



'TIDINGS OF **PEACE**' from

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TO:

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TIDINGS OF PEACE
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*H*ello again,

As I write to you today, I have just returned to the office after fourteen days of isolation. Until now I thought I understood what many of you are feeling, but I now realize that I was wrong. Reflecting back on the past two weeks I am praising God that my family is safe. And that you my friends are safe. But, as I praise God, I also reflect on the rollercoaster of feelings and emotions; from fear and uncertainty to anger and frustration mixed with guilt—second-guessing myself; “how can I stay home when there is so much to do?” And, as so many have expressed over the past six months; “should I let health officials tell me what to do—how to live my life?” Opinions on such things seem to be without limit. If I had one word to describe the past two weeks, I think the word would be surreal; like a dream from which one cannot awaken.

I recall pleading with God for my children. I recall feeling like a leper who must shout, “UNCLEAN! UNCLEAN!” I recall the feelings of guilt as I drove to the church to record sermons

for worship services. And the sadness in my son's eyes at the news again today, that he cannot play with his friends. I recall receiving a patronizing smile from someone who had no idea what I am feeling; if I have ever given that smile to you, I ask your forgiveness. And I recall the reassuring voice of a paramedic.

My family and I are doing well. I wish I could say to you that these days of uncertainty will soon pass, but it is not my place to say. But I CAN tell you that God never left my side! And I can tell you, without a doubt, that He will never leave you. God is with you; ask for His wisdom in all things—keep yourself and your loved ones safe—and when you feel comfortable enough, I will see you in church.

Till next time; your servant in
Christ, Pastor Felcher

“Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.” Psalm 25:6-7

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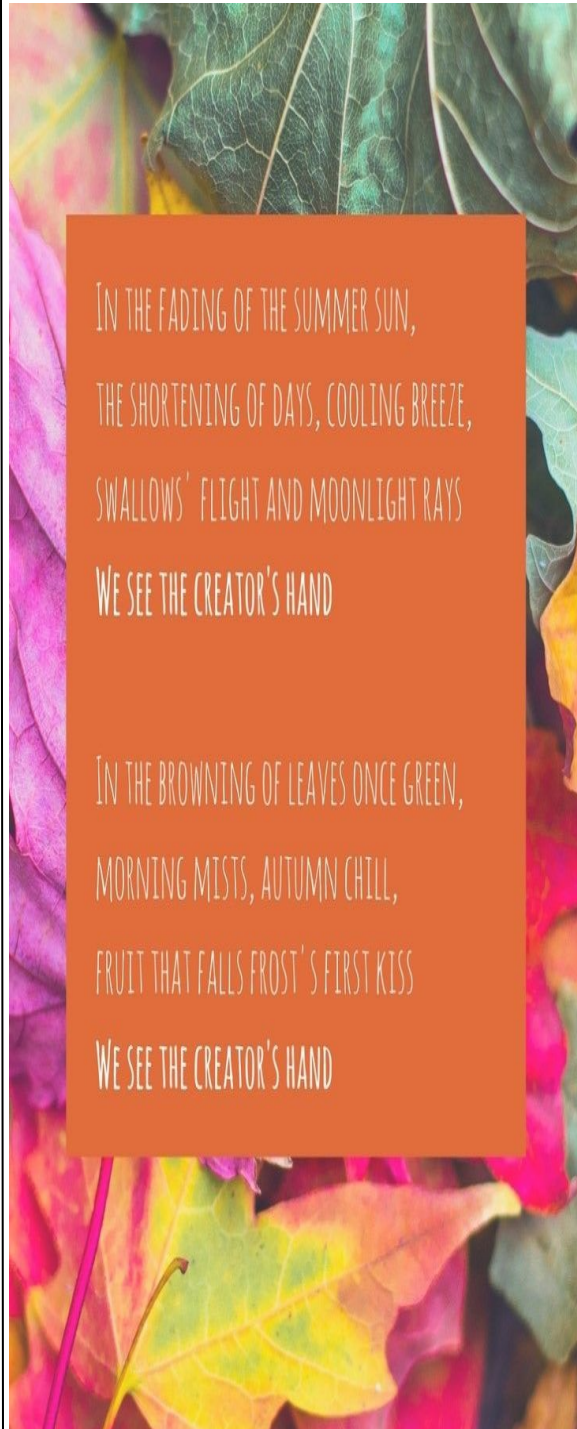
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IN THE FADING OF THE SUMMER SUN,
THE SHORTENING OF DAYS, COOLING BREEZE,
SWALLOWS' FLIGHT AND MOONLIGHT RAYS
WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

IN THE BROWNING OF LEAVES ONCE GREEN,
MORNING MISTS, AUTUMN CHILL,
FRUIT THAT FALLS FROST'S FIRST KISS
WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Dwain Curtis	10/1	Benjamin Schow	10/7	John Hubert	10/21
Patricia Fisher	10/1	Garald Unger	10/8	Randon Peters	10/21
Benjamin Vetrovsky	10/1	Devonn Bruntz	10/11	Delaney Critchfield	10/23
Wade Hamilton	10/2	Marilyn Unger	10/11	Griffin Göltl	10/25
Iva Fritz	10/3	Lois Brown	10/12	Nathaniel Reiners	10/27
Velma Kircher	10/3	Mary Hazlitt	10/14	Dan Unger	10/28
Candace Rogers	10/3	Dorinda Polly	10/14	Linda Smith	10/29
Sandy Lauer	10/4	Danten Downing	10/15	Donna Curtis	10/30
Ron Rogers	10/5	Ross Wiemers	10/18	Joann Nemechek	10/30
Charles Seybold	10/5	Austin Grube	10/20	Charles Gray	10/31
Paul Ahrens	10/6	Alexander Nielsen	10/20	Teagan Strauch	10/31
Barbara Klein	10/6	Peyton Doucet	10/21	Angela Watts	10/31
Mary Lou Hanson	10/7				

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Alyssa & Andrew Rice	10/1/2016	4	Russell & Susan Ankersen	10/20/1979	41
Michael & Patricia Leibrandt	10/3/1981	39	Grant & Charlene Pfanstiel	10/22/1983	37
Adrianna & Jordan Gass	10/4/2014	6	James & Donna Hall	10/26/1996	24
Justin & Kiah Terry	10/7/2017	3	Thomas & Cathy Broz	10/27/1984	36
Scott & Kristyl Hanchera	10/17/1981	39	Mike & Terri Skolout	10/28/1989	31

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 (October 4th-October 10th)	Month to Date (October 4th-October 10th)	Actual Year to Date (January 5th-October 10th)
Offerings	\$2,890.00	\$2,890.00	\$165,328.00
Expenses	\$7,571.00	\$7,571.00	\$190,171.00



CREATIVE PRESCHOOL



You can help out our own Creative Preschool by clipping UPC codes and box tops. It's as easy as cutting out the UPC code from "Our Family" products and any "Box Top" UPC codes and Box Tops collected help buy various supplies needed for day to day operation of the preschool. In the past these programs helped the preschool purchase supplies, the large color and shape carpet, books, science and math activities and many other items. The UPC codes and Box Tops can be returned to Kelsey or the church office. Thank you for supporting Creative Preschool!

Creative Preschool has started. Please consider giving scholarships for preschool students. Information is on the table across from the mailboxes. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to my church family! You are all such a blessing to me and my family. Thanks for all of the prayers, phone calls, text messages, manning the phones in the office, those who brought stuff to my house so I could work from home, and those who made all the copies for me or helped out in any way. This virus really caught me by surprise and the amount of support I received is truly overwhelming. I am sincerely sorry for any inconvenience this all caused.

OCTOBER READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
4th	The 18th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
11th	The 19th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6-9	Philippians 4:4-13	Matthew 22:1-14
18th	The 20th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
25th	Reformation Day	Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19



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

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6-7)

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17-18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13-14): 'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125-126)



BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Evangelism Committee Report September 2020

The meeting was held August 26. Birthday and anniversary cards were discussed and will continue to be sent out. *Grief Ministry* books are available to any church member who needs one. Anyone interested should contact the church office or any Evangelism Committee member. *Welcome Packets* containing cookies and church information were taken to McCook Community College and distributed to the freshmen students. The *Live Nativity* and the *Angel Tree* were discussed as upcoming activities. More detailed planning will be discussed as the dates for these activities approaches. Evangelism Committee. Cathy Broz, Deb Gleason, and Nancy Rippen

ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

Thank you to everyone who has written notes of encouragement, donated snacks and other items, and helped pack for the Adopt-A-Chaplain program. The packages are sent to chaplains to help them care for deployed troops. In June, we adopted two chaplains, Lt. Michael Kearney in Afghanistan, and Cpt. Andrew Baird in Korea. Both chaplains say that the troops appreciate the messages and the gifts. Chaplain Kearney will be coming home soon. We would like to continue to support chaplains and have applied to adopt another chaplain to send packages to. Please join us to pack care packages on Tuesday, October 13th at 1pm.

If you have an article, an announcement, pictures, etc... that you would like to submit for the "Tidings of Peace" newsletter, please bring it by the church office no later than the 4th Thursday of the month.

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



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, Darlene Leibbrandt and Evelyn Hilker.

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.

Altar Flowers

4th-Available

11th-Available

18th-Available

25th-Available

KNGN Sponsor

4th-Available

11th-Available

18th-Available

25th-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.

October 4th

Elder on duty Victor Lauer
Organist K.C. Eckhardt
Audio Cathy Broz
Greeter Charlene Pfanstiel
Greeter Grant Pfanstiel
Usher Dennis Chipman
Lay Reader George Wurm

Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Jeff Pinkerton

Late Service

Greeter Myra Tietz
Greeter Jane Schuster
Usher Jim Dejonge
Lay Reader Nick Nothnagel

Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Ben Schow
Video NEED VOLUNTEER

October 18th

Elder on duty Harold Carlson
Organist Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio Paul Sellers
Greeter Elaine Polly
Greeter Jeff Polly
Usher Gary Buk
Lay Reader Renelle Mooney

Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Tina Cummins

Late Service

Greeter Donna Hall
Greeter Jim Hall
Usher Ben Schow
Lay Reader Fred Gleason

Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint
Video Russ Ankersen

October 11th

Elder on duty Ron Aufrecht
Organist K.C. Eckhardt
Audio Russ Ankersen
Greeter Deb Shields
Greeter

Usher Harold Carlson
Lay Reader Mike Nielsen
Acolyte

Acolyte
Powerpoint Russ Ankersen

Late Service

Greeter Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter Curt Swanhorst
Usher

Lay Reader Sue Ankersen
Acolyte
Acolyte

Powerpoint Russ Ankersen
Video NEED VOLUNTEER

October 25th

Elder on duty Fritz Hubert
Organist Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio Harold Carlson
Greeter

Greeter Eugene Custer
Lay Reader Jerry Calvin
Acolyte

Acolyte
Powerpoint Tina Cummins

Late Service

Greeter Patsy Fisher
Greeter Pat Penner
Usher Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader Curt Swanhorst

Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Gary Hunkins
Video NEED VOLUNTEER



PEACE TALK

Nothing is going right, but on the other hand, maybe I have nothing to lose! Who would ever try to write a devotion about "nothing"? Some advice I once heard is, "When you have nothing to write about, write about nothing." So why not give it a try? Now some of you friendly hecklers might say, "well you have been writing about nothing for months!" Maybe true, but not about "nothing" in every sense of the word, so I just as well start at the beginning. If you think about it, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Out of what? Nothing. Nothing is all there was before the world began (Genesis 1:2). In fact, Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "God created the world out of nothing and as long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us." "Nothing," is made reference to or mentioned quite often in the Bible. Nothing discouraged Noah from building the arc. Nothing could get in the way of Moses. Joshua made walls crumble into nothing. Nothing was too big for David. Satan said, "does Job fear God for nothing?" (Job 1:9). We continue with the great wisdom of the Apostle Paul when he told the Philippians to "do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit," and "be anxious for nothing," (Philippians 2:3, 4:6). The prophet Jeremiah repents to the Lord on behalf of the Jewish nation "Correct me, O Lord, but with justice; Not with Your anger, or You will bring me to nothing." (Jeremiah 10:24). We are reminded of our own sins from this next verse, as Solomon adds in Ecclesiastes that we must not walk in darkness, but follow God's light, our sins are the same now as they have been throughout time "So there is nothing new under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9). These burdens can include the desire to gather earthly possessions and the warning in 1 Timothy 6:7 "for we have brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we cannot carry nothing out." There are times when we doubt as Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing," (Luke 5:5). We must ask for forgiveness and repent, "For I know that nothing good dwells in me" (Romans 7:18). And ultimately, we know we can ask God for help, "For nothing will be impossible with God," (Luke 1:37). We need to fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God. We must fully depend on Jesus, without Him we have nothing, but with Him we have everything. Our promise of salvation is given to us and "neither height nor depth, or nothing else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord," (Romans 8:39). Dear Lord, help me when I feel like nothing is going my way. With your continuous presence, there will be nothing that I cannot overcome. Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity
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October 2020

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