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“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 2015

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As we approach the new church year perhaps you are you are apprehensive about the year to come. Maybe you’re just beginning to apprehend something coming on the horizon. What kind of changes might come to your life this year? What has changed that might make the road ahead a challenge? Matters of health, wealth, family? Changes are bound to happen, and even the most pleasant of them come with challenges.

Consider our new building project. As great as it will be to have main floor bathrooms and not have to direct guests around a maze of stairs to get where they need to go, as great as it will be to have a larger gathering place to meet visitors and encourage one another, there are also worries that can come along with it.



Actually, now that you stop to think about it, this is a lot like the same old song. The next year comes with all of its challenges and worries – the challenges might differ from time to time, but there’s nothing all that new about them even if you’ve never faced them yourself before; and the worries you have might include one or two you’ve never considered as worrisome before, but they’ve been around. And when you stop to think about the issues we as a congregation might face in the months and years ahead, as new as the addition might be, they too are old hat: changes in habits, heating costs, cleaning time, these all have happened before and will happen again. Now you’re probably thinking, “Pastor, I was excited about the new building project, and now you’re bringing up the same old problems.” Well, if I’m a Debby-downer, so was Solomon, son of David, king of Israel, wisest of the wise: *I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.* (Ecclesiastes 1:14 ESV)

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:30a-12:00p

1:00p-4:30p

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Maybe you were looking forward to the new year. Maybe you were excited about new hopes and opportunities: new doctor, new car, new house, new household. Indeed, everything we consider new in this life will fade away, be lost, stolen, or break, even die. You can collect and

NOTEWORTHY DATES

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| Nov. 5 | 1:30p L.W.M.L | 7:00p Heartwell Clovers |
| Nov. 9 | 9:30a Sewing OGT | 7:00p Elders Fire & Staff Bible Study |
| Nov. 10 | 6:00p Committees | 7:00p Boards 8:00p Church Council |
| Nov. 11 | 11:00a Senior Bible Study & Luncheon at Good Samaritan Village Diner | |
| Nov. 12 | 6:30p Ladies Night | |
| Nov. 18 | 2:30p Calling & Caring due to Holiday time. | |
| Nov. 20 | Fundraiser-Storm Hockey, Kearney, NE –Game starting time 7:30pm | |
| Nov. 22 | 9:15a Voters’ Meeting-Budgets, Elections | |
| Nov. 25 | 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Service | |
| Nov. 27 | Elders Set Tree | |
| Nov. 28 | 10:00a Decorate Church & Nativity | Nov. 30 6:30p Men’s Steak Night |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | Divine Service 5:00p |
| Sunday | Divine Service 8:00a & 10:30a
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:15a-10:15a |
| Tuesday | Matins Service 9:00a
Bible Study 9:30a-10:30a |
| Wednesday | Catechism Classes for 5th-8th 4:30p-5:45p
Vespers Service 6:00p
Choir Practice 7:00p |

gather all your life, but it eventually is owned by someone else or cast aside. *What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises...What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us.* (Ecclesiastes 1:3-5, 9-10)

This is, in truth, the world we live in. But Solomon wasn't a Nihilist and neither is your God. In a world where nothing new ever happens, something new entered in. On a dark day some 2000 years ago a death occurred. You would be tempted to say, "That's nothing new!" but you'd be wrong. The Son of God came to die, to suffer for sin He never committed, to redeem a world lost in death. This was truly new – and His resurrection and ascension just as much so!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4)

For you, His saints, His chosen, His baptized this is good news! In all of time this is truly new! This places all our fears and concerns into perspective; this sets our hearts in hope for the coming days and years; this sets our ears to continue to hear this promise spoken in our ear and placed in our mouths as our God comes to dwell with us in the Divine Service; and this establishes our households to be a place where the Word of God is taught and studied daily.

We hear, "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' ... And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. (Revelation 21:5a, 6a) Our worries are to melt away. This is a promise to hold on to, and our response is, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20b)

- Pastor Siebert



Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., we will be celebrating our 5th Annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas. Breakfast of omelets, pancakes, sausage links, juice, and/or milk will be served. We will have a special visit from St. Nicholas himself, as well as games and crafts. Although there is no charge for this event, we would like our Guests to let us know how many children & adults are coming to have enough food and craft supplies ready. You can register by signing up in the Narthex, call the Church, or go on line to our website, www.peacelutheranhastings.org.

NICKELS FOR NICHOLAS: This year, we are taking donations of nickels for our Nickels for Nicholas campaign. The donations of nickels will go to help the Human Care Committee provide for those less fortunate during the holiday season. There is a St. Nicholas "bank" in the Narthex and also in the Fellowship Hall to place your nickels in. We will also have our Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange the same day. The Christmas Tea will be from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring 3 to 4 dozen cookies and your favorite cookie recipe to share with others. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Hope to see you here! **Public Relations Board**

PEACE LUTHERAN VOLUNTEERS: AGAIN THIS YEAR WE INVITE MEMBERS & YOUTH TO HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH AND SET-UP OF THE NATIVITY DISPLAY AND TREE! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 10:00AM. THANK YOU!

Thank You

Ladies' Night Thank you to all the Ladies who attended our October Ladies' Night. Gwen Ruppert was the hostess. We painted pine cones which were used as centerpieces for the evening Reformation Banquet held here at Peace on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Great Job! Pastor Siebert gave the Bible Study and all enjoyed pizza and goodies. Thanks, Gwen Ruppert, Lisa Novak See You in November!!!

The Public Relations Board would like to thank all helped with our Reformation Banquet. Thank you to Kay Krueger for helping cut potatoes. Thank you to Ruth Albers and Mary Galliant, Brandt Ruppert, and Michaela Novak, for helping set up the tables, and thanks to all who helped clean up afterwards along with Jena Mackay. Thank you to the youth who served the meal and helped clean up, Malachi, Matthias, and Micah Mackay, Michaela Novak, Allison Haller, Brandt Ruppert, and Rachel Witt. A very special thank you to Mary Keogh for helping with the grocery shopping and meal, set up, and clean up, and to Sandy Nissen for providing the awesome dinner rolls and special meat from Jon & Dianne Botsch. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the banquet. We had a wonderful turnout.

PEACE YOUTH

Heartwell Clovers will meet on Thursday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Currently, two of our members, Michaela Novak and Allison Haller, are planning on attending the Citizen Washington Focus conference in 2019. Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14 to 19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, DC, border. www.4hcenter.org. Both of our youth will be too young to go in 2016, as they need to be 14 as of January 1, 2016. Over the next few years, they will participate in many fundraising opportunities to raise the money needed to go on this trip that has, in the past, taken kids to places like Chicago, New York City to see a Broadway play, Niagara Falls (2016 participants need a passport). While in Washington, DC, they will get to participate in workshops at sites including, but not limited to, The Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Presidential and war monuments and memorials, and Smithsonian museums. For the current fundraiser, the girls are selling boxes of fruit, as well as beef sticks, cheese dips, and poinsettias. If you are interested in any of these products, please see Allison Haller or Michaela Novak. Money is due at time of order. **Heartwell Clovers.**



Game Time 7:30p STORM HOCKEY FUNDRAISER The Public Relations Board and Peace Lutheran Youth, are planning a Fundraiser. This is a fundraiser for everyone in the church to participate in.

We are selling tickets to the **Friday, November 20th Tri-City Storm Hockey game** in Kearney at the Viaero Event Center. Members can sell the tickets, so if you have friends, family, co-workers, etc., who would like tickets, just grab some order forms from the table in the Narthex or from Lisa Novak. The price of the tickets \$14.00. This is a \$3.50 savings off the regular price of the tickets. Of this \$14.00, **Peace will get \$5.00.** The money needs to be collected at the time of sale. We will sell tickets until Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Seating will be in a designated section and will be recognized at one of the intermissions. If we have 50 or more people attending, each person will get a free pop/popcorn. The tickets we sell will be held at Will Call, so when you get to the game, just say you are with Peace Lutheran Church. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the Open the Doors of Peace campaign. Let's sell those tickets and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and HOCKEY & Free skating after the game! We will have a table set up for order forms and those people attending. Thank you! **Lisa Novak**

Homemade Pumpkin Pies



The Senior Youth of Peace Lutheran Church will be taking orders for homemade pumpkin pies from now through Wednesday November 18th. All pies will be baked fresh by your youth and available for pick up at the church on Sunday, November 22nd prior to Thanksgiving Day. Pumpkin Pies will be \$10.00 each. All proceeds will go into the Sr. Youth fund. To order, please see any Sr. Youth member, order sheets will be available in the Narthex or call Brenda Christensen 402-984-3866 or Gwen Ruppert 402-984-4389. Please support your youth and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving Dessert, Hassle Free !! Thanks! **Sr. Youth & Leaders**



Men's Steak Night

Monday, Nov. 30th All men are invited to enjoy steak & fellowship! at 6:00pm (eat around **6:30pm**) \$12 p/person. We play cards & enjoy beverage after a short Bible Study. Join Us!

6:30p Ladies' Night Thursday, Nov. 12
We will be coloring!! Yes, coloring! It has been shown that coloring can reduce stress in adults. Who couldn't use a little stress relief! We are going to color Christmas pictures, or you may bring coloring books, (Please No Santa) and hang some of our pictures up to decorate for our Breakfast with St. Nicholas. We also have plenty of colors or your Welcome to bring some. See You There!
Lisa Novak

Sunday, November 22nd at 9:15a Voters' Meeting - Budgets & Elections

If the Voters Meeting should run to long, we will close at 10:10am and resume meeting at 11:45am and have a Second Attendance Sheet for Voters to sign. **Kevin Hart**

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY

NOV. 22

Members will receive

Pledge Cards

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

(in mailboxes)

Stewardship

Committee

Carol Metzger,

ADVENT MIDWEEK 2015

12/2

12/9

12/16

"BRANCHES IN THE WILDERNESS"

Advent Soup/Supper **5:30-6:15pm**

Advent Worship Service **6:30pm**

LWML Wednesday December 2nd

Sr. Youth Wednesday December 9th

Jr. Youth Wednesday December 16th

The Soup/Suppers serve as Fundraisers for these Groups. Please come and help support them!

Peace Lutheran Choir
7:00p
Wednesday's
Dave Witt
Dr. Phil



Note: To All Parents & Acolytes starting in November we will be scheduling Acolytes for the 8:00 AM. and 10:30 AM. Services. Thank You Sandy Nissen & Tonda Wolfe Altar Guild

Communion Wine Gifts or Donations are Always Appreciated! Altar Guild



November Honey Sunday

Honey bears will be for sale at \$5 each beginning Sunday, Nov. 1st & until all 18 bears are sold. The honey bears can be found in the Narthex after the 8 am Service or Church Office during the week. All Donations Welcome!

The funds raised go to Adams/Clay ARC advocates for the Rights of All Citizens with developmental disabilities & provides support for their families. Thanks for your kind support. **Joan Primrose** 402-463-9752.



LWML for November

Thursday, Nov. 5 -1:30p Fellowship and Topic:

Hostess: Sue Fintel Topic:

Monday, Nov. 9 – Sewing for Orphan Grain Train

November Greeting Cards-Diane Gundlach

Harvest Display: Kathy Hromadka, Janie Hinrichs

Please save Allen’s Receipts for Zion Lutheran School. Sept.-March 2nd floor bulletin board/manila envelope ThankYou!

News Release The Quarterly meeting of Peace Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was held Monday, October 19, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Krueger. The business meeting was opened using the L.W.M. L. Pledge. There were 27 members and one guest present.

Kathryn Mousel, President of the Hastings Zone, gave a report of the L.W.M.L. National Convention. She showed pictures of events that were held. The 2017 National Convention will be held in Salt Lake City celebrating the 75th Anniversary and the 500 year Anniversary of Martin Luther’s nailing the 95 Thesis to the door.

Sue Fintel reported on the Fall Rally at Red Cloud, NE. The theme “Lord Teach Us to Pray” with emphasis on Luke 11:1.

Election of Officers for 2016 was held, Paula Kehoe will serve as President –Elect and Sue Fintel as Secretary. A fun time was had by playing “Name that Tune” on Kazoos and a gift exchange with the reading of the story “The Birthday Gift”. Hostesses were Diane Gundlach, Marlys Brown, Carol Hansel and Nadeen Debban. The meeting closed by singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marydae Eigenberg**



Ladies of Peace Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at 12 Noon

More information To Follow! **Betty Krueger**



+ Andrea Troudt + Carol Krause + Carol Metzger + Corinne Mills + Donald Pohlmann + Tabbi +John Black + Betty Bohrer + Maddie Feek + Malachi Gnagy + Wilma Debban + Neal Hoagland + Don Heath + Dee Anne Janssen + June Rose + Gary Flesner-cancer + Lynn Hagemeyer + Lucille Fitzke + Scott Sunders + Dana Gilbert + Margaret Grotelueschen + 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	\$ 5,061	LCEF Church Savings Fund	\$ 5,781
Memorial Funds	\$ 17,490	LCEF Endowment Fund	\$ 48,480

YTD FACT & STATS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Avg. Attendance for Week		150	
CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ 129,974	PROPERTY OFFERINGS	\$ 1,810
At 57% BUDGETED	\$ 150,703	At 60% BUDGETED	\$ 2,025
MISSION OFFERINGS	\$ 6,831	SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,983
At 49% BUDGETED	\$ 10,462	At 57% BUDGETED	\$ 2,407

INCOME NOTES:

The Budgeted Income YTD is sitting at approx. 57%. To stay on budget, our numbers should read 75%. At the end of September, we are down 18% or \$43,839.

EXPENSE NOTES: Total Expenses are at 68%.

Open the Doors of Peace (12/31/13-09/30/15)

Pledged Donations	\$401,958	Non-Pledged Donations	\$ 21,865
Alan Koepke	\$ 17, 515	Interest	\$ 863
Total Expenses	\$ 99,217		

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Hinze, Treasurer