

Lenten Worship Schedule..

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

Sunday School begins at 9:00 A.M.

Wednesdays during Lent
5:45 - 6:45 P.M. Meal & Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Worship

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If school is cancelled, offices are 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.

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 \$8.00 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, so please encourage and remind your college student to bring their horn home and come to the practice. Practice will be after Good Friday worship, March 25, approximately 8:00 P.M.

FEB - 28 - Lent 3

Sermon: "My Dad is Better than Your Dad!"

Peace Choir

MARCH 2 - Midweek 4

Youth of Peace Lasagna Supper

Promises of Righteousness

Youth blacklight presentation "It's About the Cross"

MARCH 6 - Lent 4

Sermon: The Newness of Reconciliation! (2 Cor. 5:14-16)

Holy Communion

MARCH 9 - Midweek 5

Servant Team #2 - Meal

Promises of Mercy

Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 13 - Lent 5

Sermon: "Sweet Aroma of God's Love!" (John 12:1-8)

Daylight Savings Time begins

Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 16 - Midweek 4

Youth of Peace Soup Supper & Bake Sale

Promises of See God

Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 20 - Palm Sunday

Sermon: "Signs, Signs, Everywhere There are Signs!" (Luke 19:28-40)

Procession with Palms / Gospel Passion Reading

MARCH 24 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM

5:45 PM Adult Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 PM Holy Communion

8:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

MARCH 25 - Good Friday - 7:00 PM

6:45 PM Cross Procession from PVH (*weather permitting*)

7:00 PM Worship - The Last Seven Words of Jesus

8:00 PM Brass Rehearsal

MARCH 26 - Vigil of Easter - 6:30 PM

Holy Communion

MARCH 27 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM YOP Sunrise Service @ Zion Cemetery

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast by Youth of Peace

8:30 AM Adult Praise Team Rehearsal

9:00 AM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 AM Brass Rehearsal

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Easter Celebration w/Holy Communion

Peace Choir Sings

Sermon: "The Real Walking Dead!" (Luke 24:1-12)

Praise Team Schedule:

Feb. - Youth Praise Team

March - Adult Praise Team

Easter - Both Praise Teams

Signs of Love

Prayer Page for March

Remember in Prayer....

Sydney Roth ~ Twila Brettmann ~ Dan Judy ~ Erma Lee Hohl ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Daphne Smith ~ Baby Judd (infant son of Jens and Courtney Scholl of Ruskin) ~ Kermit Kirchhoff (Glenn Kirchhoff's brother) ~ Diane Row ~ Tara Chapman (Chandra Hillman's cousin) ~ Sara Braasch-Schmidt (Pastor Cathi's daughter) ~ Carol Streit (friend of Paul and Connie Meyer) ~ Steve Mason (Earl Hillman's cousin) ~ Paul Utemark (friend of Amy Nash) ~ Brett Eilts (Ervin & JoAnn Fangmeyer's grandson) ~ Dean Hobelmann (brother-in-law of Janice Reinke) ~ Gary Schwetz (friend of Lonny & Jan Freitag) ~ Cassandra Brooks (Pat Wharton's niece) ~ Dave Duff (friend of Roth's) ~ Calvin Seybold (Yvonne Hoops' brother) ~ Ken Rigler (Friend of Roth's & Weber's) ~ Dan Griffin (McKylie & Daphne's grandpa *from Elba, NE, had a heart transplant on Wednesday, Feb. 3, is in stable condition, but will have a long recovery.*)

Serving in the Mission Field: Our missionaries Paul and Comfort in Ghana; Lindsey Mueller with Children of the Nations, currently serving in the States until the end of April. *An update from Lindsey is included in this newsletter and an update from Paul and Comfort was in the February 21 bulletin which you may pick up at church if interested.*

We Grieve in Sincere Sympathy and Prayer...

...the family and friends of Neva Koester, who passed away on Friday, February 12, 2016. Her funeral service was held here at Peace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, with Pastor Rich Stevenson officiating.

...Merlyn and Lorena Pohlmann at the death of Merlyn's sister, Verona (Mrs. Wayne) Gumaer, of Nelson on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Funeral services were held at Salem Lutheran Church, rural Superior, NE on Monday, February 15, 2016.

In Loving Memory...

...The following was printed in the church bulletin on Sunday, February 14, 2016:

...Given in loving memory of Vera Siebenneicher is the new Lenten banner inscribed with that powerful verse from Isaiah, "By his wounds we are healed". We thank Vera's family for the beautiful Advent and Christmas banners and a new Easter banner will also be given. The banners are being designed and printed locally by Michael Burger and the staff at Victory Too, rural Deshler, NE.

...Today we dedicate the Sunday School Classroom project that was completed in loving memory of Ines Buntmeyer, who went to her heavenly home on February 14, 2015, and we remember on this Valentine's Day there is *No Greater Love* than that of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The painting of the ceilings was completed by the men of our Church Council with the painting of the walls being done by volunteers. Then vinyl verses were chosen and placed in the 4 rooms, that are currently used for Sunday School classrooms, by Ines' daughter, Carol. God's word, as it's being taught in these rooms, will hopefully be instilled in the hearts and minds of the children. Carol was also approved for *Thrivent Action Team Funds* of \$250.00 to help fund these projects.

We thank the family of Ines Buntmeyer for seeing this project through to completion, and they have also given a gift of \$500.00 towards renovation of the lights and ceiling in the hallway. We would need additional gifts to be able to complete the project of updating the hallway before Preschool begins next fall. If you'd like to contribute to the hallway renovation project, please mark donations "*Hallway Project*" and place them in the offering plate or in the church office.



Peace Happenings....

Sappy March Birthday to...



Special birthdays this month are: Lyle Pitts will be 75 on March 24 and Deloris Othling will be 94 on March 31. God's blessings to 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	Julia Pohlmann	Mar 26	April Maschmann
Mar 6	Natasha O'Neal		Patty Jasperson	Mar 27	Amanda Ost diek
Mar 7	Roger Bohling		Gabriel Fintel		Manuel Motto
Mar 9	Rose Brettmann	Mar 18	Randy Weideman	Mar 29	Jane Marquart
Mar 10	Don Stelling	Mar 20	Fairy Peters		Braelyn Isernhagen
	Marty Pohlmann	Mar 21	Debra Folkerts	Mar 30	Lula Culler
	Cole Schlieff	Mar 23	Jeffrey Kirchhoff	Mar 31	Deloris Othling
Mar 11	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		

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Jason and Lisa Hintz at the birth of a new grandson, Donovan Lee Yoachim, born to Jon and Jamie (Corey) Yoachim of Alexandria. He was born on February 12, 2016, weighing 7 lb. 13 ½ oz. He is welcomed home by big sisters, Clara (4), and Caroline (2). Congratulations also to great-grandpa, Kenny Muehling.

Save the Date...

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for **June 6 - 10 (mornings only)**, with singing in church on **Sunday, June 12**. Thank you Connie Eitzmann for volunteering to lead. Let Connie know ASAP if you'd like to help in any way!!!☺

Address Changes...

Christian Reinke	Paige Turan	Christian Reinke
2802 30 th Ave	403 Warren St	2802 30 th Ave
Kearney NE 68845	Byron NE 68325-7001	Kearney NE 68845

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for January...

<u>PK - Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st & 2nd</u>	<u>3rd, 4th & 5th</u>	<u>6th, 7th, & 8th</u>
Drew Buckles	Chloe Fangmeyer	Danessa Buckles	None
	Danica O'Neal	Danica Buckles	
		Gavin Fangmeyer	

WOW Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2016

Lois Nelson called the meeting to order with 10 board members present, 6 absent. Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1365.05.

For Mission Growth, it was noted that there were 3 "Meals for those in Need" in the freezer now.

Group I is scheduled to serve the funeral of Neva Koester. As of meeting time there is no caller for Group II.

Prior to the meeting, board members assembled the new yearbooks and distributed them to the mailboxes.

There will be no March meeting. The next meeting will be April 18th with the assembly of Baskets of Promise. Louisa closed the meeting with "Belonging".

Joan Kirchhoff, Secretary

New Women's Yearbooks

for 2016-18 Are Done!

You have a new updated yearbook in your mailbox today!☺ Thank you to Lois Nelson, Marla Maschmann and the Women's Board for all their work in updating the books. Every woman of Peace, able to serve, is assigned to either Servant Team #1 or #2. They do not change, but just take note of which team you are on, and make sure your contact numbers are correct. If you'd like to be on the email notice for funerals give your email address to Cindy Mueller.

It's been hard for funerals to find workers and many times, like this past Wednesday, we almost ran out of food. So, periodically we'll just post a reminder in the bulletin as to which Team serves the next funeral (*although you're always welcome to bring food and work whether it's your team or not*). But this way, when you hear that someone has passed away, you know it's your Team that is serving and they are responsible for workers and supplying food, as we do not call for food items for funerals. Because Team #2 is serving two soup suppers, Team #1 served the funeral for Neva Koester. **The next funeral it will be Team #2 serving.** JoAnn Fangmeyer has graciously volunteered to call for funeral workers on Team #2 **and** order the food (sandwich items, chips, and paper products). So please, if and when you know you can work at the next funeral, feel free to give her a call and volunteer. And if you can bring something for lunch that'd be great. As many women work, arrangements can be made if you need to drop off food early or late in the day. *Thanks for serving!!!!*

Two additions/corrections: For Team #2, JoAnn Fangmeyer is the caller for workers \ on page 19 change Deanna Maschmann's number to 402-365-4369.

Lenten Baskets of Promise

for Lutheran World Relief...

The Women of Peace are again Joining the LWR "Baskets of Promise" Campaign. Each week we'll collect a different item for personal care kits with a goal of assembling 100 kits during Lent.

Week 1, Feb. 14 - Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz, any brand, in original wrapping)

Week 2, Feb. 21 - Bath Towels (Light-weight Max. 52x27", Dark Colors)

Week 3, Feb. 28 - Toothbrushes (Adult Size, in Original Packaging)

Week 4, March 6 - Combs

Week 5, March 13 - Nail Clippers (metal, attached filed options)

Week 6, March 20 - Bars of Soap

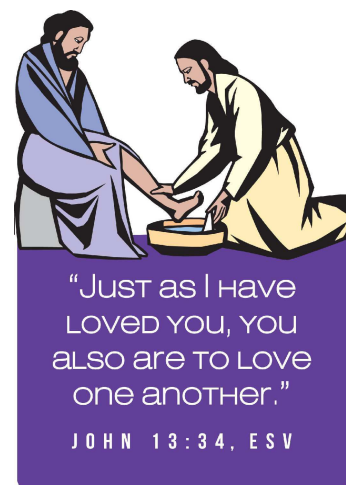
Louisa has a basket in the back of the church (*or sometimes it's in the overflow*) for your items. You may leave your kit items one at a time or all at once. For more information contact Louisa Fintel #1-402-200-0615. The Women of Peace will assemble the Personal Care Kits on April 18, 2016, and all are welcome to come help.

Thank You...

...to Dave Weber, Pastor Rich and Brian Isernhagen for moving snow during the February blizzard. If I missed anyone, please know that we appreciate all the help in keeping the snow cleared.

...to all those who helped prepare the chancel area for the Lenten season.

...to Jake Beam and Myron Peters for the excellent job they are doing for our Lenten series dramas.



"Just as I have
LOVED YOU, YOU
also are to LOVE
one another."

JOHN 13:34, ESV

Thrivent Choice Dollars....

Thrivent members of Peace are able to direct Thrivent Choice dollars to support the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. Thrivent Choice dollars are intended to be used in addition regular giving from the congregation. These dollars expire every year on **March 31**, so remember each year to log on or call and designate your dollars. In 2015 Peace Thrivent Choice dollars were distributed to the following:

\$740.75 to Women of Peace
\$740.75 to Men of Peace
\$740.75 Youth of Peace
\$740.75 to a member for medical expenses

There is also a fairly new program called “**Thrivent Action Teams**” in which a member can apply online and possibly qualify for \$250.00 as seed money. It starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about. For example: Louisa Fintel applied for \$250.00 seed money to purchase quilting supplies for their blanket tying days, and Carol Schardt applied for \$250.00 seed money to help purchase the paint and vinyl sayings used for the Painting S.S. Room volunteer event. All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three in a lifetime).

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**. If you need help stop in the church office and we'll be glad to help you anytime!!



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 since evolved as the needs of the community have 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, child and 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 use 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. For Behavioral Health Services, please contact our Grand Island office at (308) 382-4255.

Community Services supports and welcomes refugees, immigrants, asylees, secondary migrants and victims of international human trafficking, leading to safety, integration into their new community and self-sufficiency. Programs include refugee resettlement, immigration legal services, ESL and interpretation services, the International Center of the Heartland, AmeriCorps, specialized mental health services, and employment and education services. For Community Services, please contact our Grand Island office at (308) 382-4255.

Additional information about Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska and the programs and services provided by the organization can be found online at lfsneb.org.