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**NOTEWORTHY DATES**

Mar. 5	1:30p	L.W.M.L Topic and Fellowship
Mar. 9	9:30a	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	7:00p	Right to Life Board
Mar. 10	6:00p	Board-Finance 7:00p Board-Elders, Board –Trustees
Mar. 11	11:00a	Senior Bible Study/Lunch 11:30a Village Diner
<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Right to Life Event-Prayer</b>
Mar. 25	2:00p	Calling & Caring
Mar. 28	9a-5p	L.W.M.L. Zone Workshop

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Divine Service 9:00a &amp; 10:30a Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b>
	<b>4:00p Youth Group meets in March 1st, 15th, and 29th</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30a Bible Study - Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30p Fellowship Meal –Wednesdays in Lent Flyer</b>
	<b>6:00p Choir &amp; 6:00p Midweek Classes</b>
	<b>7:00p Lent Worship</b>



# Lamplighter

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 ESV



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – HASTINGS, NE

March 2020

**IN THIS ISSUE**

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*We have now heard what we are to do and believe [the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer]. The best and most blessed life consists of these things. Now follows the third part, how we are to pray. We are in such a situation that no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, even though he or she has begun to believe. Besides, the devil, along with the world and our flesh, resists them with all his power. Consequently, nothing is so necessary as to call upon God incessantly and to drum into his ears our prayer that he may give, preserve, and increase in us faith and the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments and remove all that stands in our way and hinders us in this regard. That we may know what and how to pray, however, our Lord Christ Himself has taught us both the way and the words, as we shall see.*

The stewardship focus for the month of March is spiritual growth. During this Lenten season I’m inviting you to be particularly thoughtful and prayerful about... prayer. There is no higher honor bestowed upon us then the privilege of speaking to the God of the universe as a beloved Father and Friend. There is no greater prayer than the one Jesus Himself taught, often referred to as the Lord’s Prayer.

During our Lenten Journey we will be looking at the Lord’s Prayer as the “Battle Cry of Faith.” For this newsletter article I’d like you to think of the Lord’s Prayer as a prayer for a full life. Perhaps you’ve noticed that as we pursue life we tend to focus on physical needs – health, wealth, good government, good family, etc. To be sure these are all good gifts, and as Luther teaches, fall under the fourth petition, “Give us this day our daily bread.” However, also notice that the fourth petition is only one of seven petitions that Jesus teaches. There is much more to living a full life; much that we wouldn’t be aware of on our own. So it is that Jesus teaches us what we should desire as He teaches us how to pray to our Heavenly Father. It is my prayer and hope that during this Lenten season you would grow in prayer, especially in the Lord’s Prayer. It’s not simply a prayer we regularly recite. It is a prayer for a full life.

Yours in Christ,

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday  
9:00a-12:00p  
1:00p-4:00p

**(402) 462-9023**

**Office Secretary:**

Jeri Dush

**Pastor:**

Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
Cell: 308-627-7238  
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revgaunt@gmail.com



### Retirement of the Debt!

Sunday, February 16th at the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service, Members of Peace recognized the completion of the Capital Campaign. Congregation sang Hymn #790 verses 1,2,5. A Cake Reception and Brief Bible Study followed after the service.

Can you believe we've retired the debt for the new Narthex and Fellowship Hall in 5 short years? I would like to thank all the church members for any way they may have contributed during this time. What a blessing our church family is!

Thank you,  
**Wes Christensen**  
President

*Pictured (L to R) President: Wes Christensen  
Head Elder: Roger Buck,  
Officiant: Pastor Micah Gaunt  
Organist, Dr. Phil Hesterman,  
Photo by Mrs. Jeanne Buck.*



**Stewardship is about more than your money.** It specifically deals with how God calls us to live in each area of our lives, in our various vocations. God has given us roles to fill and each of those roles has a claim on our money, our time, our attention, our thoughts, our prayers, on us. Good Stewards need to know not only who they are in Christ, but they also need the opportunity to examine what roles they have been given to play in church, home and society—their vocations. This year's Stewardship Committee is working to broaden our Family of Steward's here at Peace. We will focus on each of these topics during 2020:

- March**—Spiritual growth
- May**—Vocation of mother
- July**—Vocation of citizen
- September**—Skill enhancement
- November**—Special appeals
- December**—Growing in generosity

- April**—Care of creation
- June**—Vocation of father
- August**—Time management
- October**—personal money management, teaching children budgeting skills emphasis

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE IN APRIL

- Apr. 9 7:00p** *Maundy Thursday Divine Service*
- Apr. 10 7:00p** *Good Friday Tenebrae*
- Apr. 11 8:00p** *Holy Vigil The Resurrection of Our Lord*
- Apr. 12 6:30a** *Sunrise Divine Service*
- 8:00a** *Easter Breakfast-Youth*
- 9:00a** *Easter Divine Service*

**THRIVENT Members** who have health insurance, investments, Medicare supplement insurance or a Thrivent loan you most likely are entitled to Thrivent choice dollars. Thrivent is a mutual company and doesn't pay taxes therefore they must give away a large amount to individuals who are eligible or they will just give it away to a charitable organization. You can go on line [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or phone 800-847-4836 to direct your dollars to Peace Lutheran Church. **You must do this between Jan. 10–Mar. 31** for your previous years dollars. Questions, Glen Krueger.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDRAISER!

On Sunday, February 9th, 2020, Bill and I chaired a Right to Life soup supper fundraiser with South Central Nebraska Right to Life. We had 3 roasters full of chili (two with beans, one without beans) and 3 1/2 roasters of chicken noodle soup. Bill made all the homemade egg noodles. We also served relishes--celery, carrots, pickles, and a variety of desserts. We sold out of soup right at the end. We had carryout containers available and sold 13 quarts. The Lord answered my bold prayer to receive \$2,000 in free will offerings! (The most to date! This was our 3rd soup supper.) We received \$2,200 (before expenses) and donations are still coming in.



Our expenses were pretty low because we received some great donations--free hamburger, chili beans, pickles, soup bowls, spoons, cups, napkins. It all helps. If you would still like to donate, you may give a check to Joan Primrose or mail it to: South Central Nebraska Right to Life, P.O. Box 391, Hastings, NE 68902-0391. Make your check payable to South Central Nebraska Right to Life and write in the memo line "soup supper fundraiser." Proceeds are used to keep right to life billboards up in the community and for educational material in the community. South Central Nebraska Right to Life Committee  
Joan Primrose



Igniting a **SPARK** through God's Word to build a **FIRE** that will burn for a lifetime... Share the love of Jesus that burns in your hearts, with our youth! The 15<sup>th</sup> annual FIRE banquet takes place **March 7, 2020** at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds in Hastings. Proceeds go to benefit the two Lutheran schools in Adams County. Doors open at 5 pm; the banquet is at 6:30 pm with the live and silent auctions to follow. Get your tickets at Zion Lutheran-Hastings (462-5012), Christ Lutheran-Juniata (744-4991), and Ruhter Auction (463.8565). Ruth Nicolaus



**Sunday, March 15, 2020—Pro-Life & Pie Fundraiser and Speaker**  
2 p.m., Eagles Club, Hastings. Rebecca Kiessling, an international pro-life and adoption speaker, will be our guest speaker. She was conceived out of a brutal rape at knife-point by a serial rapist and was adopted nearly from birth. Rebecca said, "People are out there who don't even know me, but are standing in judgment of my life, so quick to dismiss it just because of how I was conceived." Rebecca is an attorney, wife, and mother of five living children (her two oldest are adopted). Joan Primrose

#### HIGHER THINGS REFLECTIONS LENT AND HOLY WEEK

FEBRUARY 26-  
APRIL 11, 2020

PORTALS OF PRAYER  
April –June 2020  
For Personal And Family Devotions

Check out these two booklets now In the Narthex.  
Hardcopy in Pews  
**Reconciled with God**

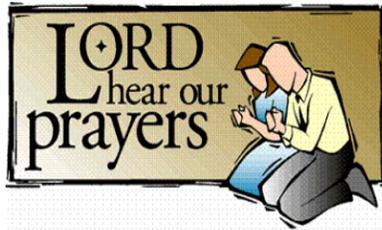
**PLEASE JOIN US!**  
*Hearts & Hands Against Hunger BIG 125,000 Meals Packing Event*  
**THRIVENT**  
Thrivent Member Network  
Nebraska Region



#### HEARTS AND HANDS AGAINST HUNGER volunteer event

Mark your calendar for a volunteer opportunity helping *Hearts & Hands Against Hunger* at a big meal packing event to be held on Sunday, **March 29, 2020**, 1-6 p.m. at the Peace Center in Hastings. In assembly line style, participants will pack and seal 125,000 bags of rice/protein meals that will be shipped around the world

by Orphan Grain Train. Thrivent is providing funding. Participants will be encouraged to sign up on-line or call number below for a 1.5 hour block of time during that afternoon. School children through the elderly can help. 450 volunteers are needed! Packing will take place at the Peace Center, 622 N. Lincoln Ave., across from the First Presbyterian Church. There are three packing sessions to choose from: 1:00-2:30 pm; 2:45-4:15 pm; and 4:30-6:00 pm. Pick a time slot that you would like to work at: [https://hearts\\_hands\\_thrivent\\_2020.eventbrite.com](https://hearts_hands_thrivent_2020.eventbrite.com). Please call Kathy Schulz, Event Coordinator, at 402-460-8627 to register if you can't do so on-line, or if you have questions.



Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Larry Hammond + Ronda Johnson + Josh Schroetlin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Leonard Dush + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

**Peace Lutheran Church  
Balance Sheet  
As of January 31, 2020**

	Jan 31, 20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	76,305.22
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>76,305.22</b>
Fixed Assets	
1500 · 906 N California	1,422,546.00
1600 · 306 Forest Blvd	270,566.00
1700 · Passenger Bus	39,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,732,112.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,808,417.22</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2050 · DESIGNATED FUND Accounts	
Benevolence Fund	1,253.37
Church Bus Fund	4,396.50
Memorial Funds	13,804.76
New Organ Funds	315.00
Property Improvement	4,636.83
Tue Morning Bible Study	121.15
Youth Minstry	8,018.58
<b>Total 2050 · DESIGNATED FUND Accounts</b>	<b>32,546.19</b>
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	5,101.01
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>37,647.20</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>37,647.20</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>37,647.20</b>
Equity	
Asset Value by Insur Unrealized	1,732,356.95
Retained Earnings	48,308.00
Net Income	-9,894.93
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,770,770.02</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,808,417.22</b>

**What do the Categories on Our Offering Envelopes Mean?**

**General (Current)**

- The entire budget - all committee expenses, including Elders, Education, Trustees minor repair work, custodian salary, bus gas, oil, maintenance, Pastor & church secretary salaries, insurance, and benefits.

**Mission** - Whatever donations come in - the same amount goes out to missions selected yearly by the Voter's.

**Property Improvement** - Major property improvement items approved by the voters, i.e., replacing the furnace or air conditioner in the church or parsonage, new carpet, roof or window repair or replacement, building repairs (any large expenditures to improve the building).

**Other** - for financial support above and beyond the other three categories, such things as a new Organ, upkeep bus, Benevolence Fund,

Open the Doors of Peace (retired), etc.

Stewardship Committee

Dr. Phil  
Mr. David  
Witt

"Choir"  
Wednesday's,  
at 6:00pm.

**2020 Theme,  
"Look carefully then how you walk, not as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5: 15-16). "All In - Being Present in Age of Distraction"**

**Wish List or Items Needed.** Clothing, School Supplies, Drug Store Items, Non-breakable kitchen accessories, Medical Equipment, Quilts and Volunteer's to sort and pack. See OGT Flyer (Narhex) or contact: Cheryl Tickner, 308-894-8125 delickner@eaglecom.net

Or ogtcentral@yahoo.com



CARE BANDS



- Thursday, Mar. 5th 1:30p Fellowship and Topic Nadeen Debban
- Monday, Mar. 9th 9:30a Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
- Saturday, Mar. 28th 9:00a Zone Spring Workshop at Peace (Snow Date 4-4-20)  
Committee: Ronda Johnson, Diane Gundlach (Feb. & Mar.)
- Send Greeting Cards (Jan.-Mar.) Nadeen Debban
- Altar Flowers-none during Lent
- Palms & Lilies: Janelle Ham, Diane Gundlach

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire Tuesday, March 31**

Attention Thrivent Members - Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollar to Heartland Lutheran High School before they expire on March 31, 2020. This does not cost you anything but your time. You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year. Your choice of HLHS in a prior year does not carry over. Last year we received over \$11,000 from Thrivent due to members choosing HLHS. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to [www.thriventchoice.com](http://www.thriventchoice.com) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" when asked. Thank you for choosing HLHS when making your Choice Dollars donation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Director of Advancement: Karl Bergdolt. PH: 308-385-3900.



**Recap for Valentine's Week/Volunteerism Week Challenge, February 9-15, 2020**

On a Sunday afternoon, a good number of Peace members volunteered at the Crossroads Mission to help prepare a meal and serve it. There was quite a volunteer turn-out, perhaps more people than jobs to be done. Members visited with the residents and it was a good experience. Members also supported a successful Right to Life soup supper fundraiser the same evening. The Midweek School event at Perkins, Good Samaritan Village, went very well. There was good interaction and conversation between the children and residents. A few parents were along also. Jay Jay Morgan's class had made Valentine's so half the group went around and passed out Valentine's to the residents and another group played games with the residents in the commons area. The kids want to do it again! The United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry volunteer opportunity was a hit! Seventeen members from Peace volunteered to help pass out food or help those receiving pick up their food and take it to their car. Wagons were provided. First Presbyterian Church and Grace United Methodist Church organize and administer this event. Any person can volunteer to help. Just walk-in and sign-up and stay however long you can. Set-up and unloading the truck begins at 7:30 a.m., handing out the food runs from 9 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m. and clean up follows until about 2 p.m. They really appreciate any and all the help that comes because they have no idea how many helpers will show up on a given Saturday (always the third Saturday of each month). This is quite an interesting experience. Free food was handed out to about 500 households that fall in the low income category. It is a "makes you feel good" volunteer opportunity. Pastor wants to hear feedback from participants for any of these volunteerism events. [revgaunt@gmail.com](mailto:revgaunt@gmail.com). Joan Primrose



I would like to thank Peace Lutheran for sending a number of church members to volunteer with us Saturday, February 15th at the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. As your members saw, this is truly a community wide event that we can't do without a number of volunteers.

I would like to offer someone from United Harvest to come speak to any of your members to give them more information on our mission if there is any interest. Thanks again for helping us Rick Poppe 402-460-9510



## Share the Joy of Easter

LWML is arranging for Easter Lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The lilies will symbolize the Resurrection of Our Lord as it is joyfully proclaimed on Easter.

Donation for a lily is \$9.00, checks payable to Peace LWML. Give this form and payment to Janelle Ham 722 S Hastings, or Diane Gundlach 1425 Highland Dr. Hastings, NE 68901 or the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Again this year we ordered 20 Easter Lilies. If you wish to pick up an Easter Lily on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> please let us know by circling --- yes.

Please give the following information for the bulletin:

Given In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

Given In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

# Wednesdays in Lent

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Service at 7pm  
Supper served from 5:30 – 6:30pm

## WORSHIP

3/11 Lent 2

3/18 Lent 3

3/25 Lent 4

4/01 Lent 5

## READINGS

Luke 11: 5-13  
*Thy Kingdom Come*

John 6: 40  
*Thy Will Be Done on Earth  
as It Is in Heaven*

Matthew 6: 31-33  
*Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread*

Matthew 6:14-15  
*Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We  
Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us*

## MEALS

Youth

Alvidrez &  
*Education*

Council

Youth