

# *Findings of Peace*

## May 2020 Newsletter of

**Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska**

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We pray that you and your families had an uplifting and happy Easter!  
May each of you feel the hope and blessings of the Atonement and Resurrection  
of God's only son Jesus at this challenging time. Although nothing seems stable during this  
time of confusion, there is one thing we can count on:  
Jesus is the same yesterday.....and today.....and forever.

~ Hebrews 13:8 NIV

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!!!!



## Congratulations to The Class of 2020

*Anthony Michael Collins.....son of Ashleigh and Jeff McBride and Timothy Collins*

*Emmit Scott Hintz.....son of Justin and Toni Hintz*

*Alfred Minge.....son of Magne & Mette Minge from Halden, Norway,  
& host parents, Brian and Heidi Isernhagen*

*Taitum Edward Bay Robinson.....son of Bay and Onna Robinson*

*Adam Charles Roth.....son of Chris and Kim Roth*

*Tyra Lynn Schardt.....daughter of Brendan and Michelle Schardt*

## Thank you to our Teaching Staff here at Peace Lutheran

Dawn Buckles & Connie Eitzmann - Preschool/Kindergarten

Tiffany Beam & Ashley Taylor - 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

Michelle Schardt & Julia Pohlmann- 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Cindy Mueller - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Chandra Hillman - Senior High

Pastor Dennis and Pastor Joe - Adult Class & PACE Classes

A special thank you this year to the SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM which consists of volunteers Alisha Fangmeyer, Hannah Kane and Jennifer Schnakenberg. They did an awesome job of getting the kids excited and involved here at Peace. We look forward to what the fall will bring when hopefully we can start up in full swing again.

SPECIAL THANKS TO KIM ROTH as she completes her second year of dedication to children and to our Lord as our Preschool Teacher. We are so thankful for the experience and her love for children that she has shared throughout the year with those attending Peace Preschool. We are just sad that they weren't able to end the year together, celebrate their graduation and other special end of the year happenings they had planned. But thank you to Mrs. Roth for keeping contact with the children and giving them some additional schooling they could do in the safety of their own homes.

# Worship, Education, and Stewardship . . .

<u>Worship Attendance</u>		(One year ago)
Mar. 29	123	116
Apr. 1	117	73
Apr. 5	124	118
Apr. 9	124	79 ( <i>Maundy Thurs.</i> )
Apr. 10	125	100 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )
Apr. 12	132	111
Apr. 19	119	208 ( <i>Easter</i> )

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>Gen. Budget</u>	<u>Others</u>
Mar. 26	\$1210.00	(\$336 Lent)
Mar.30	\$1110.00	(\$200 Lent)
Apr. 2	\$930.00	(\$170 Lent)
Apr. 6	\$1125.00	(\$415 Lent)
Apr. 9	\$2839.00	(\$650 Lent)
Apr. 13	\$1712.92	(\$719 Lent)
Apr. 20	\$1290.00	(\$106 Lent)

## General Fund Balance for April 16, 2020 = \$1224.82

The balance will be updated weekly in the bulletin. Weekly offerings may be mailed to the church office, or it is safe to slide your offering under the door if it is shut or locked. Offerings will be secured with our Financial Institution. You are encouraged to consider utilizing an auto-deposit option for giving. Please contact the church office or Becky Mize if you have questions on how to take advantage of this option.

## OUR OFFERINGS

**Congregational Mission Support of \$1500**  
for May is designated for  
**Royal Family Kids Camp,**  
plus our continued monthly support to our  
African Well Project and Paul & Comfort.

If you care to give any extra - the S.S. Offering for March thru May was also designated to **Royal Family Kids Camp,** which currently at the time of this publication is scheduled to take place June 14-19, 2020.

# Weekend Worship Schedule...

**9:00 AM Adult Bible Class**  
*via Facebook Live began*  
*on April 19.*

**10:00 AM Worship with us each**  
**Sunday Morning via**  
**Facebook Live at**  
**Peace Lutheran Connections.**

DVD's are available to checkout in the narthex. Sermon manuscripts, orders of worship and information bulletins are also available in the narthex and electronically thru the Peace member email group.

Please contact the church with any needs, questions or concerns as we'd love to hear from you or be of help to you at this time.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

After Easter Sunday, Pastor Joe started an Adult Sunday School Class Live via Facebook. Please join us at 9:00 AM.

#### **APRIL 26 - Easter 3**

Theme: "*Jesus Was a Homebody*" Text: *Luke 24:13-35*

#### **MAY 3- Easter 4 - Senior Recognition**

Theme: "*What's It All About?*" Text: *John 10:1-10*

#### **MAY 10 - Easter 5 - Happy Mother's Day!!!**

Theme: "*Who Is This Man?*" Text: *John 14:1-12*

#### **MAY 17 - Easter 6**

Theme: "*The Big "IF"*" Text: *John 14:15-21*

#### **MAY 24 - Easter 7**

Theme: "*The Answer to Irrelevant Questions: God Can Handle It!*"  
Text: *Acts 1:6-14*

#### **MAY 31 - Pentecost**

Theme: "*Watch Your Language!*" Text: *Acts 2:1-21*

#### **JUNE 7 - Trinity Sunday**

**JUNE & JULY** the season of Pentecost



# Peace Lutheran Vacation Bible School

It is with much sadness that we have decided to postpone VBS from our scheduled week of June 8-12. We would like to have it later in the summer if that will be possible. We will look at tentative dates toward the end of summer. You all know how much I love VBS so this is a hard call for me, but above all I want the kids to be safe and I want to follow the guidelines that are set for us. When new guidelines come out we will make a decision then as to when and if it is possible to get the kids together.

Please give the kids a hug from me and tell them I love them and so does Jesus! We are only doing this to keep them safe! We will all get through this and we will be stronger on the other side!

Love and Blessing to all of you! Be safe and be strong! ~ *Connie Eitzmann, VBS Director*

## Thank You...

- ...to our Church Council and Council President, Bill Mize, for some tough decision making and their insightful leadership at this time.
- ...to Pastor Love for his uplifting and inspirational leadership during this time of anxiety and hopelessness in our personal lives and our church family at Peace. Especially the morning devotions this month, helping us to keep our focus off of our predicaments and place our courage and our hope in Christ.
- ...to Brad and Amanda Schultz, Paul Meyer, Wayne Pohlmann, Danica O'Neal, Bill Mize, Brooke Betka, Marla and Betsy Maschmann for special music and hymn leading during the Lenten season.
- ...to the separate shifts who decorated for Easter: Jami O'Neal, LeRoy & Linda Fangmeyer decorated the cross and arranged lilies, Marla & Betsy Maschmann & Hannah Deges put up the garland, lights and pearls; Merlyn Pohlmann added the palm trees, which he diligently carts to sunlight during each week and brings them back in for worship. Thank you all! Many members shared their appreciation for your efforts to make Easter special.
- ...to April Maschmann and Braelyn and Jayden Isernhagen for offering to play brass for Easter Sunday, but due to social distancing and using less people to enhance worship, the decision was made to not involve the brass players.
- ...to Julia Pohlmann, director of the Peace Choir, and all the choir members for providing special music throughout the year. They did not get to perform their music for the end of their choir season, but we appreciate the time they spend all year to enhance our worship and look forward to them coming together again in the fall or maybe when we gather again.
- ...to all for attending and supporting our first 3 Lenten suppers! Thank you from the Women of Peace and Youth of Peace.
- ...to LeRoy Fangmeyer for installing the walk-in door and new soffit covering at the parsonage garage.
- ...to Bill and Becky Mize and Roger Bohling for the continuing remodel job on the upstairs bathroom in the parsonage.
- ... to Scott Befort of Great Plains for noticing what we were planning to do streaming worship, and then updating our technology in time to hold our first Live Facebook worship.
- ...to Bill Mize for all the time spent figuring out the Live broadcasting methods and videoing our services.
- ... to George and Janet Kruse for videoing and making the DVD's available for our members.
- ...to the Women in our email group who volunteered to send a note of cheer to older members living alone or in care giving facilities. I'm sure the giver gained just as much joy from this gesture as the receiver. ☺

### **SECRETARY'S OFFICE NOTES...**

At this time of uncertainty and health concerns, I would appreciate it if, unless necessary to visit me in person, please call or email me at #402-365-7746 or [peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com](mailto:peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com).

**NEWSLETTERS** - Not wanting to involve volunteers makes assembling the newsletter difficult. With no activities other than Sundays and church council meetings the next newsletter is not scheduled at this time. Financial balances, birthdays, prayer notices, thank-you's, calendar events, etc. will be printed in the weekly bulletin only, which is sent electronically to our private email member group or you may pick up in the entryway. If you want to be added to the email list for news updates, please send your email to me at [peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com](mailto:peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com). Newsletter information that is public has always been posted on our website and now on our Facebook page. In the future we may consider publicizing newsletters electronically and in church mailboxes only. Full minutes of council meetings are always available on the counter in the church office or could be put in your mailbox upon request.

**MEMBERSHIP** - We will be updating our membership this summer, releasing inactive members following the Peace Lutheran Church Bylaws, Part III D which state the following: *release from membership those who have not communed in two years and show no interest in attending church services, members who have moved away, and children whose parents are not active members and are not participating in the Christian education programs offered.*

**SUMMER HOURS** - Beginning Memorial Day weekend: Offices will be closed on Mondays, and designated office hours change to 10-3. Most days the staff is here much longer, but outside of the designated hours you may want to check ahead of time before making a special trip to town. ~ *Stay safe and healthy ~ Marla*



# Peace Happenings Happy May Birthday to ...



Each and every year you get to celebrate the gift of life God has given you is a blessing. Special birthday this month is Joan Kirchhoff who will be 75 on May 3, Deanna Holtzen who will be 80 on May 22. Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is missing or incorrect. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. If your anniversary date isn't listed, please let us know the date of your marriage so we can enter it in our church records.

May 1	Amy Flint	May 10	Marla Gerberding	May 23	Aden Jacobe
	Morgynn Schmidt	May 11	Derek Johnson	May 24	Dawn Thieme
May 2	Marla Maschmann	May 12	Easton Nash		Cole Johnson
	Dave Ruhge	May 13	Billy Tittler		Zach Wharton
	Abram Farringer		Keith Hintz	May 26	Frisco Pfiester
May 3	Joan Kirchhoff		Kevin Hoffmeyer		Fritz Maschmann
	Jody Wharton		Cyle Loupin	May 27	Becky Mize
May 4	Josh Nash		Kimberly Bargaen	May 28	Chris Roth
	Larry Fangmeyer	May 15	Earl Hillman		Kyra Jenkins
	Hannah Kane		Nate Brandt		Daphne Smith
May 7	Mary Hofts		Tony Hoops	May 29	Jennifer Sjogren
	Loel Maschmann	May 17	Colt Farringer		Faythe Reinke
	Adam Duensing	May 18	Triniti Herring	May 31	Sheryl Fuller
May 8	Judy Donner	May 22	Deanna Holtzen		Tyra Mohrmann
May 9	Traegan Sieber		Delinda Mohrmann		Skylar Weber
	Addison Effenbeck		Meghan Brandt		

(Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. And if you'd prefer your age wasn't recognized, just let the office know.)

## Those celebrating May Anniversaries ...



Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Chris & Kim Roth!!

May 4, 2015	John & Amy Flint	May 23, 2009	Jake & Tiffany Beam
May 5, 2012	Chris & Tabitha Foutch	May 24, 1986	Al & Sue Dlouhy
May 6, 1962	Russ & Marla Gerberding	May 24, 2014	Stephen & Vanessa Kirchhoff
May 7, 1988	Robert & Kimberly Fayle	May 26, 1990	Chris & Kim Roth
May 15, 1971	Roger & JoAnn Bohling	May 27, 2017	Derek & Jennifer Schnakenberg

## Congratulations to...

Pastor Joe Love and Amy Hayes who will be united in marriage on Sunday, May 24, 2020. Due to the circumstances they will have a very small ceremony at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. They plan to hold a celebration of marriage ceremony/reception in Lincoln at a later date. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together and we are excited to welcome Amy and her daughter, Trinity, to their home here in Deshler.

## Thank You's Received...

Thank you for the calls and cards sent to me for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Blessings to all and stay safe. Special thank you to the little ones from Connie Meyer's daycare that sang Happy Birthday to me. ~ LeRoy Othling

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of flowers in memory of Harold. I put them on the altar for the funeral and they have lasted a long time. He enjoyed his years with you. ~ Barb and family