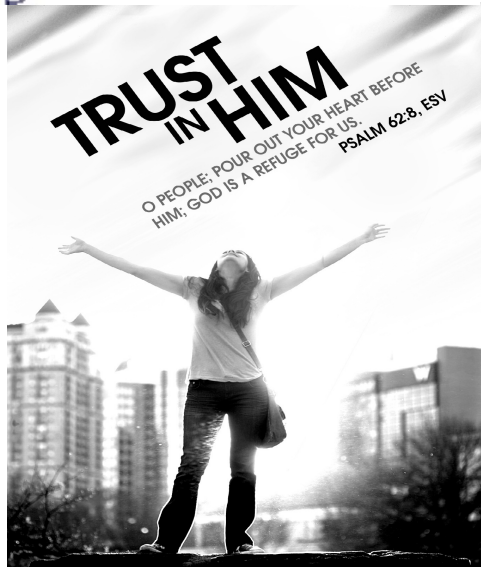


Tidings of Peace

January 2020 Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler

Designated Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9:00 - 5:30 Wed.

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◆ Marla Maschmann, Office Administrator ◆ Kim Roth, Preschool ◆
◆ Chandra Hillman, Youth Director ◆ Arlis Hohl, Custodian ◆



2020

*Sure, it takes a lot of courage
To put things in God's hands.
To give ourselves completely
Our lives, our hopes, our plans;*

*To follow where He leads us
And make His will our own,
But all it takes is foolishness
To go the way alone. ~ Betsey Kline*

Sunday, January 26 - 11:00 AM Congregational Annual Meeting

All active confirmed members are encouraged to participate in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2020. Guests are welcome. If you are president or chairperson of any team 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 the office is **Monday, January 13.** E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped -

peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com

The report will be assembled on **Thursday, January 16 at 2:00 PM** (*volunteers welcome*) and available for pick up in the overflow following the assembly.

Youth of Peace Fund-Raising Meal following the meeting

Menu: Shredded Pork, Baked Beans, Chips, Relish, Bars

Upcoming Highlights

Sunday, February 9 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Men of Peace Annual

♥ Valentine's ♥ Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage Feed in Peace Parish Hall.

Free Will Offering to support our youth campers.

Sunday, February 23

Installation Day for Pastor Joseph Love

10:00 AM Holy Communion w/*Holy Baptism for Anakin Luke Grant*

11:30 AM - Congregational meal provided and hosted by the
Peace Lutheran Church Council and Call Committee

As an aid to help us in planning, please sign-up on the sheets at the church if you think you'll be attending the meal. RSVP is appreciated, but not required.

1:00 PM - Installation Service for Pastor Joseph Love followed by dessert and fellowship



Worship, Education and Stewardship for Dec. 2019...

Worship Attendance (Compared to last year)

Nov. 24	135	
Dec. 1	104	123
Dec. 8	125	195
Dec. 15	85	109
Dec. 22	182	123
Dec. 24	240 est?	220 est.?
Dec. 25	90	86
Dec. 29	98	132
Dec. 31	no worship planned	23
Jan.1 - No worship		
Jan. 5	139	123

Stewardship General Budget

Nov. 24	\$1691.00 (+\$20 OCC/+\$150 Thanksgiving/+\$100 Well/+\$775 Furnace)
Dec. 1	\$1657.75 (+\$400 Well / +\$855 Bldg Fund)
Dec. 8	\$2442.50 (+\$800 Well / +\$180 Bldg Fund)
Dec. 15	\$1636.00 (+\$450 Well / +\$200 Bldg Fund)
Dec 22	\$3743.83 (\$+525 Bldg Fund / \$1500 Well)
Dec 24	\$1432.00
Dec 25	\$1413 (Deshler School Backpack Program, Blue Valley families in need / +\$1000 Well)
Jan. 5	\$5090.02 (+\$55 Bldg. Fund)

Christmas offerings totaled \$4109.05. \$1369.68 went to Deshler Public School Backpack program and \$2739.37 to Blue Valley Community Action to help 2 families.

Education

Nov. 24	69	\$63.00
Dec. 1	46	\$45.00
Dec. 8	45	\$62.25
Dec. 15	52	\$50.50
Dec. 22	41	\$50.58
Dec. 29	32	\$50.50
Jan. 5	40	\$70.50

Sunday School Offering for December - February

In the past 3 months our S.S. raised \$820 for Operation Christmas Child. *Thank you everyone!!*

During the months of Dec - Feb are S.S. offering is designated for Heifer International. We like to set a goal to raise enough for certain animals and challenge the kids. A gift of a cow is \$500. We are currently at \$329.33. The S.S. Leadership Team would like to challenge the kids/adult S.S. classes to try to raise enough to purchase the gift of a cow by the end of January!! *Thanks ~ S.S. Leadership Team*

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2020 are in your mailboxes. If you DO NOT want us to order a box for you for 2021, please let us know as our order for 2021 has to be placed in February of 2020. Please let us know by calling the church office at 402-365-7746; or email

peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com.

If we inadvertently missed someone this year, please let us know as we have extra boxes and would be happy to get you a set. Using envelopes makes it possible to have our Financial Gifts Statistical Year End Report featured in the Annual Report.

January Mission is LCMC

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH.....A WELL



Water 4 Kids International has paired us with the village of Kololo, Uganda. If you were in church you saw the pictures and read the bio of the village of Kololo. It brought tears to our eyes to see the happy faces of those whose village received

our well last year and then tears of sadness at the current pictures of the village of Kololo. But thanks be to God that they will be receiving a well this Spring funded by your donations! To date we have received \$17,575 (\$11400 from our monthly budget giving and \$6175 through your donations this Christmas.). One well costs \$10150.

YOUTH CO-LEADER POSITION...

Church Council is looking for a male co-leader to share the position of Youth Director 50 % with Chandra Hillman. If interested you may speak to Council President Bill Mize, Pastor Dennis or Chandra Hillman for more information.

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Peace Happenings..

Happy Birthday to...



Special birthdays this month: Florence Kniep will be 92 on January 23 and Irene Fintel will be 94 on February 12. Happy Birthday!!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate.

Jan. 1	Bryan Bower	Jan 12	Jolie Reinke	Jan 25	Don Spitler
	Kevin Ostdiek	Jan. 13	Diana Jacobe		Barb Larkins
Jan. 3	Connie Eitzmann	Jan. 15	Cecil Ehlers	Jan 27	Jaden Beam
Jan. 4	Dawn Schleif	Jan. 16	Dylan Reinke	Jan 28	Jon Marquart
	Kris Collins		Janet Kruse		Diana Reinke
	Kimberly Fayle	Jan 18	Megan Mason	Jan 29	Gloria Eickman
	Kim Roth		Russ Hoffmeyer	Jan 30	Lonny Freitag
Jan. 5	Jazmynnne Fangmeyer	Jan 21	Dennis Buckles	Jan 31	Christina Ruhge
Jan. 6	Trevor Taylor	Jan 22	Lyle Schardt		Janet Koch
Jan. 7	Leora Freitag		Kristina Lowery		Luke Johnson
	Braelynn Renz	Jan 23	Priscilla Bower	Feb 3	Tiffany Beam
	Ashleigh McBride		Clate Isernhagen	Feb 4	Levi Nelson
	Kailyn Gehle		Florence Kniep	Feb 6	Konnor Ostdiek
Jan 8	Gary Hoops	Jan 24	Shana Gerberding	Feb 7	McKylie Smith

Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. If you'd rather not have your "milestone" birthday recognized © just give the office a call #402-365-7746.)

Feb 8 Bill Callahan
Feb 12 Irene Fintel
Feb 14 Terri Williams

Those Celebrating Anniversaries...

Jan. 7, 2000	Tina & Shannon Sloane	Jan. 20, 2018	Zach & Taylor Wharton
Jan. 11, 1959	Larry & Deanna Holtzen	Jan. 30, 2015	Marvin & Lynn Koester
Jan. 14, 2017	Chuck & Jennifer Sjogren	Feb. 9, 1964	Roger & Rachel Hoffmeyer
Jan 16, 1993	Pat & Jody Wharton	Feb 14, 1981	Mike & Yvonne Hoops
Jan 18, 2014	Cody & Cassie Cahill	Feb. 14, 1987	Wayne & Marty Pohlmann
Jan 20, 2006	Scott & Penny Befort	Feb 14, 2005	Jon & Kathleen Marquart
		Feb 15, 2003	Bryce & Betty Mammen

Congratulations and God's Blessings...

to Morgynn Schmidt and Daniel Knigge at the birth of a son, Dawson Levi Knigge, born on December 12, 2019, at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron. He was welcomed home to Deshler by his 2 big sisters, Ashlynn (4 ½) and Gracelynn (1 ½).

Welcome New Members...

On Sunday morning, December 8, 2019, we officially welcomed the following new members: Hilda Eitzmann who joined us in July of 2018; Dave, Christian and Cole Ruhge joined in September of 2019; Wayne Eitzmann and Troy, Hannah, Wyatt, Ryker and Kylee Kane are joining in December of 2019. *Welcome to Peace!!!!*

Updates to Our Pictorial Directory...

Several members have updated their photos for our new directory (thank you!), but we still have many families who will not be pictured in the new directory. If your photo is outdated (basically your kids have grown since the last picture or have married:) it will be removed. A copy is on the table in the overflow for you to check out, or you can view it on our website by asking for the password. Only those families who submit a photo will receive a copy of the new directory.

Bill Mize has offered to take pictures after worship for the next 3 Sundays if that is an option for you, or please submit a new photo ASAP. The deadline was Jan. 12, but I'll be working on it for a few more weeks. You can send photos it in a text to #402-364-3366, message me on Facebook, or email an updated photo to peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com. You can also bring one in to the office and I can scan it in.

Thank You's Received...

Peace Carolers, Sorry I missed your caroling this time. I did find your sock of goodies tucked between the doors. Thank you so very much. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and many blessings for a wonderful New Year. ~ Darlene Hess

A sincere thanks to our Peace carolers for stopping by to share their time and talents with me in voice and song. Also for the stocking full of goodies. It was so good to see your familiar faces again. Thanks again, and Christmas blessings to all. ~ Irene Fintel

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for coming caroling to us and also for the stocking full of goodies. Bless you all for remembering us. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. ~ Love, The Othlings

Dear family of Peace,

It meant so much to me when you came caroling last Sunday. I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and the stocking of goodies. ~ Sondra Ehlers

Sorry we missed you on Sunday. We were both away from home, but appreciate the thought and the stocking of goodies. ~ Harlan Schnakenberg, Rose Brettmann

Peace Lutheran Church, Thank you for the visits and the yummy sack of "goodies" for Christmas. And especially for remembering me. God's blessings to everyone. ~ Florence Kniep

Peace Lutheran Members, Thank you for the stocking very full of snacks. I really appreciated it!! ~ Jan Schultz, Deshler Post Office

Thank you for the goodies in a stocking you gave me. I feel comfort that you all are thinking of us at this time. God Bless you all! ~ Cindy Mesloh

Thanks so much for the Peace Carolers and the stocking filled with goodies. ~ God Bless, Larry & Deanna Holtzen

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 & Nate Brandt were here for practices to get our sound system working for us. Thanks to Jami O'Neil for running the projector. Thank you to Michelle Schardt for helping out wherever she was needed. Thank you to Dawn Buckles who helped with the preschool class. Thank you to Scott Eitzmann for building and setting up the set. Thanks to the Church Council and anyone else who helped set up and take down the stage. Thanks to Arlis for cleaning up our mess! Thanks to the Education Committee who made sure snacks were ready for all the hungry kids! They were starving when they got out of school. It just gave the kids a boost in the middle of our practices so we could keep going for one more round. Thanks to Marla who handles all the office stuff too numerous to mention! 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! It seems no matter what we ask you to do, you give it your all! We are the luckiest of all! We got to spend all this time with all of you!!!

God Bless all of you and have a Merry Christmas! ~ Cindy Mueller & Connie Eitzmann

Highlights of Special Council Meetings

Council Budget Meeting - November 20, 2019

The council met at 7:00 PM. On November 20, 2019 to set up the budget for 2020. All members were present including the new members. The budget was set for approval except for salary consideration for the annual meeting January 26, 2020. The salaries will be finalized at the Dec 10th council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Special Church Council Meeting, Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019

President Jake Beam opened the meeting at 11:00 A. M.

Bill Mize submitted a possible plan for Pastor Love's installation on February 23, 2020. Pastor Doyle Karst will be a part of the service coordinating with Pastor Reich and Pastor Love. The pastors will work out the details, we will invite area pastors to attend worship, lunch and installation. Dessert and Fellowship to follow service.

A motion was made and seconded to move the amount of \$750 from budget line items 826 a, b, c, d (Ministry Team Funds) to the Auxiliary Account for an installation meal.

The Endowment Fund Committee asked Council if there was a need for funds for the pastor emergency fund. They will find out from Becky what is left in the fund.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted by Ardith Maschmann, secretary

Weekend Worship Schedule...



*NO Saturday Worship currently
planned during interim*

10:00 AM Sunday Morning

9:00 AM Sunday School for all



JANUARY 12 - Baptism of our Lord

Holy Communion

Following worship - YOP taking pizza orders for Feb. 2

Youth "Meet & Eat" following worship

6:00 PM Staff/Council Christmas Party

JANUARY 19- Epiphany 2

Peace Choir

YOP taking pizza orders for February 2 delivery

JANUARY 26 - Epiphany 3

Holy Communion

11:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting

Following Meeting - YOP Fund-raiser Meal

FEBRUARY 2 - Epiphany 4

Peace Choir

Pizza pre-orders ready for pick-up

FEBRUARY 9 - Epiphany 5

Holy Communion

Men's Pancake Feed - 11:30 - 1:00 PM

Welcome Pastor Joe Love!!

Joseph Love was born on September 29, 1970, to Carroll and June Love in Dillsboro, Indiana. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dillsboro on November 22 of that same year by Pastor Alvin Lade.

The Loves moved to Lincoln, Nebraska when Joe was 10 years old. He lived there until he graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School in 1988. He then attended Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduating in 1992 with a B.A. in Classical Languages.

Joe entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in 1992. During his third year at the seminary, he was assigned as Vicar to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Greenwich, Connecticut. He returned to St. Louis for his final year, graduating in May 1996, with a Master of Divinity degree.

For the past 23 years Joe has served as pastor of congregations in the Cleveland and Detroit areas and has worked as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator.

Joe is blessed with two children, Hannah (23) and Andrew (20), who are now attending Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Joe is currently engaged to Amy Hayes, who lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. Joe and Amy attended Lincoln Lutheran Jr. High School together when Joe lived in Lincoln. Their wedding is planned for May 24, 2020. Amy has three children, Clayton (25) and Isaiah (19), who are working and living in Lincoln, and Trinity (15) who will move with Amy to Deshler following their wedding in May. Joe and Amy have other family that live in the Lincoln area as well.

Joe and his family are excited about beginning the Lord's work and becoming a part of the family of God at Peace Lutheran Church here in Deshler.

Special thanks...

- ...to Connie Eitzmann and Cindy Mueller for directing the Children's program and to Chandra Hillman for directing the Christmas Eve Worship service with her youth group. Both shared that wonderful message that we long to hear and celebrate each Christmas!
- ...Because of a few individuals at Peace we are able to offer a Thanksgiving and Christmas Day meal. We can't thank Arlis Hohl and Barb Larkins enough for all their work coordinating a meal for both holidays this year. What a blessing to share your love of cooking and hosting with us. It's difficult to thank all those who do all the preparations and clean-up, but just know that your assistance in helping make these holiday meals happen is greatly appreciated by all whom attend. What a wonderful blessing to share together such a nice meal. And thanks again to everyone who brought food, washed dishes and helped with clean-up, etc. This wouldn't work without a cooperative effort.
- ...to Arend's Family Foods for donating all the Christmas candy (peanuts, oranges, candy bars, etc.) used to fill all the candy sacks for the children. And thanks also to Linda Fangmeyer, Dave and Linda Weber for overseeing the project and sacking the peanuts and candy. *~Peace Lutheran Church Council & Congregation*
- ...to Linda Fangmeyer and her family for caring for the poinsettias in December, which is a big job this time of year! They brought them all out to the narthex for the wonderful sunshine we had and then all the other work involved displaying them again is greatly appreciated.
- ...to Earl and Chandra Hillman, Wayne and Cindy Mueller and Glen and Marla Maschmann for putting up all the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and entry way. And to the Church Council for setting up the big tree and the outdoor nativity. I may miss a few individuals who helped decorate the big tree because I wasn't there, but I know LeRoy and Linda Fangmeyer and their grandchildren, along with Lois Nelson helped decorate it. Also those who helped set up and take down the stage for the Children's program. These few individuals helped make the Christmas season one of joy and beauty for all of us, so please let them know that you appreciate their efforts. *Thanks!!!!*
- ...to our Sound Team members, Bill Mize, Nate Brandt and Brian and Jayden Isernhagen for their alternating schedule running sound. Thanks to our volunteers on screen operation: Stuart Reinke, Arlis Hohl, Becky Mize and Adam Roth. Special thanks to Bill Mize for coordinating both of these groups and always seeing that these needs are covered.
- ... Thank you so much to all those who serve on our Altar Guild (in order by months of services): Deb Folkerts, Deanna Maschmann, Janet & George Kruse, Kristi Duensing, Jae Fintel, Linda Fangmeyer, Diana Reinke, Connie Meyer, Lori Grummert, Dawn Buckles, Becky Mize, Audrey Hoops, Jeanette Mohrmann, Lois Nelson, Ardith Maschmann, Lorena Pohlmann, Connie Eitzmann, Laurie Koester and Chandra Hillman. **Linda covers for the months of October, November and December** where there are vacancies - besides her regular month in April with Diana. Would you consider helping out with worship needs at Peace by joining the Altar Guild? It's a lot to expect one person to cover all these needs and it would be a job you can do ahead of time and/or in your own time. Let Linda know if you'd like to consider it. Thanks!
- ...Thank you to Jami O'Neal for serving as Flower Chairperson this year, which can take a lot of time during the holiday season. Thanks to those women who currently care for the flowers in each given month (in order by months of service): Marla Maschmann, JoAnn Bohling, Dorothy Renz, Jami O'Neal, Lorena Pohlmann, Ardith Maschmann, Sandra Spitler, and Linda Fangmeyer. **Jami covers in the months of June, July, September and November where a volunteer is needed.** Please let Jami know if you'd like to help out in this way.
- ...Thanks to all who helped out with the soup luncheon before caroling and those who brought goodies to help fill the stockings. 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. We didn't have a very good turnout this year and were unable to carol to those out of town. In recent years it's been so poorly attended that it's something we'll have to possibly evaluate next year. Any input as to if there'd be a better time or if we should have a caroling party at all would be appreciated. Let any council member or office staff know your thoughts.

CAROL JOY HOLLING CAMP 2020

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

Register by January 31 and get.....\$50 off a full week session AND a CJH Camp Hat

Learn more and register for camp at CarolJoyHolling.org

The Men of Peace offer funds and scholarships to any Peace children wanting to attend camp.

Inquire with Pastor Dennis or George Kruse to find out more.