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NOTEWORTHY DATES

- Apr. 1 Holy Week Worship No Classes 6:00p Choir
- Apr. 2 7:00p Holy Thursday
- Apr. 3 Good Friday-Office Closed 12:00p Tre Ore Service 8p Good Friday Tenebrae
- Apr. 4 8:00p Holy Saturday
- Apr. 5 6:30a Easter Sunrise Divine Service 8:00a Breakfast 8:30a Egg Hunt
9:00a Easter Day Divine Service 11:45a Easter Bilingual Divine Service
- Apr. 6 Easter Monday-Office Closed Men's Steak Night Scheduled Monday, 4/13
- Apr. 7 6:00p Committees 7:00p Boards 8:00p Church Council
- Apr. 8 11a Senior Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Village Diner 4p LWML Exec. Board
Midweek Family Night Meal-5:15p Pg. 6 6:00p Classes/Choir 7p Worship
7:45p High School Youth
- Apr. 12 9:00a Divine Service 10:30a Sunday School & Bible Study, Endowment
11:45a Bilingual Divine Service 4:30p Junior Youth
- Apr. 13 9:30a Sewing for OGT 6:00p Men's Steak Night
- Apr. 14 9a Prayer Service 9:30a Bible Study also 4/21, 4/28
- Apr. 18 8a-6p LWML Fellowship Hall Reserved 2:00p Bridal Shower - Erica Blakley
- Apr. 19 9a Divine Service 10:30a Voter's Meeting 11:45a Bilingual Divine Service**
- Apr. 20 7:00p LWML Quarterly Meeting
- Apr. 25 9a-4:00p LWML Workshop Zion Lutheran Church, Wanda



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

APRIL 2015

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After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:38–42 ESV)



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:30a-12:00p

1:00p-4:30p

Secretary:

Jeri Dush

Pastors:

Marcus J. Mackay

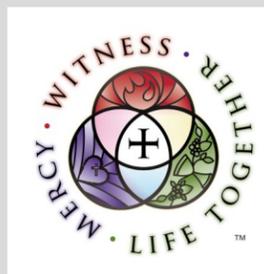
Benjamin R. Siebert

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Jesus was thus laid to rest from all His labors (or so they thought). He, after all, did bear the sins of the world and suffer and die for it. He, after all, did carry out the law fully and completely on behalf of a humanity that was in constant rebellion against God since the fall. It is finished! God the Son is dead. What to do but lay Him respectfully in a tomb.

Well, why all the spices? Well for one thing this is part of the proper care of the body—“the burial custom of the Jews.” The law for God’s people, Israel was to provide proper care for the dead, not to leave the bodies exposed but to provide proper burial. We see this lovingly done by Joseph and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42), this is anticipated by Christ’s anointing in Bethany with pure nard (John 12:3-7), and we see the women gathered in the wings waiting for the Sabbath to break so they can provide further care for the body of the Lord (Luke 23:55f). Good examples for us all as we care for our loved ones in death.

But again, we might ask why all the spices? It wasn’t for superstitious reasons; it wasn’t to embalm the body to prevent or slow decay; it was in large part to cover up the smell of death. Anyone who has had a mouse die in their basement or who has had a freezer full of meat rot will tell you how unpleasant the smell of death is.



Burial practice in Jesus's day was to lay the body in the tomb until decomposed and then to gather the bones together to make room for the further generations. The spices would help to cover the stench of death which must have pervaded the family tombs where grandma, then uncle were laid to rest. Family and friends would care for the bodies of the dead even as their flesh returned to dust (Gen. 3:19) and the spices helped to mask the smell.

The Gospels relate that the tomb in which Christ was laid was new, so the only smells Joseph and Nicodemus would have noticed other than the myrrh and aloe would have been the cool, dusty smell of newly hewn rock and the blood, sweat, etc. of Jesus as they cleaned and wrapped His body. But in Israel, decomposition occurs quickly, so the smell of a new tomb isn't likely to last for long.

We aren't told this in scripture, but it's not unlikely that Peter, and John, and anyone who went into that tomb in the coming days would have noticed something; obviously, no dead Jesus; and obviously, the wrappings neatly folded; but the air wasn't filled with the gut wrenching odor of decomposition. There wasn't the stink of death in this grave: it still had that new-tomb smell. Christ has been raised from the dead. God did not let His Holy One see corruption (Ps. 16:10). And so it is for you who are made holy in the blood of the Slain Lamb. You have been connected to Christ's death in Baptism, and if His death, then His resurrection much more so. Your tomb became His and His yours. Your death His and His yours. This means that on the last day, when Christ returns to raise all from the dead you'll be able to sniff your own crypt or coffin with your own resurrected nose and you'll notice, like Peter and John and the other witnesses of the resurrection, and maybe even remark aloud, "Hmm, still has that new tomb smell."

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! (Alleluia!) Your servant in Christ, *Pastor Siebert*



Welcome into God's family!

Jax Curt Tyndall

Born: February 26th, 2015

Son of Jesse & Lacey Tyndall

Sponsor: Courtney Ostblom



SACRAMENT OF
HOLY BAPTISM

February 22nd, 2015

Gary Ockinga, from the Board of Trustees, reported that the kitchen water heater needs to be replaced for \$450.00. This water heater was last installed in 1989. He is putting out an appeal to anyone who would want to donate to this cause. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you to all my Church Friends for all the prayers, cards, and visits while in the hospital for my hip surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Mackay and Pastor Siebert for their visits and prayers. God Bless, *Vi Melvin*

Thank you to all who sent cards or visited while Les was in Mary Lanning Healthcare. Also a Thank you to those who sent cards and who attended our 67th Wedding Anniversary at the Hospital. Your thoughtfulness and kindness were greatly appreciated. God bless you. *Les & Betty Krueger*

Thank you Pastor Mackay and Pastor Siebert for your prayers and Devotions while I was in the Hospital and for coming to my home. Thank you "All" for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls of well wishes from my surgery. They were greatly appreciated. *Donna Merkel*

Fourteen Ladies enjoyed a Bus Trip to Grand Island on March 19th. This was sponsored by the LWML. In the morning they visited the Heartland Lutheran High School. They were greeted by the Principal Curtis Wudthe who gave them a tour of the facility. They attended the students' Chapel led by Pastor Mackay. Lunch was at Uncle Ed's Steak House. In the afternoon they toured the warehouse of the Orphan Grain Train.



Bob & Beth Stark were gracious tour guides. This facility is doing a great service and we wondered afterward how we could help. Thanks to Pastor Mackay for all he did to make this a memorable and inspirational day. **Betty Krueger**, President



The High School Youth group would like to say thank you to all who supported and enjoyed the Irish Dinner on March 15th. It

was great to see so many to help us raise funds so we can attend the "Higher Things" conference in July at Concordia. Everyone enjoyed the Irish Meal and the Fellowship Hall was full of Irish

Luck. **Peace Lutheran High School Youth, Leader Brenda Christensen**



Heartwell
Clovers 4-H
will meet at
7:00 p.m.
Thursday,
April 9th.



April 8-Chicken
pattie sandwiches

April 15-hot
dogs

April 22-beef
noodle casserole

April 29-Ham
and cheese
sandwiches

May 7-leftovers

Kay Davis

CONFIRMAND

Haidyn

Russell

Paragraph

(Ending

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I don't need to

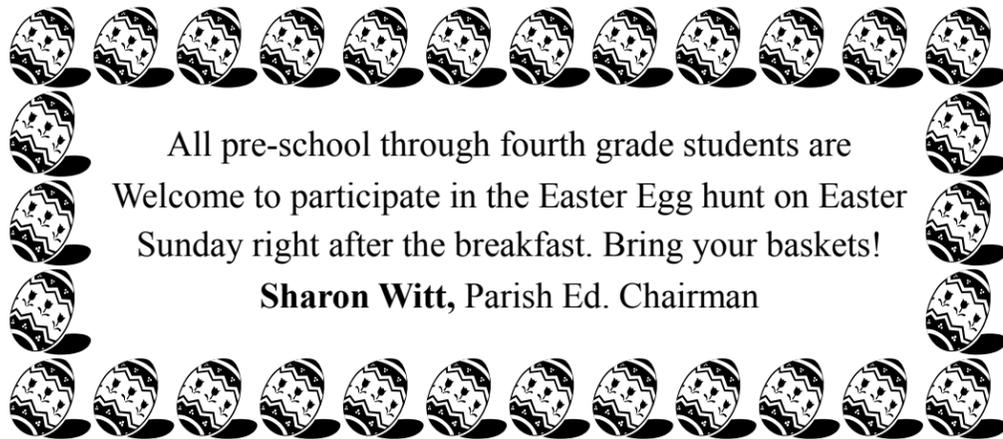
fear death

because I will

one day be

with God."

PEACE YOUTH



All pre-school through fourth grade students are
Welcome to participate in the Easter Egg hunt on Easter
Sunday right after the breakfast. Bring your baskets!

Sharon Witt, Parish Ed. Chairman

Sr. High Youth will meet Wednesdays after the service from around
7:45 to 8:45 for a topical bible study and fellowship. **Pastor Siebert**

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Jr. (5-8th) 2nd & 4th Sundays
4:30-6:00pm **Jena Mackay**

"They received the Word with eagerness, examining the Scriptures"



4th Annual Camp-Out

at Timberlake

Reserve the dates June 12-14. For More

Details call **Janelle Ham** PH: 402-463-1861

Thank You

Thanks to Pastor Mackay and Pastor Siebert for prayers and visits
in Hastings and while I was in Lincoln for surgery. Thanks also to
our special Christmas visitors, cards, and telephone calls. Thank
you all, **Ruth Ohlsen**

LADIES NIGHT

We have had some really fun Ladies' Nights. We would love to see this pick up even
more. So far, we have nothing planned for April, but if you have an idea of something you
would like to do, let Public Relations know. We will help you set a date and advertise it. Re-
member, YOU are the hostess! You decide what you would like to do, If you have a craft you
would like to teach people to do, if you want to learn how to do something (several people
want to learn to crochet), a book you would like to discuss, a certain Bible study you would
like to share, exercise class, wedding stuff to prepare, or just some fellowship, we can do
it. (Someone suggested we should have our own Steak Night!) We will be glad to help you
get it organized.

The only thing I know of upcoming will be in July - On Sunday, July 26, The Boxcar Youth
Theatre Company will be performing their final performance of "The Enchantment of Beauty
and the Beast." We thought it would be fun to take a bus of Ladies to that on a nice Sunday
afternoon. More to come on that later. We look forward to hearing your ideas to keep
Ladies' Night going! **Lisa Novak**, Public Relations

Good Friday Noon – April 3rd
(The day of our Lord's Crucifixion)

Tre Ore Service

Meditations on Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross

(Tre Ore is latin for "Three Hours" – the final hours our Lord was on the cross and
during which darkness covered the land)

12:00pm

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of the Nebraska District
of the LCMS



Tuesday, April 28th
at 7:00p WELCOME ALL
MEN! www.lhm.org/



Men's Steak Night

All men are invited to enjoy steak and
fellowship! **Monday, April 13th at**
6:00pm (eat around **6:30pm**) \$12 p/
person We play cards & enjoy bever-
age after a short Bible Study.



Layette:

- 2 receiving blankets**
- 2 undershirts or onesies**
- 2 gowns or sleepers**
- 4 cloth diapers or 6 disposable**
- 1 sweater**
- 2 safety pins**
- 1 bar soap**
- 1 plastic pant**
- Optional:**
- Band-aids,**
- toothbrush/paste**
- Lotion,**
- 'shampoo-travel size**



April 5th Easter Breakfast Chairman Marion Kerr Free-will Offering
April 8-4:00p Executive Board Meeting
April 13-Sewing for Orphan Grain Train

April 18 Saturday A Bridal Shower for Erica Blakely This is at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Lutheran Church. Erica and Pastor Benjamin Siebert will be married on May 23rd. This is a miscellaneous shower. Erica is registered at Herberger's, Hastings, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Grand Island and Target in Kearney. All Ladies of the Congregation are invited and urged to attend to meet and become acquainted with Erica. Regrets only to Betty Krueger 402-463-5369 or Diane Gundlach 402-463-7448 by Monday, April 13.

April 20 Quarterly meeting Special Program will be given by Shari Maul of Earl May's. She will explain and demonstrate Fairy Gardens. Business meeting to follow, lunch and social time. Hostesses are Kay Krueger and Diane Gundlach. Ingathering is layette supplies for Orphan Grain Train. Mary Black is to send greeting cards, Diane Gundlach is in charge of Easter Lilies.

April 25 Spring Workshop at Zion, Wanda. Registration is 9:00 to 9:30 Cost \$5.00. The theme is "Sow, Reap Nourish" Matthew 6:26. The bus will be going, cost \$3.00 and will leave from the church at 8:30. Call **Ruby Carlson** for reservations: 402-463-9730

CARDROOM NEWS The LWML will be selling sympathy, birthday and get well cards by a box of 12. If you are interested, see Carol Hansel at church on Sundays or Jeri in the office on weekdays. The price will be marked on the box.

Mother's Day and Father's Day cards will be available for 50cents in the narthex closer to those holidays.

Please come see the Cardroom at the back of the church We have sympathy, get well, birthday, confirmation, wedding, anniversary, thank you, and thinking of you cards with a scripture verse. They are 75cents or 3 for \$2, **Carol Hansel**, LWML Cardroom Chairman



+ Paula Long + Family of Linda Longoria + Peyton Blakley + Dale Hartman + Dorothy Brown-hospice (sister of Jan Callan) + Baptism-Jax Curt Tyndall son of Jesse & Lacey Tyndall + Carl Yurk-cancer + Don Nissen + Family of Bud Bohrer + Linda Parsons + Family of Hilda Kroger + Vonnie Verhage + Ruth Klein + Carol Smith + Clint Nunnenkamp + Les Krueger + Lynn Hagemeyer + Wilma Debban + Lucille Fitzke + Scott Sanders + Larry Hammond + Dana Gilbert + Jeri Beverstock + Margaret Grotelueschen + Esther Hinze – hospice + Jon Bullard – Army (homeland) + Ross Peters – Navy (homeland) **Please call the Church Office to be added to the prayer list. Names will be removed as need dictates. Keep us informed!**

Five Points Bank	\$ 15,738	LCEF Church Savings Fund	\$ 5,839
Memorial Funds	\$ 14,816	LCEF Endowment Fund	\$ 52,707

YTD FACT & STATS AS OF February 28, 2015

Avg. Attendance:		Sunday	120		
		Wednesday	75		
		Total	195		
CURRENT	OFFERINGS	\$ 25,890	PROPERTY OFFERINGS	\$ 335	
At 11%	BUDGETED	\$ 37,676	At 12%	BUDGETED	\$ 450
MISSION	OFFERINGS	\$ 1,530	SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$ 537	
At 11%	BUDGETED	\$ 2,325	At 16%	BUDGETED	\$ 552

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning this month, your financial reports will be printed for the previous month. These are true numbers, not in draft form. If you would like any current month financial information, please contact me. Per our Budget, after two months, our income percentages should be 17%, we are sitting at 11% currently. Our expenses, although now shown here, are right at 17%. Respectfully Submitted **Jan Hinze**, Treasurer

Open the Doors of Peace

Pledged Donations	\$369,363	Non-Pledged Donations	\$ 28,460
Interest	\$ 438		