM Soup - Servant Team 1

7:15 PM Worship

Worship, Education & Stewardship - Feb. 2014



Set your clocks
ahead one hour
Saturday night,
March 8
Spring Ahead

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>(Compared one year ago)</u>	
Jan. 26	135 + 23 = 158	152 + 23 = 175
Feb. 2	144 + 34 = 178	160 + 28 = 188
Feb. 9	124 + 20 = 144	182 + 22 = 204
Feb. 16	192	177 + 25 = 202

Stewardship Gen. Budget *Feb. Mission Support of \$3000.00 was designated for Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska*

Jan. 26	\$2462.00	
Feb. 2	\$7704.81	(+\$60.00 Building Fund)
Feb. 9	\$3243.00	
Feb. 16	\$5949.57	(+300 Refugee Camps)

Education *Feb. Offering went to Compassion International*

Jan. 26	64	\$117.75
Feb. 2	57	\$60.69
Feb. 9	66	\$105.50
Feb. 16	61	\$80.49

The Men of Peace Pancake Feed

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped prepare the meal and serve at the pancake feed on February 9. Also, thanks to those who donated items and those who attended. The free will offering totaled \$1122.00, with expenses still pending. An additional \$1000.00 will also be contributed to this event from Peace Lutheran's Thrivent Choice Dollars program. Proceeds from this event provide assistance to youth attending church camp. Last summer we supported campers with \$700.00. Thanks again for all your support! ~ George Kruse, Peace Lutheran Men

Peace Mission Share Offering for March is designated for Blue Valley Community Action.

The Sunday School Offering for the month of March continues back with Heifer International. In January we purchased a flock of chicks, flock of geese, hive of bees, trio of rabbits and a goat. Next on the list is a pig, a sheep, a llama, a water buffalo and a cow. Our May S.S. offering will also go to Heifer International.

Mammen Benefit...

Thank you to all who helped support the Ron & Carol Mammen Benefit hosted by Peace Lutheran Church. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked or brought food. 244 people were served and generous donations from people helped to make it a huge success.

Sponsoring a Child with Children of the Nations...

If you wanted to sponsor a child from Lindsey's school and missed the opportunity when Lindsey was here, please contact Cindy Mueller and she'd be happy to help set you up with a child. If you have access to a computer you can sponsor a child by going online to cotni.org and choose "get involved", then "sponsor a child" followed by "children needing sponsors". Under "country" choose "Uganda" then you can choose gender or birthdate if you have a preference. All those children are in Lindsey's school.

Address Changes...

Trevor Meyer
200 E 5th Ave Apt. 457
Naperville IL 60563-3176

Welcome New Members!!!

Steve & Connie Drohman
PO Box 362
Deshler NE 68340

Weekend Worship Schedule...



6:30 PM each
Saturday Evening
10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning

Sunday School
begins at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Soup
7:15 p.m. Worship

MARCH 2 - Transfiguration

Sermon: "A Glimpse of Reality" (Matthew 17:1-9)
Holy Communion
NO Adult Praise Team

MARCH 5 - Ash Wednesday

Sermon: "Spring Cleaning of the Soul" (Matthew 6)
Imposition of Ashes

MARCH 9 - Lent 1

Sermon: "The Enemy" (Matthew 4)
Peace Choir Sings
Daylight Savings Time begins

MARCH 12 - Midweek 1

Sermon: "The Passion According to Judas"
Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 16 - Lent 2

Sermon: "For God So Loved" (John 3)
Holy Communion

MARCH 19 - Midweek 2

Sermon: "The Passion According to Caiaphas"

MARCH 23 - Lent 3

Sermon: "Wedding at the Well" (John 4)
Peace Choir Sings
Youth of Peace Bake Sale for Compassion Child

MARCH 26 - Midweek 3

Sermon: "The Passion According to Peter"
Peace Choir Sings



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

Prayer Page for March

REMEMBER IN PRAYER....

Bonnie Thompson ~ Beverly Pitts ~ Mary Newman ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Ron Mammen ~ Daphne Smith ~ Diane Bartling ~ Wyatt Collins (Anthony & Kristopher Collins brother) ~ Jackie Schaeffer (Jan Maschmann's sister) ~ Jen Barbar (friend of Dawn Draeger) ~ Marie Nielsen (Phil Nielsen's mother) ~ Marjorie Eiseman (Kathy Buckles' mom) ~ Opal Cochran (Kathy Buckles' grandmother) ~ Brenda Still (friend of the Roths & Webers) ~ Winston Cline (young son of family friends of Eric & Miranda Isernhagen) ~ Caleb Lindhorst (friend of Jessie Nielsen's) ~ Lee Hoops (Janice Reinke's brother) ~ Vernita Lipker (Gloria Eickman's mother) ~ Lynette Koester (Neva Koester's daughter-in-law) ~ Dean Hobelmann (brother-in-law of Janice Rienke) ~ Gary Schwetz (friend of Lonny & Jan Freitag) ~ Clarence Reinke (father of Howard & Delmar)

Serving in the military: Jacob Wroughton (Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann's grandson) serving in Okinawa, Japan ~ Thankfulness to God for the safe return to the United States for Thomas Williams (Leora Freitag's grandson & Lonny & Jan Freitag's nephew)

WE HOLD IN SYMPATHY AND PRAYER the family and friends of Otto Paul, who passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at Parkview Haven Nursing Home at the age of 97. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Otto was an uncle to Richard & Jeanette Mohrmann.

Peace Happenings....

Happy March Birthday to...

Special birthdays this month are: Rose Brettmann will be 75 on March 9, Don Stelling will be 85 on March 10, Neva Koester will be 94 on March 11, Ivan Valek will be 85 on March 13, Julia Pohlmann will be 80 on March 16, Erwin Kniep will be 93 on March 26, and Delores Othling will be 92 on March 31. God's blessings to all of you!!!!

Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!



Mar 1	Lonny Hintz	Mar 12	Emmit Hintz	Mar 23	Jeffrey Kirchhoff
	Karina Brandt	Mar 13	Ivan Valek	Mar 24	Lyle Pitts
	Brock Renz		Fred Maschmann		Dawn Buckles
	Paige Culler		Jay Buckles	Mar 25	LeRoy Othling
Mar 3	Al Dlouhy	Mar 15	Amy Nash		Gregg Bohling
	Heath Birkel		Ashley Norden		Tiffany Shaw
Mar 4	Eldon Kirchhoff	Mar 16	Vera Siebenneicher		Adam Roth
Mar 6	Natasha O'Neal		Julia Pohlmann	Mar 26	Erwin Kniep
Mar 7	Roger Bohling		Patty Jasperson		April Maschmann
Mar 9	Rose Brettmann		Gabriel Fintel	Mar 27	Amanda Ostdiek
Mar 10	Don Stelling	Mar 18	Randy Weideman		Manuel Motto
	Marty Pohlmann	Mar 20	Fairy Peters	Mar 29	Jane Marquart
	Cole Schlieff	Mar 21	Debra Folkerts		Braelyn Isernhagen
Mar 11	Neva Koester	Mar 22	Eric Nielsen	Mar 30	Lula Culler
	Derek Schnakenberg			Mar 31	Deloris Othling

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

Those Celebrating March Anniversaries...

Happy 25th Anniversary to Jon & Delinda Mohrmann!!!!

March 10, 2007	Kim & David Pace	March 16, 2013	Jeremy & Cassandra Row
March 11, 1989	Jon & Delinda Mohrmann	March 29, 2008	Billy & Ashley Norden
March 15, 1997	Stuart & Diana Reinke		



Congratulations and God's Blessings...

...to Glen and Marla Maschmann at the birth of a new grandchild. A boy, Jace Paul Maschmann, was born to Caleb and Lacey (Cline) Maschmann on Friday, January 24, 2014, at Bryan LGH in Lincoln, NE. Jace was born at 12:20 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. He has a big sister, Zoey Evelyn (11 months) to welcome him home in Lincoln NE.

Welcomed into the Family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism...

...on Saturday evening, February 1, 2014, was Faythe Marie Reinke, infant daughter of Jason Reinke and Debbie Shapiro. Faythe was born on May 29, 2013 in Weakley Co., Tennessee. Her sponsors are Stuart and Diana Reinke.

...on Sunday morning, February 2, 2014, was Austin Jacob Buckles, son of Jay and Kathy Buckles. Austin is in the 4th grade at Deshler Public School and celebrated his 11th birthday on his baptismal day, February 2, 2014. His sponsors are Bob Reinke & Dawn Buckles.

...on Sunday morning, February 16, 2014, was Kailyn Jane Gehle, infant daughter of Brandon and Hailey (Isernhagen) Gehle. She was born on January 7, 2014 at Hebron, Nebraska. Her sponsors are Amanda Gehle and Braelyn Isernhagen.

Preschool News...



The preschoolers learned about the tradition of Groundhog's Day as we started February, and wondered whether he would see his shadow or not. As we learned about the groundhog's burrow and the legend surrounding his forecasting, we also talked about shadows with lots of shadow matching activities. One of the children's favorite Circle Time activities was creating shadows on an overhead projector as their classmates tried to guess what was casting the shadow. The children also enjoyed reading Frank Asch's *Bear Shadow*, as we have read several of Bear's adventures throughout the year so far.

Our next February theme was post office and hearts. The children had a great time with our discovery center, which was transformed into a post office set up. The children used envelopes, sticker stamps, rubber stamps, and mailboxes to create and send mail to one another. In Circle Time we learned that all letters must have an address for the person who is to receive the mail, and we also learned that stamps show that a letter has been paid for to send. The children got to try their hand at delivering mail in several different ways-matching stamps, looking at shapes, and even the challenge of trying to match street address numbers.

We have continued our study of the alphabet with the letter people. The children met Ms. F with funny feet, Mr. G with his gooey gum, Mr. H with happy hair, Mr. I's impossible inches, and Ms. J with her jingle jacket. Each letter person has a catchy song emphasizing the sound the letter makes. We try to do a project relating to each letter as well. For F we painted fish, and for G we covered a G with green glitter. As H happened at Valentine's Day, we were able to practice cutting out a heart, and we used rulers to measure how many inches our feet were for letter I. We continue to review the previous letters as we continue through the alphabet.

Jesus Time lessons have been focused on God's love for us, His Children. We learned the story of Jesus blessing the little children and how Jesus shared His time and attention with His smallest followers. He even told His disciples to be like small children in their faith! We have also been learning about the parable of The Lost Sheep, and how Jesus is our Shepherd, who knows and loves every one of His sheep.

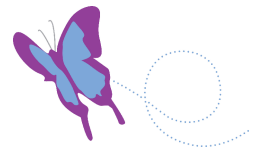


Our Valentine's Party on February 14 was filled with candy, games, and excitement. Thank you to Sabreana Wit and Ellen Schmidt for assisting at the party. The children had a great time!
~ Diane Beikmann, Director

Preschool Openings

Peace Lutheran Preschool is now taking names for the **2014-2015 school year**. Children aged 4 by August 30 are given first preference. Spots are filling up fast. If you are interested or have additional questions, please contact Diane Beikmann at 402-365-7239.

Minutes from Peace Women of the Word Board Meeting, Jan. 20, 2014



Coordinator Linda Fangmeyer opened the meeting. Devotions were given by Julia Pohlmann. Those present were Fairy Peters, Joan Kirchhoff, Louisa Fintel, Lela Mae Brettmann, Linda Fangmeyer, Jeanette Mohrmann, Julia Pohlmann, Chrystal Miller, Lois Nelson, JoAnn Fangmeyer, Jae Fintel, Connie Meyer and granddaughter, Chandra Hillman, Janice Marquart, Wilma Christian and Sondra Ehlers.

Elections were as follows:

Coordinator – Lois Nelson

Vice Coordinator – Connie Meyer

Secretary – Jae Fintel

Treasurer – Fairy Peters



Coordinators of Mission Growth – Joan Kirchhoff and Lela Mae Brettmann

Coordinators of Mission Community – Chrystal Miller and JoAnn Fangmeyer

Coordinators of Mission Action – Louisa Fintel, Julia Pohlmann, Chandra Hillman and Janice Marquart

Nominating committee is Connie Meyer (Vice Coordinator), Deb Folkerts, Janice Marquart & Wilma Christian

Kitchen Products Coordinator – Denise Brettmann

Library Director – Leah Krotz

It was mentioned that we should check with Marla Maschmann before ordering anything, since there are products stored in many different places for different purposes. Also mentioned was to post instructions for making coffee and kool-aid by the kitchenette area in the back of the church.

It was decided to spend more time reorganizing and reinforcing the prayer chain for Peace Lutheran, stressing the importance of prayer and confidentiality. Prayer chain members will be taken from the Time and Talent Sheets on file, reorganized, and published separate from the Women's book later this Spring. General Meetings were deleted from the yearly calendar of events due to poor attendance. The decision on whether to hold an Advent event or cookies for fellowship during Advent was tabled.

Lenten Soup Suppers are scheduled as follows:

March 5 - Ash Wednesday - Servant Work Group 1

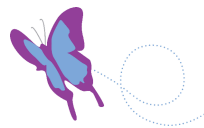
March 12 - Youth of Peace

March 19 – Servant Work Group 2

March 26 – Servant Work Group 1

April 2 - Youth of Peace

April 9 - Servant Work Group 2



Mary Stelling will call for funeral workers in Group 1 with Chandra Hillman being the family contact person. Diana Jacobe will call for funeral workers in Group 2 with JoAnn Fangmeyer being the family contact person.

Thank you's were received from Heartland District for the \$100 we donated; from Mary Newman, Lucille Hofts and Betty Bokenkamp for the Christmas Gift Certificates; and Leah and Levi Nelson for the Christmas Gift Certificates given to college students.

A decorating committee was added to the Women's Book. Volunteers for 2014 are: Chandra & Earl Hillman and Chrystal & Travis Miller and Marla & Glen Maschmann. They will take turns overseeing the decorating for the church seasons and lining up volunteers to help.

Special thanks to Lela Mae Brettmann for doing the embroidery on baptismal cloths for many years.

A budget needs to be worked on.

Volunteers are needed for February flower committee and Altar Guild for various months.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jae Fintel, secretary



Thrivent Choice Dollars....

One act of generosity leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice program. Many of you directed your designated Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church. Through your individual recommendation, you have made a difference. Collectively, Thrivent Financial members have helped us continue our important mission. Thanks you for your support and generosity!!

In 2013 Thrivent members of Peace directed their Thrivent Choice dollars for the following:

- \$1000 to Women of Peace
- \$1000 to Men of Peace
- \$1000 to Youth of Peace
- \$750 to help a member with medical expenses

Direct Thrivent Choice DollarsSM by March 31

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutheran need to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2014. After that date, any undirected Choice Dollars will expire.

By Phone:

Step 1 - Call **1-800-847-4836** and when prompted, say **"Thrivent Choice."**

Step 2 - When prompted, say **"Choice Dollars."**

Step 3 - Say or enter your Social Security number.

Step 4 - **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.

Step 5 - A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Online:

Step 1 - Visit **Thrivent.com/thrivent choice.**

Step 2 - Click on **"log in"** at the top right of your screen and enter you're MyThrivent user ID and password.

Step 3 - Look for your designated Choice Dollars on the right side of the screen.

Step 4 - Click on **"Direct Choice Dollars"** in the Thrivent Choice box on your MyThrivent page.

Step 5 - Search the catalog of organizations to find the organization you want to select.

Step 6 - Click on **"Direct Choice Dollars Now"** to direct your designated Choice Dollars.

Summer Camp Brochures

There are brochures in the church office describing **Carol Joy Holling Camp 2014** and **Covenant Cedars 2014** camps offered. There are so many different programs available for kids, teens, families and grandparents....too many fantastic opportunities to describe in a newsletter, so pick up a brochure, take it home, and learn all about it!☺ Your kids will be glad you did! *Remember the Men of Peace help with a financial contribution to your camp experience.*

Thank You...

...to Daryl, Lois and Leah Nelson, Nate Brandt, Julia Pohlmann and Phil and Isaac Nielsen for helping with the recycling center last time on February 8.

There is a **sign up sheet** located on the church bulletin board to sign up to volunteer to help on Recycling Day. Recycling is scheduled for the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of each month from **9:00 - 11:00 AM**. There is a need for 3-4 volunteers each of those times. Please check out the sign-up sheet and pick a time to help out. If you have a group that would be willing volunteer for a Saturday morning that would be great. Thanks!

...to Irene Fintel, who for several years has volunteered to deliver the weekly bulletins to the residents at Meadowlark Heights and Parkview Haven. Taking the time to make this weekly delivery is a great help in the office and the residents appreciate the opportunity to see our weekly bulletins. Irene is retiring from this service to Peace and Laurie Koester has agreed to deliver the bulletins. *Thank you so much Irene and Laurie for volunteering and helping out!!*

...to Lela Mae Brettmann who has lovingly sewed little crosses on baptismal clothes for many years.

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska

offers behavioral health and human care services based upon the Agency's high quality of service, fiscal integrity and faith-based mission and values.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH includes mental health counseling, sexual abuse/incest treatment, substance abuse treatment, gambling addiction treatment, and specialized counseling for children, adolescents, adults and families.

CHILDREN SERVICES provides infant, international and foster care adoption services and searches, foster care, pregnancy counseling, respite care, maternal health care and family support services.

Fees are assessed at a sliding scale, based on total family household income. Most insurance companies, Medicaid, and Medicare are also accepted.

The toll free number for Children Services is:

800-267-9876.

This toll-free number is primarily for SE Nebraska: **866-721-6229.**

FOSTER HOMES...

There is great need for foster homes to provide care for children, especially teenagers. Are you called to open your heart to children and make a difference in their lives? Foster parents are urgently needed. To learn more about foster parenting, please contact Kelli Wendelin at 402-471-5190 or kelli.wendelin@nebraska.gov.