

# Tidings of Peace

February 2010 Newsletter of  
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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## Thinking of Lent

Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it's what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word gospel means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.

## Peace Highlights...

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 14**

### Annual ♥Valentine's♥ Pancakes, Eggs &

Sausage – serving 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Peace Parish Hall - Sponsored by Men of Peace to raise funds to help our children attend camp and youth programs.

*Free Will Offering*

**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 17**

### Ash Wednesday - 7:15 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. You can't love God unless you know him, and you can't know him without knowing his Word. *Cultivate your friendship with God through prayer, meditation and worship.* We will worship together every Wednesday during lent at 7:15 p.m. Soup will be served from 5:45 -6:45 every Wednesday, but Ash Wednesday.

# *Worship, Education and Stewardship for Jan. 2010*

## Worship Attendance

(Compared to one year ago)

Jan. 3	117 + 13 = 130	131 + 10 = 141
Jan. 10	165 + 12 = 177	185 + 09 = 193
Jan. 17	140 + 24 = 164	165 + 06 = 173
Jan. 24	181 + 24 = 205	171 + 18 = 189
Jan. 31	184 + 21 = 205	

## Stewardship

### **Gen. Budget**

Jan. 03	\$2828.55	(+\$41.30 LWR)
Jan. 10	\$3532.86	(+\$100.00 KROA)
Jan. 17	\$4592.05	(+\$65.00 HAITI, \$140.00 WORLD HUNGER, \$360.00 KROA)
Jan. 24	\$2911.75	(+\$655.00 HAITI, \$100.00 KROA)
Jan. 31	\$1871.01	(+\$50.00 LWR, \$20.00 WORLD HUNGER)

## Education

February Offering to

Mosaic - Martin Luther Home

Jan. 3	33	\$17.38
Jan. 10	58	\$57.00
Jan. 17	67	\$54.02
Jan. 24	80	\$45.88
Jan. 31	73	\$41.36

*The Sunday School Offering  
for the month of March  
is designated for Oaks Indian  
Mission*

## Address Change..

Brody Renz  
338 Sycamore Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68510-4349

### **ARE YOU READY FOR THE "SOUPER BOWL"!!!!?**

In conjunction with Super Bowl Sunday the Youth of Peace will be accepting donations for the Blue Valley Food Pantry next **Sunday, February 7**. You can either make a monetary

## **THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS invited to join in \$3 million helping Haiti effort...**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can have their donations to one of four Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society. Donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010. Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation.

To participate, visit [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) and make a contribution to one of the following:

Lutheran World Relief  
ELCA Disaster Response  
LCMS World Relief/Human Care  
WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million + from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial.

For questions or to make donations over the phone or via U.S. Mail, please call 800-236-3736 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. When promoted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.



# Worship Schedule...

6:30 PM each  
Saturday Evening  
10:00 AM each  
Sunday Morning

Sunday School will  
begin at 8:45 a.m.  
in the fellowship hall

Children's Board  
Books are available in  
a basket in the  
overflow for use during  
worship.

**FEB. 7 - Epiphany 5**

Sermon "Mere Christianity" (I Corinthians 15)  
Peace Choir

**FEB. 14 - Transfiguration**

Sermon "Walk Through Worship"  
Holy Communion

**FEB. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**

Sermon "Sin"

**FEB. 21 - Lent 1**

Sermon "Spiritual Discipline"  
Holy Communion

**FEB. 24 - Midweek 1**

Sermon "John"

**FEB. 28 Lent 2**

Sermon "Mother Hen" (Luke 13)



*Ash Wednesday*

## Peace Meals.....



The Women of Peace are starting a new project; it is called "**Peace Meals**". Anyone is welcome to prepare a casserole, put it in the freezer in the basement of the church and then when someone knows of anyone who is sick, has just come home from the hospital, has had a new baby, or is in need of some help, they could then get one of the prepared casseroles out of the freezer and give it the person in need. If you would like to help with this new project, the disposable pans and instructions can be found in the kitchen.

What a great way for you to offer support and friendship to those right here at home and yet be given the opportunity to do it ahead of time and when it works in your schedule. Thanks to the Women's Board for initiating this service!

# Peace Happenings....



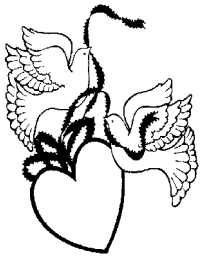
## Happy February Birthday to...

Special Birthdays this month: Delores Buckles will be 80 on February 3. Happy Birthday Delores!! Please let Marla know if a birthday/anniversary date is incorrect or missing. It helps insure that the church records are accurate. Thanks!!

Feb. 3	Delores Buckles	Feb. 16	Matthew Reinke	Feb. 25	Cork Renz
Feb. 4	Julie Deepe		Gracie Miller	Feb. 26	Melissa Powers
Feb. 7	McKylie Smith	Feb. 18	Amy Birkel		Brad Schultz
Feb. 10	Joshua Mize		Lori Stubbs		Brandon Corey
Feb. 12	Irene Fintel	Feb. 19	Ragan Pohlmann	Feb. 27	Paige Turan
	Anthony Collins	Feb. 21	JoAnn Ehlers		Anthony Hillman
Feb. 13	Jaide Miller		Travis Kolling		Navaeh Roth
Feb. 15	Kyle Dlouhy		John Riens	Feb. 28	Jason Hintz
Feb. 16	Dorothy Renz	Feb. 22	Ryan Brandt		Joshua Mosier

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

## Those Celebrating February Anniversaries...



Feb. 5, 1997	Brad & Amy Reinke	Feb. 15, 2003	Bryce & Betty Mammen
Feb. 9, 1964	Roger & Rachel Hoffmeyer	Feb. 16, 2002	Bay & Onna Robinson
Feb. 14, 1941	Herman & Neva Koester	Feb. 20, 1988	Tom & Paula Dahl
Feb. 14, 1987	Wayne & Marty Pohlmann	Feb. 20, 1993	James & Melissa Powers
Feb. 14, 2005	Jon & Kathy Marquart	Feb. 28, 1965	Fred & Ardith Maschmann

(Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fred & Ardith)

*Men of Peace Annual*  
*Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage Feed*  
 February 14, 2010  
 Serving from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45  
 Peace Lutheran Parish Hall

**Funds raised are used to support children attending church camp.**

## *February Library News...*

by DeAnn Nielsen, Librarian

### *Adult Books*

Three Time Blessed by Copeland  
~ #2 in the Belles of Timber Creek Series  
The Inheritance by Alexander  
Old-Earth Creationism on Trial  
by Chaffey & Lisle

### *Family DVD*

Flywheel from the Creators of "Facing the Giants"

### *Children's Books*

Share and Take Turns by Meiners  
Bye-Bye, Old Buddy by Robison

### *Children's CD*

Jonathan Park ~ The Adventure Begins

The Jonathan Park Radio drama is a unique audio series that became an instant hit on Christian Radio with the release of the show's first twelve episodes. Each fast-paced, half-hour episode gives families an example of how their Christian worldview plays itself out in everyday life. Though the stories are fictitious, the creation data presented in each broadcast is based on real research gathered from creation scientists worldwide, and the settings for the stories are based on actual geographic locations. Jonathan Park presents science in an engaging story format that the whole family can enjoy.

**Volume I: The Adventure Begins...** The Adventure Begins features the first twelve episodes that launched the Jonathan Park Radio Drama (4 CDs). Meet the Park and Brenan Families along with the Eagle's Nest Gang as they uncover the secrets of the hidden cave and embark upon a journey of discovery that forever alters the course their lives.

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

*Members of Peace Lutheran Church:*

*It is with great pleasure to pen this thank you note to you in appreciation for the \$888.05 monetary gift given to Hope Pregnancy Center last Sunday. Imagine the smile on a mom's face when she is able to earn a new crib for her expected child or the relief a parent expresses for earned diapers when they have only one left or the confidence gained in learning nutritional, safety and relational skills. You are a part of that, as well as providing our volunteers the encouragement to press on while showing each and every individual they are valued and worthy of our time and attention ... and reflecting God's compassion to them.*

*Thank you for your hospitality. I especially enjoyed leading the high school students through the Word, reminding them to read and store up the power found therein. Please continue to pray for our parents, our volunteers, and your fellow donors. Should God be nudging any of you to use your time and talents at HPC, contact me!!  
May you be blessed to be a blessing ~ Janice Reinke, Director*

### **Peace Lutheran Sunday School...**

*On behalf of the Board of Directors, employees, and residents of Parkview Haven and Meadowlark Heights, I want to express our thanks for the December Sunday School Offering. This Money will be put toward our 2009 Star of Lights project which is for landscaping around the new signs at our Homes. We sincerely appreciate you thinking of us and your generosity. ~ Thank You, Mary Miller*

### **We received a few additional thank-you notes since the January Newsletter was printed...**

*Thank you to the Carolers for their beautiful singing and the nice stocking of goodies. Also, thank you to the Women of the Church for the gift certificate. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. ~ Delbert & Lula Culler*

*Thank you to the Peace Carolers for coming to Meadowlark and singing for us and for the stocking of goodies. I was also appreciative of the gift certificate I received from the Women of the Church. God bless you all for your kindness. ~ Viola Schardt*

*Thank you for the songs and smiles Peace Carolers of all sizes brought to my home on a cold Sunday evening. And also thank you for the Big Red Christmas Stocking. Such joy you bring to so many every year at Christmas. Thanks also for the gift of a gift certificate from the Women of the Church. Such a nice surprise ~ Laurella Duensing*

*Thank you for the carols sang to us before Christmas. It was very much appreciated. Thanks also for the stocking of goodies, Your visit and the goodies broke the monotony. ☺~ Ervin & JoAnn Fangmeyer.*

# Minutes from the Women of Peace Board Meeting-



President Julia Pohlmann called the meeting to order; members present were: Linda Fangmeyer, Jeanette Morhmann, Lousia Fintel, Earlene Othling, Deanna Maschmann, Samatha Jacobe, and Diana Jacobe.

Lousia led in devotions with a reading from Chicken Soup for the Chocolate Lovers Soul.

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

Jeanette reported a balance of \$1,198.64. A \$50.00 donation was sent to Parkview Haven Nursing Home. Deanna made a motion that we send the money from the thank offering boxes to the Haiti fund. Lousia seconded, motion carried.

Reports from Mission Growth-No report.

Mission Action-Lousia reported Quilting on January 25.

Mission Comm. -Deanna reported Christmas cards were all most sold out. Gifts for the shut-ins have all been delivered or sent.

Reports from the Circles:

Morning Circle-No report.

Afternoon Circle-Earlene reported they would like to help with the financing for the refurnishing of the women's rest room. All three circles will work together.

Evening Circle-They did not meet in December.

It was decided to wait to buy the Corelle ware for the kitchen until we get prices from Pegler.

Deanna will get the gifts to the girls who spoke at the General Meeting.

Linda has presented Pastor Nielsen with a Prayer Shawl. The Prayer Shawl was given to him on behalf of the Women's group. Anyone else interested in making them, please contact Linda Fangmeyer.

The Spring gathering will be in Holdredge, NE, on April 24. The theme is, "Share the Light of Christ, Live, Laugh, Love."

There being no other business, meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Diana Jacobe Secretary

