



'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 right to you I ponder how quickly summer has gone; before long school will be in session once again, and life will become more dominated by schedules. But looking back at how quickly this summer has gone, it seems to me that summer is not the "less scheduled time of year" that it once was. More and more it seems that families struggle to get it all done before school resumes classes.

As I consider these things, today is the second day of a "Heat Advisory" for McCook. Yesterday being my day off, I was busying myself with projects around the house, when I noticed our family dog was spending a lot of time in the shed—unlike mankind who needs a "heat advisory," she was by nature, taking it easy, and trying to stay out of the heat. I thought I would help her with that—locating a short length of garden hose I placed a sprinkler in the yard and turned on the water. The dog came bounding out of that shed and spent the next twenty minutes jumping and running and slurping; she was soaked and having the time of her life.

Looking back, I wonder who had the most fun in that—the dog playing in the water; or the man watching the dog playing in the water.

In - and - of - itself, it was a very simple thing, but perhaps that's where the enjoyment came from. As I watched that dog bounding around the yard, I questioned; "how often to

we take time to enjoy the simple things?" In that I give myself a challenge, and I invite you to join me in that challenge; the simple things in life are happening all around us all of the time—let us, from time to time, take a moment to enjoy them; perhaps it's something as simple as the dog playing in the sprinkler, or the sound of the cicada in the trees, or the blink of a lightning bug in the flowers. Or perhaps it's something as profound as the voice of a child in church, or their squeals while playing in a blow-up pool in the yard.

God has blessed us in so many ways; some blessings last for a time, while others last only seconds—like the squirrel I saw fall out of a tree this morning while I walked into the office; the event lasted only seconds, but it was a once in a lifetime event; I've seen squirrels do some amazing acrobatics, but I've never seen one fall out of a tree. With that brief event, the Lord put a smile in my heart before walking in the door.

Our amazing God is vastly greater than we can ever imagine; He is greatly interested in you and He is involved in your life—He is with you in the overwhelming things of life, and He still offers the simple things that make life worth living.

As you enjoy the simple things in your life, I thank you for sharing this simple moment with me.

God's richest blessings to you.
Pastor Felcher



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DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN



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	Phillip Bamesberger	8/14	Britni Downing	8/25
Cody Göttl	8/5	Jacob Curl	8/14	Kristyl Hanchera	8/27
Lucas Post	8/5	Debra Gleason	8/14	Bailey Lauer	8/27
James 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	7	Gary & Jessica Gramins	8/18/2001	20
Stephen & Brigitta Post	8/2/1980	41	Robert & Joann Nemechek	8/19/1972	49
Samantha & Elliot Hurtya	8/4/2018	3	Zachary & Becka Hueftle	8/20/2016	5
Rachel & Dakota Lietka	8/10/2019	2	Keith & Kelsey Messinger	8/20/2011	10
Fred & Debra Gleason	8/11/1973	48	Roger & Karen Ziebell	8/21/1971	50
Jeff & Kimberly Pinkerton	8/11/2001	20	Jeffrey & Kelly Unger	8/22/2009	12
Curt & Cindy Swanhorst	8/11/1984	37	Larry & Linda Richards	8/26/1962	59
Randall & Carrie Göttl	8/12/1988	33	Lonnie & Tanna Felcher	8/28/1976	45
Steven & Sharon Kircher	8/17/1984	37			

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.

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 hopes everyone had a sage and Happy 4th of July family and friends. There were no newcomers to report but if you have a new neighbor or know of someone new to the area please contact us. With it already July that means school/college will be getting started soon. We will once again do the College Cookie Outreach. Once again Deb does an outstanding job with the bulletin board out front. Check it out for new members and just exciting things here at Peace. With no other business we closed with prayer. Respectively submitted, Nancy, Deb, and Joann

ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

Everyone is welcome to join us in packing care packages for deployed chaplains and the soldiers that they serve. Next packing day is Tuesday, August 17th at 1:00pm. We have adopted Chaplain Hicks in Iraq, Chaplain Effiong in South Korea, and Chaplain Meyor in Kuwait.

Thank you to Peace Lutheran for making Adopt-A-Chaplain one of the charities that will benefit from the golf tournament Aug 7. The support is appreciated!

For more information about Adopt a Chaplain please contact Linda Nielsen or Jane Schuster.

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

AUGUST READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
1st	The 10th S. after Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:22-35
8th	The 11th S. after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-8	Ephesians 4:17-5:2	John 6:35-51
15th	The 12th S. after Pentecost	Proverbs 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Ephesians 5:6-21	John 6:51-69
22nd	The 13th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 29:11-19	Ephesians 5:22-33	Mark 7:1-13
29th	The 14th S. after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mark 7:14-23



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

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

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KNGN

KNGN radio station is in desperate need of funds to be able to stay on the air. We are having a rummage sale and are looking for donations for this sale. Donations can be brought to Peace Lutheran Church basement (411 East 6th Street) on Monday, August 2nd and Tuesday, August 3rd, from 10am to 4pm. Feel free to call or message Bobbie Ziebell at 308-340-8410 if you need to drop off at a different time or arrange to be pickup up. The rummage sale will be Wednesday, 1pm-6pm, Thursday, 1pm-6pm, Friday, 1pm-7pm, and Saturday 8am-1pm. (August 4th-7th) We also need some volunteers to help run/organize this. We are selling fun pasta as well, to order, go to <https://funpastafundraising.com/shop.kngn>. You may also send donations to 38005 Road 717 McCook, NE 69001 or donate online at <https://kngnradio.org/>.

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.



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 Ronda Wurm.

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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Altar Flowers	KNGN Sponsor
1st-Available	1st-Available
8th-Available	8th-Available
15th-Available	15th-Available
22nd-Ziebell	22nd-Available
29th-Available	29th-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.

August 1st	
Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Dennis Chipman
Lay Reader	Grant Pfanstiel
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Late Service	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Jim Dejonge
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow

August 8th	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
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

August 15th	
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	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	

August 22nd	
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	Russ Ankersen
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins

August 29th	
Elder on duty	Curt/Phil
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gary Buk
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Late Service	
Greeter	Karen Berry
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER



PEACE TALK

I remember when I was growing up, I was always told to "sit up straight." This happened when I was at the kitchen table, at school, or sitting down to watch TV. I'm sure some of you can relate when you were told to correct your posture. Yes, good posture is important for us and medical research proves it, especially as we get older. However, I recall being irritated when I would hear the reminder by my parents or teacher, especially when I *thought* I was sitting up straight. Good posture is frequently neglected no matter how old we are, and it still would be beneficial if we all were reminded to, "sit up straight." So, as you are reading this, what is your posture? Are you slouched over? Did you just straighten up now that I brought this to your attention? (I didn't think so). I find myself at my desk behind a computer screen more often nowadays and by the end of the day my body hurts because of my lack of proper posture. We are all guilty of poor posture and adapting habits of good posture takes an intentional effort. The same thing happens in our spiritual lives. We let a health issue make our heart slouch. We let politics make our mind slump. We let anger make our faith hunch over. Our spiritual posture can be good one minute and before you know it, God is saying "sit up straight." He assures us through the Psalmist in 84:11 *"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly."* God loves us and will protect us, bestowing his unending Grace on us every day as long as we "sit up straight." Keeping our spiritual posture is paramount in our daily lives. When we straighten up, pull our shoulders back, stand tall, and remain in His presence, we will walk uprightly. However, just like our physical posture, it takes intentional effort. To maintain good spiritual posture, we need to stay in His Word, talk to God in prayer, serve Him in worship, and love our neighbor as ourselves. But yet, all too often, our response, our posture towards God if you will, is to lean away from Him. No time to pray, to pause, to listen. No time to read His Word or digest it, but plenty of time to succumb to worldly pleasures. Once again, it takes intentional effort on our part to seek good posture and the help from God to remain in good posture. With His help we can maintain the needed humility to stay close to Him, staying within the realm of what is right in His sight! By seeking His help, seeking His guidance and strength, seeking to walk in harmony with His Word, then our spiritual posture will endure throughout eternity with Him. Dear Lord, remind me daily to "sit up straight" and give me the endurance to remain upright. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity
Phil Bamesberger



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am. Potluck brunch 10:30am Worship	2 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	3 9:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders	4 9:30am El Dorado service	5	6	7 7:00am Men's Bible Study Peace Lutheran Golf Tournament
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE			KNGN rummage sale			
8 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	9 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	10 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	11	12	13	14 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	16 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	17 1:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing	18	19	20	21 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
22 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	23 2:00pm LWML	24	25	26	27	28 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (vacation)						
29 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	30	31				
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