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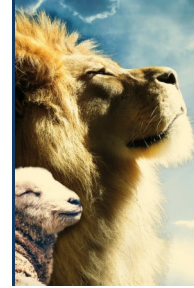
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TIDINGS OF PEACE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH



"The lion and the lamb shall lie down together."

The convenient alliteration (the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words) example "lion and lamb" is easy to remember. But it is not out of the Bible, at least not as a direct quote. The phrase goes back at most a few centuries and appears in sermons and commentaries, but never as a direct Bible quote. But because of the picture it paints, and the alliteration of the spoken words said, it took hold and many people assume that is a direct Bible quote. So when they read the actual verse, they can be caught off-guard:

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

A lion and a lamb do also appear

in one verse in Isaiah 65:25, but again, the Bible paints the picture of a wolf and a lamb together:

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock (cattle); and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

The force of memory is so strong that many people after reading these verses assume something happened to their Bibles because it doesn't match up with what they have heard preached. "The lion and the lamb shall lie together" is an allusion to verses in Isaiah that appeared in sermons and commentaries, but eventually became remembered as Bible quotes. Here is an example.

The implication is that Jesus has a lamb-like nature (love, gentleness, mercy) and a lion-like nature (power, judgment, wrath), and these are different aspects of who God is. "God is love, but he's also holy." "God is gentle, but he is also violent." "Jesus forgives the paralytic, but he also used a whip in the Temple."

The word Pax refers to the Latin word for "peace" or "treaty".



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We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have graciously given of their time and talents to support the mission and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church by hearing the call to serve on the Church Council. It has been a pleasure to serve with those who have a passion for giving of themselves to support God's Kingdom here on earth. If you see those who are going off the Council this year, please extend to them the hand of thanksgiving for their service.

Those going off:

Board of Evangelism-Nancy Rippen

Board of Trustees-Mike Fidler

Board of Education-Laurie Peters

We would also like to welcome those who have stepped out in faith to serve their Lord as a member of Council for this coming term. We know anytime we embark on a new commitment there is always some hesitation to say yes. We praise God for those who have done just that and will be serving our congregation and their Lord for the coming term. Please extend to them the hand of fellowship, thanksgiving, and welcome as they begin their service.

Newly Elected

Board of Evangelism-Sue Ankersen

Board of Trustees-Heath Brown

Board of Education-Melissa Critchfield

Treasurer-Melissa Hanchera

Financial Committee-Brian Strauch and Pat Schaffert

We would like to take time to say thank you to all who were re-elected. The time they spend and the efforts they give in support of the Gospel and wellbeing of our congregation is greatly appreciated.

Those re-elected

Board of Elders-Phil Bamesberger and Victor Lauer

Finance Committee-Eugene Custer, K.C. Eckhardt, and Bob Nemechek

Members currently serving

President-Fred Gleason

Vice President-Curt Swanhorst

Financial Secretary-Sarah Risenhoover

Recording Secretary-Layne Sarvela

Board of Elders-Harold Carlson, Fritz Hubert, and Brandon Kuykendall

Board of Education-Linda Smith and Linda Nielsen

Board of Trustees-Mike Nielsen and Alex Sharp

Board of Evangelism-Deb Gleason and Joann Nemechek

Financial Committee-Steve Post, Sandra Lauer, Kristi Novak, and Roger Stupka



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kerrigan Klein	3/3	Paul Schaffert	3/11	Addyson Snyder	3/20
Pake Hamilton	3/4	Gary Gramins	3/12	Jessica Fritz	3/21
Chad Hueftle	3/4	Charles Miller	3/12	Brock Hubert	3/23
Ezra Nothnagel	3/4	Janet Hein	3/13	Ronald Friehe	3/25
Talan Schumacher	3/4	Walter Sehnert	3/13	Aric Sharp	3/25
Tom Shields	3/4	Kylee Downing	3/16	Robert Burton	3/26
Gunner Gramins	3/5	Jaelyn Kuykendall	3/16	Blayzon Mooney	3/26
Lewis Leibbrandt	3/6	Michael Leibbrandt	3/19	Ryan Pearce	3/26
Jennifer McConville	3/6	Graysen Rice	3/19	Michael Schoup	3/27
Kiah Terry	3/8	Korina Rippen	3/19	Curt Swanhorst	3/28
Linda Bonar	3/10	Tyler Rogers	3/19	Joel Smith	3/29

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Brent & Jennifer Doucet	3/28/1998	24			

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

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

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 (February 20th-February 26th)	Month to Date (February 6th-February 26th)	Actual Year to Date (January 2nd-February 26th)
Offerings	\$4,202.00	\$20,468.00	\$45,848.00
Expenses	\$3,841.00	\$15,019.00	\$42,906.00



CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

Dear Preschool Families,

March is almost here, the school year is just flying by! We will be focusing on the letters T, U, V, and W this month and we will be talking about March weather, so if your child comes home talking about “lamb and lion days” you will understand.

Our last book order of the year will be sent out the first week of March.

We have lots of fun Spring activities coming up. We’re looking forward to umbrella day (bring an umbrella if you have one) and Western Wear day.

I will be starting assessments for Kindergarten readiness for our graduates next month. The assessments are meant to give me, and you, an idea of what skills your child still needs to work on before entering Kindergarten. They will all be sent home on the same day when they are completed.

Here are some dates we are looking forward to:

Spring Break	March 9 th and 10 th
Bike-a-thon	April 6 th and 7 th
Easter Party	April 13 th and 14 th
Easter Break	April 18 th and 19 th

Field Day (last day of school)	May 9 th and 10 th (T/Th and 4-Day)
Graduation, for grads only	May 10 th 7:00pm

More information will be sent out about these as they get closer. We’re having so much fun and learning new things every day! Thanks for sharing your kiddos with us!

Kelsey

MARCH READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
6th	The 1st Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
13th	The 2nd Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 26:8-15	Philippians 3:14-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
20th	The 3rd Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 33:7-20	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
27th	The 4th Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 12:16	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – March 2022

God’s Providential Care

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God’s providential care. We understand that we’re not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat. But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist.

He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.

But there’s more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: “Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’ ” (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God’s provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord’s Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God’s provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn’t stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God’s gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. “For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (Luther’s Small Catechism, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Board of Education is looking for someone to direct Vacation Bible School this year and Youth Group sponsor(s).

EASTER LILIES

There will be 10 Easter lilies coming in time for the Easter service. If you would like to sponsor one, please call the office at 345-2595. They are \$17 this year.

LUTHERAN WITNESS AND PORTALS OF PRAYER

It is time again to sign up for the Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer. If you would like a subscription to the Lutheran Witness it is \$15.96 for the year. If you would like a subscription for the Portals of Prayer: Regular size is \$7.00, Digest size is \$9.00, and Large size is \$11.00 for the year. Please call the church office at 345-2595 to place your order.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The committee will continue to send our birthday and anniversary cards on a monthly basis. A discussion of the year's upcoming activities was held with various options considered. Pastor Felcher and the committee members are encouraging all members to invite any Preschool to 8th grade children to attend School of Religion. School of Religion is held on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00pm with a meal. After the meal, the children are engaged in fun learning activities until 7:30pm. The committee would like to thank our out-going member Nancy Rippen for her years of service and welcome her replacement, Sue Ankersen, to the group. Nancy is a valuable member of our committee, and we look forward to working with Sue in the future. Deb Gleason, Joann Nemechek, and Nancy Rippen



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, Barbara Klein, and Shirley Lichty.

Kinship Pointe: Walt Sehnert, Paul & Ruby Ahrens, and Betty Harms.

Highland Park: Harlan & Bernita Reiners and Arthur & Elaine Soncksen

El Dorado Manor: Mark Cummins **Ulysses, KS:** 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 2nd grade children are invited to Sunday School each Sunday from 9:15-10:15am downstairs.



Altar Flowers
6th-Available
13th-Available
20th-Available
27th-Available

KNGN Sponsor
6th-Available
13th-Available
20th-Wolske
27th-Wolske

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.

March 6th	
Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	KC Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	
Lay Reader	Grant Pfanstiel
Acolyte	Brayden Watts
Acolyte	Tristen Watts
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
Late Service	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Jim Dejonge
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Elizabeth McConville
Acolyte	Emma McConville
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Facebook	Christien Kuykendall

March 13th	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Cassidy Rogers
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Late Service	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	
Lay Reader	Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Acolyte	Cale DeWester
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Facebook	Blayzon Mooney

March 20th	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	
Lay Reader	Paul Schaffert
Acolyte	Abigail Schneider
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Jaelyn Kuykendall
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Facebook	Renelle Mooney

March 27th	
Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	Laney Peters
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson
Late Service	
Greeter	Patsy Fisher
Greeter	Pat Penner
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Phil Bamesberger
Acolyte	Brooklynn Tidyman
Acolyte	Juliett Critchfield
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Facebook	Layne Sarvela

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE



PEACE TALK

Many businesses today use a rewards program to encourage loyalty; hotels, airlines, gas stations, the list could go on and on. The more you buy, the more points you accumulate. Thus, redeeming those points earned can be quite gratifying if you have enough of them. However, this is not a new phenomenon; the loyalty program when I was growing up was S&H Green Stamps. Green Stamps were popular from 1930 through the 80's and merchants would give out these stamps based on the value of the purchase. That is where I would come in, lick paste, lick paste, lick paste, fifty stamps per page, 1200 stamps per book and some days it took a lot of licking. At any rate, several books were gathered before getting out the S&H redemption catalog. What should we redeem them for? Kitchenware, outdoor gear, small appliances, or maybe something I never knew we needed? Redemption time was always a special time as we contemplated what item was going to be chosen. A special time indeed, that is what the Apostle Paul told the Ephesians in chapter one verse seven, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." But what does that mean that we have redemption through His blood? Well think of it as if Jesus was collecting Green Stamps. He collected one for me, one for you and one for the neighbor down the street. In fact, He collected one for everyone on earth who was and who ever will be. He gathered these "Green Stamps" and carried them all the way to the cross at calvary. He paid the price for collecting these "Green Stamps", as on His journey to the cross, He was stricken, smitten and afflicted, but He never lost focus of what He was going to do... He was on His way to redeem all those books and books of stamps gathered with each of our name on them. He had a special reward in mind. He knew what He was going to redeem all those stamps for. He willingly died on that cross to get that special gift He had picked out since the beginning of time. That gift was to redeem you, me and all people. The blood that He shed, paid the price to redeem us from all of our sins. Why? "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24). Because of His unending love for us God give His only son and a promise to us of salvation by believing in Him (John 3:16). This redemption applies to all of us, divinely sealed by His resurrection. Jesus is our redeemer. That my friends, is the best loyalty program ever. Lord, thank you for sending your son to redeem "my stamp" so that I can live in Your righteousness. Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity
Phil Bamesberger



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders	2 9:15am El Dorado 11:00am Ash Wednesday service 6:00pm School of Religion 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service	3	4	5 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper & Lower Fellowship Hall reservation
6 8:00am Worship 9:15am Church Brunch 10:30am Worship with Installation of Officers	7 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	8 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	9 11:00am Midweek Lent service 6:00pm School of Religion 7:30pm Midweek Lent service	10 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (WINKEL)	11	12 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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