

# TIDINGS OF PEACE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

Adopt a chaplain would like to thank everyone for their donations of supplies, monetary gifts, and helping pack the boxes for deployed military chaplains. We currently support 4 chaplains and the troops they care for. The needs have increased, especially for a Chaplain who is deployed to Poland, Chaplain Cruz. He cares for the troops, has 13 chaplains under his leadership, and is helping care for the refugees from Ukraine. We met twice in March to pack and were able to send 14 boxes of supplies to Chaplain Cruz. The FIRE youth group packed boxes on Sunday, March 20 with 6 more boxes ready to help the refugees in Poland. And, as there remains a need to support the chaplains in the middle east, the FIRE group packed boxes for a chaplain and the troops in Kuwait. We thank the FIRE group for all they did! The lists of needed supplies is across from the mailboxes. Ann Trail is also helping in this effort and collecting supplies at 201 West M St, McCook. All are welcome to help pack. The next packing day is Tues, April 19 from at 4 pm. For questions contact Linda Nielsen or Jane Schuster.



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### FROM AN ELDER

#### "The Joy Set Before Him"

And taking the twelve, He said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. (Luke 18:31-34)

It's clear that Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him in Jerusalem. He didn't just know He was going to die—He knew all the horrible details of it. I can't imagine what it must have been like—to still walk forward, heading willingly straight for the cross.

Why do such a thing? The author of Hebrews gives us a clue when he writes that Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2b).

What was that joy Jesus saw ahead of Him? It was you. It was me. It was all of us, all humanity, set free from slavery to evil and let loose into the glorious freedom of the children of God. That would be the fruit of His cross.

"And on the third day He will rise," Jesus said, speaking of Himself. He knew that it wasn't just death coming to Him—it was resurrection and everlasting life. That was the gift that He would share with every one of us who trusts in Him. That would be His great joy.

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Taylor Jesse	4/1	Denise Gillen	4/9	Kimberly Kuykendall	4/21
Tina Cummins	4/1	Carmen Custer	4/13	Krystal Downing	4/22
Rachel Lietka	4/3	Seth Koetter	4/13	Shirley Lichty	4/22
Gene Dunker	4/4	Spenser Bruntz	4/14	Brooklynn Tidyman	4/23
Corina Fritz	4/5	Dan Hartwell	4/14	Harold Carlson	4/25
Lance Gillen	4/5	Carter Watts	4/14	Carter Hartwell	4/27
Lola Downing	4/6	Chase Pierson	4/16	Jeffrey Unger	4/27
Steven Kircher	4/6	Torryn Schumacher	4/16	Brooklynn Gillen	4/28
Thatcher Skolout	4/7	Savannah Strauch	4/17	Robert Stecker	4/28
Kelsey Gillen	4/8	Olivia Koetter	4/18	Hanah Nothnagel	4/29
Tanner Doucet	4/9	John Hanson	4/21	Drew Shields	4/29

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Leslie & Sue Fahrenbruch	4/2/1994	28	Ron & Deb Lauer	4/8/1989	33
Ronald & Doris Friehe	4/3/1976	46	Alex & Melissa Hanchera	4/9/2016	6
Monte & Mary Hazlitt	4/7/1984	38	Joseph & Gina Vetrovsky	4/14/2018	4
Kenneth & Dorinda Polly	4/7/1956	66	Myra & Dan Stoney	4/17/1999	23

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 (March 20th-March 26th)	Month to Date (March 6th-March 26th)	Actual Year to Date (January 2nd-March 26th)
Offerings	\$5,046.00	\$17,438.00	\$65,574.00
Expenses	\$4,578.00	\$16,275.00	\$59,553.00



### GRADUATION LIST

Peace Lutheran would like to honor 2022 graduates, high school and college. Please call the church office with information about your graduate. Everyone is invited to a brunch for the graduates and their families on Sunday, May 1, between services.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Everyone is invited to join in the fun of a roller skating party, as the school of religion ends their school year. Come for a hotdog and enjoy the party at the Riverside rink on Wednesday, April 27 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Peace Lutheran Church will hold VBS on June 20, 21, and 22. Please consider helping with VBS, there is a signup sheet in the entryway. Watch for more information about VBS in the Tidings and on Peace Lutheran Facebook.

### CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

Creative Preschool is taking applications for a preschool teachers aide. The position includes responsibility of driving the church van. Application are available at the church office.

### APRIL READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
3rd	The 5th Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	Luke 20:9-20
10th	Palm Sunday	Deuteronomy 32:36-39	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 23:1-56 or John 12:20-43
17th	The Resurrection of Our Lord	Isaiah 65:17-25	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
24th	The 2nd S. of Easter	Acts 5:12-32	Revelation 1:4-18	John 20:19-31



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### Blessed Shall You Be

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.” (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.” (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and “walk in his ways” (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Board of Education is looking for Youth Group sponsor(s).

### EASTER LILIES

There are still 2 Easter lilies available for the Easter service. If you would like to sponsor one, please call the office at 345-2595. They are \$17 this year.

### BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Dee Friehe has been unable to get names of newcomers from employers due to privacy laws. We will have to rely on word of mouth to get those names. March birthday cards will be mailed out this week. Deb will do the anniversary cards this month. We have 2 new grief booklet sets to start sending out and 3 more that have been partially sent. We have 2 complete sets in the file cabinet, but we will need to have Tina purchase more when we get down to one set. Each set is \$10 and they have to be ordered in 10 set increments. We need to order mugs again. Deb gave out 2 mugs this past weekend to Camry Howe and Mary Thompson who were visiting our congregation for the 1st time. It was discussed that maybe we should get mugs with Bible verses on them instead of the customized mugs we have been getting. Joann will check at the Christian Book Store to see what they might have in stock. It is time to send out care packages to our members attending college before their finals. We usually send out a \$10 gift card to the students. We need to sit down and get a complete list of members that are in college. We normally get cookies to hand out at Community College to the incoming freshman. When the time gets closer, we will need to get a count from the college. We need to get a complete list of high school and college graduates that are members here at Peace so they can be honored. We will also give out gifts and cards to the 4 confirmands from Peace. Confirmation Sunday is April 10th and we will get with the Board of Education to see about doing a cake reception for them. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 5th at 7:00.



### 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, 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  
3rd-Available  
10th-Available  
17th-Available  
24th-Available

KNGN Sponsor  
3rd-Available  
10th-Available  
17th-Available  
24th-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

<b>April 3rd</b>	
Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	KC Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Brayden Watts
Acolyte	Tristen Watts
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Jim Dejonge
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Acolyte	Ellie Hartwell
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Facebook	Christien Kuykendall

<b>April 10th</b>	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Cassidy Rogers
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Zander Stewart
Acolyte	Cale DeWester
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Facebook	

<b>April 17th</b>	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Elizabeth McConville
Acolyte	Emma McConville
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Layton Hinz
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Facebook	

<b>April 24th</b>	
Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Laney Peters
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Patsy Fisher
Greeter	Pat Penner
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Brooklynn Tidyman
Acolyte	Juliett Critchfield
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Facebook	



PEACE TALK

Are cell phones a luxury or a necessity? That answer of course might lie in the eye of the beholder. I get a notification on my cell phone once a week that might shed some light on that question. It tells me how much "screen time" I have invested over the previous week. Every minute I look at my phone, it keeps track of how much time I spend staring at that screen and obviously gives me the sum once a week. I never have paid much attention to knowing that pointless information, but that notification caught my attention the other day and it declared my total was four hours and twenty minutes. That's not bad I didn't think, because divided by seven days in the week that was only thirty-seven minutes a day. Cool, my phone is a necessity. Then I looked again and realized that was not for the whole week, but the daily average that week. Really? I spent over 25% of my waking hours on my phone? Bummer, now it becomes an awkward luxury. I recall placing judgement on other people who appear to be on their phone excessively. Are others watching me and thinking the same thing? That screen time is hijacking my attention by a magnetic draw to check an email, look at a Facebook feed, twitter, Google, or sending a text message. Connected to the world and everyone in it 24/7. I recall back in the day; phones were for making phone calls. It makes me wonder what I did that four plus hours every day before "screen time?" I recognize God wants me to make good use of what time I have. Paul says in [Ephesians 5:16](#) "Make the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Moses in [Psalm 90:12](#), "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Solomon in [Ecclesiastes 3:1](#) "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I dare not ask Siri what that means because I sheepishly know. The more I think about it, the more I wonder where my heart would guide me if I spent just half of my "screen time" every day serving Him, studying His Word, helping others in need, or praying. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." ([Jeremiah 29:1](#)). My heart needs updates, notifications, and downloads more often than my iPhone. These "App's" (fruits of the Spirit) that I need to update are; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control... these and many more are not available through Apple, but through the Holy Spirit. Then my screen time would change my focus from worldly things to things pleasing to God. Now that my friend is a necessity. Dear Lord, help me make better use of my screen time and to use that time every day to turn my focus towards strengthening my heart with heavenly updates. In Jesus name, Amen.



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# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study
3 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	4 7:00pm Women's Bible Study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	5 9:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Board of Evangelism	6 9:15am El Dorado 11:00am Midweek Lent service 6:00pm School of Religion 7:30pm Midweek Lent service	7  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (WINKEL)	8	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study
10 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Confirmation reception 10:30am Worship with confirmation Upper Fellowship Hall reservation	11 7:00pm Women's Bible Study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	12 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	13	14 11:00am Maundy Thursday service 7:30pm Maundy Thursday service	15 11:00am Good Friday service 7:30pm Good Friday service	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study
17 7:00am Worship Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship	18 <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00pm Women's Bible Study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	19 4:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing	20 6:00pm School of Religion	21	22	23 7:00am Men's Bible Study LWML Spring Workshop
24 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	25 2:00pm LWML 7:00pm Women's Bible Study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	26	27 6:00pm School of Religion skating party	28 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	29	30 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation