

## Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial

A ministry of Concordia Historical Institute, Located in Friedenberg

> Friends of Hill of Peace Church 2021 Newsletter

## Hill of Peace Activities for 2020

2020 ended with the *Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial* regrettably unable to have any services. As we start 2021 the Easter Service will not be held but we are still hopeful we can have the Fall and Christmas Services.

In 2019 with the gracious help of so many, we were able to get the roof coated with a rubberized coating that has a fifty-year guarantee. The roof repair, along with replacing the boards under the gutters and some additional outside work, took care of the leaking problem.



Hill of Peace again participated in the Perry County Christmas Country Church Tour. Following guidelines for the pandemic, there were over 225 visitors stopping to see the beautifully decorated church.





Because we were unable to hold services at *Hill of Peace* last year, our income for the year is practically nil. While we were able to repair the roof, we were unable to have the church ceiling and outside painted. The paint on the beautiful metal ceiling has started to peel off and needs to be scraped and repainted. With the high ceiling, it will require the use of scaffolding. This means additional labor and costs to get this accomplished. The estimate for repairs for water damage and painting is \$7,500. The exterior painting, scraping and glazing of windows estimate is \$6,800. Needless to say, we don't have the money to do both

projects this year. We are hoping, with your help, to do the interior of the church this year and possibly the exterior next year. As you know, the longer we wait, the greater the cost.



Why should we be keeping up this old building? Our answer to this is Hill of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church was built in 1885 and was the mother church for the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, Zion Lutheran Church in Longtown and a Lutheran congregation at Point Rest (no longer in existence). Preserving the history of our ancestors who were baptized, received communion, confirmed, married and buried from this church is invaluable.

Again, thank you for all your support, as the Advisory Committee of Hill of Peace Friedenberg Lutheran Historical Society, we continue our efforts to preserve the beautiful old church, a historical jewel for German Lutheran Church history.

We have included a brochure and an envelope for your continued support.

Please accept our invitation to visit Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial. In addition, you are invited to join our efforts as a volunteer. Your help is welcome and needed.

We would also like to remind you if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars, they can be sent to Concordia Historical Institute. If you let us know, we can notify CHI and they will send the funds to Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial Preservation Fund.



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