

Tidings of Peace

May 2016 Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.*

Psalm 103:2

May is full of blessings....Graduations....Honoring and remembering our Mothers.....Sunday School Teacher Appreciation.....so many blessings!!

Our Savior Jesus, The Master Gardener, has planted you where you are today, refreshing you with His grace and mercy and nourishing you with His Word. As you bloom, you display the beauty of His grace and share the fragrance of His love.

Our Lord is awesome in power and grace! He will help you bloom where He has planted you. Come....grow in His amazing grace with us at Peace Lutheran Church!!! Worship His holy name and seek His presence and blessings in your life!

Thank You Teachers:

Dawn Buckles & Connie Eitzmann - Preschool/Kindergarten

Kim Roth and Jami O'Neal - 1st and 2nd Grades

Michelle Schardt & Julia Pohlmann- 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

Cindy Mueller w/sub Delinda Mohrmann - 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Kristi Duensing - Senior High (Sub-Janice Reinke)

Pastor Rich Stevenson - Adult Class, (Daryl Nelson - Interim Period)

Subs: Chandra Hillman, Stuart Reinke & Katie Roth

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Alisha Fangmeyer, Diana Reinke & Marlys Reinke. A special thank-you to Alisha Fangmeyer as she completes her three-year term on the S.S. Leadership Team. We are looking for a new volunteer to begin the three-year term with us. Please speak to Diana if you're interested.

SPECIAL THANKS TO DEE JALAS as she completes her second year of dedication to children and to our Lord as our Preschool Teacher. We are so thankful for the experience and her love for children that she has shared throughout the year with those attending Peace Preschool. It's evident each and every day that she loves what she is doing and that she's very good at it. God has truly blessed us at Peace. *Thank you Mrs. Jalas!*

Reaching by Teaching

★ Teacher

- ★ Christ's witness, His ambassador
- ★ Serving Him and us
- ★ Thank you for caring about what our students know and about the people they will become!

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you....because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. "

~ Phil. 1: 3-5

Teacher Recognition is the last Day of Sunday School, May 15 at 10:00 AM

"My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me." ~ John 7:16

Graduating from College...

Luke Dlouhy, son of Al and Sue Dlouhy, graduates from Wayne State College on Saturday, May 7, 2016, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. He will teach 4th grade at Elmwood Murdock & help coach basketball next year.

Dana Dlouhy, daughter of Al and Sue Dlouhy, graduates on May 14, 2016, from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting & a Bachelor of Arts in Actuarial Science. Following graduation she will be working with Coaching Actuaries in Des Moines, Iowa.

Cody Eitzmann, son of Scott and Connie Eitzmann graduates from Concordia University on Saturday, May 7, 2016. He will receive a Bachelor of Science in Education K-12 PE/Health and 7-12 Special Education. Cody will be married to Taylor Johnson on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, in Wichita KS. His fiancé will be teaching in St. Louis and he is currently applying for teaching jobs in that area.

Ashley Hillman, daughter of Earl and Chandra Hillman, graduates from Wayne State College on Saturday, May 7, 2016, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in Early Childhood. Ashley is engaged to Trevor Taylor and planning a June 10, 2017, wedding at Peace Lutheran Church in Deshler. She is currently applying and interviewing for teaching jobs in this area.

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

If there are additional college graduates from Peace, please let the church office know so they can be included in the bulletin on May 8. Thanks! - Marla

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SEEKING SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS...

In May of 2015, Peace Lutheran Church gave one \$400.00 scholarship for a communing member of Peace Lutheran Church who was enrolled at a seminary or college. This year Peace would like to offer another \$400.00 scholarship to a communing member, but because of the low return on investments the amount of accumulated interest of the Endowment Funds designated for the scholarship is not enough to fund the entire scholarship. As we want to continue the \$400.00 scholarship as in the past, donations are being requested. All financial gifts received will be used to meet that goal. Please leave donations marked "Scholarship" in the office or the offering plate.

Applications will be available on the counter in the church office for the 2016 scholarship. Preference is given to students closer to the completion of their bachelor's degree and those attending Christian colleges or seminaries.

The scholarship deadline has been moved to **June 1, 2016**.

COLLECTING PRESCRIPTION PILL CONTAINERS...

The Prayerfully Simple Bible Study group is accumulating prescription pill containers to send to the Malawi Project (www.malawiproject.org). This is a simple way to recycle something of value that most of us dispose of and end up in local landfills.

We invite you to save your containers when you have completed your prescription. Remove the label and glue and wash them. They prefer the smaller bottles to save shipping space and because the Malawi medical personnel rarely distribute a large amount of medicine at any one time. ("Do not send the large vitamin containers!")

Healthcare and education in Malawi suffer from a lack of adequate funds, resources, and trained personnel. In 2008, estimates were 0.02 doctors for every 100,000 people, as compared with 2.42 in the U.S. Hospitals continue to be wholly inadequate when it comes to supplies, equipment, and personnel; and patients are often turned away because of critical shortages. In Malawi, medical providers may use torn pieces of paper for wrapping medicine for their patients. The prescription containers will help families keep their medicine clean and out of reach of small children.

Those prescription containers that Prayerfully Simple have collected will be sent the first of June. If you'd like to add to our collection, bring them to Peace before the end of May. On behalf of the Malawi Project and members of Prayerfully Simple, **THANK YOU!** --Janice Reinke

Worship, Education, and Stewardship

Worship Attendance

		(One year ago)
Feb. 24	118	58
Feb. 28	162 + 18 = 180	122 + 12 = 134
Mar. 2	100	69
Mar. 6	153 + 10 = 163	123 + 10 = 133
Mar. 9	102	71
Mar. 13	121	111 + 6 = 117
Mar. 16	86	61
Mar. 20	161 + 14 = 175	130 + 7 = 137
Mar. 24	116 (Maundy Thurs.)	105
Mar. 25	126 (Good Friday)	110
Mar. 27	287 (Easter)	137 + 10 = 147
Apr. 3	161	294 + 11 = 305
Apr. 10	152	119 + 11 = 130

General Fund
Ending Balance for March 31, 2016 is
-\$5,633.83.



Stewardship

	Gen. Budget	Others
Feb. 24	\$5.00	(\$567.36 Lent)
Feb. 28	\$3554.50	(900 Lent)
Mar. 2	\$10.00	(\$792 Lent)
Mar. 6	\$5172.00	(\$20 Lent)
Mar. 9	0	(\$603 Lent / \$100 RFKC)
Mar. 13	\$1379.25	(\$20 Lent)
Mar. 16	\$155.00	(\$576 Lent)
Mar. 20	\$2886.00	(\$10 Lent)
Mar. 24	0	(\$785 Lent)
Mar. 25	0	(611.38 Lent)
Mar. 27	\$3164.25	(\$25.00 Military Bible Sticks)
Apr. 3	\$3609.00	(\$900 Lent)
Apr. 10	\$2275.67	

Education

Feb. 28	69	\$119.00
Mar. 6	70	\$78.00
Mar. 13	36	\$58.00
Mar. 20	63	\$57.97
Mar. 27	33	\$39.00
Apr. 3	60	\$69.45
Apr. 10	62	\$102.15

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Pre/K	1 st & 2 nd	3 rd - 5 th	6 th - 8 th
Jackson Beam	Aden Jacobe	Danessa Buckles	Emmit Hintz
Jaden Beam	Danica O'Neal	Danica Buckles	Jayden Isernhagen
Drew Buckles	Tasia Schardt	Addyson Hintz	Trinity Schardt Tyra Schardt

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

1 st & 2 nd
Aden Jacobe
Danica O'Neal

OUR OFFERINGS
Congregational Mission Support
of **\$2500.00** for April is designated for
our missionaries Paul & Comfort in Ghana.
May is designated for
Royal Family Kids Camp,
plus our continued amount of **\$1500.00**
monthly support to Lindsey Muller.

Lenten Offerings were divided equally
between **Bridges to Hope Prison Ministry and**
East European Mission Network.

March thru May S. S. Offering is designated to
Royal Family Kids Camp.

For the S.S. Offering for Heifer International we had a few late extra donations come in, making our total reached, \$822.08! This was \$40 over our goal we set for the last few weeks of the month so that's great! ~
Alisha Fangmeyer. S.S. Team

Peace Lutheran Preschool is now accepting applications

for the 2016-17 School Year. Children ages 3 - 5 on July 1st are eligible for preschool. Peace offers a play-based Christian Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten, open to all children at a very reasonable price. Please contact Dee Jalas at 402-705-8077 or 402-365-4257 for more information.

THE PRESCHOOL could really use a **SMALL OUTDOOR STORAGE SHED** to store the tricycles, scooters and other outside toys. If anyone has a small shed they'd like to donate, or any other ideas, please contact Mrs. Jalas.

Weekend Worship Schedule...

6:30 PM Sat. Worship in April
NO Saturday Worship
in May & June
10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning
Sunday School -9:00 a.m.
Last Day of Sunday School before
Summer Break - May 15

VBS Is Right Around the Corner, June 6-10!
Don't worry, there are still plenty of openings for You! If you are THINKING about it, I promise it will be an experience you will never forget. The kids at Peace are awesome! Join our VBS group and see what all the FUN is about! Connie Eitzmann would love to hear from you today! #402-236-8840. Registration forms will come out in May.

APRIL 17 - Easter 4

Sermon: *"The Oneness of God" (John 10:22-30)*

APRIL 24- Easter 5

Holy Communion

Sermon: *"God's Word is for Everyone" (Acts 11:1-18)*

Peace Choir Sings

MAY 1 - Easter 6

Sermon: *"The Inseparability of Love and Obedience"*

MAY 8 - Easter 7

Holy Communion

Sermon: *"The Power of the Truth!" (John 17:10-19)*

Graduate Breakfast & Recognition Day

Youth Praise Team

Last Peace Choir before Summer Vacation

Happy Mother's Day!!!

MAY 15- Pentecost Sunday

Holy Communion

Sermon: *"Who are You?" (John 14:5-17)*

Sunday School Staff Recognition

Last Day of Sunday School

MAY 22 - Trinity Sunday

Sermon: *"Gifts Obtained through Grace! (Romans 5:1-10)*

PEPY Meeting following worship

Thank You...

...Easter morning dawned cold and clear, and we celebrated the resurrection with the Youth of Peace at Zion Cemetery. Thank you to all the youth for their meaningful worship; to their leader, Kristi Duensing, for all her time planning and preparing; to Betsy Maschmann for coming back and sharing on the guitar with us; and to Brian Isernhagen for the use of the auctioneer microphone - which helped us to hear every word in the cool crisp air.

...to Earl & Chandra Hillman, Marla & Glen Maschmann, Wayne & Cindy Mueller, Mike & Yvonne Hoops, Dorothy Renz and anyone else who helped decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning. Also thanks to Jami O'Neal for working with the Easter Lilies.

...to the following instrumentalists for enhancing our Easter worship with Brass: Tyra Mohrmann, Ragan Pohlmann, Megan Pohlmann, Braelyn Isernhagen, Katie Roth, April Maschmann & Caleb Maschmann.

...to Betsy Maschmann, Katie Roth and Marla Maschmann for special music on Good Friday reminding us of "The Beautiful Exchange" Jesus made for us.

...to vocalists Meghan Brandt and Katie Roth for sharing special music with us on Easter Sunday.

...to the members of both Youth and Adult Praise Teams for extra rehearsals spent during the Lenten season to enhance our worship services with their music. Your continued commitment and musical gifts are greatly appreciated by the people of Peace.

...to Jae Fintel, Paula Dahl, Barry & Dorothy Renz for helping place the cross flowers on Easter.

...to Julia Pohlmann, director of the Peace Choir, and all the choir members for providing special music for some of the special services of Lent. We appreciate the time spent at rehearsals and each Sunday to enhance our worship.

...to all the volunteers & staff, in so many capacities, for their cheerful service with extra worship during Lent & Easter seasons.



Peace Happenings

Happy May Birthday to ...



The April Birthday & Anniversary page was in your Peace mailbox, along with the April calendar. *Special birthday this month is: Billy Tittler who will be 85 on May 13. Happy Birthday!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is missing or incorrect. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. If you'd like your anniversary or birthday included, please let us know the date of your marriage.*

May 1	JoAnn Renz Amy Flint Morgynn Schmidt	May 10	Marla Gerberding	May 22	Meghan Brandt Delinda Mohrmann
May 2	Marla Maschmann Abram Farringer	May 11	Derek Johnson	May 23	Aden Jacobe
May 3	Joan Kirchhoff Jody Wharton	May 12	Easton Nash	May 24	Zach Wharton Dawn Thieme Cole Johnson
May 4	Larry Fangmeyer Josh Nash	May 13	Bill Tittler Kimberly Bargaen Kevin Hoffmeyer Keith Hintz	May 26	Frisco Pfiester
May 7	Lauren Kasson Mary Jo Hofts Loel Maschmann	May 15	Earl Hillman Nate Brandt Tony Hoops	May 27	Becky Mize
May 8	Adam Duensing Judy Donner	May 17	Colt Farringer	May 28	Chris Roth Daphne Smith Jennifer Olsen
May 9	Traegan Sieber	May 18	Triniti Reinke	May 29	Faythe Reinke Sheryl Fuller Tyra Mohrmann
		May 22	Deanna Holtzen	May 31	

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

Those celebrating May Anniversaries ...

Happy 45th Anniversary to Roger & JoAnn Bohling on May 15 and Happy 30th Anniversary to Al & Sue Dlouhy on May 24!

May 1, 1999	Paul & Kimm Fintel	May 15, 1971	Roger & JoAnn Bohling
May 3, 1952	Don & Mary Stelling	May 23, 2009	Jake & Tiffany Beam
May 4, 2015	John & Amy Flint	May 24, 1986	Al & Sue Dlouhy
May 5, 2012	Chris & Tabitha Foutch	May 24, 2014	Cpt. Stephen & Dr. Vanessa Kirchhoff
May 6, 1962	Russ & Marla Gerberding	May 26, 1990	Chris & Kim Roth
May 7, 1988	Robert & Kimberly Fayle		



Congratulations and God's Blessings...

... to Merlin and June Degner at the birth of a new little granddaughter born to Matt & Jackie (Degner) Westerman of Modesto, California. Lily Noelle was born on March 14, 2016, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. She has three big sisters to shower her with attention, Natalie (age 2) and twins Kaylee and Kaylen (age 10). Congratulations also to great grandmother, Betty Bokenkamp.

Address Changes...

Just a reminder to all: If you have an address change, it saves the church correction fees if you notify the office before the newsletters are mailed. Otherwise we are obligated to pick up the corrected newsletter and pay the fee of \$.55 or sometimes \$1.75. Especially with the changes graduations bring, please get me updated addresses when you know them.

Thanks ~ Marla M. peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com

Women's Fun Day Event Planned Monday, April 25, 2016

Peace Lutheran Church is a big supporter of Royal Family Kids Camp and many of you see the importance of this worthwhile ministry. So come join us at Peace on Monday, April 25, as we tie 25 blankets to give as gifts to the children attending the camp in June. Louisa Fintel applied for a "Thrivent Action Team Reward" and has received seed money she will use to buy new material for some cute Husker blankets. Here is the schedule for the day:

10:00 AM - Noon - Tying Blankets;

Noon - Potluck Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 PM - Tying Blankets;

Break for supper on your own

7:00 - 9:00 PM - Tying Blankets;

This is for all ladies of the church, to come to tie, or eat, or just to visit. Whatever suits your schedule. If you don't like to tie you could help in the kitchen with the noon meal. Your support in anyway is really appreciated.☺ Give me a call if you have any questions. ~ Mission Action, Louisa Fintel



Pictured is last year's group from Fun Tying Day.
(front) Alice Kirchhoff, Wilma Christian, Joan Kirchhoff, Louisa Fintel
(back) Sondra Ehlers, Leora Freitag, Julia Pohlmann, Lois Nelson, Janice Reinke

COLD DAYS - WARM HEARTS WINTER WEAR...

Before packing away your winter items, consider donating your unwanted winter clothing to someone less fortunate. In the next few weeks, our church family will hold a "Cold Days-Warm Hearts" collection of men's, women's, and children's winter clothing. Gently worn and clean coats, jackets, sweaters, winter caps, gloves/mittens, boots, and scarves will be accepted through the month of May. Please bring your items to church and place them in the box located downstairs. These items will be packed and stored for delivery later this summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Yvonne Hoops at 402-236-8751.

**Important Note*

The next Team up to serve a Funeral will be Team #1. Please check your new Women's Book to confirm which Team will be relying on you to bring food. When you hear of the next funeral being planned, feel free to contact Louisa Fintel #402-200-0615, to volunteer to work. *Thanks!*

Women's News...

The Women's Board didn't meet in March and their next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 18 at 7:00 PM. They will assemble their Health Kits prior to the meeting. Anyone is welcome to come and help with that. We'll let you know in the next newsletter if we reached our goal of 100 Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief during Lent.

As always we can always use adult sweatshirts, t-shirts, material, sheets, old blankets....anything you think we might be able to cut into squares for a patchwork blanket. All items should be clean. You can leave them anytime in the big closet, next to the Custodian's closet, at the bottom of the Parish Hall Steps.