

Tidings of Peace

November 2018 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Public Office Hours

9:00 - 2:30 PM Monday-Friday

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"We Gather Together to ask the Lord's Blessings"
The holiday season is the perfect time to consider the many gifts we enjoy ~ family, friends, faith, and freedom ~ and to share our bounty with others.
"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
~ 1 Thess. 5:18

November Highlights...

**Beginning
SUN. NOV. 4
&
WED. NOV. 7**

Children's Christmas Program Practice

See the full schedule for the different grades/ages on page 8. If your child would like to participate in the program on Sunday, December 9, they need to try to make all the practices.

**WED.
NOV. 7**

Operation Christmas Child Box Assembly/5:30-7:00 PM

Each Sunday School child is invited to fill one or more shoe boxes to be sent to a child in another country. It costs \$9/box shipping, as well as donations to cover the items purchased, so if you'd like to make a monetary donation, please put it in the offering plate marked with OCC and it will get where it needs to go. Dedication of the boxes will be on Sunday, November 11. Without your generous donations and prayers this project wouldn't be possible. God Bless!!!

**FRIDAY
NOV. 16**

Peace's 135th Anniversary Event *(more information in this newsletter)*

- **5:30 PM** Soup & Sandwich Meal w/fellowship.

- **7:00 PM** Concert w/Dave Anderson & Roger Walck of Shepherd's Canyon Ministry

**SUNDAY
NOV. 18**

Congregational Meeting

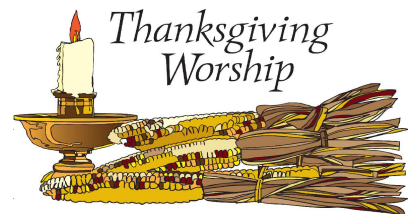
- **11:00 A.M.** Annual Elections Meeting. *(See the ballot in this newsletter.)*

**WED.
NOV. 21
THURS.
NOV. 22**

Thanksgiving Worship Services

- **7:00 PM** Wednesday Evening

- **10:00 AM** Thanksgiving Day



15th Annual Thanksgiving Day Feast! -12:00 Noon

Join friends at a meal in the Peace Lutheran Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day, Nov.22. Details are on page 4.

Worship, Education & Stewardship from October 2018

Worship Attendance (Compared to 2017)

Sept. 30	94 (No Sat. Worship)	144 + 3 = 147
Oct. 7	105 + 5 = 110	122 + 4 = 126
Oct. 15	114 + 7 = 121	138 + 9 = 147
Oct. 21	125 + 7 = 132	136 + 18 = 154

Stewardship - Oct. Mission Share to Lutheran Family Services

Sept. 30	\$1444.00	(+\$200 OCC)
Oct. 7	\$3291.76	(+\$58 Bldg Fund +\$30 Missions)
Oct. 14	\$3726.60	(+\$20 Missions)
Oct. 21	\$2423.55	(+\$1807 Mission / +\$135 OCC / +\$45 Bldg Fund)

Education

Sept. 30	25 (no Adult)	\$16.00
Oct. 7	63	\$69.52
Oct. 14	54	\$83.00
Oct. 21	76	\$18.75

Address Changes...

Chad & Trinity Herring
439 N 5th St.
Hebron NE 68370-1226



TREASURER'S BALANCE
9-30-18: -\$137.81

November Offering Designations:

September thru November Sunday School:

Operation Christmas Child

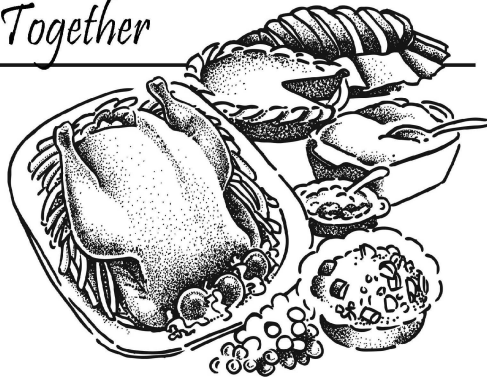
Congregational Mission Offering for November:

*Lutheran Disaster Relief - plus our monthly support
to our missionary, Lindsey Mueller*

**Thanksgiving Eve & Day Offering will be designated
at the November Church Council meeting.**

THANKSGIVING FEAST...

*We Gather
Together*



It's been 15 years since Peace Lutheran Church hosted their 1st Thanksgiving Day dinner for those who don't have plans for the holiday and would enjoy the fellowship and joy that comes from dining with friends and family in a festive setting. Many people in our community, and even surrounding communities, have expressed their gratitude and heartfelt thanks for this opportunity to share in a Thanksgiving Day meal with others.

If you know at this time that you'd like to come, please RSVP to the church office at #402-365-7746, or sign-up on the sheet that will be forthcoming on the church bulletin board. If you'd be able to help with potatoes (mashed and sweet), stuffing, salad, dessert, vegetables, or rolls please indicate that when you sign-up or call. RSVP is appreciated, but not required. We need volunteers for set-up, decorating and clean-up, so please consider calling the church office and offering a little help with that.

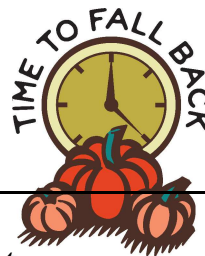
We are blessed to be a blessing.....to one another!!!

SPECIAL THANKS...

...to Linda Weber, Anita Stevenson and Louisa Fintel for working in the office, or the building, during my vacation and while preschool was in session. You helped to make sure everything went smoothly while Pastor and I were away from the offices. Thanks again!

...to Kim and Sydney Roth for brightening the dim S.S./Preschool hallway with beautiful puzzle pictures! Puzzles are so fun and I'm sure the kids find them captivating. Now a little fresh paint in the hallway sometime soon and it will be picture perfect!

November Worship Schedule..



WORSHIP TIMES

6:30 PM Saturday

10:00 AM Sunday

Sunday School for
Adults and Youth

@ 9:00 AM

Nursery-Grade 8

Program Practice

begins November 4

at 8:45 AM

Yours is the kingdom,
O Lord,



and you are exalted
as head above it all.

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, ESV

November 4 - All Saints Sunday

Sermon: *"The Greatest of All"* Mark 12:28-34

Holy Communion & First Communion for 5th graders

Remembrance of Members: Nov. 2017- Nov. 2018

Peace Choir Sings

Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday - Fall back 1 hour

November 11 - Pentecost 25

Sermon: *"The Providence of God!"* Mark 12:38-44

Preschool Sings

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes w/

Free Will Offering to help defray postage for OCC

November 18 - Pentecost 26

Sermon: *"Where There is Forgiveness, Atonement Dwells!"*
Hebrews 10:11-18

Peace Choir Sings

Dedication of LWR projects - Thank-offering Sunday w/

Free Will Offering to help defray postage for LWR

Congregational Elections following worship

November 23 - Thanksgiving Eve

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day



November 25 - Christ the King Sunday

Holy Communion

Founded in Faith,

Built in Love,

Living in Hope.

Peace Lutheran Church - 135 Years



135 years ago, a small group of German-speaking families in the Friedensau area northeast of Deshler began meeting together for worship at the Friedensau public school building. These families had withdrawn from Trinity Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod at Friedensau in order to form a new Lutheran congregation. In 1883 Pastor Carl Buechler came to Thayer County as a missionary of the Ohio Synod. In August of 1883 he met with ten men to begin the organization of this new congregation. On November 13, 1883, "The German Evangelical Lutheran Friedens (or Peace) Congregation, Unaltered Augsburg Confession, at Friedensau, Thayer County, Nebraska" was officially incorporated.

This November, we celebrate 135 years as the family of God here at Peace Lutheran Church. We decided a night of fellowship, food and music would be a fun way to share our ministry here at Peace. So please join us on Friday evening, November 16, at 5:30 for a meal and then at 7:00 p.m. we will enjoy the music and stories of Dave Anderson and Roger Walck. There is a **sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board to furnish soup or sandwiches for the meal.** We've invited area churches to join us, so please help us furnish a nice meal by signing up. Special thanks to Mindy Stichka and Tiffany Beam for organizing the event and the Youth of Peace for offering to help host the meal.

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Peace Happenings...



Happy November Birthday to...

Happy Special Birthday to Helen Lunzmann who will be 90 on November 28 and Hilda Eitzmann who will be 95 on November 29. Have a blessed birthday!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!

Nov. 1	Tait Robinson	Nov. 10	Melissa Weber	Nov. 22	Jim Pederson
Nov. 3	Mira Schliman		Rio Mohrmann	Nov. 23	Tiffany Nutsch
Nov. 4	George Kruse	Nov. 11	Norma Hillman	Nov. 24	Lorena Pohlmann
	Linda Fangmeyer		Joan Prokop	Nov. 25	Pat Wharton
	Cody Cahill	Nov. 12	Braeden Fayle	Nov. 28	Helen Lunzmann
Nov. 6	Britany Renz	Nov. 13	Mason O'Neal		Al Effenbeck
	Ashley Taylor	Nov. 14	Marilyn Cook	Nov. 29	Hilda Eitzmann
Nov. 9	Jennifer Reinke	Nov. 15	Taneal Robinson		Darlene Hess
	Misty Shaw	Nov. 16	Bob Fayle		Merlin Degner
Nov. 10	Eric Isernhagen	Nov. 18	Paiton Nash		Miranda Isernhagen
	Trevor Meyer	Nov. 19	Yvonne Hoops	Nov. 30	JoAnn Fangmeyer
			Amanda Schultz		

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



Those celebrating NOVEMBER Anniversaries...

Happy 35th Anniversary to Wayne and Cindy Mueller on November 27! God's blessings!!

Nov. 1, 1986	Luke & Rose Johnson	Nov. 16, 1985	Monte & Rita Gehle
Nov. 5, 2016	Raegan & Sean Bartholomew	Nov. 18, 1972	LeRoy & Linda Fangmeyer
Nov. 6, 1971	Howard & Marlys Reinke	Nov. 22, 1997	Nate & Karina Brandt
Nov. 7, 1980	Bill & Becky Mize	Nov. 24, 1960	Richard & Jeanette Mohrmann
Nov. 12, 1952	LeRoy & Earlene Othling	Nov. 27, 1983	Wayne & Cindy Mueller
Nov. 12, 2016	Danielle & Jacob Cathey		

Congratulations and God's Blessings to...

...Devon and Brittaney (O'Neal) Hartley who were united in marriage at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday evening, October 6, 2018.

AA weekly meetings...



The Davenport Hope Group holds an open AA meeting every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Davenport Methodist Church basement, located at 307 N. Maple Ave., Davenport NE.

The Deshler Group holds an open AA meeting every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. at Parkview Haven Nursing Home, Deshler NE, in the Activity Room (use the south entrance, first door on your left).

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for September

<u>PRE K-KIND.</u>	<u>1ST & 2ND</u>	<u>3RD & 4TH</u>	<u>6TH, 7TH, & 8TH</u>
Jase Beam	Jackson Beam	Brayden Flint	Addyson Hintz
Kailyn Gehle	Jaden Beam	Sadie Isernhagen	Colton Isernhagen
Clate Isernhagen	Colton Flint	Manny Motto	
		Danica O'Neal	

Winter Weather Closing Policy

Because of the high priority we place on gathering for worship and ministry activities each week, Peace Lutheran Church has rarely closed due to hazardous weather. However, if we do have a heavy snowfall, ice, or other severe winter weather conditions, we observe the following practices:



For Peace Lutheran Weather Closings:

Peace Lutheran Church Office
(announcement on answering machine)-(402) 365-7746

On the air:

KOLN/KGIN TV, Lincoln -
Grand Island
KSNB TV, Hastings
KUTT - 99.5 Fairbury
KRFS - 103.9 Superior
KREP - 92.1 Belleville, KS

On the Peace Website:
www.peacedeshler.info

- **On Weekdays:** If the Deshler Schools either cancel classes or dismiss early for inclement weather, then all daytime, afternoon and evening activities at Peace Lutheran Church will be cancelled, too. The office may be opened if it is safe for staff to venture out. Exception: If there is a funeral on the day of a weather closing day, any decisions about postponement will be made in consultation with the church office, family, and the funeral home. The answering machine will carry any announcements concerning closing, and notices will be posted on the Peace Lutheran website and on TV stations listed on this page.

For any cancellations related to Peace Preschool: Parents of students are advised to consult their handbook for the standing policies related to weather closings.

- **On Weekends and Church Holidays:** If there is a winter storm warning or other hazardous weather on these days, any schedule changes will be determined by the Pastor and Council President by 7 AM on Sundays and announced as soon as possible on the church answering machine, website and TV stations listed on this page. It may not be possible to get announcements to all media about Saturday evening changes, but if a Saturday evening service is cancelled we will at least try to put an announcement on the Peace answering machine.

Reminder: Local weather and driving conditions can vary widely throughout the towns and countryside served by Peace Lutheran Church. Regardless of where you live, please make good, safe decisions about traveling to church in winter weather. Let common sense and safety be your guide. Even if services continue for those who can make it, others may find it safer to stay off the roads and worship at home when severe storms are in progress.

Adopted: March 10, 2015

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule:

Our program for this year "A Play in a Manger" is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, during the 10:00 worship hour. Thank you Connie Eitzmann and Cindy Mueller for once again volunteering to direct the children!!



PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS - Every Sunday morning from 8:45 - 9:15 AM
WED. NOV. 7 & 14:

4:00 - 5:00 PM 7 & 8 Grade Practice

5:00 - 6:00 PM 6th Grade Practice

WED. NOV. 28: 3:45 - 5:45 PM, 1-8 Grades Practice

WED. DEC. 5: 3:45 - 5:45 PM, 1-8 Grades Dress Rehearsal

SUN. DEC. 9 : 8:45 - 9:45 AM. All Grades Dress Rehearsal

10:00 AM Christmas Program

11:00 AM Traveling Program to PVH w/soup & sandwiches following @ Peace

1:00 PM *Tentative Congregational & Youth Caroling Party

The first two Wednesday rehearsals involve just the upper PACE grades 6-8. Then the last two Wednesday rehearsals will involve grades 1-8. Preschool and Kindergarten - and ALL grades - will practice the first 30 minutes of the Sunday School hour beginning in November. So it would be so beneficial, for students and directors, if you could make every effort to be on time and at Sunday School and all Wednesday practices. You may contact Cindy Mueller @ Waynemueller1@gmail.com and Connie Eitzmann @ eitzmann@superiorinet.net with any questions. If school is dismissed for inclement weather there will be no practice.

SNACKS - There will be a sign-up sheet posted for the last 2 Wednesday practices. *Please check it out!*

Women's News...



"Baby Jesus in the Manger.....

that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown".....

Please join us on Wednesday evening, December 5, for this special Advent Event with Leap of Faith Art Studio Designer, Deena Schultz, as you paint your own Baby Jesus. This is a beginner's level painting – simple, yet elegant in meaning. If you're able, bring a hors d'oeuvre to share, and we'll begin around 6:00 p.m. to paint, snack, and have fun! We'll wrap it up about 9:00 p.m. with a short Advent devotion and then you'll have your beautiful canvas painting to take home. Cost is \$35.00.

There will be a display and registration table set up at the church beginning in November.

Women of the Word (WOW) Board Minutes – October 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Jami O'Neal, with 14 members present and 1 absent.

Devotions were given by Louisa.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved as corrected (Speaker donation was to be \$150). Treasurer reported a balance of \$2596.37.

Mission Growth – Mary Jo reported that the Fall Event had to be cancelled due to weather conditions on October 14. It was decided to not reschedule the event at the present time. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to still make the donation to the cause. The speaker had made a comment on the good write up that was in the Deshler paper.

Mission Community – Corsages for the confirmands had been ordered by Marla.

Mission Action – Louisa reported that 16 health kits had been assembled prior to the meeting from the items purchased by Earlene Othling with Thrivent Action Dollars. Due to a change in location for LWR pickup of blankets, layettes, etc., it was thought that maybe the Orphan Grain Train might be an outlet for our donations. More information would be obtained on this.

Old Business – Mother's Room had been cleaned prior to the meeting. It was suggested to clean the Mother's Room in conjunction with kitchen cleaning. Anita reported on the WOW Heartland Retreat that 6 members had attended. Jami had purchased hooks for the upstairs room used for bridal parties getting ready. The hooks would lay flat against the wall when not in use.

New Business – The terms of five board members, Jami, Joan, Connie, Jae and Becky are up at the end of the year. Those not planning on staying on for another term are to find their replacements.

It was noted that December 2nd would be Appreciation Sunday for all the donations received throughout the year with Board members serving cookies after church. Each member is to bring 2 dozen cookies that Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kirchhoff, Secretary



Women of Peace - Thankoffering Sunday has been set for November 18. There will be a basket in the overflow for your thankoffering donations. You can put your donation in an envelope in the basket if you'd like to keep your thankoffering boxes. Anyone is welcome to donate, as this special offering helps pay for the shipping of all the Lutheran World Relief items the women have made (checks payable to "Women of Peace"). The basket will be brought up during the offering so it works best to donate before worship or add to the basket in front immediately after church.