## Worship, Education and Stewardship for November 2014

Worship At	<u>tendance</u>	(Compared to 2013		
Oct. 26	162	275 + 23 = 298		
Nov. 2	173	186 + 18 = 204		
Nov. 9	114	140		
Nov. 16	129	149 + 26 = 175		
Nov. 23	144 + 26 = 170	139 + 10 = 149		

**Stewardship** General Budget

Oct. 26 \$1744..00 (+\$100 OCC / +\$2039.16 Bldg. Fund)

Nov. 2 \$2649.01 (+\$250 Seminary Fund / +\$2307.29 Bldg. Fund)

Nov. 9 \$3146.00 (+\$550 Bldg. Fund)

Nov. 16 \$2605.00 (+\$150 Orphan Grain Train/+\$250 Oaks /+\$150 OCC)

Nov. 23 \$1683.10 (+\$126.10 Orphan Grain Train/+\$20 Seminary/+\$200

OCC/+\$200 Motorcycle/+\$60 Bldg. Fund)

**Education** 

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Oct. 26	71	\$78.36
Nov. 2	65	\$75.55
Nov. 9	49	\$86.26
Nov. 16	58	\$73.65
Nov. 23	63	\$51.18



Sunday School Offering for Dec. - Feb.. is designated for Heifer Project.

Congregational
Mission Offering for
December:
\$3000.00 to Hope
Pregnancy Center &
\$1500.00 monthly
support to Lindsey

### Financial News.....

Contributions of \$5,752 have been sent to Western Theological Seminary to help cover tuition and other expenses for Stacey Duensing as she continues her studies at the seminary. You may place your contribution marked "seminary support" in the Sunday offering plate or drop it off during office hours.

With matching funds, we have sent a total of \$8,812 to support Lindsey Mueller in her ministry to children in Uganda. These funds will help provide much needed equipment and supplies for the school there. Matching funds are still available. Please mark contributions "Uganda school" to support Lindsey in her ministry to these children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to go to school.



Peace Lutheran continues to help combat hunger in the world with our monthly auto giving program. We currently have 27 participants and send \$345 per month through Lutheran World Relief. If you wish to participate in this program, please stop in the office for forms and instructions.

Thank you for your support of these missions through which the love of Christ is shared around the world!

Becky Mize, treasurer



Offering Envelopes for 2015 will be in your mailboxes by Sunday, DEC. 14. Please pick up your box and deliver one to your neighbor or friend if you can. If you don't use your envelopes please notify the office by DEC 1 to have your name removed from the envelope list. Also, if you don't get envelopes and wanted them please let us know.

THANK-OFFERING BOXES for the Women of the Church have been placed in mailboxes. These offerings will be collected next fall at our Thankoffering Service and are used to help pay postage for Lutheran World Relief items. We estimated that it will cost LWR about \$800.00 to ship the items we made this year. So any amount we can collect to help with that is very useful.

# Weekend Worship Schedule...

Saturday Evening Worship is back 7:00 PM

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 -9:15 AM Sunday School Program practice with regular classes to follow. 9:00 AM YOP & Adult Class December 28 children grades Preschool-8 will perform at Parkview Haven / Drop off children at PVH & pick up at the church

Christmas Worship schedule is on the front page.



5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Banguet....

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Banquet

If you don't have plans for dinner on Christmas Day you're invited to join friends for dinner at Peace

#### NOVEMBER 30- Advent 1

Holy Communion Dedication of Advent Dossal Curtain Peace Choir Sings



#### **DECEMBER 7 - Advent 2**

Guest Speakers: Rod & Malinda Hinrichs Advent Fellowship following worship (hosted by the Women of the Word)

#### **DECEMBER 14 - Advent 3**

Holy Communion Peace Choir Sings

#### **DECEMBER 21 - Advent 4**

Sunday School Children's Christmas Program "Three Wise Men and a Baby"

#### **DECEMBER 29 - Christmas 1**

SS. Children sing at Parkview Haven Holy Communion

#### **JANUARY 4 - Christmas 2**

**Installation of Church Officers** 

Lutheran Parish Hall. Arlis Hohl has volunteered to cook the meat for Christmas Dinner so no one has to spend the day alone. (*Thank you Arlis!* ) We'd like a volunteer to provide the mashed potatoes. You may give the office or Arlis a call if you'd be able to help with that (#768-8321).

A sign up on the sheet will be posted on the church bulletin board or you may RSVP by calling the church office at #365-7746. **RSVP's** would be appreciated, but are not required. If you'd be able to furnish salad, dessert, vegetables, and could help with decorating or setting up please indicate that.

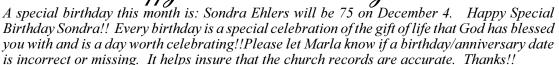
### Youth of Peace& Family/Congregational Caroling Party Wednesday, December 17 5:45-6:15 Soup w/6:15-7:15 Caroling



As we mentioned on the front page we felt it necessary to re-think our caroling party, in order to shorten the time in the cold and on the road, and hopefully encourage better participation. So, following the final Wednesday S.S. program practice, those who'd like to carol will share soup and goodies and then climb aboard 2 hay racks (Hay Rack for High School and Hay Rack for every other age ©) to carol for about an hour in Deshler. If you know of someone having a difficult time this Christmas let the church office know as we set up our caroling list for those dealing with physical or emotional hardship this past year.

- \* This event is for all ages, youth, adults with or without children serving fellowship time or singing (see below). Join us as we get together to fill & deliver Christmas Baskets and sing Carols!
- \* Please help if you can by bringing goodies to the church kitchen to add to the baskets. We will be cutting back this year, but still about 30 baskets will be delivered. We've had great response on the goodies the past couple of years, so please continue by having your items in the kitchen by Tuesday, Dec. 16 marked "goodies for boxes" or "goodies for carolers".
- **\*** Bring your friends!
- We encourage those too mature for caroling with us to join the fun by providing soup, breads, or goodies for the fellowship before hand and joining us in the meal. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to offer your service with food or serving which will enable the carolers to spread Christmas cheer in this way.







Dec 2	Deanna Maschmann Brad Reinke	Dec 12	Liberty Jacobe-Keown Justice Jacobe-Keown	Dec 20 Dec 21	Kylie Farringer Tasia Schardt
	Brody Renz	Dec 14	June Degner		Michelle Schardt
Dec 4	Sondra Ehlers		Stacey Duensing	Dec 22	Warren Fintel
	Jason Fangmeyer	Dec 15	Jami O'Neal	Dec 23	Robert Folkerts
Dec 6	Wayne Pohlmann		Joyce Zucker	Dec 26	Brendan Schardt
Dec 7	Beverly Pitts	Dec 16	Kristi Duensing	Dec 27	Nathaniel Powers
Dec 8	Daryl Nelson		Tate Mosier	Dec 28	Britny Gertsch
Dec 9	Tyler Fangmeyer		Madison Shaw	Dec 30	Terri Fangmeyer
	Ardythe Dunn		Janice Muehling		Betsy Maschmann
	Richard O'Neal	Dec 17	Glenn Kirchhoff	Dec 31	Ginger Ridolfi
Dec 10	Clara Yoachim	Dec 20	Carol Good		Nicole Mosier
Dec 12	Emily Pohlmann		Kim Ruhnke		Ethan Meerkatz

(Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. / Anniversaries are recognized in 5 *year increments following the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)* 

Those Celebrating December Anniversaries...

Several special anniversaries this month: 55th anniversary for Lyle & Sondra Ehlers; 35th anniversary for Lonny & Jan Freitag; 50th anniversary for Eldon & Judy Kirchhoff; 45th anniversary for Warren & Jae Fintel. God's blessings to all of you!!!!!

Dec. 1, 2007	Tyler & Alisha Fangmeyer	Dec. 27, 1964	Eldon & Judy Kirchhoff
Dec. 3, 2001	Randy & Linda Weideman	Dec. 27, 1969	Warren & Jae Fintel
Dec.12, 2002	Bill & Donna Tittler	Dec. 27, 1980	George & Janet Kruse
Dec. 13, 1959	Lyle & Sondra Ehlers	Dec. 29, 1957	Cecil & JoAnn Ehlers
Dec. 22, 1967	Kenneth & Donna Torbeck	Dec. 30, 1967	Vic & Peg Johnson
Dec. 22, 1979	Lonny & Jan Freitag		-



Congratulations to Jake and Tiffany (Schardt) Beam at the birth of a little son, Jase Michel, born on Saturday evening, October 25, 2014, at Superior, NE. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 22 inches long. He has two big brothers, Jackson (4) and Jaden (2 ½) who welcomed him home. Congratulations also to grandparents, Lyle and Lucille Schardt. God's Blessings to this new little

Welcomed into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 23, 2014 was Jase Michel Beam, infant son of Jake and Tiffany (Schardt) Beam. sponsors are his grandmothers, Lucille Schardt and Kim Beam.

Address Changes ...

Hannah Maschmann 1699 Hamilton Ave. Apt. Suite #46 San Jose, CA 95125

Now that it gets dark early, the church will be locked after 5:30 **p.m.** when there are no evening activities on the calendar. You can always give the office a call after 5:30 p.m. if you need something, as most weekdays the office is open later. ~ The Church Council

Peace Prayer Chain...

A Prayer Chain is the spiritual alarm system which communicates and takes prayerful action on the needs of the congregation. The importance of the prayer chain is that it faithfully intercedes on behalf of others in need by lifting up specific requests, concerns and emergency situations. Keep in mind that prayer requests are to be kept confidential. The Prayer Chain at Peace is in need of a make-over. Many names on the calling tree are either no longer with us here on earth, or no longer able to communicate and remember as easily. The following names marked on their "Time and Talent Sheets" that they'd like to be a part of The Prayer Chain at Peace: Marla Maschmann, Audrey Hoops, Jeanette Mohrmann, Cindy Mueller, JoAnn Fangmeyer, Laurie Koester, Kristi Duensing, Connie Meyer (PM), Linda Fangmeyer (PM), Ardith Maschmann, Delinda Mohrmann (PM), Kim Roth, Jae Fintel, Howard Pohlmann, June Degner, Terri Olsen, Kim Pace, Fairy Peters, Myron Peters, Leah Krotz, Eldon Kirchhoff, Judy Kirchhoff. If you have changed your mind about being on the Prayer Chain, or would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Audrey Hoops #402-365-4392 by January 1 as she is organizing a new calling tree. Audrey also needs to know which number you'd like listed as your contact number and if you can only be reached in the PM. Thanks!!!

Childrens Christmas Program...

This year's program "Three Wisemen and a Baby" has been scheduled for Sunday morning, Dec. 21, during the 10:00 AM Worship Service. The practice schedule is listed below. The preschool and kindergarten classes will practice during their Sunday School hour and do not need to be at any of the rehearsals. We are asking each Sunday School family to furnish a dozen cookies for coffee fellowship following worship on Sunday, December 21.

#### Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule:

#### **SUNDAYS**

NOV. 23, 30 DEC. 7, 14 ...8:30 - 9:15 AM Grades 1-8 practice in the Sanctuary SUNDAY, DEC. 21 ...8:30 - 9:45 All Grades Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DEC. 28 ...9:00 AM Parkview Haven Performance -Drop off children at PVH/ Pick up at Church

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

**WED. NOV. 26** ...NO Practice, NO PACE

...3:45 - 5:45 PM 1st thru 8th grade Program Practice WED. DEC. 3 & 10 ...3:15 - 5:45 PM 1st thru 8th grade Program Practice **WED. DEC. 17** 

Cindy will post updates and last minute schedule changes on Facebook, so send her a friend request to keep updated. You may contact Cindy Mueller @ Waynemueller l@gmail.com and Connie Eitzmann @ eitzmann@superiorinet.net with any questions. If school is dismissed for inclement weather there will be no practice.

**SNACKS** - We feel it will be beneficial to the children (and our practice<sup>®</sup>)to offer snacks. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board to furnish snacks and/or serve snacks. The time will be at the discretion of the server- as if you work you could have snacks at the midway point if that helps you out. Thanks in advance for helping in this way!!!

Sunday School Office Clean-Out...

The Sunday School Leadership Team will be cleaning out the Sunday School office after the first of the year. There are many outdated materials, supplies and pieces of equipment that are just taking up space. If there is something you want, please contact Jami O'Neal, Alisha Fangmeyer or Diana Reinke. Thank You ~ Sunday School Leadership Team

Sunday School Perfect Httendance for October

Preschool/Kindergarten Lilly Luben Tierra Schardt

Danica O'Neal Tasia Schardt

Avery Ostdiek 6th/7th/8th Grades

3rd/4th/5th Grades **Emmit Hintz** Colton Isernhagen Dylan Reinke 1st/2nd Grades Danessa Buckles Trinity Schardt Jayden Isernhagen Danica Buckles Jessika Luben Tyra Schardt Addyson Hintz **Emily Salvo** 

### Remember Our College Students This Christmas Season...



Cards for our College Students

Our college students will soon be preparing for semester finals during the first weeks of December. While they're away from their home congregation, they can use our *prayers* and *correspondence* aimed at showing them Christian love, concern, and encouragement - to remain faithful to our Lord as well as to do their best with all the talents and skills God has given them. Here is a list of our college students. If' you'd like their addresses the church office would be glad to print a list of mailing labels for anyone who would like to send the students greetings. **Please let the office know if we've missed anyone currently in college and if anyone is graduating this December.** This list only includes those members of Peace in undergraduate studies. We'd like to thank JoAnn Fangmeyer and Chrystal Miller, who on behalf of the Women of the Church will send the students greetings and a gift certificate to

a fast food restaurant in their college town. Also, thanks to the Kristi Duensing and the Youth of Peace who will also be sending the students gift packages!! If you've been missed, there's still time to get me your address to get in on the goodies. 

Merry Christmas!

Briana Dahl - K State
Dana Dlouhy - Northwestern
Kyle Dlouhy - UNO
Luke Dlouhy - Wayne State
Adam Duensing - UNL
Cody Eitzmann - Concordia University
Brody Fayle - Wayne State
Hailey Gehle - SCC Beatrice
Ashley Hillman - Wayne State

Cole Johnson - UNL
Clay Jones - UNK
Juliana Krotz - UNL
April Maschmann - UNK
Emma Mesloh - UNL
Mackenzie Mohrmann - Iowa State
Levi Nelson - Wayne State
Raegan Nelson - UNL
Trinity Reinke - UNK
Kelsey Schilf - Doane College

#### THANKS FOR BEING SUCH A BLESSING!

Words cannot begin to express how thankful I am for all of the volunteers who help make Operation Christmas Child a success. It wouldn't be possible without all of you!

My family-helped me bargain shop all year and helped me count items to know what I need to purchase;

Junior High Youth-hauled supplies downstairs and helped pack boxes;

High School Youth and Kristi Duensing-folded 200 boxes & assisted in packing and clean up;

Louisa Fintel, Michelle Schardt, Linda Weber, & Lois Nelson-Set up for the packing night;

Kristi Duensing & Laurie Koester-labeled the boxes to pack;

Lois Nelson, Linda Weber, & Connie Meyer-packed the finished boxes;

Dave Weber, Chris Lautner, Pastor Lautner, & Janice Reinke-packed boxes and helped kids pack boxes;

Peace Congregation-supporting this mission with donations and prayers;

Parents-taking time from busy schedules to come with your children to pack boxes;

Sunday School Kids-made the cards for the boxes and packed boxes;

Toni Hintz & Amanda Ostdiek-helped with clean up and getting tables and chairs put back.

IF I OMITTED ANYONE'S NAME I APOLOGIZE-IT WAS NOT DONE INTENTIONALLY AND I TRULY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S HELP!!! As a result of the great teamwork, we were able to assemble 206 boxes to ship to children all over the world. What a neat way to share God's love!!!! Thanks be to God!!!! ~ Kim Roth, Project Leader

DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED TO COVER SHIPPING COST OF \$7 PER BOX.

I WILL START SHOPPING FOR NEXT YEAR NOW SO DONATIONS ARE WELCOME ANY TIME!!!!

#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF....

Many thanks to all who brought kit items, sewed, tied blankets and helped load and haul 67 boxes of kits to Grand Island on November 3. We had made and tied 128 blankets (25 of which went to Royal Family Kids Camp), 98 layettes, 100 school kits, 100 health kits, 21 sewing kits and 114 bars of soap. Between October 2012 and September 2013 LWR sent 451,656 quilts to these countries: Angola, Armenia, Burkina Faso, India, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Philippines and Serbia. A few of the places your quilts are headed for in 2014 are: Chad, India, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania and Thailand. Looking ahead to next year I can use adult sweatshirts, nice adult t-shirts, sheets, flannel, polyester material, polyester slacks,

and infant baby items. Thank you all!!!!!!!!  $\sim Louisa$  Fintel, Mission Action

### Thayer County Sacred Chorale Concerts

Celebrate Christ in Christmas by joining the Thayer County Sacred Chorale as they present their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Concert. "Listen to the sound of the Angels singing" and the story of Jesus's birth in familiar carols and the cantata "Love Came Down at Christmas" as presented by singers from Hebron, Deshler, and surrounding communities under the direction of Eldon Wolfe. Three concerts will be presented in area churches beginning this Sunday, Nov. 30, 6 pm. at the United Methodist Church in Hebron Upcoming concerts will be Dec. 14 at St. Peter's Lutheran in Deshler beginning at 7 pm. The final concert will be on Dec. 21 at Grace Lutheran in Hebron also at 7. All concerts are free. Remember Christ this Christmas and share the joy that the message brings in song.

## HBig Thank You To Our Volunteers

- ...Thank you to Kevin Salvo who has so graciously used his equipment the last few years clearing the larger areas of snow for us. We appreciate his service to us and we thank him in advance, should we have snowfall again this coming winter, as he's offered to continue doing so.\*
- ...Thank you to Kim Roth for making Operation Christmas Child happen here at Peace. You use so much of your own time shopping and organizing donations to help us create 200 boxes used to spread Jesus' love to little children somewhere in the world who may feel very little love from anyone. Thank you Lord, that we can give them a little hope and love this Christmas and that we have someone here at Peace like Kim willing to give of her time so that we can make it happen. God bless you Kim!
- ...to Beverly Pitts, Marty Pohlmann and Kim Ruhnke who will soon complete their terms on Council. Their exemplary service as Church Council members these past three years is appreciated by the members and staff of Peace.
- ...It's that time of year when we focus on our many blessings. A blessing for me is all the cheerful volunteers here at Peace! This past year these are the volunteers (I think:) that have helped one month or several months putting the newsletter together: Rose Brettmann, Wilma Christian, Sonda Ehlers, Irene Fintel, Louisa Fintel, Darlene Hess, Laurie Koester, Ervin & Helen Lunzmann, LeRoy & Earlene Othling, Fairy Peters, Julia Pohlmann, Harlan Schnakenberg, Don & Mary Stelling. I may have forgotten someone, as I didn't remember every month to write down my volunteers, but you are all appreciated just the same. And special thanks to Irene Fintel for adhering all the labels ahead of time and Julia Pohlmann and Fairy Peters for labeling and inserting newsletters in the mailboxes.
- ...Some of the women at Peace spend many hours cutting and piecing together the blankets from items that are donated. From slacks, to curtains, to tablecloths, to t-shirts, these talented ladies turn them into blankets, diapers, sleepers, etc. What a wonderful talent to share making these items which can be used so desperately in other parts of our world. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us!
- ...to those who make the preparations when we have a baptism here at Peace. Linda Fangmeyer and Diana Jacobe prepare the handkerchiefs, banners and candles and Howard Reinke crafts wooden candle holders for the baptismal candles. We know that you all work with love and joy preparing this special occasion for a family.
- ...to Connie Eitzmann and Cindy Mueller for once again taking charge of the Christmas program. It's a big job without Pastor Phil here to guide you and do all that he did, but we will all offer our support wherever needed as we appreciate you so much! We look forward to watching the children and hearing our favorite story portrayed through "Three Wisemen and a Baby".
- ...to David Weber for seeing us through the mowing, leaf blowing season. It's wonderful that we didn't have to worry about that being done and that Dan is able to heal without worrying about his job being taken care of.
- ...to Louisa Fintel who tirelessly gives of her time and talents to oversee our Lutheran World Relief projects. I don't know what we would do without someone that dedicated at getting it done. Well, I know for one thing we wouldn't have so many nice things to give to those in need. God bless you, Louisa, for giving from the heart your time and talents to help those who need to feel Jesus' love and are probably so thrilled to have something nice.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all WOW Board members who worked so hard for our bi-annual Mother~Daughter~Friend Happening on Sunday, October 26, with 50 plus in attendance! Special thanks to Joan Kirchhoff, our chairperson. The program included guest speaker, Sandra Braeden, from Lawrence KS who shared a small part of her extensive "Barbie" collection. Also, thanks to vocalist, Katie Roth and guitarist, Betsy Maschmann for a most meaningful number, "Try". Following refreshments a drawing was held for decorated pumpkins, a Barbie cake and Barbie doll. Everything was so nicely done and "a good time was had by all". The board is always welcome for new ideas for our next happening - just let us know. Thanks again! ~ *Lois Nelson, WOW Coordinator* 

"Take what I have, turn it into something more. Make who I am, all about the glory of You, Lord."

## Poinsettias...



will again decorate our chancel to celebrate the birth of Jesus! If you would like to donate a poinsettia this Christmas in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or just to beautify our worship time together, please sign the sheet located in the office. This year we have purchased 9 poinsettias in white and burgundy for \$15.00 each and 6 small jingle bells (red & white) at \$9.00 each. If you prefer a certain color or size to take home after Christmas, please feel free to put a label on one of the plants. If you don't care what color you take home, or some don't even want to take one home, you may just make a suggested \$10 or \$15 donation for the poinsettias. Payment is due when your request is made or you may purchase one on your own (be sure to mark it with your name if you'd like it back). Please look closely when you take one home as poinsettias with labels have been taken home accidentally by others in the past.

## The Memorial Christmas Tree...



will be shared again this year in memory of loved ones. The angels symbolize those no longer celebrating Christmas here on earth, but with the heavenly angels and our Savior and King, whose birthday we celebrate. The bows on the tree symbolize family ties that will never be broken or forgotten, even in death. The candy cane in the form of a "J" represents the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior.

You are welcome to attach a memorial to the tree in memory of your loved ones this Christmas. Some ornaments are very tattered, falling apart and need to be repaired or replaced. They will be in the church office if you'd like to replace or repair them. May the promise that Christ's birth gives us help to calm any anxiety you feel during the holiday season. ~ Glen and Marla Maschmann & family

## <u> Thank You Coffee & Nativity Display...</u>



The WOW board would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for supporting us this past year. We will be serving coffee and cookies after the December 6 & 7 worship services and on Sunday they will host a Nativity Display following worship in the Parish Hall for your enjoyment. We'd welcome you to share your nativity set for the display. You may bring your set(s) anytime before worship and set it up or Board members will set it up for you. If you need to bring it earlier you may leave it in the office for safekeeping. If you want to include a note for the display with your name and any details about your nativity set that would be nice. Thank you again for everything you do!

We also have a nice selection of Christmas cards in the Card Corne and Cookbooks and Advent Candles in the church office, so be sure to check it out. Wishing everyone a very Blessed Merry Christmas!! Lois Nelson, WOW Coordinator

# New Peace Photo Directory...

Peace Lutheran would like to print a new photo directory to be ready for the time when we call a new pastor. We invite you to schedule a time after worship to have an updated photograph taken of your family (especially if some members of your family are home for the holidays). Or you may submit an updated photograph to Marla at maschmannmarla@gmail.com.

Thank you to Leah Krotz for volunteering to take pictures. If anyone else would like to volunteer for days when Leah cannot be here that would be great! Please contact Marla in the church office if you'd like to schedule a picture ahead of time so we can be sure we have someone here to take it. Deadline for submitting or taking a new photo will be January 25, 2015. If you are happy with the photo in the Jan. 2013 directory you needn't call the office or do anything.