



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hello again,

As I read an article this week in an LCMS Free To Be Faithful Newsletter, I am reminded once again of the division that has grown like a cancer among our American people. Angry words, that often fill public discourse, threaten to poison our homes and our families, and even our congregations with thoughts of hatred. Let us not allow the rantings of the world unlimited access to our hearts; let us not live, and relive the words and images of the media to the point of anger or despair.

As I read that newsletter, I was reminded that this is a spiritual battle that requires spiritual weapons. St. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth; "*Working together with God (who makes His appeal through us), then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. WE put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots,*

*labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, and yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything."* (2Corinthians 6:1-10)

As Lutheran Christians we are NOT bound to be silent in the public square; we are free to speak, and act, in love for our neighbor, and in faith toward God.

As we face the challenges and rantings of this broken world, let us guard our hearts, that we may affectively guard the hearts of our families and our church family. Jesus reminds us that only by being salt and light to the world can we change the conversation. (Matthew 5:13-16)

Let us change the conversation.  
Thanks,  
Pastor Lonnie



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**FROM AN ELDER**

While I watch Pastor Lonnie Write great sermons week after week, it is hard for me to write one page for the Tidings. I got to thinking about our world and nations situations and how lucky we are to live out here in the middle of nowhere away from a lot of the huge problems going on. I'm sure with all the news, you have figured out which publications are worth reading and which ones are not worth reading. One worth reading of course is your Bible .

Reading the Old Testament , which doesn't get a lot of attention, you will find those poor people had it pretty rough. When the Israelites left Egypt in the exodus and traveled 40 years in the wilderness to get to Canaan, it probably wasn't on their Bucket list, except they would have been slaves for the rest of their lives. So if being stuck at home gets to you, be glad you are not wandering in the desert for 40 years. We all wish we could have good health and good days for us and all our family but that is out of our hands. Keep the faith.

*Exodus 14:14- Moses told the Israelites "The Lord will fight for you; You only need to be still.*



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Tammie Bruntz	8/2	Ron Lauer	8/10	Paxton Messinger	8/18
Jamie Gray	8/2	Madelyn Bird	8/11	Linda Parde	8/19
Fritz Hubert	8/2	Patricia Penner	8/12	Madison Aufrecht	8/20
Abby Barth	8/5	Phil Bamesberger	8/14	Britni Downing	8/25
Cody Göttl	8/5	Jacob Curl	8/14	Kristly Hanchera	8/27
Lucas Post	8/5	Debra Gleason	8/14	Bailey Lauer	8/27
Jim Hall	8/6	Emily Kjendal	8/15	Lee McConville	8/27
Samantha Huryta	8/6	Dane Foster	8/16	Judy Schow	8/27
Nathan Cummins	8/7	Rylee Mooney	8/16	Susanne Curl	8/28
Lisa Koetter	8/7	Kenneth Polly	8/16	Janet Gray	8/28
Christina Coleman	8/9	Trenten Bruntz	8/17	Taylor Dicenta	8/30
Linda Nielsen	8/9	Adam Rawn	8/17	Elaine Polly	8/30
Katherine Kjendal	8/10	George Wurm	8/17		

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Dillon & Audrie Göttl	8/2/2014	6	Steve & Sharon Kircher	8/17/1984	36
Stephen & Brigitta Post	8/2/1980	40	Robert & Joann Nemechek	8/19/1972	48
Samantha & Elliot Hurtya	8/4/2018	2	Zachary Becka Hueftle	8/20/2016	4
Rachel & Dakota Lietka	8/10/2019	1	Keith & Kelsey Messinger	8/20/2011	9
Fred & Deb Gleason	8/11/1973	47	Roger & Karen Ziebell	8/21/1971	49
Jeff & Kim Pinkerton	8/11/2001	19	Jeffrey & Kelly Unger	8/22/2009	11
Curt & Cindy Swanhorst	8/11/1984	36	Larry & Linda Richards	8/26/1962	58
Randall & Carrie Göttl	8/12/1988	32	Lonnie & Tanna Felcher	8/28/1976	44

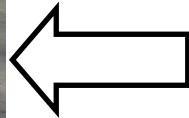
We apologize if we have made a mistake. Please contact the office so we may get it corrected.

**OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE**

	Week to Date (July 26th-August 1st)	Month to Date (July 5th-August 1st)	Actual Year to Date (January 5th-August 1st)
Offerings	\$6,501.00	\$17,207.00	\$133,454.49
Expenses	\$4,456.00	\$16,118.00	\$131,148.00



Pastor Felcher and Emmett during Cruise Night! (Check out the shadow!)



**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Stewardship Ministry  
Newsletter Article – August 2020**

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

**AUGUST READINGS**

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
2nd	The 9th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5	Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matthew 14:13-21
9th	The 10th S. after Pentecost	Job 38:4-18	Romans 10:5-17	Matthew 14:22-33
16th	The 11th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matthew 15:21-28
23rd	The 12th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6	Romans 11:33-12:8	Matthew 16:13-20
30th	The 13th S. after Pentecost	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28





## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism met for their monthly meeting July 1 with Nancy Rippen, Cathy Broz and Deb Gleason in attendance. Cathy opened the meeting with prayer. Birthday and anniversary cards to be mailed out were reviewed. We have not received a current newcomer's list. Our Partner's in Prayer Ministry concluded in July. We would like to thank everyone who participated and made a difference in other member's lives through their prayers. The Meal Ministry is up and running again. Contact Joann Nemechek, Dorene Hoffman or the church office if you would like to receive meals following a hospitalization or the birth of a child. Thanks to all the women who have volunteered to help with this ministry. Grief booklets continue to be mailed to members suffering a loss. Feedback on the series remains positive. Visitor mugs remain available in the narthex. We are in contact with the college and hopefully will be able to continue with our cookie outreach to incoming freshman this fall. Thanks to all who have been reaching out to others during this time of isolation. We encourage everyone to continue doing so.

God's Blessings for our students, their parents and teachers for a safe and happy school year!



Check out our Facebook page! Don't forget to "Like", "Follow" and "Share" it! You can find us at Peace Lutheran McCook NE.

[www.plcmccook.org](http://www.plcmccook.org)



## TOOLS FOR STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM

### SHUT INS

Please remember those who are unable to worship with us for one reason or another.

**Hillcrest:** Orian Fritz, Pam Leibbrandt, Ruth Woodhams, Martin Fortkamp and Darlene Leibbrandt.

**Kinship Pointe:** Walt & Jean Sehnert, Paul & Ruby Ahrens, Betty Harms, Shirley Lichty, and Barbara Klein.

**Highland Park:** Harlan & Bernita Reiners

**McCook:** Mark Cummins

**York:** Joyce Hofman

**Lincoln:** Carla Bales

**Arapahoe:** Joyce Stupka

**Butte:** Don Kisker

**Scottsbluff:** Betty Knapper

### ELDER VISITATION

In order to facilitate better connection between the church and members, the Elders are well into a program whereby they have been assigned specific sections of the city and make contact with all members within their assigned area. The purpose of these visits is to not only make contact, but also update contact information and discuss spiritual needs that our members may have. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Elders – Ron Aufrecht, Harold Carlson, Phil Bamesberger, Victor Lauer, Fritz Hubert, Curt Swanhorst or Fred Gleason.

### FOOD PANTRY

At the November 2013 meeting of the Ministerial Association, one of the topics discussed related to support to the food pantry by the McCook congregations. One of the pastors put together a spread sheet based on the regular needs of the food pantry – the staples. The spread sheet identified an emphasis that each congregation can focus on for each month of the year to help stock the pantry. **Of course all donations are welcome (like cake mixes, icing, condiments, etc.),** but this provides an idea of their specific needs. As discussed at our meeting, here are the items for Peace to place an emphasis on, by month. January – soup or stew, February – crackers, March – Mac & Cheese, April – canned meats, May – canned vegetables, June – flour & sugar, July flour & sugar (again), **August – Peanut butter**, September – canned fruit, October – pork & beans, November – dry pasta, and December – beans.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool to 5th grade children are invited to Sunday School each Sunday from 9:15-10:15am downstairs. We have snacks, playtime, opening prayer, Bible study, and closing prayer. Currently our Bible time involves learning about the various people of the Bible and their influence on passing along God's Word to us today. Parents are always welcome to join us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>KNGN Sponsor</u>
2nd-Available	2nd-Available
9th-Available	9th-Available
16th-Available	16th-Available
23rd-Available	23rd-Available
30th-Available	30th-Available

Note: Cost to sponsor a "Your Hour of Worship" program on KNGN 1300AM Radio is \$45. If you are interested in sponsoring a program, please call the church office for available dates.

<b>August 2nd</b>	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Usher	Dennis Chipman
Lay Reader	Randon Peters
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Jeff Pinkerton
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Usher	
Lay Reader	Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

<b>August 9th</b>	
Elder on duty	Ron Aufrecht
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Grant Pfanstiel
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	
Lay Reader	Phil Bamesberger
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

<b>August 16th</b>	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Gary Buk
Lay Reader	Mike Nielsen
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Video	Russ Ankersen

<b>August 23rd</b>	
Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Patsy Fisher
Greeter	Pat Penner
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

<b>August 30th</b>	
Elder on duty	Curt/Phil
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gary Buk
Lay Reader	Paul Schaffert
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Karen Berry
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Russ Ankersen
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER



PEACE TALK

Have you ever packed a lunch and just couldn't wait to delve into it? I related to that the other day as my granddaughters helped pack a lunch for a combine ride. They couldn't wait till lunch time to dig into it, in fact I barely got the machine started. I chuckled as I have done the same thing many times and then rummaged through an empty cooler at noon. Why didn't I wait! I might be hard pressed to think this is hereditary, but on the other hand; I have trouble waiting for a traffic light to change, waiting in a checkout line, or waiting for my phone to send a text message. In our fast-paced world, waiting becomes an irritating inconvenience. Do I have this same impatient nature when waiting for God? How often do we ask God for something and expect a rapid reply? Sometimes the desires of our heart take time. We know God is working in our life even though He appears to be silent, but we yearn for visible results. Waiting sometimes become one of God's favorite tools to get our attention, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord," Psalm 27:14. Paging through the Bible we can recall many instances where waiting and patience endured. Noah waited for rain, Sarah waited to be with child, Joseph waited in prison, Moses waited in the wilderness, Daniel, Job, Paul, I could go on, but I can't seem to wait two more hours to eat my lunch or wait a few extra minutes in line. How do you handle waiting? We wait for the Lord to help us through a difficult circumstance and our faith is often tested in those long and painful moments in our life when patient endurance is called upon - as we trustingly wait for the Lord to act. We humbly pray and wait, questioning if we will be strong enough to accept the answer we get or when the answer might come. However, "I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His Word I put my hope", Psalms 130:5. When we take God at His Word and trust Him unquestioningly, despite our impatient nature during stressful circumstances, it beckons us to be comforted by His presence and thus enabled from within to wait for Him. I'm not saying I won't still eat my lunch before due time, but hopefully when I do, it will remind me of the small lessons given to me along the way that spiritual maturity is in the ability to wait. God has plans in store for us and we can place our trust in him for the endurance we need to WAIT, on the LORD. Dear God, thank you for your endless patience with me especially during my impatient moments. I long to trust You with my whole life, in the doing and in the waiting. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity  
Phil Bamesberger



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# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study Wedding
<b>2</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Upper Fellowship Hall reservation	<b>3</b> PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4:00pm Lifelight	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>9 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>10</b> PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 4:00pm Lifelight	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 2:30pm Confirmation 4:30pm Baptism
<b>16 Blessing of the Backpacks</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>17</b> PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>18</b> 1:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4:00pm Lifelight	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>23 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>24</b> 2:00pm LWML	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:30pm Hillcrest Service 2:30pm Kinship Pointe Service 4:00pm Lifelight	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (VACATION)						
<b>30</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>31</b>					
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (VACATION)						