

Tidings of Peace

March 2017 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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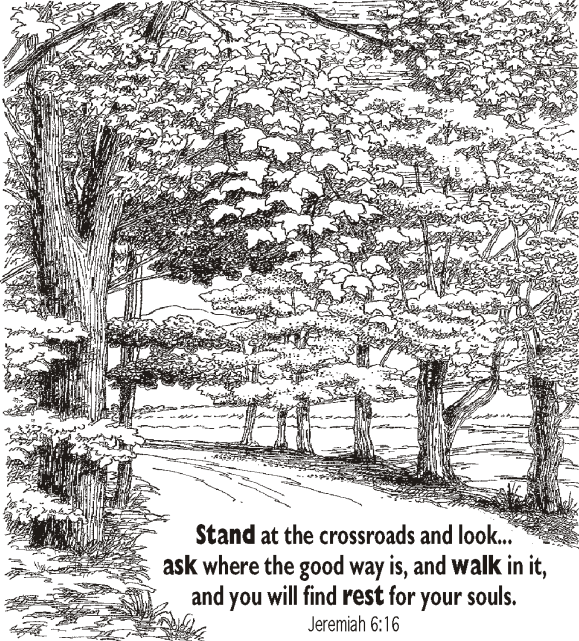
9:00-12:30 / 1:00- 5:30 Wed. (Closed Friday)

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March Highlights...



**Stand at the crossroads and look...
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.**

Jeremiah 6:16

Journey with us this Lenten season for the series:

“At the Crossroads”

Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads helps us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross help us to decide which path is in line with God’s will for us.

Services are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM,
with a Meal & Fellowship from 5:45 - 6:45 PM
Lenten Offerings: Missionary, Lindsey Mueller

Ash Wednesday, March 1 - At the Crossroads (Confession) • Psalm 32:1-5

As a model for us, the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord.

We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in him.

No Soup Supper / Imposition of Ashes / (Special Music Volunteer Welcome)

Wed, March 8 - At the Crossroads (Betrayal) • John 13:21-30

When Judas Iscariot comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil,

he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by Satan to betray our Lord,

we must gain strength from our Savior to say, “No” to the devil.

Servant Team #1 Soup - Peace Choir Sings

Wed., March 15 - 7:00 PM Todd Becker Foundation Presentation @ Deshler High School

Servant Team #1 Soup at Peace, 5:45-6:45 PM

Wed., March 22 - At the Crossroads (Compassion) • Luke 22:47-51

When Jesus is taken into custody, he chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst whom we might consider our enemies

Servant Team #2 Soup - Peace Choir Sings

Wed., March 29 - At the Crossroads (Declaration) • Luke 22:54-62

When Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus, he decides to deny his Savior.

When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ.

Youth of Peace Soup (Special Music Volunteer Welcome)

Wed., April 5 - At the Crossroads (Obedience) • Matthew 26:36-46

When Jesus nears the time when he must die for our sins, he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father’s will. When we are called upon to follow God’s will, we must obey.

Youth of Peace Soup - Peace Choir Sings

Worship, Education & Stewardship - Feb. 2017

Set your clocks ahead
one hour Saturday night,
March 11

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>(Compared one year ago)</u>	
Jan. 28	154 + 9 = 163	145 + 17 = 162
Feb. 4	133 + 15 = 148	135 + 19 = 154
Feb. 11	142 + 16 = 158	166 + 21 = 187
Feb. 19	116 + 9 = 125	165 + 19 = 184

Stewardship Gen. Budget

Jan. Mission Support - LCMC

Feb. Mission Support - Reaching the Unreached, Paul and Comfort in Ghana

Jan. 29	\$3751.50
Feb. 5	\$4483.00 (+\$50 Food Pantry)
Feb. 12	\$3206.00
Feb. 19	\$2115.30 (+\$270 Well)

Education Dec. - Feb. Offering to Heifer International

Jan. 29	44	\$87.10
Feb. 5	62	\$83.75
Feb. 12	57	\$78.75
Feb. 19	41	\$61.25

Congregational Mission Support for March is designated for Parkview Haven Foundation, plus our continued amount of \$1250.00 monthly support to Lindsey Muller.

Sunday School Offering to Heifer International...

\$661.45 is the amount received through Feb. 19 for our offering to Heifer International. Some new choices on their order form are a Biogas Stove for \$50 - manure and water produces the gas to run the stove which is used for heat and for cooking and is so beneficial for a family. Imagine how your life would change if you suddenly had a stove for those things where you didn't before. Mostly they said the stoves are sent to Uganda. And a \$300 well could be a 20 foot borehole, or a hand pump water well, or some means of getting water for a family or village. Both useful gifts that are so critical to everyday life. A school of fish is \$300 and is a continual good source of nutrition. And then there are also animals, big and small, which help the families become more efficient and productive on their own. Your input is always welcome as we consider what gifts to purchase.

Fundraiser Thank-You...

Thank You to all the volunteers who helped prepare the meal and serve at the pancake feed on February 12. Also, thanks to those who donated items and those who attended. The freewill offering totaled \$1033.00, with expenses still pending. An additional amount 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 several campers! Thanks again for all your support! ~ *George Kruse, Peace Lutheran Men*

Thanks for donating \$636.00 to the Youth of Peace Annual fundraiser meal. After expenses we made a profit of \$524.71. As we look forward to our up-coming summer mission trip, we are especially grateful. Thank you Senior moms who made the yummy pies!

The Youth of Peace are looking forward to a weekend mission trip to Omaha July 8-9. Plans are still being finalized, but we hope to help serve lunch at the People's City Mission, tour a ministry in Omaha that helps refugees find work and a place to live, and go ice skating in our free time. Omaha Lutheran Church of the Masters has offered us a place to spend the night, and worship with them the following morning. We are excited to have 8 kids participating, being the hands and feet of Jesus on this trip. Thank you for your prayers, support, and donations as we continue to raise money. ~ *Kristi Duensing, Youth of Peace Director*

Weekend 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
(March 15 Worship @ H.S.)

*SEE full Lenten Schedule on
front page

MARCH 5 - Lent 1

Special Music Welcomed

MARCH 12 - Lent 2

Daylight Savings Time begins
Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings

MARCH 19 - Lent 3

Special Music Welcomed

MARCH 26 - Lent 4

Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings

Praise Team Schedule:

Feb. - Youth Praise Team
March - Adult Praise Team
April - Youth Praise Team
Easter - Both Praise Teams

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 and by 2:00 P.M. concerning Wednesday services. Notification will be made on website, church answering machine, radio and T.V. stations.



Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching. Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity?

You can shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests at our Augsburg Fortress Reformation 500 Bookstore. **Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all titles!**

Stop by the table in the overflow on before or after church on **March 19 and March 26** to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family. If you have questions, please contact librarian Leah Krotz at 785-955-0037 or rlkrotz@gmail.com.

Signs of Love

Prayer Page for March

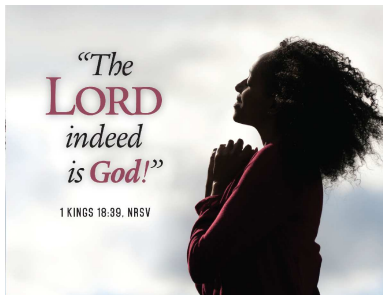
Remember in Prayer....

Relentless prayers

Are you reluctant to bring the same prayers to your heavenly Father over and over? Maybe you don't want to trouble God; after all, he already knows what you're going to say. Plus, you're not worthy to ask for anything!

If those thoughts surround you, think about Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. At 16, he was dragged from his home to be a slave. Patrick tended sheep in the cold. Hungry and miserable, he begged God for mercy and deliverance.

In his Confessio, Patrick recalls praying "a hundred times in the day and almost as many at night." Without ceasing, he told God of his needs, wants, thanksgiving and confession. And God heard his prayers.



Recovering from surgery: Gary Brettmann (*bypass surgery*) ~ Kim Roth ~ Stan Thompson ~ Dustin Michels (*step-son of Barry & Dorothy Renz*)

Recovering from accident or injury: Dane Buschling (*close friend of Kayleigh Koester*)

Those fighting cancer: Monte Gehle ~ Fred Schelert (*Chandra Hillman's uncle - leukemia*) ~ Paul Utemark (*friend of Amy Nash*) ~ Cassandra Brooks (*Pat Wharton's niece*) ~ Daryl Kniep (*Florence Kniep's son*) ~ Ken Rigler (*friend of Roth's & Weber's*) ~ Steve Mason (*Earl Hillman's cousin*) ~ Linda Youngblood Saunders

Prayers for healing, strength and comfort: Howard Reinke ~ Autumn Reinke ~ Diana Jacobe ~ Marla Gerberding ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Daphne Smith ~ JoAnn Fangmeyer ~ Donovan Joachim (*infant son of Jon and Jamie Joachim*) ~ Brock Melton ~ Marilyn Asche ~ Mike Lichty (*Lyle Pitts brother-in-law*) ~ Tara Chapman (*Chandra Hillman's cousin*) ~ Baby Judd (*infant son of Jens and Courtney Scholl of Ruskin*) ~ Kermit Kirchhoff (*Glenn Kirchhoff's brother, eye surgery*) ~ Jean Burrigh (*Anita Stevenson's mom*) ~ Friends and family of Eugene Werner, who passed away on Monday evening, Feb. 6, 2017.

Serving in the Mission Field: Our missionaries Paul and Comfort in Ghana; Lindsey Mueller in Uganda.

We Hold in Sincere Sympathy and Prayer...

June and Merlin Degner, their family and friends, at the loss of June's mother, Betty Bokenkamp, on Wednesday morning, February 15, 2017.

Betty was married to the love of her life, Orville Bokenkamp, and together they enjoyed 64 ½ years of marriage. They were active members of Peace Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School,

was a substitute teacher in the Peace Lutheran Parochial School, taught PACE classes and was active in Bible studies, Ladies Missions and Afternoon Circle. She was also a very talented seamstress, china painter, avid baker and produce preserver. She loved camping and was blessed to travel to all 50 states. She and Orville lived in Deshler all their lives, before moving to Courtyard Terrace in Hebron. She treasured the times spent with family and friends.

Funeral services were held here at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 11:00 AM.

Thank You Received...

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers, words of comfort, and many kindnesses extended to our family before and since Mom's passing. We appreciate all the support during this sad time as our precious memories help us celebrate her earthly life while God's eternal promise makes us rejoice that Mom is with our Lord. Our sincere gratitude ~ Mary and Stan Hofts

Peace Happenings....

Sappy March Birthday to...

Special birthday this month is Fred Maschmann, who will be 75 on March 13. 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 25	LeRoy Othling
	Karina Brandt	Mar 13	Ivan Valek		Gregg Bohling
	Brock Renz		Fred Maschmann		Tiffany Shaw
	Paige Culler	Mar 15	Amy Nash		Adam Roth
Mar 3	Al Dlouhy	Mar 16	Julia Pohlmann	Mar 26	April Maschmann
	Heath Birkel		Patty Jaspersen		Stella Befort
Mar 4	Eldon Kirchoff		Gabriel Fintel	Mar 27	Amanda Ostdiek
Mar 6	Natasha O'Neal	Mar 18	Randy Weideman		Manuel Motto
Mar 7	Roger Bohling	Mar 20	Fairy Peters	Mar 29	Jane Marquart
Mar 9	Rose Brettmann	Mar 21	Debra Folkerts		Braelyn Isernhagen
Mar 10	Don Stelling	Mar 23	Jeffrey Kirchoff	Mar 30	Lula Culler
	Marty Pohlmann	Mar 24	Lyle Pitts	Mar 31	Deloris Othling
	Cole Schlieff		Dawn Buckles		Jan Kripal
Mar 11	Derek Schnakenberg				

(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 15, 1997	Stuart & Diana Reinke
March 11, 1989	Jon & Delinda Mohrmann	March 16, 2013	Jeremy & Cassandra Row

Save the Date...

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 5 thru June Friday, June 9, 2017 for Vacation Bible School at Peace Lutheran Church. Thanks to Connie Eitzmann for starting us off this year as the Director. I'm sure she'd love it if you can offer your assistance in anyway. Thanks Connie!!!!

Thank You's Received...

Deshler Preschool Class,

Thank you very much for the stuffed animals that you donated to the hospital for the kids that come to the hospital. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness. The kids will really like these! Thanks again! ~ Staff at Thayer County Health Services

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or contributed to my benefit and silent auction. This includes 1) all your prayers, cards, calls or texts, 2) your willingness to work as a team to do all that needed to be done, and 3) the many acts of generosity I have been blessed to receive. I don't know what the future holds, but I have already been blessed by God with at least three medical miracles and your loving support in my life. Thank you so very much. Your friend in Christ Jesus, Robin Sedlachek

Youth of Peace and Women of Peace,

Thank you very much to the Youth Group for the delicious sweets and to the Women of Peace for the Subway gift card. Finals week was stressful and it was very nice to have great food to get me through my studies. Thanks again! ~ Sincerely, Katie Roth

Preschool Enrollment is now open and spots are filling up! © To enroll please contact Preschool Director, Dee Jalas, at #402-365-7855 (school), #402-365-4257 (home) or #402-200-8767 (cell).

WOW Board Meeting Minutes- February 20, 2017

The board met at 6:30 p.m. to do the annual kitchen cleaning after which the meeting was called to order by President Lois Nelson with 11 members present, 5 absent. Devotions were given by Julia Pohlmann on I Corinthians 12.

Secretary's report was read and approved after a Lenten meal change was noted. Group I would be in charge of the March 15th meal and the Youth for April 5th.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$1989.31.

Ardith reported on Mission Community that cards and napkins were in place to be purchased.

Mission Growth would go ahead and organize the Peace Meals. Pastor Rich would be the designated person to deliver the meals.

In Louisa's absence, Julia reported that 9 blankets had been completed in January even though very few had turned out to help with blanket tying. March 5 would be the start of the Health Kits project with a goal of putting together 100 kits.

Old Business: Jeanette Mohrmann has agreed to be the caller for Servant Work Group 2. It was noted that the WOW would not be going forward with the partition wall for the basement.

New Business: The Bibles that have been given to the 3rd graders were discussed. It was the Board's suggestion that the Bibles be more adapted to that age and more user friendly. A sample Bible was looked at and would be brought to the Pastor's attention for his consideration.

The next meeting would be April 17th.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kirchhoff, Secretary

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, March 5 - Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz, any brand, in original wrapping)

Week 2, March 12 - Bath Towels (Light-weight Max. 52x27", Dark Colors)

Week 3, March 19 - Toothbrushes (Adult Size, in Original Packaging)

Week 4, March 26- Large Tooth Combs

Week 5, April 2 - Nail Clippers (hand or toe-nail, metal, attached filed options)

Week 6, April 9 - 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 17, 2017, and all are welcome to come help.

Thrivent Choice Dollars....

CONGRATULATIONS!

We're excited to share that in 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including Peace Lutheran Preschool & Church, through Thrivent Choice®. Based on member recommendations, **Peace Lutheran Preschool received \$137** in charitable outreach funding in 2016 and **Peace Lutheran Church received \$2515.00 in 2016**, which will be designated at an upcoming Thrivent member meeting. The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities. The Peace Preschool purchased a new Christian flag, new books and toy tractors and wagons with their dollars.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Kent Betten, our area Thrivent Financial Agent, called last week to be sure we were getting the word out. Out of 1500 members in our local area, he said 501 have not directed their Choice Dollars and thousands of dollars will just revert back to Thrivent, when they could have been used for local charities or any charity of choice. Letters are no longer sent and if you're a member of Thrivent there's a good chance you have Choice Dollars just sitting there for you to designate every year. It's not hard. We'd be glad to help you here in the office or just call the number below and ask.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2017**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Peace Lutheran Church or Preschool. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.