

Findings of Peace

November 2009 Newsletter of
Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

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We're thankful for you!

"Give thanks, with a grateful heart"

At Peace Lutheran Church, we're thankful for you!

The greatest joy is noticing the small things – and giving thanks. This season, bring your family and join us for a time of thanksgiving. Rediscover the contentment that only comes through a grateful heart.

Come really experience the season this year.

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." ~ 1 Thess. 5:18

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS...

SUNDAY
NOV. 8

Youth of Peace Soup/Sandwich/Dessert Dinner

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The youth will be serving dinner to earn funds for the Backpack to school project they did last July/August. *Free Will Offering with matching funds of \$350.00 from Thrivent Financial.*

WED.
NOV. 11

Operation Christmas Child Assembly/6:00-7:00 PM

Each Sunday School child is invited to fill one or more gift containers to be sent to a child in another country, many of whom have never received a gift before! A special offering will be taken on Sunday, Nov. 15 to help cover the \$7.00 shipping cost of each box.

SUNDAY
NOV. 15

Congregational Meetings

NOV. 15 - 2:00 P.M. - Congregational Meeting with Bishop David deFreese

NOV. 22 - 11:00 A.M. - Annual Election Meeting and Recommendation from Church Council on ELCA Mission Share.

SUNDAY
NOV. 22

WED.
NOV. 25
THURS.
NOV. 26

Thanksgiving Worship Services

-7:00 PM Wednesday Evening

-10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day

6th Annual Thanksgiving Day Feast -12:00 Noon

Join friends at a meal in the Peace Lutheran Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day - Details are on the page 2 of this newsletter.



THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP FROM OCTOBER 2009

Worship Attendance

Oct. 4	189 +17 = 206				
Oct. 11	152 + 10 = 162				
Oct. 18	177 + 19 = 196				
Oct. 25	175 + 45 = 220	(Confirmation)			

(Compared to 2008)

139 + 14 = 153
167 + 11 = 178
157 + 15 = 172
257 + 13 = 270

*An Abundance
of Thanks*



Stewardship

Oct.. 5	\$3674.02	(+\$45.00 Missions)
Oct. 11	\$3209.00	(+\$1258.00 Missions)
Oct. 18	\$2212.46	(+\$100.00 Missions / +\$20.00 World Hunger)
Oct. 25	\$2225.29	

Education Oct. Offering to Operation Christmas Child

Oct. 4	79	\$57.25
Oct. 11	75	\$33.50
Oct. 18	69	\$35.25
Oct. 25	73	\$33.05

**November Sunday School
Offering is designated for:
Blue Valley Toys**

ADDRESS CHANGES...

Trevor Meyer
4004 N 18th St.
Lincoln NE 68521-1681

Lucille Hofts
Meadowlark Heights
PO Box 667
Deshler NE 68340

Leora Grafelman
Guest Room #2
5710 S. 108th Street
Omaha NE 68137 #402-596-9033 ext. 116



..to Kim Roth for volunteering to oversee the Operation Christmas Child Box Project. She shopped for some of the items, organized donations, scheduled events and gave of her time for this special outreach project at Peace. A child somewhere in the world will feel love this Christmas because of your dedication and love.

...to Alice Kirchoff for her time spent "winterizing" our flower gardens. ☺

...to Kim Ruhnke and Marla Maschmann for putting up the fall decorations in the chancel area.

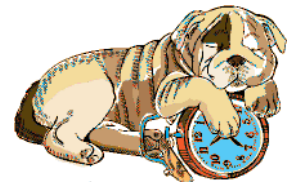
New Policy for Borrowing Tables and Chairs

Peace Lutheran Church allows people to borrow tables and chairs. All tables and chairs available for people to use are now located in the garage behind the teacherage house. There are 12 tables and 100 chairs available. They may be borrowed on a first come first served basis.

There will be a sign-out sheet in the garage for people to indicate how many items are needed and for what time they are needed. Peace cannot guarantee that any reservations will be honored. There is no rental charge, but any free will donations may be given to the church office.

From now on, no tables or chairs may be borrowed from the Parish Hall.

**Sunday,
November 1**



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

6:30 PM Saturday

10:00 AM each
Sunday Morning

Sunday School Children
Opening
@ 8:45 AM
Classes begin
@ 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 8,
Operation Christmas
Child Video during
Sunday School Opening.

Remember:

**Two Thanksgiving
Worship Opportunities**
Wed., Nov. 25 - 7:00 PM
Thurs., Nov. 26 - 10:00 AM

November 1 - All Saints

Sermon: "Generations" (Deuteronomy 6)
Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings
First Communion
New Member Recognition
Remembrance of Members - Nov. 2008-2009
Dedication of LWR Projects / Women of Peace Thank-
Offering Box Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall back 1 hour

November 8 - Pentecost 23

Sermon: "Success v. Significance" (Mark 12)
Thrivent Member Chapter Elections

November 15 - Pentecost 24

Sermon: "Confidence" (Hebrews 10)
Holy Communion
Peace Choir Sings
Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes w/
Free Will Offering to help defray postage

November 22 - Christ the King

Sermon: "The Real World" (John 18)
Praise Choir Sings
Annual Election Meeting following worship

November 25/26 - Thanksgiving

Sermon: "Thanksgiving for Creation" Matthew 6

THANKSGIVING FEAST...

If you don't have plans for dinner on Thanksgiving Day you're invited to join friends for dinner at Peace Lutheran Parish Hall. Barb Larkins has volunteered to cook turkey & ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy for this our 6th Annual Feast. (Thank you Barb!) If you know at this time that you'd be able to come, please RSVP to Barb Larkins at #365-4148 or the church office #365-7746. If you'd be able to help with a salad, dessert, vegetables, or rolls and also could help with decorating, please indicate that.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...



Thank you to Amy Vortman for volunteering to direct this year's Children's Christmas Program! The date has been set for **Sunday morning, December 20, at 10:00 A.M**

PEACE HAPPENINGS...



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO...

Special birthday this month: Jane Kolling will be 80 on November 1. May God continue to bless all your days! 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	Jane Kolling	Nov. 8	Katelyn Pohlmann	Nov. 16	Bob Fayle
	Doyle Horwart II	Nov. 9	Jennifer Reinke	Nov. 19	Amanda Schultz
	Taitum Robinson	Nov. 10	Mary Newman	Nov. 22	Jim Pederson
Nov. 2	Dan Riens		Eric Isernhagen	Nov. 24	Lorena Pohlmann
Nov. 4	George Kruse		Trevor Meyer		Jamie Yoachim
	Linda Fangmeyer		Rio Mohrmann	Nov. 25	Pat Wharton
	Cody Cahill	Nov. 11	Norma Hillman		Jeff Marquart
	Brianna Pohlmann		Joan Prokop	Nov. 28	Al Effenbeck
Nov. 6	Richard Hoffmeyer	Nov. 12	Jordan Pohlmann	Nov. 29	Darlene Hess
	Britany Renz	Nov. 13	Dorothy Sorge		Merlin Degner
	Ashley Hillman		Mason O'Neal		Miranda Isernhagen
Nov. 7	Stan Bartling	Nov. 15	Taneal Robinson	Nov. 30	JoAnn Fangmeyer

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

THOSE CELEBRATING NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES...

An addition to October anniversaries is Gary and Denise Brettmann - October 6, 1990

Nov. 1, 1986	Luke & Rose Johnson	Nov. 21, 1981	Dan and Cindy Riens
Nov. 7, 1980	Bill & Becky Mize	Nov. 22, 1997	Nate & Karina Brandt
Nov. 12, 1952	LeRoy & Earlene Othling	Nov. 24, 1960	Richard & Jeanette Mohrmann
Nov. 18, 1972	LeRoy & Linda Fangmeyer	Nov. 27, 1983	Wayne & Cindy Mueller

CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS...

... to Jeff and Ashleigh (Hintz) McBride at the birth of a little daughter, Kaleesha Lynn McBride, born September 23, 2009 at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, weighing 7 pounds and she was 19 ½ inches long. She is welcomed home by her brothers, Anthany (age 7) and Kristopher (age 2). Congratulations also to grandparents, Keith and Deb Hintz.

...to John and Fern Hofts at the birth of a new grandson. Parker John Lienemann, was born to Dan and Janet Lienemann of Sidney, Nebraska on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at North Platte weighing 6 lbs. 9 ozs

WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD on Saturday evening October 24, 2009, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, was Sadie Sue Isernhagen, infant daughter of Eric and Miranda Isernhagen. Sadie was born on August 28, 2009. Her sponsors are Beth Chance and Jarrod Watson.

EVENTS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN...

The Women of Bethany Lutheran ELCA invite you to a Soup, Sandwich and Dessert dinner on **Sunday, October 25, 2009** from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bethany Fellowship Hall, Ruskin. *Free Will Offering. Everyone is welcome!*



AA weekly meeting...

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.

Deshler Holiday Gift Fair held at the **Deshler Lutheran School gym** on **Sunday, November 1, from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. / *Free Admission, Soup Dinner from 11:00 - 1:30 p.m./ Door Prizes / Any proceeds from entry fees are donated to the Junior Class.***

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annual Turkey or Ham Dinner...

Sunday, November 1 serving from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m at Sacred Heart Church Hall - 436 North 3rd / Turkey or Ham plus all the homemade trimmings - *Free Will Offering / All welcome*

Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Dedication Program...

Your congregation helped make this chapel project possible with your generous contribution to our "Dedicated to Tomorrow's Vision" capital campaign. Please join us as we dedicate Courtyard Terrace, on **Sunday, November 15.** 12:30-12:45 is the Service of Dedication of the Courtyard Terrace Chapel by Bishop David deFreese / 1:00 - 1:30 Public Dedication Program in the Korff Dining Room / 1:30-3:00 Public Tours and Open House Reception. *Please select 2-3 congregation representatives to be present in the 40-seat chapel during the dedication; all others are invited to view the service in the chapel foyer or on Channel 13 in the activity room.*

Deshler High School Music Department presents their Christmas Pops Concert, **A 50's Christmas** on **Monday, November 30**, featuring junior and senior high music students . A buffet meal of 4 meats, 2 potatoes, 5 salads, 2 vegetables, rolls, coffee and tea will be served beginning at 6:00 with the concert to follow at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the high school office. Meal tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under or \$5 for the concert only. Students performing in the concert will also be required to pay for their meal (\$10.00). Tickets go on sale **Monday, November 2** and in order to call in a count to the caterers, tickets should be purchased no later than **Monday, November 16.** Tickets for the concert only may be purchased in advance or at the door. Sorry, no tickets will be available for the meal at the door.

Deshler Lutheran School - Winter Wonderland Elegant Dinner & Auction
Saturday, December 5th, 2009 / Silent Auction 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. /
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. / Live Auction following the meal
Thayer County Activity Center, Thayer County Fairgrounds -Deshler, Nebraska

Tickets are now on sale. Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu or 10 oz. Sirloin Steak
Individual Tickets - \$25.00, Corporate Table of 8 - \$175.00
Contact Mary LeFave #365-7726 or Deb Schardt 365-4262 (cell 402-310-4428) for reservations.

Catering Services Provided By: Kerry's of McCool Junction

LIBRARY NEWS...

by DeAnn Nielsen

ADULT BOOKS

The Red Siren by Tyndell

#1 Charles Towne Belles

The Blue Enchantress by Tyndall

#2 Charles Towne Belles

Kentucky Chances by Hake

*Books on Islam donated by Jane Marquart. Thank you
Jane for the donation of these books.*

I Dared to Call Him Father by Sheikh

“The Miraculous Story of a Muslim
Woman’s Encounter with God.”

IRAN Desperate for God

An oppressive Islamic state drives its
people into the arms of Christ.

Intro to Den of Infidels

Our search for the truth.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

The Creation Story for Children by Haidle

Youth Novels:

Jennifer’s Secret by Baer

Broken Promises by Baer

FAMILY DVD

“Love Takes Wing”

From the Love Comes Softly Series

FAITH ESSAYS FROM THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2009

Eric Nielsen: I believe that God made the world and every thing in it not because there was something in it for him but because there was something in it for us. God made us perfect and loving. He loved us and we loved him. Everything God made was good and wonderful. But because God loved us he also gave us a choice. A choice to love God or try to be god. We wanted to have control so we chose to try to be god. The result was that instead of a loving God we have a hateful slave master, Satan. But God had not given up on his love for us. He sent his only son to die for our sins to show us he really loved us. God forgave our sins even though we nailed his son to a cross. Jesus rose from the dead so that we could have a living God. Jesus gave us baptism so that we could be given the promise of eternal life. He gave us communion that we could remember him and his death on a cross. Some people think it is impossible for there to be a God out there. I know that you just have to look up at the stars on a cloudless night and you will have your answer.

Briana Dahl: It’s difficult living in a world where some people don’t believe in the same God as me, but just believing in God and Jesus Christ makes it easier. As long as I can remember I was asking the questions most young kids ask about God. What does God look like? What is heaven like? Sometimes I still find myself thinking about those things. I also think about how God must really love us to be able to send his Son to die for us. Only someone really amazing could do that. I know my parents would never let anyone crucify me. Its also miraculous that Jesus forgave us in the end. As my faith has developed, doubts in God were sure to come and when they do, I just ask God to help me believe. When I am lying in bed at night before I go to bed I try to pray as often as I can. I can tell God all my worries and grief that I would never tell anyone else. So I find it easy to believe in God and Jesus Christ because they are two miraculous beings that I can depend on, any time, any where.

Brody Fayle: I have faith that there is a God even if people say there is no proof of there being a God. I believe in God because the bible tells me there is one, even if science tries to prove there isn’t one which is impossible to prove. All people are sinners in life, so God sent his own son to us to live, then die on the cross, to save us from our sins. When you are baptized you are receiving from God the gift of faith to believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Also, being a Christian to me means being able to share God’s word with people in need and being able to pray open mindedly to God even if you have the choice to pray or not. Almost anyone can be Christian in this world. They just have to have faith. And when I’m ready to give myself to God I can be baptized. Being a good Christian to me would be to follow Jesus and do your best to become like Jesus.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ...

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



What is Operation Christmas Child?

“Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands—on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.” (From Samaritan's Purse Website)

Dear Sunday School Parents,

Christmas may be two months away, but it's that time of year to be thinking of Operation Christmas Child. The Sunday School children are invited to fill shoeboxes with various items. The boxes will be sent to one of millions of children in 95 countries, many of whom have never received a gift before! The boxes will be filled with items such as toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, and other gifts. These items will already be purchased. All we need is for your child/children to come and fill some boxes and share in bringing the joy of Christmas to God's precious children in other parts of the world. Our goal for this year is to use up all of our supplies and fill 100 boxes! The following are some important dates to help make this project successful:

Sunday, November 8th at 8:45 a.m.

The S.S. children will watch a video of Operation Christmas Child. The video explains the project and gives the children an opportunity to see the smiles the boxes bring to the kids who receive them. I will encourage the children to write a letter at home to the child they will be sending a box to. The younger children can color a picture instead. It's always nice if a picture of your child could be included to send also. They will need to bring these the night we pack boxes. I will also have material available the evening we pack boxes for them to make a card at the church if that works better.

Wednesday, November 11th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The S.S. children will come to the Fellowship Hall and fill the shoeboxes. You can come anytime from 6:00-7:00 and stay for however long works into your schedule.

Sunday, November 15th

The boxes will be dedicated during the worship service which begins at 10:00 a.m.

The age groups for Operation Christmas Child Boxes are 2-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years for either a boy or a girl. It costs \$7.00 to mail each box so donations for boxes that your child/children fill are greatly appreciated. Please call me with any questions and I'll do my best to answer them. By working together we can impact the lives of many boys and girls in every corner of the world. Thanks for giving the gift of Love!!

Project Leader, *Kim Roth* (365-4303)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...

The time for the Christmas program is fast approaching!!! I will be helping the children in grades 1st - 8th put this program together. Our program is to be held during the Sunday morning service on December 20th.



Each family will be mailed a letter with the practice schedule. Also keep in mind assistance would be greatly appreciated in many different areas. The following are needed:

- *Creative ladies with sewing abilities
- *Snacks for the practice times (Most practices will be done in smaller groups until the final two)
- *Volunteers to help with the practices as well as crowd control
- *Men who would be willing to help set up and take down the stage

A sign-up sheet is posted on the board by the church office. Or you may contact me at #365-4514.

This is surely a FUN and EXCITING way to share the story of God's LOVE to many people and to remind ourselves as well!!!!!!

Thank you all and many BLESSINGS! ~ Amy Vortman

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER 2009

November 15 at 2 to 3 PM

Bishop David deFreese of our Nebraska Synod will be with us to talk with us about our relationship with the Nebraska Synod and the ELCA. Bishop deFreese will try to encourage us to stay with the ELCA and to continue to support God's mission through the ELCA. He believes that disagreements about what God's Word says about sexuality should not be allowed to divide us.

November 22 at 11 AM - Annual Elections Meeting will have two items on the agenda.

1. Election of officers. Candidates are as follows:

Church Council: Bob Duensing, Leroy Fangmeyer, Jae Fintel, Barb Larkins, Bill Mize, Richard Mohrmann

Nominating Committee: Greg Bohling, Tom Dahl, June Degner, Bruce Maschmann, Marla Maschmann, Mary Miller, DeAnn Nielsen

Cemetery Board: Ervin Fangmeyer, Marvin Koester, Ken Muehling, Harlan Schnakenberg

Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Delegate: Diane Bartling

Endowment Committee: Heidi Isernhagen, Bev Pitts

2. A Church Council recommendation to amend our 2009 budget to replace the final 5 months of ELCA Mission Share support with the following mission support gifts:

Blue Valley Capital Campaign - \$1,750

Oaks Indian Mission - \$2,000

Lutheran Family Services - \$2,000

Nebraska Synod Missions (Lakota, Prison, etc.) - \$2,000

Nebraska Synod Campaign for youth and leadership - \$2,000

Lutheran World Relief - \$2,000

Lutheran Bible Translators - \$2,000

Future meetings to be scheduled:

1. A December congregational meeting with a representative from Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.
2. An early January congregational meeting to discuss a Church Council recommendation concerning mission affiliation with LCMC and our relationship with the ELCA.
3. The Annual Meeting of Peace Lutheran Church in late January. Business will include a recommendation from the Church Council concerning our mission affiliation with LCMC and the ELCA.

*The happiest people don't have the best of everything,
They just make the best of everything they have!
Live simply...
Love generously...
Care deeply...
Speak kindly...
And leave the rest to God. ~ and remember ~
The richest person is not the one who has the most,
But the one who needs the least.*