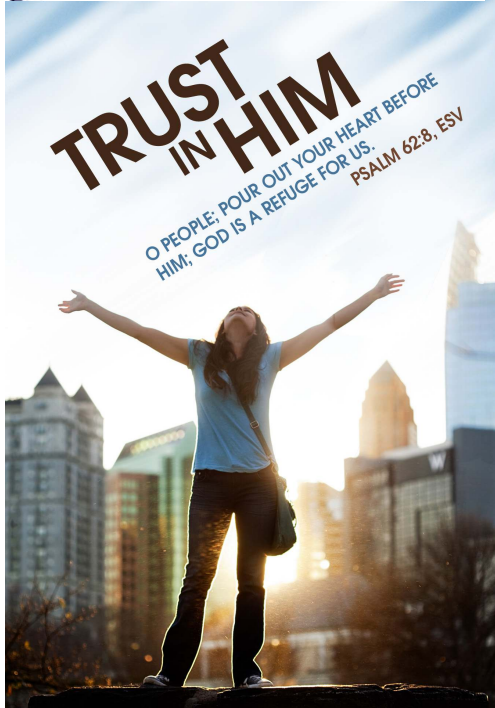


Tidings of Peace

January 2021 Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler

Designated Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9:00 - 5:30 Wed.

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◆ Marla Maschmann, Office Administrator ◆ Kim Roth, Preschool ◆
◆ Chandra Hillman, Youth Director ◆



“A word for the Year.”

Every January, some people pray and ask God to provide a word for their year ahead. Friends have shared theirs with me, but I was hesitant to embrace the practice myself. I'd love to receive a word like *flourish*, then again, I might be like the friend who heard *health* and then faced many physical challenges that year.

But I tried it for 2020 and heard *prepare*. My first reaction was that the word wasn't every exciting, which possibly confirmed I hadn't orchestrated it. Indeed, 2020 ended up full of significant, unexpected change for our family, with careers, school, church and friends. *Prepare* reminded me that amid chaos, God had prepared me for each moment and continues to prepare me for what's next.

Give it a try! Regardless of the word you receive or what lies ahead, you can trust that God loves you and is ultimately in control for 2021 and beyond.

~ Janna Firestone, Newsletternewsletter.com

Weekend Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Adult S.S.
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

2021 COVID PLANS

Peace Lutheran Church Council plans to proceed with the current schedule - as in PACE remotely and NO *Children's* Sunday School until after the January 12, 2021 Council meeting when they will reevaluate. So, please watch for announcements on Facebook and in the weekly bulletins following the Council meeting this month to be up to date on our current practices. We still strongly encourage and welcome members of all ages to join us in worship and we hope we can soon resume Sunday school classes for all.

JANUARY 10 - The Baptism of our Lord

Theme: “*On the Move!*” Text: Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11
Installation of Officers
Youth “Meet & Eat” following worship - *Pending*

JANUARY 17- Epiphany 2

Theme: “*Speak Lord, Your Servant is LISTENING!*”
Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51
Holy Communion

JANUARY 24 - Epiphany 3

Theme: “*Time Keeps on Ticking!*” Text: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
11:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting

JANUARY 31 - Epiphany 4

Theme: “*Which Voice Do I Listen to?*” Text: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

FEBRUARY 7 - Epiphany 5

Theme: “*A Non-Anxious' Christ.*” Text: Mark 1:29-39
Holy Communion

GOD'S WORD OF PEACE FOR THE NEW YEAR

What a year 2020 was for us. As I look to 2021 I am hoping and praying it will be a time to reset and begin once more a "transition" (*at least a more normal transition*) into serving the people of Peace Lutheran Church and the Deshler community. With that said, I have been doing a lot of evaluating of the past and planning for the future. At the advise of a good friend, I have been trying to do that by looking to the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray, especially the words, ***"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."***

As a New Year begins we all think of things we want to do and hopefully WILL do in the coming year. That's fine, but let me encourage you, and myself, to focus on God's Word when we look to and plan for the future. The Word of God is the ONLY source of power and comfort in the life of a Christian. If we try to find strength and motivation in anything else, we WILL fail. Trying to live as a Christian with the strength and comfort that THIS world provides is like trying to light up Omaha, Lincoln, or Deshler for that matter with a little AAA battery. IT WILL NOT WORK!

God's Word holds so many wonderful and powerful promises and blessings for our lives. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, has manifested His power, joy and PEACE for us by coming to us, in our world. We celebrate that joy, power and peace through the revelation of Jesus Christ as Savior in this season of Epiphany, but it doesn't stop there. The joy, power and peace of Jesus will fully be revealed as we approach Easter and hear again of our Lord's resurrection from the dead, knowing that we too WILL rise again on the Last Day!

Jesus Christ is our joy and peace as Christians. To be and remain effective as Christians we must always make our resolutions and plans based on the Word of God – based upon HIS WILL, not ours. Here are some of God's powerful and peace giving words for us which tell us what He HAS DONE for us and WILL DO for us who are His people:

"Come to Me, ALL you that labor and are heavy laden, and I WILL give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

***"All that the Father gives me WILL come to me;
and him who comes to Me I will not cast out."*** John 6:37

***"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I WILL
deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."*** Psalm 50:15

***"Father, I WILL that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am;
that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me."*** John 17:24

***"I will not leave you desolate; I WILL come to you.
Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more, but you WILL see Me;
because I live, you WILL live also."*** John 14:18-19

***"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My
Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I
go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I
WILL come again and WILL take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."*** John 14:1-3

These are God's dear and wonderful promises to us of what He WILL do for those who put their faith and trust in Him. Live by these promises and continue to seek and worship the Christ-Child, following the example of the wise men; then you will truly have peace as you plan your life in this New Year.

In Christ's service and yours,
Pastor Love

Worship, Education and Stewardship for Dec. 2020...

Worship Attendance (Compared to last year)

Dec. 6	58 (119 Facebook)	125
Dec. 13	44 (121 Facebook)	85
Dec. 20	58 (110 Facebook)	182
Dec. 24	95 - 5:00 (109 Facebook)	
	57 - 7:00	240 ? estimate
Dec. 25	-- (106 Facebook)	90
Dec. 27	34 (127 Facebook)	98
Dec. 31	28 (128 Facebook)	no worship planned
Jan.1 - No worship		
Jan. 3	78 (118 Facebook)	139

Stewardship

General Budget

Dec. 6	\$5813.86
Dec. 13	\$2056 (+\$750 Well / +\$200 Bldg. Fund)
Dec 20	\$2115.00 (\$+2050 Well)
Dec 24	\$0.00 (+\$3271.25
Dec 25	\$850.00 (+\$2500.74 Well)
Dec. 27	\$1413.00 (+\$652.00 Well)
Dec. 30	\$6775.00
Dec. 31	\$1392.40 (+\$625.00 Well)
Jan. 3	\$5090.02 (+\$55 Bldg. Fund)

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

**Congregational Mission Offering for January is
designated to LCMC, plus our continued monthly
support of \$300 to Paul & Comfort and
\$950 to our African Well Project.**

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH.....A WELL



Water 4 Kids International has paired us with the village of Achilet Buteba, Uganda. If you were in church on Dec. 6 you saw the pictures and the bio was in last month's newsletter. It is always a sobering comparison to see the happy faces of those whose village received our wells last year and then faces of those who lack hope in the village of Achilet Buteba. But thanks be to God that they will be receiving a well this Spring funded by your donations!

To date we have received \$25,369.25 (\$11,400 from our monthly budget giving of \$950 and \$13,969.35 through your donations this Christmas.). One well costs \$10,150.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are in your mailboxes. If you **DO NOT** want us to order a box for you for 2022, please let us know as our order for 2022 has to be placed in February of 2021. Please let us know by calling the church office at 402-365-7746; or email peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com.

If we inadvertently missed someone this year, please let us know as we have extra boxes and would be happy to get you a set. Using envelopes makes it possible to have our Financial Gifts Statistical Year End Report featured in the Annual Report.

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

CUSTODIAN

Peace Lutheran Church is seeking a part time custodian. Our previous custodian, Arlis Hohl, resigned as of December 15th. We would like to thank her for the 2+ years of custodial service she provided Peace.

Please submit letters of interest and/or resumes to the Church office. Other inquiries or direct questions may be addressed to Pastor Joe Love at #402-405-6322 or Council President Bill Mize at #402-469-4926.

YOUTH CO-LEADER POSITION

Church Council is looking for a male co-leader to share the position of Youth Director 50 % with Chandra Hillman. If interested you may speak to Council President Bill Mize, Pastor Joe or Chandra Hillman for more information.



*Like the cold of snow
in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger
to those who send him.*

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Peace Happenings..

Happy Birthday to...



In the past years, some folks have requested not to have their age recognized for milestone birthdays - 75, 80, 85 etc. . So for the time being, I've decided not to bring attention to milestone birthdays, unless a person so chooses by having it mentioned in the bulletin with family hosting a card shower, sponsoring bulletins, etc. I'd appreciate any feedback, so please feel free to share your opinion. Thanks ~ Marla

Jan. 1	Bryan Bower	Jan 8	Gary Hoops	Jan 24	Michelle Motto
	Kevin Ostdiek	Jan 12	Jolie Reinke	Jan 25	Barb Larkins
Jan. 3	Connie Eitzmann	Jan. 15	Cecil Ehlers		Don Spitler
Jan. 4	Dawn Schleif	Jan. 16	Dylan Reinke	Jan 26	Wayne Eitzmann
	Kris Collins		Janet Kruse	Jan 27	Jaden Beam
	Kimberly Fayle	Jan 18	Russ Hoffmeyer	Jan 28	Diana Reinke
	Kim Roth	Jan 21	Dennis Buckles		Jon Marquart
Jan. 5	Jazmynnne Fangmeyer	Jan 22	Kristina Lowery	Jan 29	Gloria Eickman
Jan. 6	Trevor Taylor		Lyle Schardt	Jan 30	Lonny Freitag
Jan. 7	Kailyn Gehle	Jan 23	Damon McDonald	Jan 31	Janet Koch
	Braelynn Renz		Priscilla Bower		Christina Ruhge
	Ashleigh McBride		Clate Isernhagen		Luke Johnson
		Jan 24	Shana Gerberding		

Those Celebrating Anniversaries...

Jan. 7, 2000	Tina & Shannon Sloane	Jan 18, 2014	Cody & Cassie Cahill
Jan. 11, 1959	Larry & Deanna Holtzen	Jan. 20, 2018	Zach & Taylor Wharton
Jan. 14, 2017	Chuck & Jennifer Sjogren	Jan 20, 2006	Scott & Penny Befort
Jan 16, 1993	Pat & Jody Wharton	Jan 30, 2015	Marvin & Lynn Koester

Congratulations to Amy Flint who graduated from UNK on Friday, December 18, with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work.

Graduate Students - In addition to those students needing our prayers while attending college away from home is Jared Pohlmann, who is working on his graduate studies at Baylor University in Texas.

Blanket Making

At this time there are no blanket tying days scheduled. However, we hope to continue this project in the future. In the meantime, blanket tops can be made. We are starting a new design for the tops, sewing 8" squares together that will be tied in the middle of each square. Each blanket top will be 8 squares wide and 10 squares long, for a total of 80-8" squares. In the overflow, you will find pre-cut fabric kits that you can sew together at home. Most of the kits will consist of 2 coordinating fabrics. If you have fabric yardage to donate, please let me know. Two yards each of 2 coordinating fabrics will make a blanket top. For more information, please contact me, Becky Mize, Mission Action Coordinator at 402-236-8871.

~ Thanks, Becky

Sunday, January 24 - 11:00 AM Congregational Annual Meeting

All active confirmed members are encouraged to participate in the planning, discussion and vision for Peace in 2021. If you are president or chairperson of any team or organization it would be courteous and informative if you would submit a report for the year. The deadline for annual reports was January 7, but I can still accept reports on Monday, January 11. E-mailed reports work great as they don't have to be retyped - peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com
The report will be assembled on Thursday, January 14 at 2:00 PM (volunteers welcome).



Thank You's Received...

*A big thanks to the parents who helped with the red ribbon fund-raiser. It was a great success! The money raised is going towards the youth group's mission trip this summer.
~ Chandra Hillman*

Women of Peace, Thank you for the \$20 gift card! I am sure that I won't have any problems finding a way to use it! Thanks again! ~ Adam Roth

Members of Peace, I just wanted to let everyone know how thankful I am for receiving the scholarship! It was very helpful in this year of Covid and has helped cover the expenses for my final year of school. I appreciate all the love and support I have received from the church community over the past three years. I'm very thankful to have so many caring people supporting me. I hope my contributions to every community I live in will leave the same impact as Peace Lutheran has had on me! Thank you! ~ Tyra Mohrmann

Peace Lutheran Church Council,

Thank you so much for the ham! Our family will most certainly enjoy it. I appreciate you thinking of me. I feel very blessed to work with such supportive and wonderful people. Thanks again! ~ Kim Roth

Peace Lutheran Family,

We want to thank you for the wonderful Christmas stockings! This was such a great surprise. We miss all of you and wish you many blessings in the new year. ~ Myron & Fairy Peters

A warm thank you to the Church Council for the wonderful ham you gave me for Christmas. Since we can't have a meal together, that was a thoughtful gift. Wishing you each a Merry Christmas and a much better 2021 ~ Julia Pohlmann

Dear Members of Peace,

Thank you for the "Goodies" in our Santa boots. The treats were really tasty. Also thank you for the Christmas tree ornament that was made by the preschool children.

Enjoyed the Christmas carol. Thanks so much. Your kindness really brightened our day. ~ Lyle & Bev Pitts

Dear Peace Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for the stocking filled with lots of goodies. I enjoyed it very much. Also, thank you to the Peace Lutheran preschoolers for the cute ornament included. A special thanks to Glenn and Joan Kirchhoff for delivering the stocking. It was all very much appreciated. ~ Hilda Eitzmann

Dear Peace Church family,

Thank you for bringing us the Christmas stockings. We really appreciate it. The treats were so good. Enjoyed the carolers with the beautiful Christmas songs. Thanks to our preschool for the Christmas ornament. Also a big "Thank You" to all of you that are working so hard to keep our church open. We miss you all and wish you a Happy New Year. ~ LeRoy & Earlene Othling

Thank you for the card and stocking of goodies and for the carolers who delivered it. I really appreciated the visit. Many thanks to you! ~ Harlan Schnakenberg

Dear Peace Lutheran Church family,

Amy, Trinity and I would like to thank all of you for the kind gifts, treats, cards and well wishes over the Christmas and New Year season. You all very much appreciated! May God continue to bless you and our life together at Peace! ~ Pastor Joe, Amy and Trinity

Peace Lutheran Church Council,

Thank you for the words of encouragement and appreciation and for the nice spiral ham I received as a Christmas gift. I missed our annual gathering and appreciation meal, but it was very nice of you to show appreciation in this way and my family will certainly enjoy it. God Bless! ~ Marla Maschmann

Dear Church Council,

Thank you so much for the Casey's gift card. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas as well! Thanks again and Happy New Year! ~ Sydney Roth

Peace Lutheran Church Council,

Thank you for the ham, it was delicious! I also want to say thanks for the support shown to me throughout the year! I appreciate the church's support in making our youth's ministry successful! ~ Love in Christ, Chandra Hillman

Preschool News

December is a time to focus on the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus! As many times as I've heard it, it never grows old. Seeing the preschoolers get so excited about it makes the celebration of the birth of our Savior even more meaningful. The weather has been so nice that we were able to enjoy some of the outdoor nativity scenes on display at local churches. It's disappointing that we were not able to have a preschool Christmas program this year, but we found other ways to make the Christmas story come alive! The older class made a craft to share with the residents at Parkview Haven and Meadowlark Heights. Crafts were also included in the Christmas stockings given to shut ins to help spread some holiday joy. The kids worked very hard on the ornaments and I was so proud of them for being willing to share what they made with others. We had to make a special gift to put under the tree for our parents too! December is always a busy time but it's fun to do things for others and remember the true meaning of Christmas!

Along with this, we have been working on a lot of activities with the book entitled "The Mitten". We've been learning about the different animals (mole, hedgehog, owl, rabbit, badger, etc...) that crawled into the mitten. The kids enjoyed the game of memory with characters in the book. Of course, we had to all crawl into our own mitten and see if we could all fit! An added bonus was we finally had some snow so we could put on our mittens and go outside and play.

December is a good time to talk about gingerbread men. I'm sure most of you are familiar with the story of the gingerbread man, but did you know there are now stories about a ninjabread man, a gingerbread man loose in the school, a gingerbread girl, and gingerbread friends just to name a few? It has been fun reading all of these versions of the story and discovering how authors can use the same idea to make so many different stories. In the classroom, the kids were able to work in their own baking center and mix up their own Christmas cookies. They are quite the bakers!

The kids continue to work on learning letters and numbers. Many of them can write their names and recognize the sounds many of the letters make. There has been so much improvement since the beginning of the year. Their excitement for learning makes teaching them so much fun! Preschool is also a time for them to learn how to share and interact with their friends. It's so neat to hear kind words and good manners being used in the classroom! There has been a lot of growth in this area as well.

As you begin a new year, may you find time to slow down and ponder the true meaning of the holiday season - the birth of our Savior and the hope it gives us each and every year. God's blessings in 2021!

Kim Roth, Preschool Director/Teacher



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GREETERS

JAN - Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann

ACOLYTES

JAN 10 *no acolytes yet - will be decided Jan. 12*

JAN 17 Jolie Reinke & Kiera Marquart

JAN 24 Braelynn Renz & Daphne Smith

JAN 31 Marlee Webber & Danica O'Neal

FEB 7 Holden McDonald & Manny Motto

SCRIPTURE READERS

JAN 10 Mike Isernhagen

JAN 17 Joan Kirchhoff

JAN 24 *Volunteer Needed*

JAN 31 Laurie Koester

FEB 7 Marvin Koester

ALTAR GUILD

JAN - Deb Folkerts & Deanna Maschmann

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Scott & Connie Eitzmann

USHERS: Joel Maschmann, head usher;
Bruce Maschmann & Richard Mohrmann

BULLETIN FOLDERS

Mary Miller & Traegan Sieber

PEW RESTOCKER

Jennifer Reinke

SOUND SYSTEM

Brian Isernhagen

SCREEN OPERATOR

Stuart Reinke / Becky Mize

FLOWER CARE

Marla Maschmann

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP *(if needed)*

Roger & JoAnn Bohling

Signs of Love ~ Prayer Page for January

WE HOLD IN SINCERE SYMPATHY AND PRAYER...

...the family and friends of Darlene Hess who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron. She just had her 88th birthday on November 29. A grave side service was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

...Yvonne and Mike Hoops, their family and friends, at the loss of Yvonne's mother, Marquerite Seybold, formerly of Republic KS, who passed away on December 8, 2020 at the Mt Joseph senior Village, Concordia, Kansas at the age of 92 years. Private Family Graveside Services were held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Byron, NE.

...Lonny and Jan Freitag, their family and friends, at the loss of Lonny's mother, Leora Freitag, who graduated from her earthly life to her heavenly one December 12, 2020 at the age of 88 years. Leora was also a dear sister and best friend to Jeanette Mohrmann. A graveside service conducted by her grandson, Chaplain Michael Freitag, was held Thursday, December 17, 2020 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, rural Byron.

...Chandra and Earl Hillman, their family and friends, at the loss of Chandra's Great Aunt Bessie Wulf, who passed away on Monday, December 14, 2020. She lived a full life at the age of 103. A Funeral Service for Bessie was held on December 18, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohioa where she was a lifelong member.

...Jae and Warren Fintel, their family and friends, at the loss of Warren's mother, Irene Fintel, who passed away on December 28, 2020 at the age of 94 years. Funeral services were held at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 2, 2021.

...Samatha Jacobe, her family and friends, at the loss of her mother, Diana Jacobe on January 1, 2021. Funeral services were held at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Diana would have been 75 on January 13.