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NOTEWORTHY DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Nov. 1 **8:00am** Divine Service also available on live stream
 9:30am Bible Study, Representatives from Heartland Lutheran High School
 10:30am Divine Service
- Nov. 3 8:00a-8:00pm Election Polls Open
 9:30pm Tuesday Morning Bible Study-2nd Floor Heritage Room
- Nov. 5 1:30pm L.W.M.L.
- Nov. 9 7:00pm Elders Board 7:00pm Right to Life Board
- Nov. 10 6:00pm Board of Finance
 7:00pm Bible Study - (Leaders/Members) Group
 7:45pm – 8:15pm Individual Groups
 8:15pm Church Council
- Nov. 15 Stewardship Sunday-New Members
8:00am & 10:30am Stewardship (Get rid of Stuff) Drive Ends:
- Nov. 18 2:00pm Calling & Caring - due to thanksgiving holiday
- Nov. 22 9:30am Quarterly Voters' Meeting Budget, Elections
- Nov. 25 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Day –Office Closed
- Nov. 28 10:00am Decorate for Christmas and Nativity Set-up

Sunday Services 8:00am and 10:30am until further notice with Bible Class at 9:30am
Wednesday's in November (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Bible Study Youth-Adults Book of Revelations –Pastor Micah Gaunt



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

November 2020

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

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And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Mark 1: 35-39

November is typically the month that we think about Christian stewardship here at Peace. There is a hardly a better word to describe our work as God's children. He gives us everything we have, and we get to make decisions about how we use these gifts and where we invest them. Think of a fiduciary who oversees the distribution of a benevolent trust. Similarly, we get to decisions about how God's resources are used in the world. What a joyful task! At the same time, what a daunting task if you consider all the needs just in our community, let alone the world. Would you agree that clarity of purpose would be a helpful thing?

Jesus had clarity of purpose. He knew exactly why He came to this earth: "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10b). In John 3: 17, Jesus says the same thing in different words: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him." Why was Jesus here on earth? That people might live.

Consequently, because Jesus knew *why* He was here, He knew *what* He was supposed to do. Consider these words from our Lord: "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). For our purposes I want you to notice that Jesus purpose dictated what He did at any given period in His ministry. Broadly speaking, we see that at first Jesus served by going throughout Israel preaching the message of the reign of God and healing people. Second, He set His face toward Jerusalem knowing that He was to die as the ransom for sinners. So it is that in Mark 1: 35-39 we find the disciples telling Jesus that people were looking for Him presumably to continue His teaching and healing. Yet Jesus responds by denying that request in order to "go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also." You can almost hear the resolve in Jesus voice because he knows, "For that is why I came out" (v. 38).

Furthermore, Jesus knew not only *why* He was here, and *what* He was to do, but *for whom* He was to do it. That's why in Luke 5: 32 He says to the chagrined Pharisees and scribes, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." As you read the gospels and listen them on Sunday mornings pay attention to the clarity of purpose with which our Lord acts.

As we ponder these things, we should hasten to add that the reason our Lord lived with such certainty and purpose was because He listened to His heavenly Father. In John 5:19, Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise." It is no coincidence that in the story from Mark 1, Jesus has just gone to a "desolate place" to pray. In communion with the Father, that is looking to God for guidance and speaking back in prayer, Jesus comes away clarity about His identity and calling. *(continued on page 2)*

2020 Theme *"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but 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"**

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So it goes for us who are disciples of Jesus. We seek to gain clarity of *why* we are here and *what* we are to do and *whom* we are to serve. Therefore, we take time to listen to God's word and to watch what He does for us and for the world. Moreover, we pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, we pay closer attention to how God's Name will be hallowed, His kingdom come, and His will be done each day. The exciting thing is that we begin to see that these petitions are done to us and through us. Please join me this month in praying that the Lord blesses us at Peace with a greater sense of clarity and purpose. Partnered with you in the Gospel of Christ, Pastor Gaunt



On Sunday, October 4, 2020, from 2-3 pm, approximately 306 Christians lined the sidewalks of Burlington Ave. and 2nd Street, forming a Life Chain in the shape of a cross. This stand of peaceful and prayerful solidarity by the Hastings community was made to communicate that abortion is wrong and we are opposed to the killing of pre-born children. Life Chain has been held yearly in Hastings since 1992. Members of Peace, pictured left to right, Joan Primrose, Pastor Micah Gaunt, daughter Beatrice Gaunt, Liza & Dale Grotelueschen.

Representatives from **Heartland Lutheran High School** will be speaking to us on **Sunday, November 1st** during the Bible Class hour. They will be inviting us as a congregation to consider becoming an association member. Come hear about the important work



that is being done in the Grand Island area at Heartland and how we can help!

Stewardship Sunday November 15th
8:00 am Divine Service
10:30 am Divine Service
"New Member Sunday"
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 25th
ADVENT MIDWEEK
VESPERS SERVICE 7:00pm
 Wednesday's, December 2nd
 December 9th
 December 16th

"Clean Out for Christ" In-gathering

Going through Sunday, November 15, 2020. You may drop your proceeds in the locked metal mailbox hanging on the wall in the narthex. If you didn't sell any "stuff" not being used, that is okay, you may still donate. Donations will be used where needed most by our Human Care Committee.

Thanks,
 Stewardship Committee

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING 9:30 AM NOVEMBER 22ND

Members of Peace, November is the month we get together with family and give thanks and I pray that everyone can enjoy some time with their families. November is also one of our quarterly voters meetings. On Sunday, November 22, 2020 we will review the 3rd quarter and ok our 2021 budget. Also keep in mind we will decide if as a congregation we want to support Heartland Lutheran School and its mission at this meeting. Please pray on these important decisions.

There will be an informational meeting given by Heartland between services on November 1, 2020 so please plan to attend.

Thank you,
 Wes Christensen

Blue Cross Celebration Make Your Reservation!

November 15, 2020. Doors will open at 4:30. Come and celebrate with us. The cost for a ticket is \$25. We would be honored to have you join us. Make your reservations through the school office by Thursday, November 5. Guest Speaker: Lloyd Wagnitz!



Karl Bergdolt



Collect our register receipts to help local schools earn FREE educational awards! See our website for more details.
Apples for the Students
 Websites: www.RussMarket.com
www.allensfoodmart.com
 Envelope hangs on the south wall Narthex!

L.W.M.L. will again be Saving Receipts for Schools to earn Free Educational Awards purchased at Allens Food Mart or Russ's Market Hastings Stores! Receipts needed are dated between

September 1, 2020 thru March 1, 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

General Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3

The General Public will be using the south and east parking areas that day. Please be mindful to save this area for the Voter's and election clerks.

9:30am Tuesday morning bible study will meet in the Heritage Room (2nd Floor).

On Friday, November 13th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society Students will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Please consider coming in to make a donation and helping them reach their goal of over 30 usable units --reaching 30 usable units will make HLHS students eligible for a Scholarship through the Red Cross. So your donation will not only help the Community but HLHS students as well. Please contact the HLHS office [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900) for a donation time.



WELLSPRING
 PREGNANCY + HEALTH CENTER

www.wellspringhastings.com

Thanks to all who came to Wellspring's first ever "drive thru BBQ!" Thanks to you it was a great success!!!

Mary Hall
 Executive Director
 Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center, 223 E. 14th St., Suite 202, Hastings NE

According to the Bible, money simply cannot be counted on to bring us inner peace of happiness or security—in this world or the next. A change in the economy or the market-place, a disastrous financial decision, or a personal misfortune that piles up unexpected bills can make even vast wealth disappear overnight. In Heaven it's of no use to us at all. We have the promise of eternity, but we can't take money with us. Our attitude toward money, of course, will determine how we use it. Recognizing its impermanence can free us from an enslaving attachment to it and help us use it in ways pleasing to God. The Lord Jesus told us to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's" (Mark 12:17)—that is, to meet our earthly financial obligations. Obviously we need to use money in this way. Jesus also instructed us to "give to the needy" (Matthew 6:2). One of the prevalent themes throughout the New Testament is generosity in supporting the work of the Church and in meeting the needs of others. Paul told the Christians at Rome to "share with God's people who are in need" (Romans 12:13). Freedom from an overemphasis on accumulating money for our own desires opens up to us the joy of helping others whose need is even greater than our own. PRAYER: Father, thank You for the ability to work and for the paycheck I am able to earn. As I work today, show me how You would have me use what I earn in ways that will please You. And please focus my sights on more lasting riches. Amen.

Desktop Devotions by E.M. Houtz, 1989, NavPress, the publishing ministry of The Navigators.

In a few weeks before Christmas during which our hearts are prepared for Christmas, Advent will soon be upon us that wonderful period of time.



But it isn't always so wonderful, is it? Too many people are exasperated and frustrated by the activities that go along with Christmas: the planning, the shopping, the buying, the wrapping, the sending. Then there's the baking, the eating, the partying, and the staying-up-too-late.

Instead of taking time for our daily devotions, time for focusing on God's Word and communing with Him in prayer, we're focusing on the outward while neglecting the inward.

Why is it that we make this poor choice year after year? Is it because these outward preparations are visible? What will the neighbors think if we don't put our lights up? Won't I feel guilty if I don't take cookies to every December event?

And all the while, our spirits are languishing inside from lack of nourishment. All the while, our relationship with the One Who is the Reason for all this preparation grows cold, as we push Him off into some dark corner while we tend to those outward preparations.

What was it Jesus said to Martha? "You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed" (Luke 10:41-42). Jesus' tender rebuke of Martha is one intended for those of us, too, who get caught up in our "busy-mess."

The best way to celebrate God's gift of His Son to us is to give ourselves back to Him as we worship Him, honor Him, put Him first, giving Him our gifts of time and effort and goods. Then we can be witnesses to our Lord just as Mary was as she "sat at [His] feet listening to what He said" (Luke 10:39).

Mourning + Family of Lucille Krueger **Expectant Mother** + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Sandy Nissen + Nicholas Raymer + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Andy Jacques + Gail Jacques + June Rose + Ronda Russell + Linda Parsons + Lisa Hoggins + Jerry Hinrichs + Lee Melvin + Allen Glathar + Ruth Hagemeyer + Barbara Classan **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson



Christmas Eve Program. Please contact Pastor Gaunt to let him know if you're children would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Program this year. We will have rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm starting December 2nd. We need to know who will be participating by Thursday, November 22nd.

Peace Lutheran Church		Sep 30, 20
Balance Sheet		
As of September 30, 2020		
2:50 PM		
10/03/20		
Cash Basis		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Five Points Checking 6504		
1000 - General Fund		44,222.70
1001 - Benevolence Fund		2,967.26
1002 - Church Bus Fund		4,253.30
1003 - Memorial Funds		16,897.28
1004 - New Organ Fund		2,375.00
1005 - Property Improvement Fund		5,416.83
1006 - Tue Morning Bible Study		156.15
1007 - Junior Youth Ministry		100.00
1008 - Senior Youth Ministry		7,138.58
Total Five Points Checking 6504		83,529.10
1100 - Savings 3753 0.75% (VANCO)		50.00
1150 - Petty Cash		150.00
1160 - LCEF Partners Plus		17,607.36
Total Checking/Savings		101,336.46
Total Current Assets		101,336.46
Fixed Assets		
1500 - 906 N California		1,000,246.00
Church		392,000.00
Church Furn & Equip		29,000.00
Church Garage		1,300.00
Garage - Personal Property		
Total 1500 - 906 N California		1,422,546.00
1600 - 306 Forest Blvd		266,786.00
Parsonage		3,800.00
Parsonage - Personal Property		
Total 1600 - 306 Forest Blvd		270,586.00
1700 - Passenger Bus		39,000.00
Total Fixed Assets		1,732,112.00
TOTAL ASSETS		1,833,448.46
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		19,700.00
PPP Loan		7,117.27
2100 - Payroll Liabilities		
Total Other Current Liabilities		26,817.27
Total Current Liabilities		26,817.27
Total Liabilities		26,817.27
Equity		
Asset Value by Insur Unrealized		1,732,356.95
Retained Earnings		80,745.02
Net Income		-6,470.78
Total Equity		1,806,631.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		1,833,448.46



**PEACE
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TO BE
ANNOUNCED
AT A LATER
DATE:**

**DAVID WITT
DR. PHIL
HESTERMAN**

**Card Shower
Birthday
Celebration !!!
For
Muriel Nelson
Oct. 28th
80th**

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3881 S. Teresa Dr.
Chandler, AZ 85286

Nelson Family!



CARE BANDS

Always Needed:

Clothing all sizes in good condition, clean gentle use.

Infant and toddler clothes, diapers and layette items. Check out our bulletin board for list needed.

Thanks, Beth Stark, OGT



Thursday, November 5th 1:30 pm Fellowship and Topic
Send Greeting Cards: Marian Kerr
Altar Flowers: Fall Display Pumpkins & Gords - Kathy Hromadka
Coming in December: Poinsettias given to Share the Joy of Christmas
Christmas Luncheon (on Hold) watch Bulletins for details.
Ingathering: Gift Bucket for Seminary Students (Gift Cards) November 1st

PEACE LUTHERAN MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The Peace Lutheran Missionary League met on October 19, 2020. Janelle Ham opened the meeting with a fall prayer. Ronda Johnson shared a "finger" method to remind us how to pray for our missions. Janelle introduced our new LWML guest, Gloria Raab. Nadeen Debban reported that some members put together 16 school kits and had a full box of extras to take to Orphan Grain Train for distribution to places in need. We are collecting gift cards for our two seminaries, St Louis and Fort Wayne. We will make sure each seminary gets 10 cards. Some funds were provided by our card sales for this purpose.

We accepted Ronda Johnson as our President Elect. The officers for the past year, Janelle Ham, President, Ruth Albers, Treasurer, Diane Gundlach, Secretary, Nadeen Debban, Human Care Chairperson, Carol Hansel, Greeting Card Sales Chairperson agreed to continue for the year 2021 since most activities were cancelled in 2020.

Plans for Christmas were discussed. A dinner is on hold for now but we will help decorate and have poinsettias to be purchased as memorials or honorariums. We hope to help the Benevolence Fund for the holidays in a safe way. Janelle asked for ideas for meetings for the coming year. A card was signed for Muriel Nelson for her 80th birthday. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Diane Gundlach

A list of ways to advertise items for sale:

Party Line on KHAS-Radio 1230 AM Hastings M-Friday 9:06 a.m. 402-462-2511, email partyline@khasradio.com

website: platteriverradio.com/khas/ Buy, sell, trade, looking for, give away, list garage sales all for free. **Hastings Tribune**, 462-2131, to place a classified ad or list a garage sale.

Facebook Marketplace Buy/Sell/Trade. No charge to list item. **Cash purchase.** Call one of the following people if you need help **Facebook technology:** Dick LeBeau 402-469-6998: **E-Bay** sale for unique items warrant larger buyer pool has an e-Bay listing fee you would have to pay.

Kathy Hromadka at 402-462-2038
Tonda Wolfe at 402-462-2083
Lisa Novak at 402-831-0300:
Jackie Russell at 402-984-5725:

Praise Packs:

are available for children every Sunday. Parent's & Children: Please pick up stickers, from the floor and pews. Please Recycle and Return clipboards, colors and pencils.

Thanks,
Marge Ockinga
Board Education