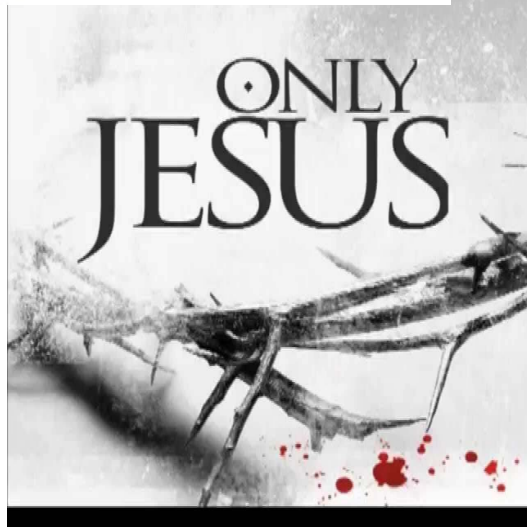


# *Findings of Peace*

March 2021 Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler

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

◆ Phones: Office: 402-365-7746 ◆ Preschool/Parish Hall: 402-365-7855 ◆  
◆ Pastor Joe Love ◆ Bill Mize, President ◆  
◆ Marla Maschmann, Office Administrator ◆ Kim Roth, Preschool ◆  
◆ Chandra Hillman, Youth Director ◆ Jami O'Neal, Custodian ◆

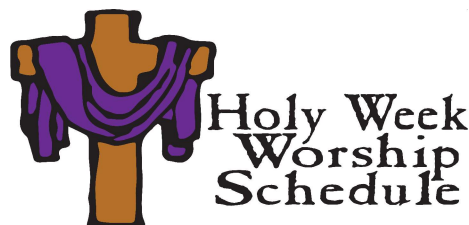


## Only Jesus...

During the Lenten season we wish to accomplish two goals. First, we want to remember our Lord's Passion history. We also want to prepare our hearts for Easter. "Only Jesus" is the theme for our services throughout Lent and on Easter morning because ONLY JESUS can help us to accomplish these goals.

We pray that we will be led by God's Word to meditate on this unique character and work of Jesus, as well as to reflect on our response to our Savior. May God's love and Spirit guide us this Lenten season as we remember that ONLY JESUS can bless us and fill our lives with peace.

Please join us for worship and INVITE A FRIEND!



**Wednesday services are at 7:00 PM.**  
NO Meals planned at this time due to COVID.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Lent, March 3

† "Only Jesus Could Challenge  
Us to Move Mountains!" †  
Matthew 21:18-22

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Lent, March 10

† "Only Jesus Can Make  
Us Look UP on the Last Day!" †  
Luke 21:25-28

### 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent, March 17

† "Only Jesus Would Wait  
So Long for Someone!" †  
Matthew 26:20-25

### 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent, March 24

† "Only Jesus Would Let Someone  
Else Determine His Destiny!" †  
Matthew 26:36-46

### Palm Sunday, March 28

† "Only Jesus Can Make Us See Clearly" †  
Mark 11:1-11

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

† "Only Jesus Would Wash Between  
Our Toes!" † John 13:1-17  
Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday Tenebrae - April 2

† "Only Jesus Would Take  
Our Place in Hell!" † Matthew 27:45-46

### Easter Sunday Holy Communion, April 4

† "Only Jesus Can Roll Away the Stone!" †  
John 20:1-18

LENTEN OFFERINGS are split equally between  
Peoples' City Mission, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach,  
Deshler Public School backpack program,  
& Habitat for Humanity



9:00 AM Sunday School for all  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **MARCH 7 - Lent 3**

Theme: "Deep Cleaning!" Text: John 2:13-22  
Holy Communion

### **MARCH 14 - Lent 4**

Theme: "ANTIDOTE!" Text: John 3:14-21

### **MARCH 21 - Lent 5**

Theme: "What Kind of Jesus Are You Looking For?"  
Text: John 12:2-133  
Holy Communion

### **MARCH 28 - Palm Sunday**

Theme: "ONLY JESUS Can Make Us See Clearly!"  
Text: Mark 11:1-11

# Peace

# Happenings...

## Happy March Birthday to...

*Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!*

Mar 1	Lonny Hintz	Mar 10	Cole Schleif	Mar 25	LeRoy Othling
	Karina Brandt	Mar 11	Derek Schnakenberg		Gregg Bohling
	Brock Renz	Mar 12	Emmit Hintz		Tiffany Shaw
	Paige Culler	Mar 13	Fred Maschmann		Adam Roth
Mar 3	Al Dlouhy	Mar 15	Amy Nash	Mar 26	April Vonderfecht
Mar 4	Eldon Kirchhoff	Mar 16	Julia Pohlmann		Stella Befort
Mar 6	Natasha O'Neal		Patty Jasperson	Mar 27	Amanda Ostdiek
	Jeffrey Grummert	Mar 20	Fairy Peters		Manuel Motto
Mar 7	Roger Bohling	Mar 21	Debra Folkerts	Mar 28	Wyatt Kane
Mar 9	Rose Brettmann	Mar 23	Jeffrey Kirchhoff	Mar 29	Jane Marquart
Mar 10	Marty Pohlmann	Mar 24	Lyle Pitts		Braelyn Isernhagen
			Dawn Buckles	Mar 31	Jan Kripal

## MARCH



## March Anniversaries...

March 11, 1989 Jon & Delinda Mohrmann March 15, 1997 Stuart & Diana Reinke

Welcomed into the World on Monday, February 8, 2021, was little Adelyn Reese Lindley, daughter of Hailey (Isernhagen) Gehle and the late Sam Lindley. She was born at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, Nebraska at 5:03 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home in Deshler by her big sisters Kailyn (7) and Kinslie (4 ½). Congratulations also to grandparents, Brian and Heidi Isernhagen, and great grandparents, Mike and Mary Isernhagen. We continue to keep this new little family in our prayers asking that our Lord give them comfort and allow them to rejoice in the blessing of Adelyn's new and precious life.



## Are You in Strict Training?

Are you in strict training or are you getting pudgy and vulnerable to serious injury?

You probably think that I have asked kind of a personal question. But you must understand the question I am asking has nothing to do with physical fitness or physical training. I am inquiring of your spiritual training!

The apostle Paul referred to this very matter in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 9 beginning at verse 25, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

Paul is telling us that athletes that compete to win, work hard and are involved in a strict training regimen. The season of Lent is a good time to remind and commit ourselves to such a "spiritual training regimen."

Jesus our precious Lord and Savior took upon himself all the punishment that was intended for us and by his innocent death and resurrection won for us the crown of life.

By faith, that crown of life is ours. But it is the mission of Satan to inflict injury upon us that is eternal in nature. He would hope that we are not spiritually "in shape" so that he can cause us to fall from faith and in turn lose that crown of life.

How do we keep from "running aimlessly" as Paul put it in his letter? How do we keep from "beating the air"? Well our Lord has given us exercise equipment!! That's right we don't have to go out and buy it. The equipment he has given us is His Word, The Bible, and Prayer. Through prayer and God's Word we are built up so that Satan cannot cause us spiritual injury. Satan would have us leave our prayer life and Bible study time in the corner somewhere like a little used "exercise bike" or "stair climber"!

I pray that you daily come to the Lord in prayer. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Daily open God's Word and regularly come to a Bible study here at Peace lest you become spiritually pudgy and susceptible to injury by Satan.

2021 is the year for us all to be in strict spiritual training. I pray it will be a year we can expand bible study opportunities among us. Come to the Lord's house not only for worship, but also for Sunday school and Bible study.

In Christ's service and yours,

Pastor Love

# Worship, Education and Stewardship for February 2021...

## Worship Attendance *(Compared to one year ago)*

Jan. 31	100 +122 FB	141
Feb. 7	59 + 128 FB	139
Feb. 14	Cancelled +128 FB	120
Feb. 17	78 +157 FB	108 ( <i>Ash Wed.-Feb 27</i> )
Feb. 21	88 +176 FB	191
		128 ( <i>Pastor's Installation</i> )

## Stewardship

### Gen. Budget

Feb. 7	\$4523 (+\$300 Bldg Fund)
Feb. 14	Cancelled
Feb. 17	\$0 / +\$3228 Lenten Offering
Feb. 21	\$1290

## Education

*March - May is for Royal Family Kids Camp*

Jan. 31	36	\$73.20
Feb. 7	28	\$32.00
Feb. 14	Cancelled	
Feb. 21	38	\$58.00

### **Congregational Mission Support**

for March is split between Hope Pregnancy Center & Children of the Nations, plus our continued monthly support to our African Well Project and Paul & Comfort.

## THANK YOU...

- ...to Marvin Koester who financed a company last fall which repaired the sinking cement on the basketball court. ~ *Property Team*
- ...to LeRoy Fangmeyer for working diligently on the ice/snow jammed gutters to prevent further leaking and water damage in the sanctuary.
- ...to Brian Isernhagen for snow removal in the Peace parking lot and parsonage alley.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars....

### **USED STOVE FOR THE YOP HOUSE...**

Church Council is looking for a very good used electric stove to replace the old used stove in the YOP House. Please talk to Chandra Hillman or the Property Team (Leroy, Roger & Lonnie) for more information.

## **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, 2021. 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. It's helps to have your Thrivent ID # if you have it, otherwise they'll look you up by phone number.

### **Online:**

**Step 1** - Visit **Thrivent.com/thrivent choice**.

**Step 2** - Click on **"log in"** and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password.

**Step 3** - Hoover over the tab **"MyThrivent"** and the menu drop down box will give a choice to **"Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars"**. Continue to follow the steps when prompted.

*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 or Peace Lutheran Preschool. 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 2020 the Peace Thrivent Choice dollars for 2019, totaling \$1820, were distributed to the following:

- \$606.00 to Youth of Peace
- \$607.00 for Women of Peace and
- \$607 for Men of Peace were designated to the Building Fund per their request.

2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars totaled \$886 and plans will be to hold a Thrivent Member meeting in the early Spring of 2021 to designate these 2020 dollars.

Peace Lutheran Church Preschool is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-22 school year and spots are filling up! To enroll or inquire, please contact Preschool Director, Kim Roth, at #402-365-7855 (school) or #402-430-0042 (cell).

## January Perfect S.S. Attendance

### Pre/K

Janae Beam  
Jase Beam  
Ryker Kane

### 4th-6th

Jackson Beam

### 1st-3rd

Jaden Beam  
Drew Buckles  
Traigan McDonald  
Wyatt Kane

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Danica Buckles  
Danessa Buckles  
Addy Hintz  
Holden McDonald

## WOW Board Meeting Minutes

### February, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President, Jami O'Neal. Nine members were present.

Becky Mize gave the opening devotion *"Move Towards Holiness"*.

Mary Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read, seconded by Connie Meyer. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Jo showing a balance of \$2012.41. Connie made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Chandra. Motion carried.

Mission Growth—Mary Jo reported that the casseroles are being distributed. She will call if more are needed.

Mission Community—Lori had nothing to report at this time.

Mission Action—Becky reported that the blanket tying went well. Kits are in the overflow if anyone would like to sew blanket tops together.

A thank you was read from the family of Leora Freitag and Parkview Haven.

The group discussed if there was a better way or place to display the library books and the cards in the overflow.

Next meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Fangmeyer, Secretary

## Hygiene Kits from Becky Mize, Mission Action

Team Coordinator

During the weeks of Lent, we are collecting items for hygiene kits. Hygiene kits distributed through Orphan Grain Train provide dignity and self-worth to those who don't have access to these basic items. A hygiene kit can be such a blessing to someone who has been displaced from their home by a natural disaster, fire, or other circumstance beyond their control. Another group of people we at Peace Lutheran help are the kids who attend a local Royal Family Kids Camp. Some of these children lack the skills and items needed to care for themselves on a daily basis. At camp they are taught basic hygiene habits and a hygiene kit is sent home with them. This small act can help restore self-worth to a child who may think no one cares about them. Hygiene kits include the following items:

- 1 bath towel – dark colors
- 1 wash cloth – dark colors
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original package-soft bristle preferred
- 1 bar of soap – in original wrapper
- 1 sturdy comb – large tooth
- 6 band aids – 1/2" or 3/4"

RFKC has requested we also include elastic hair ties, elastic headbands, and barrettes for the girls. Any donation of these items will be appreciated. You may bring your items any time and place them in the plastic tote in the overflow. The kits will be assembled soon after Easter.

### BLANKETS:

We are again tying blankets. Dates scheduled are Friday March 5 from 1 to 5, Friday March 12 from 1 to 5, and Monday March 22 from 1 to 4 and 6:30-8:30. Please watch the bulletin for any changes in dates and times. If you wish to sew blanket tops at home, there are kits on the table in the overflow. Blankets are distributed through Royal Family Kids Camp and Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you for your compassion to those in need and for sharing your blessings with others. Please contact me at 402-236-8871 with any questions or for more information. ~ Becky Mize, Mission Action Team Coordinator

# Signs of Love ~Prayer Page for March

## **WE HOLD IN SINCERE SYMPATHY AND PRAYER...**

...the family and friends of Pastor Delmar Klover, who went peacefully to his everlasting home on Sunday, February 14, 2021 after battling pancreatic cancer. Pastor Klover served here at Peace Lutheran Church from 1974 - 1986. A Private Family Service was held on Friday, February 19, 2021 and a Public Memorial Service will be held at a later date and time. Deanna Klover's address is 548 N 9<sup>th</sup> St., Geneva, NE 68361.

...to Pastor Joe and Amy Love, their family and friends, at the unexpected death of his cousin, David Jordan, of Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Services are pending at the time of this printing.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of Sena Lowery, her family commissioned the beautiful cross painting now hanging above the counter in the overflow. It's inscribed along the outside edges with the love verses from 1 Corinthians 13:4-13. On Feb. 21 we said a prayer of blessing in worship - for Sena's life, and for this painting, which reminds us of the gift of LOVE for one another and for our Lord and Savior, Jesus, whose dying love gave us the gift of eternal life.

## March 2021 Serving Page



### **GREETERS**

Fred & Ardie Maschmann

### **ACOLYTES**

MAR 3 (Wed.) Kris Collins & Daphne Smith  
MAR 7 Chloe Fangmeyer & Marlee Webber  
MAR 10 (Wed.) Keira Marquart & Jolie Reinke  
MAR 14 Easton Nash & Chloe Fangmeyer  
MAR 17 (Wed.) Kris Collins & Braelynn Renz  
MAR 21 Manny Motto & Jolie Reinke  
MAR 24 (Wed.) Marlee Webber & Keira Marquart  
MAR 28 (Palm Sunday) Danica O'Neal & Easton Nash

### **SCRIPTURE READERS**

MAR 7 Ardith Maschmann  
MAR 14 Fred Maschmann  
MAR 21 Connie Meyer  
MAR 28 (Palm Sunday) Paul Meyer

### **USHERS**

Head Usher - Dan Judy; Roger Bohling,  
Eldon Kirchhoff, Mike Hoops

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Connie Meyer & Volunteer needed

### **FLOWER COMMITTEE** - Dorothy Renz

### **ALTAR GUILD** - Kristi Duensing & Jae Fintel

### **PEW RESTOCKERS**: Delinda Mohrmann & Diana Reinke

### **SOUND** - Jayden Isernhagen

### **SCREEN OPERATOR** - Stuart Reinke (Sundays) Becky Mize (Wednesdays)

### **BULLETIN FOLDER** - Jennifer Reinke



# Youth of Peace News

by Chandra  
Hillman, Youth  
Director



**Looking back at February:** Soup pots were set out to collect monetary donations for the two local food pantries. \$1,750 was collected! What a wonderful gift our church is giving to these families in need. A big thank you goes out to Pastor Joe for suggesting the youth have a pizza fundraiser with Little Caesar's Pizza since we were unable to do our usual pizza fundraiser. It was a wonderful success as we raised a total of \$843. We are so grateful for the support shown to us from our church family. The money will go towards our mission trip expenses, supplies for our service projects and updates for the youth house. Missing out on so many fundraisers this school year, we are grateful for everyone's support in this fundraiser to help make it possible for the youth to do these projects and activities.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the youth will end the month by having their youth planning meeting at the Mexican restaurant, with a time of fellowship and games back at the YOP house afterwards.

At our Sunday morning Bible study we have been discussing the spiritual discipline of solitude. Scripture tells us that Jesus spent much time in solitude with His Father. Jesus prioritized solitude, we too should prioritize and pray in solitude. Coming to God in prayer without any distractions is a hard task for most of us, it's in stillness that we tune our spiritual ears to hear the voice of God. We are reminded of this in Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God." We need to think of solitude as oxygen for our souls. The purpose of solitude is to grow to be more reliant on God. Solitude helps clear out all the junk that keeps us from hearing God's voice. Solitude will fix our heart on the One whom we are talking to. A true Christian, who prioritizes and creates time to be alone with God will find delight in their prayer life.

## **Looking ahead to March:**

**Sunday, March 14** - Youth planning meeting following church with meal, work on Random Act of Kindness for Easter

**Wednesday, March 31** - back up date if needed to finish Random Acts of Kindness

I want to take time and thank the good Lord for the gift of Pastor Love, as he is a wonderful blessing to Peace Lutheran Church. Having to deal with many difficulties in his first year, he has truly shown His calling as a pastor. A BIG heartfelt thanks for leading us through the last twelve months! Thanks be to God!

*Almighty and Ever Living God, You invite us deeper into Your world, Your people, Your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking You in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve You and those who need what we have to give.~*  
Author Unknown

Serving faithfully in Christ,

Chandra



## New Playground Equipment for the Peace Lutheran Preschool



We are excited to announce that we have chosen to work with and eventually purchase equipment from Crouch Recreation in Blair, NE. Crouch Recreation can provide us with a line of playground equipment that is known to be safe and stand up to years of use. They have provided equipment in surrounding communities that have been reliable for many years. This playground equipment will focus around a large play set that is designed for the preschool to 12-year-old category. There will also be a Crawl Tube and Playhouse, these additional items will round out the playground north of the church. The equipment was decided on with safety, durability, longevity and play value in mind.

This project has a cost breakdown of, a main playground set for \$12,900, a crawling tube for \$2500, a playhouse for \$425 and recommended rubber mulch for up to \$3000. There will be some other costs associated with construction and we will need to provide volunteer labor. The total cost of the project is estimated at just under \$20,000. During the research and decision-making time for the project almost \$9000 has been given from various sources. These monies include foundation gifts, memorial gifts, an endowment fund contribution, group donations and individuals donating to the project fund. Additionally, we are currently applying for grants from area utilities to help supplement funding this project. This playground equipment will serve the church, preschool and community for years to come and we hope that you can help us attain our fund-raising goals so that it can be a reality for the near future.

We will soon have a display in the overflow of the projected playground to help visualize the items we want to purchase. Thank you to our preschool teacher/director Kim Roth for her time in guiding the Council on this project. Thank you for considering this as we look forward to using this equipment in our ministry at Peace!

Bill Mize – Council President