

# *Tidings of Peace*

February 2015 Newsletter of  
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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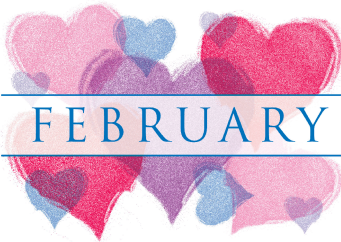
## February Highlights...

### Sunday, February 8

#### Benefit Meal for Dan & Brenda Judy

**Serving 11:00 - 1:00 PM - Thayer County Activity Center**

Dan Judy was seriously injured in a farming accident last September, was dismissed from the hospital in late October, and is currently recuperating at his mother's home in Nelson. He is a member of Peace Lutheran Church and volunteers are organizing a benefit for Dan & Brenda. Menu: Soup, Sandwiches & Desserts. Please sign-up on the church bulletin board to provide food and/or help with the benefit.



### Sunday, February 15

#### Annual ♥ Valentine's ♥ Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage

**Serving 11:30 - 1:00 PM - Peace Parish Hall**

Funds raised are used to support children attending church camp. Supplemental Funds from Peace Lutheran's "Choice Dollars Program" with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### Wednesday, February 18

#### Ash Wednesday Worship - 7:15 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

Soup and Fellowship from 5:45 - 6:45 PM



For those who want to save their life  
*will lose it,*  
and those who lose their life for my sake  
*will find it.*

Matthew 16:25, NRSV

Join us here at Peace this Lenten season for the Scripture Series:

*"Open the Eyes of our Hearts, Lord"*

Services are at 7:15 PM,  
with a Meal & Fellowship from 5:45 - 6:45 PM each Wednesday.

Jesus Meets Us in Unexpected Places - Wed., Feb. 25

Jesus Meets Us in Unexpected Invitations - Wed., March 4

Jesus Meets Us in Expected Yet Unrecognized Places - Wed., March 11

Jesus Meets Us in Our Everyday Lives - Wed., March 18

When Did We See You, Lord? - Wed., March 25

# Weekend Worship Schedule...

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

Sunday School will  
begin at 9:00 a.m.  
in the fellowship hall

Lenten Services  
Begin on Wednesday  
February 18.  
See front page for details.

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## **FEB. 1 - Epiphany 4**

Service of the Word  
Peace Choir  
Tentative Adult Praise Team  
"Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday Offering for Food Pantry

## **FEB. 8 - Transfiguration**

Holy Communion  
NO Praise Team

## **FEB. 15 - Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Holy Communion  
Peace Choir  
Youth Praise Team

## **FEB. 22 - Lent 1**

Service of the Word  
Youth Praise Team

# S igns of Love

## Prayers For February



### Bring your healing & comfort to...

Beverly Pitts ~ Erwin Kniep ~ Judy Kirchhoff ~ Dan Judy ~ Ervin Fangmeyer ~ Daphne Smith ~ Vernita Lipker (Gloria Eickman's mother) ~ Marjorie Eiseman (Kathy Buckles' mom) ~ Opal Cochran (Kathy Buckles' grandmother) ~ Winston Cline (young son of family friends of Eric & Miranda Isernhagen) ~ 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 from Columbus, NE; Captain Ben Williams, grandson of Leora Freitag and nephew of Lonny & Jan Freitag.

### We hold in sincere sympathy and prayer...

Lucille Hofts, her family and friends, at the death of her youngest brother, Gary Reinboth, age 76, of Rogers, Arkansas, who passed away Sunday, January 4, 2015. Services were held on Thursday, January 8 at the United Methodist Church in Rogers, Arkansas.

### Thank You's Received...

We want to thank our family and friends for their prayers, sympathy cards and phone calls after the passing of our sister, Edna Reinke. ~ Helen & Ervin Lunzmann

Thank you for the cards and words of encouragement before and after my surgery and to Pastor Cathi and Pastor George for the visits and prayers. It was very much appreciated. God's blessings to you all. ~ Glenn Kirchhoff

### In Loving Memory...

The Art Brettmann memorial has been designated to the Peace Lutheran Cemetery Fund.

# Summer Camp 2015

The Men of Peace are hosting their Annual Valentine Pancake, Sausage, and Egg Dinner this month to raise funds to send young people from Peace to Church camp this summer. They usually provide at least a \$100 scholarship to each camper and any additional funds that are needed so that no family from Peace can say that lack of funds prevented their child from going to camp.

A week at a summer church camp is often an experience that people remember for the rest of their lives. It is an opportunity to get into God's creation and away from our usual routines to experience Christian community in a powerful way. We encourage all families to send their children to summer camp at least once. Confirmation students can fulfill some of their confirmation requirements by going to camp.

Youth at Peace have enjoyed the camping experience at three different camps.

**Carol Joy Holling** at Ashland has a high ropes course, zip lines, Co-Op learning games, and horses.

**Covenant Cedars** at Hordville has lively worship, an engaging speaker, climbing tower and zip line, water slide and water inflatables.

**Okoboji** at Milford, Iowa, has a great worship band, cool drama, cooler weather, and lake activities. Okoboji is a great camp, but it is six hours away.

Camp is always more fun if you can share it with friends. At this time, Peace Lutheran, doesn't have a week scheduled to attend as a group. If there is an interest in finding a time for grades to attend together, please talk to the church office about it. There are also camps for children of all ages from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to senior high. Okoboji also features great weeks of family camping. Registration forms are available in the church office. And remember: there is funding available to make camp affordable for everyone.



## Thank You's....

**THANK YOU** to so many willing volunteers who helped with the updates on the parsonage.

Because we are so grateful, we will attempt to thank everyone who had something to do with the renovations these past 4 months by name. Those heading up the paint crew were Linda Loontjer and Ardith Maschmann, with volunteers Leora Freitag, Joan Kirchhoff, Connie Meyer, Beverly Pitts, Julia Pohlmann, Kim Ruhnke, and Lyle and Lucille Schardt. Ardie and Linda especially wanted to thank Leora and Julia who painted in high places and some of the least desired spots.☺

The men on Council who tore out the kitchen cupboards were Nate Brandt, Mike Hoops, Kevin Ostdiek, Stuart Reinke, Brendan Schardt and Derek Schnakenberg. Bill Mize, Lyle and Brendan Schardt did most of the kitchen remodeling (tile, trim work, flooring, cupboards) with Nate Brandt, Lyle Pitts and Stuart Reinke assisting with the cupboards. Nate and Ryan Brandt tore out the old carpeting.

Special thanks to Lyle and Beverly Pitts for donating the tile for the back splash in the kitchen and for their extra labor in the yard and garden. Special thanks also to Glenn and Joan Kirchhoff for donating their used windows to use on the open porch on the north side.

This wouldn't have been possible without all of you and Peace Lutheran Church owes you much gratitude for all the time and effort spent. It's still a work in progress, but it will be ready when the time comes for a new family to move in and for that we thank you!

**SPECIAL THANKS** to my sub, Yvonne Hoops, for volunteering with membership and church records for the Annual Report. She volunteered at St. Peter's Church, rural Byron, for 25 years so her experience with our program is a plus. It's great to have everything up to date! Thanks so much Yvonne!!☺ ~ Marla Maschmann

*Men & Women of Peace,*

*Thank you for remembering us at Christmas time with a nice card and monetary gifts. It meant a lot to us. ~ Erwin & Florence Kniep*

*Peace Lutheran Church,*

*Our clients and staff are so greatly gratified with your generous and heartfelt donation to our center. We truly do exist because of your loving generosity. A great way to spread God's love. ~ Hope Pregnancy Center Staff & Clients*



# Worship, Education and Stewardship for January 2015

## **Worship Attendance**

(Compared to one year ago)

Jan. 11	153 + 15 = 168	197 + 13 = 210
Jan. 18	156 + 18 = 174	173 + 25 = 198
Jan. 25	176 + 10 = 186	135 + 23 = 158

## **Stewardship**

### **Gen. Budget**

Jan. 11	\$4749.08	(+\$50 Lindsey / +\$110 Bldg. Fund)
Jan. 18	\$6993.78	
Jan. 25	\$3013.50	(+\$100 Seminary / +\$40 Bldg. Fund)

**Education** Dec. thru Feb. is for Heifer International. Watch the bulletin as we reach mid-February to see how close we are to our animal goals!©

Jan. 11	68	\$102.70
Jan. 18	58	\$68.00
Jan. 25	52	\$49.00

Our January Mission Support of \$2500.00 was for LCMC. \$1500.00 of our Mission Support each month is designated to our missionary, Lindsey Mueller.

February Mission Support is designated for BV Community Action & Nuckolls Co. Food Pantry.

## Youth of Peace "Souper Bowl" Sunday...

Sunday, February 1 will be "Souper Bowl Sunday". You'll probably be thinking about what food you can enjoy during the big game....so, let's remember those who need our assistance providing food for their families everyday. You'll be able to donate dollars to the "Soup-Pot" following worship that day.

## **Sunday School Offerings 2015**

Peace Sunday School offerings will be helping children in various ways. December through February our offerings are going to Heifer International to provide farm animals and training for families in need. Here is what we hope to purchase with our offerings:

1. a flock of chicks (\$20)
2. a flock of geese (\$20)
3. a hive of bees (\$30)
4. a trio of rabbits (\$60)
5. a goat (\$120)
6. a pig (\$120)
7. a sheep (\$120)
8. a llama (\$150)
9. a water buffalo (\$250)
10. a cow (\$500)

Please watch the February bulletin as we will keep you posted how close we are to purchasing certain animals.

Our March - May offering will go to support Royal Family Kids Camp for children in Nebraska who have experienced neglect or abuse.

## **New Office Hours ...**

Beginning the week of January 25, 2015 there will be new "Public Office Hours" for the Secretary's Office.

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 - 12:30 & 1:00 - 2:30

Wednesday 9:00 - 12:30 & 1:30 - 5:30

Friday - Secretary Office Closed

Bulletin Deadline - Thursday at 9:00 AM.

Pastor Cathi is available from late Saturday afternoon until Monday afternoon (or Monday evening if meetings are scheduled). The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month she is here on Tuesdays too and stays for the Church Council meeting.

Summer "Public Office Hours" for Secretary's Office.

(May 15 - August 15)

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

10:00 - 3:00

Monday & Friday - Secretary Office Closed

*Marla may be here past the "public hours", but has the flexibility to not answer the phone or leave if/when the work is completed.*

*Having consistent hours and days for the public will be advantageous to the congregation and hopefully being able to work after 2:30 some days without interruption will require less overtime.*

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## Peace Happenings....



## Happy February Birthday to...

*Special birthday this month is JoAnn Ehlers, who will be 75 on February 21. Happy Birthday!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!*

Feb. 2	Austin Buckles	Feb. 15	Kyle Dlouhy	Feb. 24	Cheryl Tatro
Feb. 3	Tiffany Beam	Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 25	Cork Renz
Feb. 4	Levi Nelson	Feb. 16	Matthew Reinke		Taylor Reinke
Feb. 6	Konner Ostdiek		Gracie Miller	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith	Feb. 17	Carolyn Riley		Brad Schultz
Feb. 8	Leah Krotz	Feb. 18	Amy Birkel		Brandon Corey
	Jon Yoachim		Leah Nelson	Feb. 27	Kim Pace
Feb. 11	Jason Reinke		Aaron Buckles		Paige Turan
Feb. 12	Irene Fintel	Feb. 19	Ragan Pohlmann		Anthony Hillman
	Anthony Collins	Feb. 21	JoAnn Ehlers	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
Feb. 13	Jaide Miller	Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt		Josh Mosier
Feb. 14	Terri Olsen			Feb. 29	Jan Freitag

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

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Fred & Ardith Maschmann on February 28!!!!*



Feb. 9, 1964	Roger & Rachel Hoffmeyer	Feb. 16, 2002	Bay & Onna Robinson
Feb. 14, 1981	Mike & Yvonne Hoops	Feb. 20, 1988	Tom & Paula Dahl
Feb. 14, 1987	Wayne & Marty Pohlmann	Feb. 27, 1987	Kirk & Michelle Culler
Feb. 14, 2005	Jon & Kathy Marquart	Feb. 28, 1965	Fred & Ardith Maschmann
Feb. 15, 2003	Bryce & Betty Mammen		

## Congratulations & God's Blessings...

to Josef and Lauren (Mize) Kasson who were united in marriage on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at St Paul United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE.

## February 23 Blanket Tying Fun Day!!!

We're trying something a little fun and different with seed money received from the new Thrivent system called "Thrivent Action Team Rewards" used to buy new material, quilt batting and lunch. We will tie from 10:00 to Noon, lunch provided, and then from 12:30 - 2:00 PM. *Everyone is invited!*

We can use adult sweat shirts and t-shirts, sheets, material, and baby items for layettes. All items must be clean.

## Lenten Baskets of Promise for LWR

We're again joining 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. 19 - Bars of Soap / Week 2, Feb. 25 - Bath Towels (light-weight max. 52x27", dark colors)



## 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 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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup> by March 31**

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutheran 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 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 the right side of you 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.

## Minutes from the Women's Board

### Meeting - January 19, 2015

Meeting was opened with devotions by Janice Marquart about prayers. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1680.12.

Mission growth - Joan Kirchhoff is going to try to find a container for the freezer, to put the meals for those in need in. This will distinguish these meals from other food for other functions.

Mission Community - Gifts were given out to the various homes for our members and also to the college students from our church.

Lenten soup supper schedule has been set. Discussion was held on what food we could serve besides soup.

Lenten Soup Suppers are scheduled as follows:

February 19 - Ash Wednesday - Youth of Peace

February 25 - Servant Work Group 2

March 4 - Youth of Peace

March 11 - Servant Work Group 1

March 18 - Servant Work Group 2

March 25 - Servant Work Group 1

Sign up sheet for Dan Judy benefit on Feb. 8 was mentioned. 84 cup coffee pot is no longer working. Tray washing was discussed.

Louisa told us about Thrivent Action Team money that will be used for purchasing flannel. Quilt tying will be held on Feb. 23 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. A lunch will be enjoyed at noon.

We decided to reimburse Lindsey Mueller for the cost of 2 suitcases she had to use to transport the school kits to Uganda.

We will do the Baskets of Promise for Lent again.

Changes were discussed for this years book. We then checked out things in the kitchen. Items are in the back of the sanctuary for people to take home from funerals and other church functions.

Respectfully submitted, *Jae Fintel*,  
Secretary

*for we are*  
**GOD'S HANDIWORK,**  
*created in*  
**CHRIST JESUS**  
*to do*  
**GOOD WORKS.**

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV

