

Tidings of Peace

September 2018 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

Summer Public Office Hours

9:00 - 2:30 PM Monday-Friday

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"The Role of a Lifetime"

We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role He has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify You today in my given role?"
—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*

September Highlights...



**Sat. & Sun.
Sept. 8 & 9**

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 3.

10:00 AM - Worship w/Dedication of School Kits, 3rd Grade Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation

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

September 10 - 7:00 PM Prayerfully Simple

September 11 - 9:30 AM Morning Circle

September 14 - 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

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

**Wednesdays, beginning
September 12** (possibly classes

at 2:15 & 3:15 because of early school dismissal on the 12th (pending Pastor's Calendar upon his return).

Also tentatively scheduled on
Wednesday, Sept. 5,

4:00 - 5:00 PM 6th - 8th Grade
Acolyte Training - (pending Pastor's
Calendar upon his return).

PACE (Peace After School Christian
Education) held each Wednesday

4:00 PM 5th & 6th / 5:00 PM 7th & 8th

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...

Beginning September 8
Saturday Worship - 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM

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



September 2 - Pentecost 15

Holy Communion

September 9 - Pentecost 16

1st Day of Sunday School
Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders
Installation of S.S. Teachers
Dedication of 100 School Kits by Women of Peace

September 16 - Pentecost 17

Holy Communion

September 23 - Pentecost 18

Peace Choir Sings

September 30 - Pentecost 19

Bible Studies at Peace...

Friday, September 14 - 7:00 AM



Men's Bible Study
BREAKFAST

The Peace Men hold their Bible Study on the 2nd Friday of every month year round.

They are currently meetings at The Broken Spoke in Ruskin for breakfast and devotions, this month on September 14 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.

Monday, September 10 - 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 your calendar for September 10th 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. It is our intention to start a new study in January, so within the next couple months if you have suggestions on authors and/or topics please mention them to any member or to Janice.

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. In years past we have collected pill bottles and purchased rubber gloves for nurses in Malawi as well as donated Bible Sticks to the military.

Tuesday, September 11 - 9:30 AM

The Morning Circle Bible Study will begin again on September 11th at 9:30 am at Meadowlark Heights. We will continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month from September through May. Our study will continue with our focus on "The Proverbs 31 Woman and the Stories of Faithful Women in Scriptures." We will be continuing our study with Session 5, page 17 - "The Story of Ruth" and looking at Ruth 1-4. Please come join us. I have some extra books!

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 2018...

Worship Attendance (Compared to one year ago)

May 20	108	110
May 27	100	99
June 3	123	119
June 10	201	226
June 17	128	119
June 24	102	110
July 1	104	128
July 8	109	112
July 15	118	120
July 22	118	90
July 29	119	112
August 5	86	122
August 12	98	115
August 19	109	109

Sunday School Offering

for September-October-November
is designated for Operation Christmas Child.

Congregational Mission Offering of

\$1500.00 for September is:
Tiny Hands International
(Love, Justice International)
& our monthly support of \$1250.00 for our
missionary, Lindsey Mueller in Uganda.

Ending Balance July 31, 2018 was:
+ \$2318.54

Stewardship General Budget

May 20	\$4760.97 (\$250 Well)
May 27	\$2583.21
June 3	\$2928.36
June 10	\$4283.82
June 17	\$3024.58
June 24	\$2405
July 1	\$2158.08 (\$450 Bldg Fund)
July 8	\$2719.75 (\$80 Bldg Fund)
July 15	\$3389.24
July 22	\$2634.45 (\$20 Bldg Fund)
July 29	\$2700.24
Aug 5	\$8070.82
Aug 12	\$2152.35
Aug. 19	\$1364.00



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AWARDS 2018 SCHOLARSHIP..

The Endowment Fund Committee met on June 3, 2018 and using predetermined criteria the committee awarded this year's \$400.00 scholarship to Kylee Nutsch, who will be junior this fall at Wayne State College. *Congratulations Kylie & thank you to all the excellent applicants.*

Address Changes...

(College student updates not listed - I still need many of them.)
Stuart & Diana Reinke
510 E. Hebron Ave.
PO Box 174
Deshler NE 68340

Harold & Lois Struve Foundation Lutheran School Scholarships

Peace Lutheran Church offers scholarships for members attending Kindergarten through 8th 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.

Sunday School Rally Day...

This year our Discipleship & Education Team were busy meeting, planning and promoting Sunday School already in July and August. The abbreviated invitation below was mailed to all parents of Sunday School aged children to promote our “*Splash Bash*”. We’d like to share excerpts from it to remind you that with the fall comes the start of Sunday School at Peace.

August 3, 2018

Dear Sunday School Parents of Peace,

The Church Council and Pastor Rich would like to extend an invitation to you and your family for a special opening event as we “*Jump back into Sunday School and make a splash for the LORD!*” We felt it would be neat to do something special to kick off the new Sunday School year and get the kids....and yes even the parents....pumped and excited!

If you have watched any recent Husker news you have probably heard our new coach Scott Frost mention they are trying to change the culture. Well, we are hoping to do the same for Sunday school and church attendance. All of us are busy and seem to push the Lord off to the side. The things that keep us busy all to often lead us to let our kids, and we the parents, not attend Sunday school and church sometimes. We often even let the kids make the decision. We all love and cherish our children, but at some point we need to show our kids that we need to love and cherish the Lord. After all, if it wasn't for the Lord, we wouldn't have our kids to love and cherish. We all know this in the core of our hearts, but sometimes we just need a little reminder.

We've reserved the pool, etc.....So, please bring your family to the Deshler City Park, **Sunday, August 19th** and help our Peace Lutheran Church families “*Jump back into Sunday School and make a splash for the LORD!!!*” Instill in your children the example you want them to remember. *Thanks!*

All for the love of CHRIST, *Earl Hillman ~ Education Chairperson*



We thank the committee for all the work they spent planning and hosting the “*Splash Bash*” picnic, and now the rest is up to us. Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, September 9, for all classes.

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!

We are excited to inform you we will be changing our Sunday School material this year. We hope this new material gets everyone excited to come to Sunday School! Our new Sunday School curriculum will be Bible-in-Life by David C Cook. Bible-in-Life has brought generations together and brought God's Word to life with theologically balanced, biblically based lesson plans for every age, every stage and every day. Bible-in-Life uses real world applications to reveal God's Word in everyday moments. No matter where students are in their walk with Jesus, Bible-in-Life communicates the gospel with life changing clarity and motivates them toward life application. **Adult Bible Study** will be studying the series “*War Room*” from the creators of “*Fireproof*” and “*Courageous*”. Please join us for coffee and study while your children join our Family of God as we celebrate the start of a new Sunday School Year at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 9!!!!

The Sunday School Leadership Team has an awesome line-up of teachers below who are willing to share their time and devotion with your kids. We thank them for their service and ask God to lead and guide them as they begin a new year in His word.

PreK & Kindergarten--Dawn Buckles / Connie Eitzmann

1st & 2nd -- Tiffany Beam / Ashley Taylor

3rd, 4th & 5th – Julia Pohlmann / Michelle Schardt

6th, 7th & 8th --Cindy Mueller

High School - Chandra Hillman & Stuart Reinke

Adult Cass - Pastor Rich (Pastor Daryl Nelson sub)

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Marlys Reinke for her three years of service on the Leadership Team. Thanks so much Marlys 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 Shelly Smith and Jami O'Neal. *Thanks!!!*

Peace Early Education Program (PEEP)...

The Council accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Mrs. Dee J alas as our Peace preschool teacher for the 2018-19 school year last weekend. We are happy to announce that they have hired Kim Roth as the new Preschool Director for the 2018-19 school year. We are blessed that the position was so quickly filled and excited to have her on the staff here at Peace. *Welcome Kim!!*

Peace Happenings...



Happy Birthday to...

Special birthdays this month are: Alice Kirchhoff who will be 93 on September 5 and on September 8, Louisa Fintel will be 75 and Leonard Heyen will be 85. 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 8	Leonard Heyen	Sept 13	Janice Reinke
Sept. 3	Michelle Stentz	Sept 8	Louisa Fintel	Sept 21	Delmar Reinke
	Logan Schultz		Deena Schultz	Sept 22	Hope Flint
Sept 4	James Krotz		Abigail Reinke	Sept 23	Linda Loontjer
Sept 5	Alice Kirchhoff	Sept 9	JoAnn Bohling		Kaleesha McBride
Sept 6	Kylee Nutsch	Sept 11	Brett Sloane	Sept 26	Tina Sloane
	Jessika Luben	Sept 12	Kathy Taylor		Donna Newman
Sept 7	Mary Miller		Lori Grummert		Ryne Dlouhy
	Keith Hillman	Sept 13	Jared Pohlmann	Sept 27	Tim Loontjer
	Kerry Leslie		Noah Mosier		

Those celebrating Anniversaries...

Happy 30th Anniversary to Brian & Heidi Isernhagen on September 3 and to Daryl & Lois Nelson on September 16. Happy 35th Anniversary to Les & Dawn Schleif on September 3.

Sept. 1, 1979	Dan & Brenda Judy	Sept. 16, 2017	Zecheria & Hannah Deges
Sept. 1, 2007	Kevin & Amanda Ostdiek	Sept. 16, 2017	Kevin & Sena Lowery
Sept. 3, 1983	Les & Dawn Schlieff	Sept 18, 1999	Travis & Chrystal Miller
Sept. 3, 1988	Brian & Heidi Isernhagen	Sept 18, 2010	Cole & Tara Schleif
Sept 5, 1975	Scott & Connie Eitzmann	Sept. 20, 1975	Robert & Debra Folkerts
Sept. 7, 2002	Eric & Miranda Isernhagen	Sept. 24, 1994	Jeff & Lori Grummert
Sept. 8, 1990	Earl & Chandra Hillman	Sept. 26,	Rich & Anita Stevenson
Sept. 10, 1977	Tom & Gloria Eickman	Sept. 28, 1996	Josh & Nicole Mosier
Sept 16, 1988	Daryl & Lois Nelson	Sept. 29, 2007	Richard & Jami O'Neal
Sept 16, 2006	Scott & Penny Befort	Sept. 30, 2000	Dennis & Dawn Buckles



Congratulations and God's Blessings...

...to Howard and Lori Pohlmann at the birth of a new granddaughter, Eloise Ruth Pohlmann born to Jordan & Mary Pohlmann of Montezuma, IA. She was born May 24th, 2018. Congratulations also to great-grandmother, Julia Pohlmann.

... to Jeremy and Juliana (Krotz) Kroeger who were united here in marriage July 21, 2018.

Welcomed into the Family of God...

...Sunday, June 17, 2018 through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, was Konner Scott Stichka, infant son of Taylor and Mindy Stichka. Konner was born on March 3, 2018, at Hastings, Nebraska. His sponsors are Jake and Tiffany Beam and Dayton and Whitney Baberkow.

...we welcome new member, Hilda Eitzmann, who transferred here from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lincoln. She is Lucille Schardt's mother. Welcome Hilda!!

Welcome Our New Custodian...

We are happy to inform you that the custodian position has been filled. Welcome to Arlis Hohl who began her position on August 1. Thanks to all those who helped so diligently since finding out about Sena's health condition: Paul & Connie Meyer, Fred & Ardith Maschmann, Julia Pohlmann, Becky Mize, Connie Drohman, Cindy Mesloh, Connie Eitzmann, Kristi Duensing, Rich & Anita Stevenson, Marla Maschmann, Bonnie Thompson, Kim Ruhneke, Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann and Laurie Koester. Your willingness to give up your time to clean was greatly appreciated by all those at Peace and showed your support and concern for Sena. We continue to keep Sena in our thoughts and prayers as she fights this battle with cancer. Thanks again everyone and welcome to the staff, Arlis!!!

June 4 - 8 VBS "Time Lab" Adventure was launched at Peace Lutheran Church!

75 lively children and 47 capable staff ☺ (122 total) spent the entire week launching into hyperdrive at "Time Lab", where they discovered Jesus from eternity past to eternity future! Each day we opened in the sanctuary with music and a skit uncovering how God has been involved in our lives from the beginning and will be with us until the end of the age....always and forever! We traveled to all the different activities; games, snacks, crafts, lessons, dramas and science experiments. Then each day concluded in the sanctuary with closing worship of music and a recap of the mornings' lessons. Friday we took their excitement and joy on the road to Parkview Haven and then ended with a picnic in the park. Because the children met their offering goal, they excitedly blasted Pastor Rich with a pie in the face. They collected \$924.18 for our missionary, Lindsey Mueller, and her school in Uganda with Children of the Nations. To end the week our VBS crew shared their music, dramas, skits and stories during the Sunday worship service. What a week it was to learn about the Lord! Lessons that will stay with them for rest of the summer and sometimes change their lives forever. *To God be the Glory!!!!*

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. - 14 students Teacher: Anita Stevenson Helpers: Hope Flint, Delinda Mohrmann, Kim Roth, Tyra Mohrmann, Sydney Roth, Tyra Schardt, McKylie Smith, Tiara Stevenson

5 & 6 YEAR OLDS - 22 students Teacher: Kylie Farringer Helpers: Meghan Brandt, Kara Kniep, Autumn Reinke, Trinity Schardt, Amanda Schultz

1ST & 2ND GRADE - 12 students Teacher: Tiffany Beam Helpers: Gracie Miller, Jazmyne Fangmeyer, Ainsley Buster

3RD & 4TH GRADES - 16 students Teacher: Dave Weber Helper: Raylynn Noel

5TH & 6TH GRADES - 11 students Teacher: Michelle Schardt

SKITS: Meghan Brandt, Hope Flint, Jayden Isernhagen, Tyra Mohrmann, Amanda Schultz, Gavin Fangmeyer & Pastor Rich

DRAMA: Fred Maschmann & Cindy Mueller

PHOTOGRAPHY & SLIDESHOW: Kristi Duensing **SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS:** Connie Eitzmann

GAMES: Gavin Fangmeyer, Jayden Isernhagen, Caleb Jalas, Dylan Reinke, Adam Roth, Mason Roth & Emmitt Hintz

SNACKS: Joan Kirchhoff & Denise Brettmann **HELPERS:** Laurie Koester & Connie Meyer

CRAFTS: Lois Nelson & Judy Kirchhoff **HELPERS:** Kelby Mumm, Annamae Howe, Kelsey Dightman

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 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!! And wow....did you see the set and all the work that goes into building it and setting it up?? Thanks Scott for all that hard work and time you dedicate to make VBS come alive! *God bless you both and all the staff of VBS for all their time and devotion to teaching the children these life-long lessons!*

FROM CONNIE: 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. Thanks to Fred Maschmann & Cindy Mueller 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 Kristi Duensing for taking pictures all week, and making our video for this morning. Thank you to Pastor Rich for volunteering to take a pie in the face or kiss a goat 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. Thanks to Becky Mize for being here every day to run the sound system for us. Thanks to all those who cleaned up after us. Sorry we made such a mess! Thanks to all the guys who helped put up and take down the set and stage! 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 Time Lab! Last but not least thanks to the kids for coming to Time Lab and making this a fun week for all of us. You are AWESOME!
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU! ~ Connie

From the VBS snack department, I want to thank Denise Brettmann for being my co-chairman and to Connie Meyer for her assistance every day and to Laurie Koester for filling the void on Monday. And to all of you who so generously helped with the funding of the snacks, a BIG THANK YOU! Between those monies and the Thrivent Seed Money, our cost for the food for 100+ was completely covered. For those of you who wonder what we served: "Beginning of Time" Hostess Ding Dong clocks; Fruit Cups of grapes, cantaloupe, watermelon with an Oreo cookie; Resurrection Brownie Crosses with chocolate drizzled strawberries; Celery logs with cheese, grapes, and pretzels; and, of course, the picnic of hot dogs, chips, and chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches. I appreciated everyone who helped with this part of VBS. THANK YOU. *Joan Kirchhoff*

THANK YOU FROM OUR MISSIONARY, LINDSEY MUELLER...

Peace Lutheran Church,

I am finishing my three months back in the US. It didn't go exactly as I had thought it would go, but as I reflect, I know that it went exactly as it was supposed to go. And I thank God for that. I have had the opportunity to step back from my work in Uganda and re-center and re-focus myself. I love working in Uganda, but it turns out there is such a thing as second hand trauma and I had some healing to do myself. Seven years of abuse, death, injustice, and corruption took its toll on me and even though those things did not happen to me, they happened to the ones I love. Thankfully a wonderful counselor walked me through some healing and has given me new tools to help me in the future. I tell you this not to make you feel sorry for me or to make myself out to be a martyr. I tell you this because I ask that you continue to stand with me in prayer. This is the best work I have ever done in my life. And it's also the hardest I've ever done.

I cannot finish these months here without reminding you how thankful I am. I have told you in the past that you are not a normal church. And I stand by that statement. In the last few months (on top of the monthly support you provide) you have now provided money to take our 7th graders on their annual field trip and enough money to provide reader books for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. And what blows my mind is you are always asking, what's next? Like I said, ya'll aren't normal. And I praise God for that.

Paul knows best how to express thanksgiving in the Bible. He does it multiple times because it's important. And if Paul thinks it's important to thank the people supporting him, then who am I to disagree! As I think of you Peace Lutheran Church, the following verses stand out to me:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:3-11

You bring me joy. In a world where joy is sometimes hard to find, you are a light. And your light shines not only in Deshler Nebraska, but around the world to people you have never even met. That is the true Gospel at work. That is the God I serve with you. He's that big. He's that good. And He's not done working with us yet.

Much Love,
Lindsey Mueller

Thank You!!!

...Thank you so much to Laurie Koester for her faithfulness delivering bulletins. It 's 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 their 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 and plants 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!

MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES, PAUL AND COMFORT IN GHANA...

Paul's most recent report shared with Peace Lutheran Church by email through Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs serving with "Reaching the Unreached". It contains a true miracle story that took place on Easter Sunday this year, so far away from us, with our missionaries Paul and Comfort. They truly are the hands and feet of Jesus where we cannot be.

From Missionary Paul Tigayire Deumin

April 5, 2018

Hello,

Dear Rev, Rodney and Mama Malinda in Christ Jesus, Rev, Timothy and Mama Beveley in Christ Jesus.

Greetings to you from Paul and Comfort in our Lord, Master and Savior Jesus Name.

He the living God of Israel will not forget you forever and your generation in Jesus name, all the supports that are supporting you for the kingdom of God sake their names shall writing in the book of life and they shall enter in to the glorious city in Jesus name.

THE EASTER CONVENTION REPORT.

God has made another successful convention for us since he Son has risen from the dead to Glorify he God's name, the empty tomb make us proud his name be glorify.

We started our Easter convention at Berinyasi on the 29th March, 2018 and end the convention 1st April 2018 Sunday 3.00pm. Though many members went to down south Kumasi and Accra and other Villages in down south looking for jobs but our membership at convention ground we are 1250. Adults the children camp they are 300.

And the new people that came to accept Christ in our last Christmas convention, it was 28 of them come to Easter convention 10 men but all the 18 women come even with their children thank God for that. And Sunday 1st April in the church service one woman brought her son about 30 years he sick to the church that the child father having cocoa farm at Kumasi and the father died so she take over the cocoa farm (2) two years now and the child fell sick and they brought the child back from Kumasi, and people talk about me that if she bring her child to me in the church the child will heal so when they were coming to the church they carried the child with motorbike because he cannot walk, so I call the disciples and the church elders we all pray, then I pray and call for water and pray over the water and made a sign of cross and gave the water to him to drink after drank the water and pray for him and I asked her child to wake up and the child got up and walk with his mother and they both went home, the whole church claps their hand even wondering, God had done wonderful miracles in the Jesus resurrection day in our church, praise God for that.

And when we finished the convention 3:00pm we still went and baptized 13 people, 5 woman, 8 men because it rain about three (3) times so there is water in their river there.

The living God of Israel is doing wonderful things in our church praises him and give him the Glory in Jesus name. And 4th April 2018 when I am in the house one (1) our church woman died at Mwinkpa church so the disciple call me and told me, and their even told me to rest because they said I tire and they will bury the woman and they buried her Thursday morning on the 6th April, 2018, pray for their commitment. Rev, Sampson came to Wa and we had successful meeting with him so when we left I fell sick. I delay to sent my reports from April 2018 because when we finished our Ester convention I was not feeling well enough to go to café to type them. So before I became well my wife Comfort father died on the 27th of May 2018, so we both have to go and also went with our daughter Ruth, so when we came to Wa again I had infect in my stomach, which is typhoid, so am on drugs now and yesterday 22nd June 2018, my wife Comfort mother died so because I am not well I couldn't go with her, even they will not perform the funeral yet they will Waite for after charismas before they perform the funeral, she alone went to the mother's funeral. I still am pleading you to support me with my electricity money (\$700) Seven hundred dollars.

So now I need more prayers from you. I will always say may Israel God richly bless you all and add longer life for his kingdom sake.

Paul Wa.

***THANK YOU** to the anonymous donor who gave \$700 for our missionaries Paul and Comfort to get electricity for their well in order to have fresh water for their home.*

THANK YOU RECEIVED...

Thank you Marla for putting Paul's report to Peace Lutheran and your story how someone in your church decided to give the \$700 to Paul for their electricity in their house. Because of you and your church giving the work goes on and multiplies. I was going to send the thank you immediately. Then I decided to wait until I got the check. I talked to Ps Tim Nappe last week and he said you sent it to him and he will send it with this months funds. So thank you so much. We are excited in what we see happening in Ghana and Togo. There is good excitement among the team.

Blessings, Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs "Help us reach un-reached tribes so they get their first time to hear God's Word."

WOW Board Meeting Minutes ~ August 20

The meeting was called to order by Jami O'Neal, after 47 school kits had been assembled prior, with 12 members present, 3 absent.

Devotions were given by Julia Pohlmann titled "God with Skin On".

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2677.08.

Mission Growth – Mary Jo reported on the meals that had been taken to those in need and are currently in need of restocking the freezer with 2 or 3 casserole meals. The Mother-Daughter-Friend Event has been set for October 14th at 2:00 p.m. The speaker's topic will be on Sex Trafficking. Details for the event will be finalized at the September meeting.

Mission Community – No report other than Jae had been taking care of sending the birthday cards.

Mission Action – Louisa encouraged attendance at Blanket Tying on August 27th. She stated she was in need of sleepers and sweaters for layettes as well as fabric and sweatshirts. Becky volunteered to put together some sewing kits.

Old Business – Bingo at PVH for October has been cancelled. Kitchen cleaning was discussed and the board would meet at 6:30 to do any necessary cleaning and organizing.

Jami shared correspondence from the family of Mary Stelling, thank you from Tyra Mohrmann, acknowledgment letters from Children of the Nations and a letter and info from Oaks Indian Mission.

The LCMC Heartland District Women of the Word Annual Fall Retreat would be held on Saturday, September 22 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Beatrice. Registration deadline is September 12th. Details of the Retreat are posted on the bulletin board.

It was brought up to the Board that there is a need for some type of clothes rack or hooks in the northwest Sunday School room for when bridal parties are using that room. Board members are to check out the room and give some ideas at the next meeting.

The next meeting would be September 17 starting at 6:30 with kitchen cleaning.

Respectfully Submitted, Joan Kirchoff - Secretary

to drop off your items. I could also use more baby sleepers and sweaters/jackets for our layettes. Any size up to 24 months or 2T will work. ~ Louisa Fintel, Mission Action

Items needed for a School 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

Events of Interest...

The Heartland District

Women of the Word Annual Retreat

will be held on **Saturday, September 22, 2018** at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in **Beatrice, Nebraska.**

"I Once Was Lost, But Now Am Found"

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:

Bonnie Lacy - Keynote Speaker

Pastor Tom LoVan - Lutheran Asian Ministries,
Sioux City, Iowa

Mission Support - Teen Challenge of the Midlands
(Women's Center)

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 Jami O'Neal know if you'd like to car pool and to receive the refund for 1/2 of your registration.

LCMC National Gathering

The LCMC National Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from October 7-10. Register online @ lcmc.net. Go to Events - Annual Gathering - Registration. Contact Pastor Rich if you have any questions.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief...

The Women of Peace are again working toward a goal to **assemble 100 School Kits in September**, which will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday School Rally Day, September 9**. We have the bags purchased, so we just need supplies to help get our school bus filled by September 9. There will be a basket in the back of the church for you