



'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 find myself counting my blessings for the many things God has given. King Solomon, son of David, has written that, *"For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven."* And as I consider Solomon's lamenting—his saying; *"What gain has the worker from his toil?"* I feel there is also a time for giving thanks.

As I begin considerations for the rapidly approaching season of Advent, I find myself reflecting on the events of the more recent season of spring, leading into summer, and I give thanks. I give thanks for the many folks who made Vacation Bible School such a blessing. While many of you went home exhausted from the last day of VBS, you should know that your efforts in the Lord were not in vain. The Lord's Word will accomplish the purposes for which it was sent. And I thank you!

I also give thanks for God's gift of a new welder for the shop ministry. A small hand-full of you had given generously to that ministry, making it possible to purchase a new "Vulcan MigMax 215 Mig-welder. I'm pleased to tell all of you, that this machine is up and running; and I thank you. With this machine, the guys in the shop can raise their skills in welding mild-steel to new levels.

This machine also offers opportunities for them to learn to weld aluminum and stainless steel. And though I have not yet tried it out myself, I think this is the nicest welder I have ever touched; and I thank you.

During this season, Peace Lutheran continues her worship services at Hillcrest and Kinship Point, and I thank you who support that ministry with your prayers and with your time and talents.

My heart is warmed by the thought of so many people giving of themselves so faithfully to so many ministries over the years. I count myself privileged to witness so many people who see, and share, the common goal of bringing God's Word to the people of McCook and the world; and I thank you.

I also ask you to pray that God provide teachers for School of Religion and Sunday School this fall.

Though I may not have mentioned your area of giving to the Lord, please know that I thank God for the privilege of knowing you and serving with you.

Until next time; your servant in Christ, Pastor Felcher.

*"I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time."*  
*Ecclesiastes 3:10-11a*



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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Avery Doucet	7/1	Tyler Loop	7/15	David May	7/24
Jack Seybold	7/1	Carla Bales	7/17	Virginia Orman	7/25
Cindy Soucek	7/2	Easton Gillon	7/17	Laney Peters	7/26
Kayla Koetter	7/4	Grant Pfanstiel	7/17	Karli Swink	7/26
Chelsey Hartwell	7/6	Tristen Watts	7/17	Alex Sharp	7/27
Dalton Downing	7/7	Michael Chipman	7/19	Roger Stupka	7/27
Cindy Swanhorst	7/8	Melissa Hanchera	7/20	Deb Lauer	7/28
Hannah Goltl	7/11	Sonja Thompson	7/20	Kristi Novak	7/29
Elaine Soncksen	7/11	Richard Thompson	7/21	Brigitta Post	7/29
Dennis Wudtke	7/11	Charles Coleman	7/22	Nate Schneider	7/30
Dawn Callander	7/13	Lila Leibrandt	7/22	Cathy Broz	7/31
Tom Ott	7/13	Mark Cummins	7/24		

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Jenna & Mathew Moench	7/1/2017	5	Allyx & Dillon Garretson	7/19/2008	14
Kiley & Caitlin Roundtree	7/2/2011	11	Calvin & Brenda Grube	7/20/1984	38
Nate & Sarah Schneider	7/8/2006	16	Andrew & Bobbie Ziebell	7/21/2012	10
Breann & Chris Cerda	7/10/2015	7	Mark & Tina Cummins	7/27/1991	31
Lucas & Hannah Curl	7/10/2021	1	Phillip & Janice Bamesberger	7/28/1979	43
James & Daphne Tidyman	7/17/1999	23	James & Susan DeJonge	7/29/1967	55

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 (Peace Lutheran McCook NE)! Don't forget to "Like", "Follow" and "Share" it! We now have a YouTube channel (Peace Lutheran Church McCook) to view the Sunday services.

### OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

	Week to Date (June 19th-June 25th)	Month to Date (June 5th-June 25th)	Actual Year to Date (January 2nd-June 25th)
Offerings	\$3,743.00	\$10,901.00	\$119,692.00
Expenses	\$780.00	\$13,208.00	\$113,938.00



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for School of Religion teachers and superintendent. Please contact a member of the Board of Education for more information.

## THANK YOU

Peace Lutheran Church, God has truly blessed us with fellow believers who show their love for Jesus in helping others. Words cannot express our thanks for your generous donation of clothing to the Mission Mall for the Arapahoe fire victims. We continue to work with the fire families and the fire department. We request your prayers for rain and healing of our town. Sincerely, Trinity LWML President-Bonnie Helms and the Mission Mall

## THANK YOU

The BOE would like to thank Kris Hanchera and Jan Hubert for knocking this year's VBS out of the park! Thank you to Tina Cummins for providing the sound, Deb Shields for leading us in song, Sue Ankersen for the great crafts, Cindy Swanhorst and her amazing crew for all the delicious snacks, and to Pastor Lonnie for all the openings and lessons. We would also like to express our gratitude to all the incredible volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to make VBS 2022 a huge success!

## JULY READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
3rd	The 4th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18	Luke 10:1-20
10th	The 5th S. after Pentecost	Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
17th	The 6th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-14	Colossians 1:21-29	Luke 10:38-42
24th	The 7th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 18:17-33	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13
31st	The 8th S. after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21



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

## New Testament Standard Giving

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: "How much should I give?" Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus' substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God's favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God's favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been "breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

So, we begin to answer the question, "What should I give?" with the question, "What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?"

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

"At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do." (Deuteronomy 14:22-29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1-2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1-2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the "Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God's giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### 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 Barbara Klein.

**Kinship Pointe:** 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.),**

*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.*



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

**Altar Flowers**  
3rd-Available  
10th-Available  
17th-Available  
24th-Available  
31st-Available

**KNGN Sponsor**  
3rd-Available  
10th-Available  
17th-Available  
24th-Available  
31st-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.*

<b>July 3rd</b>	
Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Clara Hurst
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	
Lay Reader	Nick Nothnagel
Acolyte	Emma McConville
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Live Stream	

<b>July 10th</b>	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Randon Peters
Acolyte	Brayden Watts
Acolyte	Tristen Watts
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	
Lay Reader	Phil Barnesberger
Acolyte	Zander Stewart
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Live Stream	

<b>July 17th</b>	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Grant Pfanstiel
Acolyte	Aaron Nielsen
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte	Jackson Hartwell
Acolyte	Ellie Hartwell
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	

<b>July 24th</b>	
Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	Cale DeWester
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cassidy Rogers
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Pat Penner
Greeter	
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Brooklynn Tidyman
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Live Stream	

<b>July 31st</b>	
Elder on duty	Curt/Phil
Organist	
Audio	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	Layton Hinz
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Karen Berry
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Juliett Critfield
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER
Live Stream	



**PEACE TALK**

Windmills stand tall in the midst of prairie grass throughout the rural Midwest. Isolated in various pastures, these towers from a distance look like giant sunflowers. Although they are structures of beauty, these windmills have a purpose of mechanically lifting the underground water into storage tanks where livestock come to drink. Historically they were used since the Middle Ages to supply water not only for livestock, but farmsteads, locomotives, or irrigation. Even though designs and uses have changed over the years, the concept did not. Using the wind for a useful purpose. As you know, wind is something that is in abundance in the plains. When the wind is strong enough, the windmill turns into the wind and utilizes the veins on the wheel to spin and turn the gears that make the rod go up and down to pump water. Alternatively, when there is just a slight breeze, the windmill does not function. Thus, recognizing the need for a storage tank. The question becomes; Where does all this wind come from and where does it go? We are told in *John 3:8*, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Indeed, the wind blows where it wishes. Thus, the same is true with the Holy Spirit. So, if we have no control over the wind or where it comes or goes; How are we to be filled with the Holy Spirit? We need to be like that windmill. Constantly turning into the wind, no matter what direction that wind is coming from. Yes, continually turning to God to be filled with the Holy Spirit. And when the air is calm with no breeze, we must rely on what is stored up within our "tank" to carry us over to the next day. What is in the tank? Water of course. Life giving water. Like stored up water in a tank for livestock on a calm day, so does the Holy Spirit store up life giving water in us as we intentionally turn towards the Lord through His Word. The source of living water... "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." (John 7:38). Then use this promise for comfort when the strong prevailing winds howl around you and you find it hard to stand. I have yet to see the wind blow over a windmill because of its strong foundation. So it will be with us also as we use the anchors of our faith given to us through our life giving waters of baptism and constant strengthening of our roots through His Word. Dear Lord, help me keep turning to you as you send forth the Holy Spirit into my life. Help me strengthen my faith as I use this gift to show others the life-giving waters. Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity  
Phil Barnesberger



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study 2:00pm Funeral 5:00pm Private Baptism Upper Fellowship Hall Reservation
3 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	4 <i>Office closed</i>	5 9:00am Worship Committee 5:00pm Board of Education 6:30pm Board of Elders	6 9:30am El Dorado	7	8	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study
National Youth Gathering						
10 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	11	12 5:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	13	14	15	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE						
National Youth Gathering						
17 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE						
24 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	25	26	27	28 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	29	30 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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31 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship						