



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

July 2021

PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School 2021





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FROM AN ELDER

Grace Alone

At the heart of what we believe is the conviction that salvation is the free gift of God's grace (undeserved mercy) for Christ's sake alone. The basis for the grace of God that alone gives hope to sinners is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Scriptures teach that God's grace in Christ Jesus is universal, embracing all people of all times and all places.

Not all Christian denominations ground the grace of God solely in the all-atoning work of Christ. As LCMS Lutherans we ground our belief in Scripture alone.

WHAT GRACE IS: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:23-24). It is God's favor revealed in the redemption of Christ by which He declares sinners to be righteous.

HOW IT JUSTIFIES: "Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:24-25). It is located in the redemptive work of Christ by which He turned God's wrath away. It is, therefore, received fully through faith, which God counts as righteousness (Rom. 4:5).

RELATION TO THE HUMAN WILL: "So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy" (Rom. 9:16). "You were dead in the trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). It does not depend at all on the human will, but only on God's mercy, fulfilled and revealed in Christ.

RELATION TO THE GOSPEL: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith'" (Rom. 1:16-17). The Gospel fully contains and reveals this grace of Christ's righteousness. Therefore, I am certain (not ashamed) of my salvation.

LCMS Lutherans keep to the simple truth of Scripture. Romans 3:19-25 and 2 Cor. 5:17-21 are two of many passages that declare the truth concerning God's grace.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Avery Doucet	7/1	Tyler Loop	7/15	Lila Leibrandt	7/22
Jack Seybold	7/1	Patricia Phinney	7/16	Mark Cummins	7/24
Cindy Soucek	7/2	Kasen Yilk	7/16	David May	7/24
Cinda Schmit	7/3	Carla Bales	7/17	Laney Peters	7/26
Kayla Koetter	7/4	Easton Gillen	7/17	Karli Swink	7/26
Chelsey Hartwell	7/6	Grant Pfanstiel	7/17	Alex Sharp	7/27
Dalton Downing	7/7	Tristen Watts	7/17	Roger Stupka	7/27
Cindy Swanhorst	7/8	Michael Chipman	7/19	Deb Lauer	7/28
Hanna Goltl	7/11	Craig Nemechek	7/19	Kristi Novak	7/29
Elaine Soncksen	7/11	Melissa Hanchera	7/20	Brigitta Post	7/29
Dennis Wudtke	7/11	Sonja Thompson	7/20	Chad Coleman	7/30
Tom Ott	7/13	Richard Thompson	7/21	Nate Schneider	7/30
Ruby Ahrens	7/15	Charles Coleman	7/22	Cathy Broz	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Jenna & Matthew Moench	7/1/2017	4	Calvin & Brenda Grube	7/20/1984	37
Kiley & Caitlin Roundtree	7/2/2011	10	Andrew & Bobbie Ziebell	7/21/2012	9
Nate & Sarah Schneider	7/8/2006	15	Mark & Tina Cummins	7/27/1991	30
Breann & Christopher Cerda	7/10/2015	6	Phillip & Janice Bamesberger	7/28/1979	42
Allyx & Dillon Garretson	7/19/2008	13	James & Susan DeJonge	7/29/1967	54

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

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

If you feel compelled to give, offering can be brought into the church office, mailed to P.O. Box 240 or direct deposited.

OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

	Week to Date (June 27th-July 3rd)	Month to Date (June 6th-July 3rd)	Actual Year to Date (January 3rd-July 3rd)
Offerings	\$3,138.00	\$15,042.00	\$120,424.00
Expenses	\$5,191.00	\$17,478.00	\$127,638.00



BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism met Wednesday, June 2 with all members present. There were 12 newcomers letters, and 5 graduation cards sent. Birthday and anniversary cards continue to be sent to PLC members. One family received Meal Ministry this month. Grief booklets continue to be sent out as needed. If you know anyone in need of our services, please notify a committee member or the Church office. The Evangelism Board will soon be changing the content of our bulletin board. Watch for the new pictures from the June 6th brunch, a baptism, and new member. Our board members include Joanne Nemechek, Nancy Rippen and Deb Gleason

ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and funds so that care packages can be sent to deployed chaplains, and the soldiers they serve. In June, packages were sent to Chaplain Joseph Effiong, in South Korea, and Chaplain Ryan Hicks, in Iraq. We asked Chaplain Hicks how many soldiers he cares for, and asked if they want to give candy to children in Iraq. Chaplain Hicks replied: "We have about 300 here. No ma'am, on the candy to kids. The soldiers like it though. You all do great on the care package items. Thanks for all you do for us!" Next packing day is Tuesday, July 13 at 1:00pm. For more information see Linda Nielsen or Jane Schuster.

THANK YOU

The Board of Education would like say a huge **THANK YOU** to Kris Hanchera and crew for all their time before, during and after this year's Vacation Bible School. Thanks to Kris for your patient and compassionate leadership, it was a blessing for all and pleasing to God. You made God smile!

JULY READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
4th	The 6th S. after Pentecost	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Mark 6:1-13
11th	The 7th S. after Pentecost	Amos 7:7-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
18th	The 8th S. after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-44
24th	The 9th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 3:14-21	Mark 6:45-56



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – July 2021

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties - the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness - a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



TOOLS FOR STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM

SHUT INS

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

Hillcrest: Pam Leibbrandt, Ruth Woodhams, Darlene Leibbrandt, Jean Sehnert and Dorothy Henton.

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

Highland Park: Harlan & Bernita Reiners

El Dorado Manor: Mark Cummins

Arapahoe: Joyce Stupka

York: Joyce Hofman

Lincoln: Carla Bales

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 - Harold Carlson, Phil Bamesberger, Victor Lauer, Fritz Hubert, Brandon Kuykendall, Curt Swanhorst or Fred Gleason.

FOOD PANTRY

As discussed at a 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. Of course all donations are welcome (like cake mixes, icing, condiments, etc.),

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

July 4th

Elder on duty Brandon Kuykendall
Organist K.C. Eckhardt
Audio Cathy Broz
Greeter Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher Dennis Chipman
Lay Reader Mike Nielsen
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint
Late Service
Greeter Jane Schuster
Greeter Myra Tietz
Usher Jim Dejonge
Lay Reader Fred Gleason
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Ben Schow

July 11th

Elder on duty Victor Lauer
Organist K.C. Eckhardt
Audio Russ Ankersen
Greeter Deb Shields
Greeter
Usher Harold Carlson
Lay Reader Renelle Mooney
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Russ Ankersen
Late Service
Greeter Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter Curt Swanhorst
Usher
Lay Reader Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Russ Ankersen

July 18th

Elder on duty Harold Carlson
Organist Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio Paul Sellers
Greeter Elaine Polly
Greeter Jeff Polly
Usher Gary Buk
Lay Reader Randon Peters
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Tina Cummins
Late Service
Greeter Donna Hall
Greeter Jim Hall
Usher Ben Schow
Lay Reader Nick Nothnagel
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint

July 25th

Elder on duty Fritz Hubert
Organist Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio Harold Carlson
Greeter
Greeter
Usher Eugene Custer
Lay Reader Jerry Calvin
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Tina Cummins
Late Service
Greeter Patsy Fisher
Greeter Pat Penner
Usher Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader Phil Bamesberger
Acolyte
Acolyte
Powerpoint Gary Hunkins



PEACE TALK

I'm sure you have heard this phrase before; "The straw that broke the camel's back." Now being somewhat familiar with camels I know they are a strong animal and could carry quite a load. I also believe you would have to be quite creative on getting enough straw to stay on a camel's back to actually break it. However, idioms are not intended to be actual trials and the "last straw" refers to the ultimatum in a series of bad things that happen to make someone very upset or angry to ignite a reaction. I know I have been to that breaking point before and it got me to thinking... "How many straws did it take to break that back?" How many times have you found yourself ready to explode, to walk away, to give up? Do you often feel (like I do sometimes) that the straws which life, family, and obligations are thrown upon us are simply too heavy to carry? There are people that have contemplated suicide, quit their jobs, give up on their marriage, left the church, even road rage, all because of that "straw that broke the camel's back." The Hebrew writer points our burdened hearts towards Jesus in these instances "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God," (Hebrews 12:1-2). All the "straws" that we allow to pile up on our backs, will keep us from living in the miraculous carefree life that Jesus Christ died to give us. Jesus is there to carry a whole stack of straw for us as long as we run the race He has marked out for us, placing our trust in Him. If we commit EVERYTHING to Him, the load we carry will be lifted. My friends, it is not easy. When life's challenges load us down with fear, worry, and anxiety, Satan wants us to carry our own load. But Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28), yet I've still caught myself carrying burdens I should offload onto Jesus. We can put down these burdens when we come to the Lord in prayer. The apostle Peter says, "Cast all your anxiety on [Jesus] because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Because He cares for you and me, we can rest and relax as we learn to trust Him. Instead of carrying the "straw" that weigh us down and weary us, we can give the first, the last, the whole load to the Lord to carry. Dear God, I rejoice that I can find strength and support in Your promises. Help me to let go of my "straw" and cast all of my anxiety and burdens upon You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study
FIREWORKS SALES 10AM TO 10PM						
4 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	5	6 9:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders	7 9:30am El Dorado service	8	9 6:30pm Curl wedding rehearsal and supper	10 7:00am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Curl wedding
FIREWORKS SALES 10AM TO 10PM	PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE					
11 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	12	13 1:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	14	15	16	17 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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18 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	19	20	21	22 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	23	24 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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25 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	26 2:00pm LWML	27	28	29	30	31 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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