

# Tidings of Peace

September 2017 Newsletter of

Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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## September Highlights...



### Beginning Wednesday, September 6

6:15 PM Youth Night (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month)

*All High School aged kids - join us at the Youth House for Supper and Fellowship. Bring your Friends!!*

7:00 PM Adult Worship Team Practice (Practices some Wednesdays and Sundays, times fluctuate)

8:00 PM Peace Choir (Practices every Wednesday)  
*Men & Women's voices are always welcome!*



**Sat. & Sun.  
Sept. 9 & 10**

6:30 PM - Saturday Worship Begins Again

9:00 AM - Sunday School Rally Day

All classes (ages 3 thru Adult) are welcome to gather in the Parish Hall for refreshments & welcome. Teachers will be introduced and will escort children to their classes. See details on page 4.

10:00 AM - Worship w/Dedication of School Kits, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles, Teacher Installation, Dedication of S.S. Rooms Memorial Gift

**Women's & Men's  
Bible Studies  
in September**

September 8 - 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

September 11 - 7:00 PM Prayerfully Simple

September 12 - 9:30 AM Morning Circle

*See details on page 2 - All are invited and encouraged to attend whenever or whatever fits into your schedule.*

**Wednesdays,  
beginning  
September 20**

Also on Wednesday, Sept. 6,  
4:00 - 5:00 PM 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Acolyte Training

7:00 PM 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Student/Parent PACE Mtg.

PACE (Peace After School Christian  
Education)

4:00 PM 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> / 5:00 PM 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

PACE is a program for young people in grades 5 through 8 to help them explore the Bible and the basics of Christian faith and life. The goal of the program is to give young people the understanding of the Bible and assist them in their faith walk with Christ; so their growth in faith will help them make good life decisions based on their understanding of Christ working in their lives.

# September Worship Schedule...



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*Beginning September 9 Saturday  
Worship - 6:30 PM  
Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM*

*Sunday School Begins  
September 10  
ALL Classes (except YOP) gather  
in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM*

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## September 3 - Pentecost 13

Sermon: "Unfair Suffering!" Matthew 16:21-28

## September 10 - Pentecost 14

Sermon: "Second Table of the Law" Romans 13:8-14

1<sup>st</sup> Day of Sunday School

Dedication of S.S. Room Memorial Gift from Ines Buntmeyer

Holy Communion

Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Installation of S.S. Teachers

Dedication of 100 School Kits by Women of Peace

## September 17 - Pentecost 15

Sermon: "Compassion in Forgiveness" Matthew 18:21-35

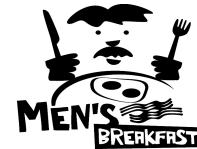
Peace Choir Sings

## September 14 - Pentecost 16

Sermon: "I am Entitled to More!" Matthew 20:10-16

Holy Communion

# Bible Studies at Peace...



## Friday, September 8 - 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

The Peace Men hold their Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month year round. They meet at The Wheelhouse for breakfast and devotion, this month on September 8 at 7:00 AM. Bring your Bible and join them anytime!!! Thank you George Kruse for being the group leader and Pastor Rich for leading the Bible study.



## Women's Bible Study

## Monday, September 11 - 7:00 PM

Prayerfully Simple Bible study group will again start meeting on the second Monday of every month, which means that each of you can mark the calendar for **September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the YOP house**. We will continue our study of Ray Vander Laan's The Mission of Jesus. Everyone is welcome! If you'd like to join us and you do not have the Discovery Guide, please contact Janice Reinke 402-236-8795.

Members are encouraged to remember their Prayer Partners and other neighbors with physical, financial and relational struggles as well as those that are grieving and/or lonely. Prayer is powerful and a gift we can give...

Every year we try to accomplish a service project. Bring your ideas to the September meeting. Last year you may remember that we took a tour of the Hope Pregnancy Center. It is good for us to know about local organizations and how we might continue to provide monetary or material aid to them for the good of our community.

## Tuesday, September 12 - 9:30 AM

The Morning Circle Bible Study will begin again on September 12th at 9:30 am at Meadowlark Height. We will plan to meet the second Tuesday of every month from September through May. Our study will continue with our focus on the Book of Romans, God's Big Picture, by Max Lucado, starting with Lesson 8, page 72 - "Called by God." In this lesson we will be discussing Romans 11:1-15. Come join us.

Thank you Janice Reinke for being the Bible Study Leader for **Prayerfully Simple** and Jeanette Mohrmann for leading the **Morning Circle**! Plan to attend one or both of these studies and connect. You're welcome to attend the studies anytime it fits into your schedule - with or without a study guide. We'd love to have you!!☺

# Worship, Education & Stewardship for Summer 2017...

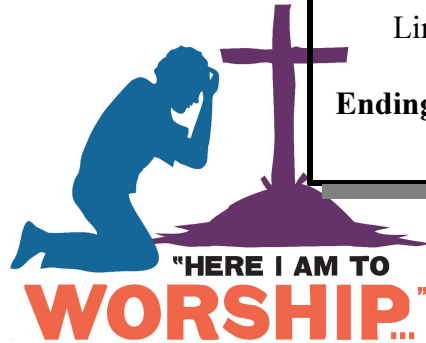
## Worship Attendance (Compared to one year ago)

May 21	110	150
May 28	99	129
June 4	119	164
June 11	226	203
June 18	119	151
June 25	110	122
July 2	128	122
July 9	112	166
July 16	120	123
July 23	90	99
July 30	112	105
August 6	122	98
August 13	115	142
August 20	109	108

**Sunday School Offering**  
for September will be decided  
at their upcoming meeting.

**Congregational Mission Offering of**  
\$1000.00 for September is:  
Hope Pregnancy Center (Superior).  
& our monthly support of \$1250.00  
for our missionary,  
Lindsey Mueller in Uganda.

**Ending Balance July 31, 2017 was:**  
**\$-9704.83**



## Stewardship General Budget

May 21	\$3079.10	
May 28	\$7637.00	
June 4	\$2425.45	
June 11	\$2260.40	June 18 \$4306.14
June 25	\$1798.00	
July 2	\$5133.00 (\$70 Bldg Fund)	
July 9	\$3885.25	
July 16	\$2905.91 (+\$20 Military Bible Stick)	
July 23	\$2909.00	
July 30	\$7782.25	
Aug 6	\$3851.50	
Aug 13	\$3271.61	
Aug. 20	\$2169.00	

## **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AWARDS 2017 SCHOLARSHIP..**

The Endowment Fund Committee met in June of 2017 and using predetermined criteria the committee awarded this year's \$400.00 scholarship to Betsy Maschmann. Betsy will be classified as a senior this year at Midland University in Fremont. *Congratulations Betsy and special thanks for all the time and dedication you give to Peace Lutheran Church to enhance our worship with your musical gifts!*

## Harold & Lois Struve Foundation Lutheran School Scholarships

Peace Lutheran Church offers scholarships for members attending Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Lutheran School in Deshler. The scholarships are funded by the Harold and Lois Struve Foundation and given in memory of Harold Struve and his strong commitment to Lutheran education. The intent of the scholarships is to encourage more families to consider a Lutheran education for their children.

The scholarship pays the registration fee and one half of the tuition fee for each student who is considered an active member of Peace Lutheran Church. Please notify the church office if you have a child attending a local Lutheran School and have not received your scholarship. You may send a thank you to Lois (Struve) Pederson at PO Box 546, Deshler NE 68340.

*We want to take this opportunity to thank the Harold & Lois Struve Foundation for this generous contribution to help families to meet the Christian educational needs of their children.*

# Sunday School Rally Day...



## The Day

Rally Day is the start of a new year of teaching and learning, the end of summer vacation and the return to Sunday school. Rally Day is an essential part of the life and mission of Peace Lutheran Church. It is the time to recognize and honor both those who teach and those who learn; all who nurture faith in others.

Rally Day provides a unique opportunity to acknowledge the partnership of parents and teachers and other congregational members in affirming a life style that is Christ's style. It is a time for the entire congregation to rally behind God's intention that all Christians--children, youth and adults--grow and learn; a day for congregations to celebrate their ministry of Christian education!

## The Opportunity

We live in the midst of a large spiritually yearning public. The mission field is no longer overseas. It is in our neighborhoods and schools. Statistics tell us that as many as 50 percent of the children in your neighborhood may not attend a church. We also know that many parents, faced with the realities of drugs and violence, limited resources and increasing demands, are looking for help in bringing up moral and responsible children. We are here to be a community of hope and healing in a hurting and need-filled world. Peace Lutheran Sunday School can be just what you and your neighbors are looking for!

## A Child Shall Lead...

Evangelism is friends inviting friends on the journey of discipleship. An evangelist is someone who tells the Good News of Jesus Christ and shows God's love through actions. Often a first step to this witness involves an invitation to faith community. Adults are not the only ones gifted to tell others about Jesus or invite others to church. God uses children to share Jesus' love with friends, neighbors and members of their family. Children are capable of not only learning about evangelism but also doing evangelism.

Children are:

- \* Aware of God's love in their lives and willing to share this knowledge with others.
- \* Able to invite, mentor and share their faith in Jesus and their experience of church.
- \* Willing to learn about faith and devotion to Christ

## The Children

Children come to Rally Day filled with the activities of summer. They are adjusting to new routines of school days and new friendships. This time of the year finds many children full of energy and searching for a friendly place to belong. While most children are eager to return, many are unhappy with what and whom they may have left behind. Summer friends and neighborhood pals don't always follow your students into the church or the classroom. Because friendships are important to children, they will go to the worst places to be with their friends and stay away from the best places if their friends aren't there. The good news is friends will come if the children in your congregation invite them. Children and young people want to be with their friends!

So bring your children, invite their friends and join our Family of God as we celebrate the start of a new Sunday School Year!!!!

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The Sunday School Leadership Team is still in the process of confirming this year's teachers, but here is a tentative list of last year's teachers and we thank them for their service and ask God to lead and guide them in the decision to continue teaching.

PreK & Kindergarten--Dawn Buckles / Connie Eitzmann

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> --Kim Roth / Jami O'Neal

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> --Michelle Schardt / Julia Pohlmann

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> --Cindy Mueller (*Thank you Delinda Mohrmann for subbing in the past - looking for a replacement*)

High School - Kristi Duensing; Adult Cass - Pastor Rich

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Diana Reinke for her three years of service on the Leadership Team. Thanks so much Diana for your commitment and dedication doing your job in joy and service to our Lord!! Continuing to serve on the Sunday School Leadership Team are Marlys Reinke and Shelly Smith. We'd like to welcome and thank the newest volunteer of the team, Jami O'Neal! *Thanks!!!*

## Peace Early Education Program (PEEP)...

Mrs. Deanna (Dee) J alas is entering her 4<sup>th</sup> year as director and teacher of our Peace Early Education Program. She is passionate about early childhood education and we are so blessed to have such an excellent preschool director/teacher!☺ There are 10 students enrolled in the 4-5 year-old class and 6 students enrolled in the 3-year-old class. Preschool is in session every morning this year from 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. If anyone would like to volunteer as a helper for *any* portion of *any* day, please talk to Mrs. J alas. She'd love to have you share your time with the children....whether it's helping clean-up and wash hands, filling out book order forms, word-working repairs, recess duty.....any little help you'd like to give would be wonderful. *Thanks!*



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## Peace Happenings...



### Happy Birthday to...

Special birthdays this month are: Alice Kirchhoff who will be 92 on September 5 and Lucille Hofts will be 98 on October 1. Happy Birthday!!!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is missing or incorrect. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. (Special note will be made of these birthday milestones - 75, 80, 85, 90 and over. Please just call the office if you'd rather a special birthday wasn't noted. ☺)

Sept. 2	Kenneth Muehling	Sept 9	JoAnn Bohling	Sept 26	Tina Sloane
Sept. 3	Michelle Stentz	Sept 11	Brett Sloane		Ryne Dlouhy
	Logan Schultz	Sept 12	Kathy Taylor	Sept 27	Tim Loontjer
Sept 4	James Krotz		Lori Grummert		Kelsey Schilf
Sept 5	Alice Kirchhoff	Sept 13	Jared Pohlmann	Oct 1	Lucille Hofts
Sept 6	Kylee Nutsch		Noah Mosier		Beckett Fangmeyer
	Jessika Luben		Janice Reinke	Oct 3	Cody Johnson
Sept 7	Mary Miller	Sept 21	Delmar Reinke	Oct 5	Dan Judy
	Keith Hillman	Sept 22	Hope Flint		Kyla Petersen
	Kerry Leslie	Sept 23	Mary Stelling		Rose Johnson
Sept 8	Leonard Heyen		Linda Loontjer	Oct 6	Juliana Krotz
Sept 8	Louisa Fintel		Kaleesha McBride		Avery Ostdiek
	Deena Schultz	Sept 26	Donna Newman	Oct 7	Russ Gerberding
	Abigail Reinke				Paula Dahl

### Those celebrating Anniversaries...

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Tom & Gloria Eickman on September 10!!

Sept. 1, 1979	Dan & Brenda Judy	Sept. 16, 2006	Scott & Penny Befort
Sept. 1, 2007	Kevin & Amanda Ostdiek	Sept 18, 1999	Travis & Chrystal Miller
Sept. 3, 1983	Les & Dawn Schlieff	Sept 18, 2010	Cole & Tara Schleif
Sept. 3, 1988	Brian & Heidi Isernhagen	Sept. 20, 1975	Robert & Debra Folkerts
Sept 5, 1975	Scott & Connie Eitzmann	Sept. 26,	Rich & Anita Stevenson
Sept. 7, 2002	Eric & Miranda Isernhagen	Sept. 28, 1996	Josh & Nicole Mosier
Sept. 8, 1990	Earl & Chandra Hillman	Sept. 29, 2007	Richard & Jami O'Neal
Sept. 10, 1977	Tom & Gloria Eickman	Sept. 30, 2000	Dennis & Dawn Buckles
Sept 16, 1988	Daryl & Lois Nelson	Oct. 2, 1999	Justin & Toni Hintz
		Oct 3, 1970	Keith & Deb Hintz
		Oct. 4, 2013	Derek & Makaela Johnson
		Oct. 5, 1990	Gary & Denise Brettmann
		Oct. 7, 1978	Glen & Marla Maschmann



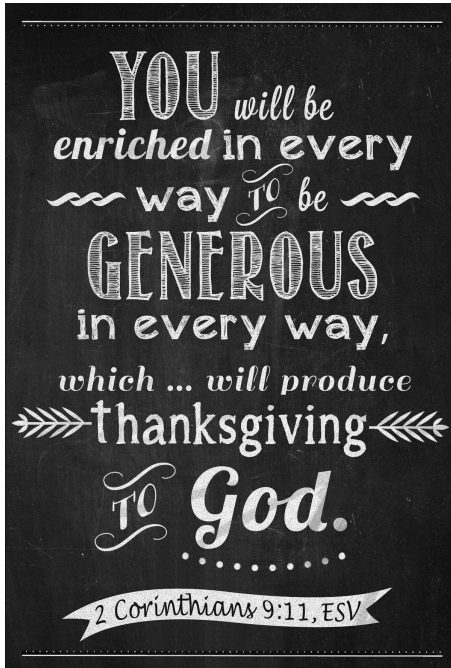
### Congratulations and God's Blessings...

...to Trevor and Ashley (Hillman) Taylor who were united in marriage at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 10, 2017.  
 ... Cody and Cassie (Meyer) Cahill at the birth of a little daughter, Elliston Monroe, on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. She was born at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. She has a big sister, Ansley (2 ½), to welcome her home in Hastings. Congratulations also to grandparents Becky Cahill and the late Kent Cahill, and great-grandparents Lyle and Sondra Ehlers and Alice Kirchhoff.

... Joel and Deanna Maschmann at the birth of a new grandchild. A boy, Bode Ray Schneider, was born to Ryan and Faith (Maschmann) Schneider, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at York General Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. He has a big brother, Joel (5 ½), and big sister, Molly (4) to welcome him home in York, Nebraska.

...to Zach and Megan Mason of Colony, Kansas at the birth of a little girl, Markayla Noel, born on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 1:15 p.m. She was born at Chanute, KS weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 22 inches long. Congratulations also to grandparents, Wayne and Marty Pohlmann and great-grandmother, Julia Pohlmann.

# 100 School Kits for LWR



The Women of Peace are working toward a goal to **assemble 100 School Kits in September**, which will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday School Rally Day, September 10**. The ladies will be waiting at the back of the sanctuary that day to give you a school bag to put your items in and then at the beginning of worship we will have a parade of school kits. The ladies will have extra kits available if you don't get a chance to shop. We have the bags purchased, so we just need supplies to help get our school bus filled by Sunday, September 10, Sunday School Rally Day. ~ Louisa Fintel, Mission Action

## Items needed for a kit are:

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks (college or wide-ruled)
- 1 - Ruler with centimeters on one side
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - Blunt Scissors
- 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band; pencils can't say "America"
- 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens); secure with a rubber band
- 1 - box of crayons (16-24 size); **Made in U.S.A.** - please double check this because crayons made in other countries aren't good quality and melt too easily.
- 1 - 2 1/2" eraser

## *The Heartland District Women of the Word Annual Retreat*

will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:00 - 3:00** at the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in **Hastings, Nebraska**. "It's All About Relationships!" All Women of the Church are welcome to attend. Cost is \$18 and the Women of Peace have decided to pay half of this fee for anyone attending. The featured speakers are:

**Sue Brown** - *Humor and Love*

**Pastor Andrea Paulson** - *Ministry to Jamaica*

**Dan Rutt** - *Horizon Recover/Revive Ministry*

It would be fun and motivating day to attend with a group of several women this fall! Registration forms are available on the church bulletin board. Please let President Lois Nelson know if you'd like to car pool and to receive the refund for 1/2 of your registration.

## *Thank You's Received...*

*To All of God's Children of Peace Lutheran Church:*

*I want to thank you all for the love, support, and encouragement you have shown me throughout the times of difficulty I experienced after my knee replacement. Not only did God's love show through you all, but compassion and friendship helped me see and feel the care you have for your shepherd. You have all been a blessing to me in my time here and I am looking forward to our growth as a family of faith together in the years ahead.*

*Also, I want to thank you all for the cards and gifts you so graciously gave me in recognizing my 5 years of being ordained and I am looking forward to the many years we as a community of faith can celebrate together as God's Children.*

*In Christ's Service and Love,*

*Pastor Rich*



## June 5 - 9 VBS Arctic Adventure was on!!

At Peace Lutheran Church for one week of the summer, 73 children and 39 staff spent the entire week warming up to the **WORD** as they explored the coolest book on the planet and discovered how we can know **for sure** that the Bible *is* God's written message to us!

Every day, our kids are bombarded with messages that the Bible isn't the true Word of God. They hear that it can't be trusted to tell us the truth about the past or more importantly, about how we can receive the gift of eternal life.

But at "Operation Arctic" our VBS kids learned that this amazing book **is most certainly true** and we all warmed up a desire to have the Bible, and its teachings, be a vital part of our lives everyday

All those who volunteered their time made it a huge success and we can't thank them enough:

**DIRECTOR:** Connie Eitzmann

**SET CONSTRUCTION:** Scott Eitzmann

**PRESCHOOL & KIND.** - Teacher: Kim Roth, Helpers: Leah Dlouhy, Kylee Nutsch, Sydney Roth, Deaudra Schaf

**5 & 6 YEAR OLDS** -Teacher: Dawn Buckles, Helpers: Hope Flint & Tyra Schardt

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE** - Teacher: Anita Stevenson, Substitute: Kylie Farringer, Helpers: Meghan Brandt, Kyra Jenkins, Raylynn Noel, Tiara Stevenson

**3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** - Teacher: Cindy Mueller, Helper: Mariah Motto

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** - Teacher: Michelle Schardt

**SKITS:** Meghan Brandt, Hope Flint, Jayden Isernhagen, Kylee Nutsch, Adam Roth, Sydney Roth & Pastor Rich

**DRAMA:** Fred Maschmann

**PHOTOGRAPHY & SLIDESHOW:** Betsy Maschmann

**SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS:** Connie Eitzmann

**GAMES:** Emmit Hintz, Jayden Isernhagen, Dylan Reinke & Adam Roth

**SNACKS:** Joan Kirchhoff & Connie Meyer **Helpers:** JoAnn Bohling, Denise Brettmann, Janet Koch, Laurie Koester & Fairy Peters

**CRAFTS:** Lois Nelson & Judy Kirchhoff **Helpers:** Kelsey Dightman, Autumn Reinke & Trinity Schardt

**TECHNICAL STUFF:** Bill & Becky Mize

**OFFICE HELP:** Marla Maschmann

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to the leader of VBS, Connie Eitzmann. It's so hard to even begin to thank Connie and think of everything she does! She has the help of her husband, Scott and various members of her family building and constructing sets, hauling it in, and setting it up (twice because of the wedding on Saturday night)☺! She organizes all the skits, dramas, music numbers, science experiments and games with all the needed props and leaders. I can't even imagine the time she spends planning VBS and then enjoys keeping her grandchildren all week so they can attend. And she does it all with JOY! Connie, God has given you an amazing gift and passion for teaching the children and you are invaluable to the VBS ministry at Peace!! *God bless you and all the staff of VBS for all their time and devotion to teaching the children these life-long lessons!*

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** To all the teachers, staff & substitutes who helped with VBS. This week would not have been possible without all of you. You were awesome! Thanks to the teachers who made this week so much fun for the kids. We know you spent a lot of time preparing for this week. All the work was well worth it. High School & Junior High helpers, thanks for all you did to help make this week fun for the kids. Thanks for setting a great example for the younger kids to follow. They are watching you. We like what they saw. Thanks to the Craft, Snack & Game people. Your contribution to VBS was invaluable. You did a great job. Crafts, Snacks & Games are always a high point of VBS week. Thanks also to all those who donated snacks or anything for the picnic. We really appreciate all the food and time you put in to get that here for us. Thanks to Fred Maschmann for helping the kids learn the Bible stories through drama. This was a highlight for the kids. They loved this time with you. Thanks to Betsy Maschmann for taking pictures all week, and making our video for this morning. Thanks to Pastor Rich for volunteering to take a pie in the face to help us raise money for Lindsey's Kids. The kids loved the anticipation all week to see if we could make our goal! Thanks to you WE DID IT! Thanks to Marla for helping us in the office and for filling in with the sound system. Thanks to Bill & Becky Mize for being patient with me and getting the sound system ready to go on Monday. Becky thanks for being here every day to run the sound system for us. Thanks for cleaning up after us Paula. Sorry we made such a mess! Thanks to all the guys who helped put up and take down the set and stage.....TWICE! Thanks to my husband Scott who helped build VBS! I come up with some crazy ideas! It takes a lot of people to make VBS happen. This is not something I can do on my own. I NEED all of you to get this done. Thanks for helping the kids enjoy a week at Operation Arctic! Last but not least thanks to the kids for coming to Operation Arctic and making this a fun week for all of us. You are AWESOME! ~ *God Bless All of You!! ~ Connie Eitzmann*

**A BIG THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who helped with the VBS snacks. Your monetary donations were very generous and our snack cost was covered. A special "thank you" to Arend's Family Foods for their donation of grapes. The homemade cookies were also a special treat. Thanks to those who helped in the kitchen: Connie Meyer, for taking over in my absence, Janet Koch, JoAnn Bohling, Laurie Koester, Fairy Peters and Denise Brettmann for giving of their time to help out. Again, THANK YOU!!! ~ *Joan Kirchhoff*



## Thank You's Received Continued....

*Thank you so much for the picture frame you gave me for leading Bible School! I feel I owe all of you for sharing your kids with me last week. It was a fun week and I loved watching the kids learn about the coolest book on the planet, THE BIBLE! Their excitement to learn more about the Bible is why we do this! They are great! Thanks again! ~ Connie Eitzmann*

*To the VBS kids and volunteers of Peace Lutheran Church,  
Wow! When I heard that our kids of Peace Lutheran Church raised \$845.75 for my kids in Uganda I was so happy! That is truly amazing! The same time you were raising money for the bathroom for our kids, another person also donated money towards the bathroom. So now we have enough to start building!! I can't wait to send you pictures so you can see what you helped build in Uganda. I also can't wait to show my kids in Uganda the video of you throwing pie in Pr. Rich's face. They will think that is so funny! Thank you so much for caring for children all around the world. You guys are fantastic!!  
Much Love, Lindsey and the whole staff of COTN Uganda*

*Women of the Church,  
Thank you for the mug you gave me. It will be used often. God bless you ~ Ragan Pohlmann*

*Youth & Women of Peace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the wonderful gift and celebrating my graduation! Love, Madison Shaw*

*To the Council and Peace Lutheran Church,  
I do not understand this church. In January - I was told there may not be enough funds to cover what the church had given in the past. In April - I get a phone call saying, "Lindsey, we now have an excess of what we normally give. What project should it go to?" You are a strange bunch of Christians - and I love this bunch sooooo much!  
With the extra funds, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be going on a 3 day field trip. They are so excited for this and have been praying for the trip since January. I am so excited to go back and tell them we're good to go. They will be giddy with excitement. I've run out of ways to say thank you. God Bless!! ~ Lindsey Mueller*

*Peace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the gift of the scholarship for my upcoming college year. I appreciate the extra financial help very much! ~ Betsy Maschmann*

*Peace Lutheran Church Thrivent Members,  
What a blessing you are!!! Our Peace Lutheran Youth Group has been sponsoring a compassion child for 6 years. She lives in Tanzania, a poor country. Our youth group sends monthly payments to her. It is a great way for us living in the United States to share our love, prayers and support to her. It also shows our youth group the value of living where we do, when we have plenty of food to eat and school to attend. Thank you Thrivent members for directing your Choice Dollars to Peace! Without you, our youth group would not be able to sponsor Jennifer. We also use the money you donate for youth trips, concerts and other service projects. Bless you for your generosity! ~ Kristi Duensing and Youth of Peace Lutheran Church*

## Thank You!!!

...The Endowment Fund Committee, which oversees the Scholarship Fund, would like to thank the Thrivent Members who agreed to donate a small portion of the Choice Dollars Fund to round the scholarship up to its annual gift of \$400. With this we were able to offer a \$400 College Scholarship again this year to Betsy Maschmann. *Thanks for your support! ~ Endowment Fund Committee*

...Thank you so much to Laurie Koester for her faithfulness delivering bulletins. It so great when Laurie takes the time every Thursday to stop by and pick up the bulletins to deliver to the residents at Meadowlark Heights and Parkview Haven. The residents there appreciate it I know, and I also appreciate not having to find that extra time in my day to run them down. Thanks so much Laurie!!!

...Thanks to Sydney Roth and her family, who as Peace grounds keepers planted the pretty flowers that you see under the trees when you drive up to church. What a nice addition to the grounds here at Peace! And the extra time spent this summer watering the lawn and main flower gardens is very much appreciated. *Thanks for all your hard work! ☺*

## Address Changes...

Emma Mesloh  
2928 S. Folsom St.  
Lincoln NE 68522 (College student updates not listed)

## *College Students, Graduates & Parents...*

I need the new address of your college student or verification that the old address is still the correct one. College graduates I need your new address if you have one and your occupation to include in our database would be appreciated. Please give me a call in the office, #365-7746, or drop me an quick e-mail at [peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com](mailto:peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com) and give me an update. I know college students love mail - even if it is only the church newsletter.☺

*Thanks so much!! ~ Marla*