

# Tidings of Peace

**January 2015 Newsletter of**

**Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska**

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*Eternal God,  
Grant us gratitude enough to look  
backward and be thankful;  
courage enough to look  
forward and be hopeful;  
faith enough to look upward and be humble;  
kindness enough to look outward and be helpful.*

*I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. ~ Revelation 1:8*

*Happy New Year ~ Happy New Year ~ Happy New Year*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

### **Sunday, January 11 - Our Missionary, Lindsey Mueller, at Peace.**

Please join the Adult Class on Sunday, January 11, to hear from our missionary, Lindsey Mueller. She will also give a brief Temple Talk during the 10:00 AM worship service.

### **Sunday, January 25 - 11:00 AM Congregational Annual Meeting**

All active confirmed members are encouraged to participate in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2015. Guests are welcome.

If you are president or chairperson of any committee or organization it would be courteous and informative if you would submit a report for the year. The deadline for annual reports to be in to the office was Wednesday, January 7, but we can still accept reports submitted until Monday.

E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped - [maschmannmarla@gmail.com](mailto:maschmannmarla@gmail.com).

If you have gone to all-cellular service, please let the church office know by **Monday, January 12**, to remove your land-line number from the annual report and have your cell phone number listed.

The report will be assembled on **Friday, January 16, at 2:00 PM (volunteers welcome©)** and available to pick up in the overflow following the assembly. If you are unable to pick a report up and would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office (#365- 7746).

### **Youth of Peace Congregational Fund-Raiser Dinner following the meeting**

*servicing Italian pastas, garlic bread, salads and desserts*

### **Sunday, February 8 - 11:00 - 1:00 PM Benefit for Dan & Brenda Judy at the**

**Thayer County Activity Center** / Serving Soup, Sandwiches and Desserts / Free Will Offering

*Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Peace Church Bulletin Board to donate food or offer to help serve.*

# Worship, Education and Stewardship for Dec. 2014...

## Worship Attendance

		(Compared to last year)
Nov. 26	46	44
Nov. 27	80	77
Nov. 30	159 + 9 = 168	158 + 15 = 173
Dec. 7	132 + 21 = 153	132 + 13 = 145
Dec. 14	121 + 10 = 131	154 + 19 = 173
Dec. 21	227 + 4 = 231	298
Dec. 24	250 est? / 53	280 est. / 125
Dec. 25	85	106
Dec 28	180 + 5 = 185	167 + 10 = 177
Dec. 31	40	48
Jan. 4	164 + 5 = 169	127 + 15 = 142

**Offering Envelopes are in your mailboxes. If you wanted envelopes and didn't get them please notify the office.**

## Building Fund

We currently have \$21,600 given to our goal of \$25,000 for parsonage updates.

## Stewardship      General Budget

Nov. 26-27	\$250.00 (+\$2068 Orphan Grain Train / +\$50 Bldg Fund / +\$250 Lindsey Mueller
Nov. 30	\$2660.74 (+\$625 OCC / +\$100 World Hunger / +\$100 Oaks / +\$50 Orphan Grain Train / +\$100 Cemetery Fund / +\$30 Bldg Fund)
Dec. 7	\$2711.00 (+\$170 Motorcycle/+ \$100 Well/+ \$20 Bldg Fund
Dec. 14	\$1284.00 (+\$100 Motorcycle/+ \$100 OCC/+ \$300 Cemetery/+ \$250 Seminary/+ \$400 Well/+ \$310 Bldg
Dec. 21	\$2958.50 (+\$77 Christmas / +\$1600 Well)
Dec. 24	\$100.00 (+\$1960.88 Christmas / +\$100 Well)
Dec. 25	0.00 (+\$559 Christmas / +\$50 Well)
Dec 28	\$6760.00 (+\$2500 Bldg / +\$1815.50 Well)
Dec. 31	\$1289.00 (+\$5 Christmas / \$1000 Well)
Jan. 4	\$3892.50

## Education

Nov. 30	76	\$69.26
Dec. 14	61	\$52.03
Dec. 21	62	\$22.00
Dec. 28	46	\$28.02
Jan. 4	47	\$42.74

## *Congregational Mission Support for January*

Our monthly amount of \$3000.00 will be designated with \$2500.00 to the LCMC and \$500.00 for the Annual LCMC Gathering Offering. \$1500.00 monthly support to Lindsey Muller.

## Sunday School Offering for December - February

In the past 3 months our S.S. raised \$950.53 toward Operation Christmas Child. Our December thru February S.S. offerings will go 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)

We will keep you posted on what animals we have raised enough money for!©

## **OUR CHRISTMAS WISH.....A WELL**



We reached our goal for this year to drill one deep bore well in Africa for a cost of \$10,150. To date we've raised \$11,226. *Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

On November 18, 2014 we received the pictures of our finished boreholes in Buanwale and Bugola, Uganda. We will show them on the screen some Sunday morning during the offering. It will be a few months until we find out where this year's well will be drilled.

*"Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!"*

# P eace Happenings..



## Happy January Birthday to...

*Special birthday this month is Wilma Christian who will be 75 on January 10. Happy Birthday Wilma!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!*

Jan. 1	Bryan Bower	Jan. 10	Wilma Christian	Jan. 22	Lyle Schardt
	Kevin Ostdiek	Jan. 11	Cynthia Petersen		Kristina Lowery
Jan. 3	Connie Eitzmann	Jan. 12	Jolie Reinke	Jan 23	Clate Isernhagen
Jan. 4	Dawn Schleif	Jan. 13	Diana Jacobe		Florence Kniep
Jan. 4	Kristopher Collins		Rick Krotz		Priscilla Bower
	Kimberly Fayle	Jan 15	Cecil Ehlers	Jan. 24	Shana Gerberding
	Kim Roth		Faith Schneider	Jan. 25	Barb Larkins
Jan. 5	Jazmynnne Fangmeyer	Jan 16	Janet Kruse		Don Spitler
Jan. 6	Trevor Taylor		Dylan Reinke	Jan. 27	Jaden Beam
Jan. 7	Leora Freitag	Jan 18	Kelsey Durflinger	Jan 28	Diana Reinke
	Braelynn Renz		Russ Hoffmeyer		Corey Larkins
	Ashleigh McBride		Megan Pohlmann		Jon Marquart
	Kailyn Gehle	Jan 19	Caleb Durflinger	Jan 29	Gloria Eickman
Jan. 8	Gary Hoops	Jan. 21	Dennis Buckles	Jan 30	Lonny Freitag
Jan. 9	Donna Torbeck			Jan 31	Luke Johnson
					Janet Koch

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

## Those Celebrating January Anniversaries...

*If you'd like your anniversary included in our list, please let us know the date of your marriage.*

Jan. 2, 2004	Heath & Amy Birkel	Jan. 11, 1959	Larry & Deanna Holtzen
Jan. 7, 2000	Tina & Shannon Sloane	Jan. 16, 1993	Pat & Jody Wharton
		Jan. 18, 2014	Cody & Cassie Cahill

## Address Changes...

Timothy Kruse	Trevor Meyer	Ryan & Faith Schneider
24105 N 24 <sup>th</sup> Pl	1201 Manchester Dr	1315 Wisconsin
Phoenix, AZ 85024	Lincoln NE 68528-1051	York NE 68467

## Congratulations and God's Blessings..

...to Hailey Gehle who graduated with a degree in Licensed Practical Nursing from SCC, Beatrice, on Friday, December 19, 2014.

...to Cody and Cassie (Meyer) Cahill of Red Cloud at the birth of their first child, a little girl, Ansley Jo. She was born on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at 4:21 a.m. at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings, NE. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Congratulations also to grandmother, Becky Cahill, great-grandparents, Lyle and Sondra Ehlers and great-grandmother, Alice Kirchoff.

## Thank You's Received...

- ...I would like to thank Lyle and Beverly Pitts and anyone else that helped clean up the garden and branches. It looks very nice and ready for next spring's planting. ~ Paula Dahl
- ...Thank you to the members of Peace Lutheran Church for your generosity this past spring during our "Cold Days-Warm Hearts" clothing drive. Two van loads of donated winter clothing were delivered to Crossroads Center Rescue Mission in Hastings, NE this past summer. Because of your charitable gifts many less fortunate individuals will stay a bit warmer during the cold months ahead. Thank you again for opening your hearts to our brothers and sisters in need. ~ Yvonne Hoops "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)
- ...Thank you to all who thought of me on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and remembered me with birthday greetings. It was much appreciated, and I enjoyed hearing from you. Thanks again. ~ Hilda Eitzmann

## Special thanks to...

- ...a few individuals at Peace we are able to offer a Thanksgiving and Christmas Day meal. We can't thank Barb Larkins (Thanksgiving Dinner) and Arlis Hohl (Christmas Dinner) enough for their kind and caring hearts. What a blessing that they share their love of cooking and hosting with us. Also thanks to Lois Nelson and Earlene Othling for setting up and decorating for Thanksgiving dinner and LeRoy and Earlene Othling for setting up and decorating for Christmas dinner. To Lois, Earlene, Louisa Fintel and Laurie Koester for help with food preparation on Thanksgiving and to LeRoy and Earlene, Kim Pace, Linda Loontjer, Laurie Koester and Joan Kirchhoff for additional assistance with food and dishes at Christmas. Approximately 40 people attended on Thanksgiving and 30 on Christmas. What a wonderful blessing to share together such a nice meal. Thanks so much Barb and Arlis! Arlis donated the purchase of Thanksgiving garland last year and Christmas garland this year to make decorating easier. Thanks to all those who brought food, washed dishes and helped with clean-up, etc. This wouldn't work without a cooperative effort.
- ...to Connie Eitzmann and Cindy Mueller for all their work in presenting a wonderful reminder of the Christmas story in "Three Wise Men and a Baby". You are both a real blessing to Peace!
- ...to the few individuals who were able to go caroling - if you asked them they would honestly say it was a highlight of the Christmas season for them to represent Peace Lutheran Church by caroling and delivering Christmas stockings to all those dealing with difficulties or suffering a loss this Christmas season. Those we were able to visit hold a special place in our hearts and our prayers this Christmas and we only hope they felt our love and concern in the same way we felt close to them. Special thanks also to all who provided food for the fellowship time or goodies for the Christmas stockings and to Lois Nelson and Lela Mae Brettmann for serving.
- ...to these men who helped set up the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary and the outdoor nativity: Brendan Schardt, Derek Schnakenberg, Nate Brandt and Kevin Ostdiek. Those decorating the tree were LeRoy and Linda Fangmeyer, Kim Ruhnke, Lois Nelson, and Diana Jacobe. Julia Pohlmann and Cindy Mesloh came as soon as their schedules allowed, but the speedy crew was already done!©
- ...Becky Cahill, Sondra Ehlers, and Glen and Marla Maschmann for setting up and decorating the memorial tree in the overflow. The tree was purchased from Pinecrest Tree Farm in Wymore, NE, through Deshler High School.
- ...to Travis and Chrystal Miller, Earl and Chandra Hillman and Marla Maschmann for so joyfully hanging the greens in the sanctuary and narthex. It always is such a beautiful transformation!
- ...to Lois Nelson, WOW President, and the Women of Peace for such a nice appreciation event and Nativity Display held on Sunday, December 7.
- ...to our Sound Team members, Bill Mize, Brian Isernhagen, Nate Brandt and Rio Mohrmann for their alternating schedule running sound. Thanks to our newest group of volunteers on screen operation: Leah Krotz, Stuart Reinke, Becky Mize and Mason Roth. Special thanks to Bill Mize for coordinating both of these groups and always seeing that the needs are covered.
- ...During the Christmas season in the attempt to cover the need for greeters, ushers and other volunteers for all the special services, I am so grateful for the fact that I never have to try to find someone to videotape all the different services and funerals at Peace. George Kruse is a dedicated individual who volunteers his service continually and to that I am very appreciative! Also thanks to George and his wife Janet for making such nice copies of all the special services and funerals for those who like to purchase a copy.
- ...to Brendan Schardt, Council President, for all his extra time just doing everything since our Pastoral vacancy. He hadn't anticipated all that would happen this year, and we are so appreciative of everything he does around here. There are many individuals to thank for updates made on the parsonage, which we will attempt to do at the annual meeting and in the February newsletter.
- ...to Altar Guild chairpersons Diana Jacobe and Linda Fangmeyer, who lost their December volunteer when DeAnn Nielsen moved, yet they were able to cover all the duties involved with the holidays. If anyone would like to volunteer for December next year, please contact them. I myself, Marla Maschmann, as Flower Chairperson, appreciate JoAnn Fangmeyer so much now, as she had been the December volunteer since I started working here 14 ½ years ago. She retired from that volunteer duty just a couple of years ago and I could really use someone to take her place. I've also not been able to find a volunteer for January, plus there will be openings in February and April this year. This is a very flexible duty to fit into your personal time frame, but requires someone steady on their feet with all the steps and carrying flowers around. *Please*, if you're able, consider helping out in these preparations for our worship.

# Weekend Worship Schedule...

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7:00 PM Saturday Worship

10:00 AM each  
Sunday Morning

Sunday School  
9:00 AM  
January 11 - Lindsey  
Mueller will share with the  
Adult Class

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## **JANUARY 11 - Baptism of our Lord**

Adult Sunday School w/Lindsey Mueller  
Temple Talk by our Missionary, Lindsey Mueller  
Holy Communion

## **JANUARY 18 - Epiphany 2**

Peace Choir

## **JANUARY 25- Epiphany 3**

Holy Communion  
11:00 AM Annual Meeting  
Following Meeting - YOP Fund-raiser Meal

## **FEBRUARY 1 - Epiphany 4**

Peace Choir

The Youth of Peace thank you so much for worshiping with us on Christmas Eve and celebrating the real meaning of Christmas. The gifts of many people contributed toward the service. Thanks to the Youth of Peace, Pastor Cathi, Marla Maschmann, Stacey Duensing, Hannah Maschmann, the Youth Praise Team, Bill and Becky Mize, George Kruse and especially my husband, Bob who always encourages me. Remember, Jesus Christ is not a once-a-year-event. Keep listening to the story. Look and see what Jesus Christ is doing in the world today. Thanks to all of you who support Peace Youth! ~ Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

## **THANK YOU ! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped with the program. Thank you bunches and bunches to Bill Mize, Jami O'Neil, Kim Roth & Michelle Schardt who were at every practice to keep things running smooth. Thank you to Alisha Fangmeyer who sat with Connie's Sunday School class while we were practicing. Thank you to Dawn Buckles who helped with the preschool class. Thanks to Marla Maschmann for helping out Sunday in Connie's absence. Thank you to Scott Eitzmann for building and setting up the set. Thanks to Scott and the Church Council for setting up the stage, taking down the stage and then doing it all over again. Thanks to all who brought cookies. It just gave the kids a boost to get our practices off to a good start. We could not have gotten this done without each and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Last, but certainly not least, we thank the kids!! You were awesome to work with! Your enthusiasm and joy for this program made our job easier! We are the luckiest of all! We got to spend all of this time with all of you!!!

*God Bless All Of You!! ~ Cindy Mueller & Connie Eitzmann*

## **Sunday School Perfect Attendance for December...**

<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b>
Chloe Fangmeyer	Danessa Buckles	Gavin Fangmeyer	Emmit Hintz
Sadie Isernhagen	Danica Buckles	Colton Isernhagen	
Danica O'Neal	Addyson Hintz	Jayden Isernhagen	
	Lilly Luben	Jessika Luben	
		Emily Salvo	

*Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity. "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

*~ Matthew 5:16*