

# Weekend Worship Schedule...

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6:30 PM Sat. Evening  
10:00 AM Sun. Morning

9:00 - 9:45 AM Sunday  
School for all ages

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## **FEB. 11 - Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Sermon: "Fulfillment of God's Word" Mark 9:2-13  
Holy Communion

## **FEB. 18 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Sermon: "Baptism, What is it Good For?" 1 Peter 3:18-22

## **FEB. 25 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Sermon: "The Joy of Suffering!" Mark 8:34-38  
Holy Communion



## **Sunday, February 11** **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 provided by Peace Lutheran Church's Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars Program and Thrivent Action Team Funds. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and if there are any other Men of Peace who would like to help they need a few more volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board to offer your assistance with the event.

## **Summer Camp 2018**

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

**Carol Joy Holling** at Ashland has a high ropes challenge courses, horseback riding (at Tipi Village and Ranch Camp sites), swimming, boating, creative arts and many other classic camp activities. This year's theme is "This Changes Everything." Through Bible study, worship, devotions and other activities, we aim to reaffirm God's love for each and every camper, regardless of their successes and failures. When our hearts finally comprehend that we are saved by grace through faith, not by what we do; everything changes! There is a half-price offer for first-time campers. New brochures about all Carol Joy has to offer are available on the counter in the church office.

**Covenant Cedars** at Hordville has lively worship, engaging speakers, climbing tower and zip line, water slide and water inflatables. You can inquire in the office and we can find a way for you to connect with them.

**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. There family camp though is an awesome boost for any family!!

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, but if there is an interest in finding a time for grades to attend together please talk to Pastor Rich 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. And remember: there is funding available to make camp affordable for everyone.

# Worship, Education and Stewardship for January 2018

## Worship Attendance (Compared to one year ago)

Jan.7	149 + 13 = 162	173
Jan. 14	138 + 9 = 148	No Worship - Ice Storm
Jan. 21	134 + 0 = 134	120
Jan. 28	153 + 4 = 157	154 + 9 = 163

**General Fund**  
Ending Balance for  
December 31, 2017 was  
+\$4822.28

## Stewardship

	<b>Gen. Budget</b>	
Jan. 7	\$7446.08 (\$1070 well, \$230 Bldg Fund, 50 Lindsey M.)	
Jan. 14	\$2016.01	
Jan. 21	\$5408.40 (\$3020 Bldg. Fund)	
Jan. 28	\$3832.45 (\$300 Well, \$100 Bldg. Fund)	

**Congregational Mission Support  
for February is designated**  
Blue Valley Lutheran Homes in Hebron,  
plus our continued monthly support to  
missionary, Lindsey Muller, in Uganda.

## Education Dec. thru Feb. is for Heifer International

Jan. 7	48	\$74.96
Jan. 14	43	\$60.25
Jan. 21	42	\$41.00
Jan. 28	48	\$75.80

The Youth Annual Meeting Meal Fund-raiser collected \$619.17, with \$154.62 in expenses, for a profit of \$464.55. *Thanks everyone for your support!!!*

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## February 2018 Servants

*If you are unable to assist on the dates shown please find your own substitute and notify the office if possible.*

**GREETERS**  
Bruce & Jan Maschmann

**ACOLYTES**  
FEB 11 Coleton Marquart & Colton Isernhagen  
FEB 14 (*Ash Wed.*) Jayden Isernhagen & Zion Reinke  
FEB 18 Kyra Jenkins & Taylor Shaw\*  
FEB 21 (*Wed.*) Mira Eschlman & Taylor Shaw  
FEB 25 Paiton Nash & Jazmynne Fangmeyer  
FEB 28 (*Wed.*) McKylie Smith & Gracie Miller  
MAR 4 Tierra Schardt & Chloe Mosier

**SCRIPTURE READERS**  
FEB 11 Laurie Koester  
FEB 18 Leah Krotz  
FEB 25 Ardith Maschmann  
MAR 4 Fred Maschmann

**BULLETIN FOLDER**- Mary Stelling

**PEW RESTOCKERS**  
Rose Brettmann & Darlene Hess

**COFFEE PREPARATION**- Connie Meyer

**FLOWER COMMITTEE**-JoAnn Bohling

**ALTAR GUILD** - George & Janet Kruse

**USHERS**  
Head Usher - Glen Maschmann;  
Earl & Chandra Hillman,  
Fred & Ardith Maschmann

**COMMUNION BREAD**- Jan Maschmann

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**  
Becky Mize & Chris Roth

**YOUTH PRAISE TEAM**  
**VOCALS**- Amanda Schultz, Tyra Mohrmann, Meghan Brandt & Ryan Brandt  
**MUSICIANS** -Marla Maschmann, Brad Schultz, Bill Mize, Earl Hillman & Betsy Maschmann (sub)  
*Practices scheduled through text messaging.*

**SOUND SYSTEM** - Nate Brandt  
**SCREEN OPERATOR** - Leah Krotz

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Connie Meyer #402-364-7776  
& Marty Pohlmann #402-460-9600  
Additional Volunteers are needed.  
*Please call in advance if you'd like a ride.*

# Christmas Well Update.....

This past Christmas your response and generosity for giving financial donations to provide fresh water, where people have none, continues to be amazing! At the time of this printing we are actually only \$1100 away from drilling 2 wells!! Our total received so far is \$19,200.00! God's amazing grace is shining through all of you!!! Hope 4 Kids was able this year to send me the information ahead of time of the actual village that will receive our first well. The name of the village you will be directly impacting in Eastern Uganda is Itanda A (pronounced ee-tawn-DUH). It is located in the Busoga Region, Bugiri District in the subcounty of Nabukalu.

The current water source of Itanda A is an open pond located 3 kilometers from the village. It has been serving this community since 1980 when it was founded by a man named Nasirumbi. When Pastor Hillary Malo, Water4Kids Project Manager, visited this site he was able to talk to Bogere Godfrey who is one of the community leaders. Mr. Bogere told him how this village has never seen a safe water source despite repeated pleas to the leadership representing them at the Parliamentary level. The greatest threat this pond poses are the waterborne diseases that are rampant in this area. Every open water source in Africa ends up with many contaminants washed in to it when rain is abundant and the skies open. Trash and waste products are carried along the ground, mixing with dirt and decaying foliage before they flow in to the source. Animals add to the pollution when they stir up sediment and go to the bathroom while drinking. Typhoid has wrecked havoc on this community, causing countless children to miss school and inhibiting the economic growth of the community when small, discretionary funds are quickly used up on medications. Diarrheal diseases are so common they have claimed numerous lives and the very young and elderly are especially vulnerable to dehydration and death. And even if the children don't succumb to diseases from drinking this water, they risk losing their lives from drowning when this pond overflows its banks during the rainy season and water depth is miscalculated while trying to fill their jerricans. When the rains stop, villagers are forced to trek even further in search of equally contaminated water. Loss of life, loss of health, loss of finances, loss of hope - although it gives water, this pond takes so much more. These are the facts of daily life for this community. The precious people of Itanda A have never known the benefits of readily accessible clean water.



The situation for life and health are desperate and often hopeless in the village of Itanda A. But the lives of these dear ones will soon be radically changed for the better with your gift of a borehole. This deep well will provide fresh, pure water for these villagers and their surrounding community. They will simply have to pump a small handle on their new well to receive clear, clean water. Health, safety and abundant life will no longer be a dream for these families, they will be a reality. Sparkling, untainted water will be readily available to them year-round. The number of people impacted by your generosity is 4,200 that reside in a catchment area including the four villages of Naminyagwe, Itanda B, Bukaye and Isegero. Access to clean water will enhance the growth of every person in this area, particularly the children, thereby helping build up a nation and our world at large.

Thank you for bringing this unsurpassed gift of healthy, wholesome water to the village Itanda A and its' surrounding community. The people of this society will be blessed with abundant life and hope for generations to come. Please thank everyone for their generous and faithful support. We are deeply humbled by your partnership! Pastor Hillary Malo sums up the thankful hearts of villagers everywhere as he prays, "Let the favor and blessings of Almighty God be upon you for making a difference in the Kingdom of God." ~ *Hope/Water 4 Kids International*

**\* Editor's Note:** We may receive information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> well if we get paired up with someone wanting to donate an amount to Water 4 Kids to help complete this 2<sup>nd</sup> well, Water 4 Kids informs us that they occasionally have anonymous donors that call just to complete finances for a well that is very close to the \$10,150 needed. If we have \$1100 more in donations in the next week we will complete this 2<sup>nd</sup> well on our own as a congregation! . So if anyone wishes to make a final donation, just please do so within this next week, before we send our check. God Bless!

# Peace Happenings...



## February Birthday & Anniversaries...

Special birthday this month is Irene Fintel, who will be 92 on February 12. Happy Birthday Irene!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!

Feb. 3	Tiffany Beam	Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 25	Cork Renz
Feb. 4	Levi Nelson	Feb. 16	Matthew Marquart		Taylor Wharton
Feb. 6	Konner Ostdiek		Gracie Miller	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith	Feb. 17	Carolyn Knitter		Brad Schultz
Feb. 8	Leah Krotz	Feb. 18	Amy Birkel		Brandon Corey
	Bill Callahan		Leah Nelson	Feb. 27	Paige Turan
Feb. 11	Jason Reinke		Josh Weber		Anthony Hillman
Feb. 12	Irene Fintel	Feb. 19	Ragan Pohlmann	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
	Anthany Collins		Monte Gehle		Josh Mosier
Feb. 13	Jaide Miller	Feb. 20	Blake Befort		Kyler Stichka
Feb. 14	Terri Williams	Feb. 21	JoAnn Ehlers	Feb. 29	Jan Freitag
Feb. 15	Kyle Dlouhy	Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt		

(Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. If you'd rather your age and birthday not noted, just let the office know@.)



Happy 30<sup>h</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Tom & Paula Dahl on February 20!!!

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		

## Thank You's...

Thank you to Pastor Rich, Paula Dahl, Stuart Reinke, Nate Brandt, George Kruse, Marla and Betsy Maschmann, the Youth Worship Team, and for all the others who helped us prepare for the Youth Christmas Eve Drama. Thanks also to Scott Eitzmann and helpers, who were so kind to put up and take down the wooden backdrop and the stage, so we could be ready for church services again. Most of all, THANK YOU TO THE YOUTH KIDS, who did an amazing job with the program. Glory be to God for His undescrivable gift of Baby Jesus! Blessings to all of you! ~ Kristi Duensing

Thanks so much to Kristi and the Youth of Peace for coming to carol for us and for the generous gift of goodies. And thanks to Julia and our Peace Choir for the beautiful Christmas songs they sang for us. We enjoyed it so much. Thanks again and God's blessings to all. ~ Irene Fintel

Thank you to the Church Council and the Congregation of Peace for the gift of a meal shared with you at the Broken Spoke. It's fun to get together outside of the work place and share in Christian fellowship and fun. Thanks again for showing your appreciation for my work this past year with the gift of such a nice evening. ~ Marla Maschmann

## An invitation Kristin (Klover) Nun...

Greetings! Three weeks from today, on Sunday, February 18, my mom, Deanna Klover, will celebrate her 80th birthday. We would like to help make her birthday extra-special by having a card shower for her. If you would like to send a card, here is my parents' address: 548 N. 9th, Geneva, NE 68361. Thanks! ~ Kristin (Klover) Nun

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance for December

<u>Preschool - Kind.</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup></u>
Jaden Beam	Jackson Beam	Danessa Buckles	Jayden Isernhagen
Drew Buckles	Danica Buckles		
Kailyn Gehle	Addy Hintz		
	Danica O'Neal		

## Minutes from the Women's Board

### Meeting-Jan. 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Lois Nelson with 18 present, including both the incoming and outgoing members, and 3 absent.

Devotions were given by Joan on "When I clean out the clutter, I make room for the Holy Spirit".

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1184.66.

**Mission Action** – No report

**Mission Growth** – Reported that 2 meals had been placed in the freezer.

**Mission Community** – It was noted that more Christmas cards could have been ordered.

**Old Business** – The following terms for the board members are: 1 year term: Joan, Jae, Connie, Jami, Becky; 2 year term: Linda, Julia, Mary Jo, Denise, Louisa; 3 year term: Chandra, Lori, Mary, Sandra, Anita. There was discussion and explanations of the officer duties and committees. No ballot was necessary as all positions were filled on a volunteer basis. Those were: Coordinator, Jami O'Neal; Vice-Coordinator, Connie Meyer; Secretary, Joan Kirchhoff; Treasurer, Mary Jo Hofts; Coordinators of Mission Growth, Mary Jo Hofts, Linda Loontjer, Denise Brettmann; Coordinators of Mission Community, Jae Fintel, Anita Stevenson, Lori Grummert, Mary Miller; Coordinators of Mission Action, Louisa Fintel, Julia Pohlmann, Becky Mize, Chandra Hillman, Sandra Spittler.

**New Business** – It was noted that there would be an upcoming "Servant Sunday" where all church members would have a chance to volunteer their help in various capacities in the church. The Board has been asked to help with Bingo at PVH. This will be decided at the next meeting. Lenten meals were discussed. Since Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, the Board was asked to do a special meal that evening. There would be special decorations, with a meal of lasagna, garlic bread, toss salad and special Valentine desserts. The Lenten meals were designated: February 14<sup>th</sup>, WOW Board & Group II; February 21<sup>st</sup>, Group I; February 28<sup>th</sup>, Youth Group; March 7<sup>th</sup>, Group II; March 14<sup>th</sup>, Group I; March 21<sup>st</sup>, Youth Group. In the past, the Youth had been making a donation for using the paper products for their meals. A motion was made and seconded that the Board would pay for those paper products as their donation to support the Youth.

The next meeting would be February 19<sup>th</sup>

The meeting closed with the outgoing members serving refreshments.

*Respectfully submitted, Joan Kirchhoff, Secretary*



### Youth News - January 2018

We would like to begin by thanking everyone for their support as we accept the calling to lead our youth of Peace. We are looking forward to a year of spiritual growth and building and maintaining a strong relationship with God.

We had a parent and youth meeting on January 3rd to discuss plans for the youth group. The youth group isn't possible without the support of both the parents and the youth.

Our mission is to reach our youth through interactive conversation and in depth Bible study. We will carry out Sunday school lessons about everyday topics that they can relate to and take these topics and connect them to the Bible. We spent the first couple of weeks discussing why we want a relationship with God and how we plan to keep that relationship. The youth are working on their faith statements right now. We have a weekly Bible verse that relates to our Sunday morning topic. A youth planning meeting is on the agenda in the next week or two.

As of now, there will be no regularly scheduled Wednesday study nights or Sunday night youth activities. We have ideas for activities and these will take place on Wednesdays or on Sundays. We want to see the youth spend more of their time at Sunday School.

The youth served a Taco Bar Meal for their fund-raiser after the annual meeting. Thanks to everyone for your support! Part of these funds will go towards covering the cost of youth convention which is \$325 per person, plus an additional \$38 to go to Adventureland on the way home. This youth convention takes place every other year and will be held this year July 17-20. **Called 2: follow** is the theme this year. We are looking forward to an exciting experience to discover how each of us can make a difference in serving God in our community.

We ask that you give us patience, support and most importantly, your prayers, as we transition into our new roles as youth group leaders.

*Serving in Christ, Chandra & Stuart*

**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, and in purity.**

**~ 1 Timothy 4:12**