

Worship, Education & Stewardship - Feb. 2015

Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 7

<u>Worship Attendance</u>		<u>(Compared one year ago)</u>
Feb. 1	cancelled (snow)	144 + 34 = 178
Feb. 8	133 + 20 = 153	124 + 20 = 144
Feb. 15	145 + 7 = 152	192
Feb. 18 (Ash Wed.)	119	121
Feb. 22	152 + 12 = 164	141 + 16 = 157



Stewardship Gen. Budget Feb. Mission Support of \$3000.00 was divided between Blue Valley Community Action & Nuckolls Co. Food Pantry / \$1500.00 a month continues to support our missionary, Lindsey Mueller.

Feb. 1	cancelled (snow)
Feb. 8	\$4412.78 (+\$250 Bldg. Fund)
Feb. 15	\$2696.22 (+\$150 Bldg. Fund)
Feb. 18	\$0 (+\$637 PVH)
Feb. 22	\$2619.00 (+\$10 PVH / +\$150 Bldg. Fund)

Education March - May Offering to Royal Family Kids Camp

Feb. 8	55	\$74.00
Feb. 15	58	\$81.85
Feb. 22	56	\$118.10

Peace Mission Share Offering of \$3000.00 for March is designated for Lutheran Family Services.

Our Total for SS. Offering for Dec.-Feb. came to \$710.94. We were able to raise enough for 2 flocks of chicks, 2 flocks of geese, 2 hives of bees, a trio of rabbits, a goat, a pig, a sheep and a llama. Thank you to all who generously gave to this worthy project!

~ The Sunday School Leadership Team

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 15. Also, thanks to those who donated items and those who attended. After expenses the pancake feed offering totaled \$690.00. An additional \$740.75 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 7 campers by paying 1/2 of their camp fees! Thanks again for all your support! ~ George Kruse, Peace Lutheran Men

Challenge to All for Military BibleStick Outreach...

The Prayerfully Simple Bible Study women have chosen to donate money to the Military BibleStick Outreach. The women have challenged the Peace Men's Bible Study group to take on this project as well. The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player specifically designed for our military service members. It's about the size of a pack of gum, easily fits into uniform pockets and rugged enough to withstand tough weather conditions. It comes preloaded with a dramatized recording of the New Testament and selected Psalms.

"Faith Comes by Hearing" relies on donations to provide Military BibleSticks to our troops while on (and preparing for) deployment at no cost to them. We would like to share the joy by allowing others in the congregation the opportunity to donate to this project. For every donation of \$25, a military chaplain will give one BibleStick to one of our heroes. Any amount will be accepted and can be handed to Janice Reinke or placed in the offering plate (checks should be written out to Peace and designated for "Military BibleStick") before March 31st. What an amazing way to share the gospel! ~ Janice Reinke, Prayerfully Simple Leader

Lenten Worship Schedule...

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

Sunday School begins at 9:00 A.M.

Wednesdays

5:45 - 6:45 P.M. Meal & Fellowship
7:15 P.M. Worship

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If school is cancelled, office will be closed. If it's Wednesday, PACE is also cancelled. Pastor and Church Council President will make a decision by 7:00 A.M. concerning Sunday worship services. Notification will be made on website, church answering machine, radio and T.V. stations.



MARCH 1 - Lent 2

Holy Communion
Goodies by Fred & Ardith Maschmann for 50th wedding ann.

MARCH 4 - Midweek 2

Youth of Peace Soup Supper
Jesus Meets Us in Unexpected Invitations

MARCH 8 - Lent 3

Daylight Savings Time begins
Lutheran Family Services Presentation
Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 11 - Midweek 3

Servant Team 1 - Baked Potato Bar
Jesus Meets Us in Expected yet Unrecognized Places
Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 15 - Lent 4

Holy Communion

MARCH 18 - Midweek 4

Servant Team 2 - Casserole Meal
Jesus Meets Us In Our Everyday Lives

MARCH 22 - Lent 5

Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 25 - Midweek 5

Servant Team 1 - Soup Supper
When Did We See You, Lord?
Peace Choir Sings

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 - Easter Sunday

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



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 \$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. Practice will be after Good Friday worship, April 3, approximately 8:30 P.M.

Signs of Love

Prayer Page for March

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Lucille Hofts ~ Linda Fangmeyer ~ Erwin Kniep ~ Judy Kirchhoff ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Daphne Smith ~ Bernice Meyer (Paul Meyer's sister) ~ Norma Doering (JoAnn Fangmeyer & Connie Eitzmann's sister) ~ Brett Eilts (Ervin & JoAnn Fangmeyer's grandson) ~ Vernita Lipker (Gloria Eickman's mother) ~ Marjorie Eiseman (Kathy Buckles' mom) ~ Opal Cochran (Kathy Buckles' grandmother) ~ Dean Hobelmann (brother-in-law of Janice Reinke) ~ Gary Schwetz (friend of Lonny & Jan Freitag) ~ Shelley Bartling (Lorena Pohlmann's cousin) ~ Cassandra Brooks (Pat Wharton's niece) ~ Lila Schroeder ~ Dave Duff (friend of Roth's) ~ Brook Roth ~ Connor Strutt (High school friend of Krotz's) ~ Cody Kirchhoff (Lucille Schardt's nephew) ~ Phil Johnson (Vic Johnson's nephew)

Serving in the Military: Air Force Captain Darren Woodside, Mike & Yvonne Hoops' nephew; Captain Ben Williams, grandson of Leora Freitag and nephew of Lonny & Jan Freitag.

WE HOLD IN SINCERE SYMPATHY AND PRAYER the family and friends of Ines Bunetmeyer, who passed away unexpectedly early Saturday morning, February 14, 2015, at Lakewood Ranch Hospital in Bradenton, Florida. Funeral services were held here at Peace Lutheran Church on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. with interim Pastor Cathi Braasch officiating.



Thank You Received...

Family of Peace, Friends in Christ:

Thank you and thank you again for your continued and generous support and prayers as I continue my schooling in preparation for ministry. My heart is full of gratitude to have the opportunity to learn, grow, and become better equipped to serve while studying at Western Theological Seminary. I thank God, also, in knowing my studies at Western are building on a foundation laid by Peace Lutheran Church. Praise be to God for his work in and through Peace and the greater church in the world!

My studies this semester are thick with exciting content. My class load includes courses titled: Preaching, Greek II, Church History II, Pastor as Person, New Testament Foundations, and Engaging Christian Ministry. I thoroughly enjoy all these courses and savor their content. However, I also am finding spiritual growth and direction in unexpected places. Much like Moses at the burning bush, I have been recently asking God to send another to speak to God's people on his behalf. Like Moses, I find myself making the excuse that I am not gifted with speech, and perhaps God should assign me a position of pastoral counseling rather than preaching. Yet, as Moses heard God speak through the burning bush, I hear the Spirit speaking in surprising places. As I sat in my preaching class, I did not see a burning bush, but the Spirit prompted my heart and mind in a moment of realization, "Oh no! I think this (preaching) is what I am supposed to do!" I pray that you also would find the Spirit of God speaking to you in unexpected places, and on that holy ground, you would dare to walk where God leads.

In Christ,
Stacey Duensing

Peace Happenings....

Sappy March Birthday to...



Special birthdays this month are: Neva Koester will be 95 on March 11, LeRoy Othling will be 85 on March 25, Erwin Kniep will be 94 on March 26, and Delores Othling will be 93 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 24	Lyle Pitts
	Karina Brandt	Mar 13	Ivan Valek		Dawn Buckles
	Brock Renz		Fred Maschmann	Mar 25	LeRoy Othling
	Paige Culler		Jay Buckles		Gregg Bohling
Mar 3	Al Dlouhy	Mar 15	Amy Nash		Tiffany Shaw
	Heath Birkel		Ashley Norden		Adam Roth
Mar 4	Eldon Kirchhoff	Mar 16	Vera Siebenneicher	Mar 26	Erwin Kniep
Mar 6	Natasha O'Neal		Julia Pohlmann		April Maschmann
Mar 7	Roger Bohling		Patty Jaspersen	Mar 27	Amanda Ostdiek
Mar 9	Rose Brettmann		Gabriel Fintel		Manuel Motto
Mar 10	Don Stelling	Mar 18	Randy Weideman	Mar 29	Jane Marquart
	Marty Pohlmann	Mar 20	Fairy Peters		Braelyn Isernhagen
	Cole Schlieff	Mar 21	Debra Folkerts	Mar 30	Lula Culler
Mar 11	Neva Koester	Mar 23	Jeffrey Kirchhoff	Mar 31	Deloris Othling
	Derek Schnakenberg				Jan Kripal

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

Those Celebrating March Anniversaries...

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		

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for February...

<u>PK - Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st & 2nd</u>	<u>3rd, 4th & 5th</u>	<u>6th, 7th, & 8th</u>
Chloe Fangmeyer	Danessa Buckles	Gavin Fangmeyer	Emmit Hintz
Sadie Isernhagen	Addyson Hintz	Colton Isernhagen	Adam Roth
Danica O'Neal	Lilly Luben	Jayden Isernhagen	Sydney Roth
Avery Ostdiek	Tasia Schardt	Jessika Luben	
		Emily Salvo	
		Tierra Schardt	

Judy Benefit...

Thank you to all who helped support the Dan & Brenda Judy Benefit hosted by Peace Lutheran Church on February 8. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked or brought food. A large crowd was served and generous donations from people helped to make it a huge success.

Thank You Received...

To our family at Peace,

We truly appreciate what everybody did for the benefit held on our behalf. It was overwhelming to see how many came out. Thank you to all who made the food and helped serve the meal. We are so grateful for your generosity. ~ Dan & Brenda Judy

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 recommendations, you have made a difference. Collectively, Thrivent Financial members have helped us continue our important mission. Thank you for your support and generosity!! In 2014 Thrivent members of Peace directed their Thrivent Choice dollars for the following:

- 25% (apx. \$750) to Women of Peace
- 25% to Men of Peace
- 25% to Youth of Peace
- 25% to help a member with medical expenses

Direct Thrivent Choice DollarsSM by March 31

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans need to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2015. 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 - 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 your 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 the right side of your MyThrivent page.

Step 5 - Search the catalog of organizations to find the organization you want to select or find organizations you've previously directed to.

Step 6 - Click on **"Direct Choice Dollars Now"** to direct your designated Choice Dollars and continue to follow the steps when prompted.

Thank You...

- ...to Nate Brandt for the donation and installation of a new coded lock on the church hallway door.
- ...to Cecil and JoAnn Ehlers for the donation of the elegant looking 60-cup coffee maker used for coffee fellowship.
- ...to office substitutes, Yvonne Hoops and Becky Mize, who filled in while I was on a college visit. Thank you so much for doing such a nice job! ~ *Marla Maschmann*
- ...to Bill Mize for picking out and installing a new wireless router when our existing router went out. Without wireless capabilities we can't function very well in the office, so thanks for getting us up and running again so quickly!
- ...to Earl Hillman for his work on the cross stands for the acolytes, which will hopefully make it work easier for them.
- ...to all those who helped prepare the chancel area for the Lenten season.

Address Changes...

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Lutheran Family Services

In 1892, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (LFS) was founded by two Lutheran pastors to provide homes for orphaned children in Omaha and Fremont. LFS programs have evolved as needs changed to include a continuum of statewide human care programs. Staff advance the LFS mission to express God's love for all people by providing quality human care services that build and strengthen individual, family and community life via Children Services, Behavioral Health and Community Services.

Children Services include adoption support and permanency, foster care, youth behavioral health, three Centers for Healthy Families, home visitation, family liaison program, pregnancy counseling, maternal health services, maternal and post-partum depression therapies, and RSafe® treatment for children and families impacted by child sexual abuse.

Behavioral Health is comprised of outpatient mental health and substance abuse services including individual, family and group therapy, psychiatric medication management, community support, crisis response, At Ease trauma treatment and therapeutic support for active military, veterans and their loved ones, incest treatment, and gambling addiction counseling.

Community Services supports and welcomes refugees, immigrants, asylees, secondary migrants and human trafficking victims leading to safety, assimilation and self-sufficiency. Programs include refugee resettlement, immigration legal services, the International Center of the Heartland, AmeriCorps, specialized mental health services, and employment and education services.

The toll free number for Children Services is: 800-267-9876.

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 Brian Kempkes at 402-661-03125 or bkempkes@lfsneb.org.