



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FROM AN ELDER

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. Luke 5:16 shows that just like you and me, Jesus needed a break from the demands of his busy life to recharge his batteries and spend time with his Heavenly Father.

Prayer simply put is communicating with God. But knowing how to pray is not always easy. Jesus' disciples felt the same confusion. They were familiar with the oft-repeated prayers of the Torah. But Jesus prayed with a kind of authority and power they had never seen before – as though God was listening! So when they came to Jesus, as told in Matthew 6, they didn't say "Teach us another prayer." They said, "Lord, teach us to pray." The Lord's Prayer is Christ's response. It is a beautiful prayer and one that every Christian should keep close to their heart.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." Jesus starts by establishing our identity as children of God. He emphasizes this relationship as a source of confidence that God listens when you pray.

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Its tempting to rush to the part of prayer where you're asking God for what you want or need. But Jesus makes a point of placing God's agenda first.

"Give us today our daily bread." Jesus models asking God for His own needs. Because God is a loving Father, He enjoys hearing what His children want and need, so that he can provide for them. Though He won't give you everything you ask for, He will provide what you need to get through each day, including His grace to sustain you.

"Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors." Forgiveness was at the heart of Jesus' teaching during His time on earth, and it's here at the heart of His guide to prayer.

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Finally, Jesus closes his prayer by encouraging His followers to keep in mind that the Christian life is a spiritual battle with a very real enemy. Jesus closes His prayer by emphasizing how quickly and naturally humans stray from God's protection.

Reading Jesus' prayer slowly and considering each idea is a great way to listen to God.

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CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

Dear Preschoolers and families,

What a great month September was! We had fun getting to know each other and we learned a lot, too.

We have many things planned for the coming month, so please be sure to check your calendars. It is so much fun getting to know each child and having everyone settle into the preschool routine! Keep practicing name, letter and number recognition at home. We sent home letter and number flashcards! Thanks for helping your child develop the confidence they will need to succeed in Kindergarten!

At the end of October we will be having our Halloween Costume Party during the last 45 minutes of class time. We have sign-up sheets posted by the south door. If you can't make it in to sign up, but would like to help just put a note in your child's folder or message us and let us know. For the costumes, please do NOT send your child in anything scary or with any pretend weapons. This will make the party more fun for everyone! Children may wear their costumes to preschool that day.

We are looking forward to a great month. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of kids to work with, thanks again for sharing your children with us. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call 345-2595 or email Kelsey at mycreativepreschool@gmail.com

Kelsey, Dani and Lori

Creative Preschool has openings in the Monday thru Thursday afternoon class. This is for children 4yrs and older. Scholarships are available.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Dwain Curtis	10/1	Jerry Unger	10/8	Delaney Critchfield	10/23
Patricia Fisher	10/1	Marilyn Unger	10/11	Griffin Göttl	10/25
Ben Vetrovsky	10/1	Lois Brown	10/12	James Sprague	10/26
Wade Hamilton	10/2	Mary Hazlitt	10/14	Nathaniel Reiners	10/27
Iva Fritz	10/3	Dorinda Polly	10/14	Dan Unger	10/28
Velma Kircher	10/3	Danten Downing	10/15	Barbara Dunker	10/29
Candace Rogers	10/3	Alexis Koetter	10/16	Linda Smith	10/29
Sandy Lauer	10/4	Alexander Nielsen	10/20	Donna Curtis	10/30
Ron Rogers	10/5	Piper Sprague	10/20	Joann Nemechek	10/30
Charles Seybold	10/5	Peyton Doucet	10/21	Chuck Gray	10/31
Mary Lou Hanson	10/7	John Hubert	10/21	Teagan Strauch	10/31
Benjamin Schow	10/7	Randon Peters	10/21	Angela Watts	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Brandon & Aly Smith	10/1/2021	2	Russ & Sue Ankersen	10/20/1979	44
Michael & Patricia Leibrandt	10/3/1981	42	Grant & Charlene Pfanstiel	10/22/1983	40
Adrianna & Jordan Gass	10/4/2014	9	James & Donna Hall	10/26/1996	27
Scott & Kristyl Hanchera	10/17/1981	42	Thomas & Cathy Broz	10/27/1984	39

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 (Sept. 24th-Sept. 30th)	Month to Date (Sept. 3rd-Sept. 30th)	Actual Year to Date (Jan 1st-Sept 30th)
Offerings	\$2,911.00	\$22,886.00	\$186,596.00
Expenses	\$1,339.00	\$17,201.00	\$186,555.00



CALLING ALL COOKS



Peace Lutheran LWML is sponsoring a church cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go to mission projects within Peace Lutheran Church. Please submit your favorite recipes with your name on it or in honor of someone. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts. If you would like to help with the cookbook, please contact Deb Shields at 308-340-4054. Recipes can be put in a box in the narthex or emailed to debrashields76@yahoo.com. Order forms will be put out at a later date.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our dates of photography sessions have been moved to October 12th (2:00 at 8:30) 13th (2:00 to 8:30) and 14th (10:00 to 4:00). Contact Sue Ankersen for assistance 308-350-5677



OCTOBER READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
1st	The 18th S. after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Philippians 2:1-18	Matthew 21:23-32
8th	The 19th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
15th	The 20th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6-9	Philippians 4:4-13	Matthew 22:1-14
22nd	The 21st S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
29th	Reformation	Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – October 2023

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is starting September 10th at 9:15am for preschool through 2nd grade. There will be fun, games, and treats.

***Reminder: The child must be age 3 and potty trained. Thank you!**

ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

This program supports deployed military chaplains and the troops they serve. Thank you to all who have donated funds and supplies, and to those who have helped pack the care packages! We are honored to support chaplains stationed in Poland, Romania, Qatar, and Kuwait. Next packing day is Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00pm.

FORERUNNERS

The Forerunners will be hosting the decorating of the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 26th. We would like to invite, and encourage anyone from the congregation to attend. We need several people who are willing and able to climb the ladder to put up and decorate the tree in the sanctuary. Watch the bulletin in November for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering to lead the children's Christmas program. Volunteers needed to teach 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School. Also needed Pre-K School of Religion teacher helpers.

LWML NEWS

This Sunday, October 1st, is LWML Sunday. There will be a special offering for Orphan Grain Train to go to the Maui Relief fund.

LWML will be helping with bingo at Hillcrest the second Tuesday of the month, starting October 10th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deb Shields.

Thursday mornings at 10am the cookbook committee will be meeting to work on the cookbook. Anyone interested in helping out is welcome.



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, Art Soncksen, and Karen Berry

Kinship Pointe: Betty Harms, and Lois Brown.

Highland Park: Harlan & Bernita Reiners

El Dorado Manor: Mark Cummins

Lincoln: Carla Bales

Ulysses, KS: Joyce Stupka

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 – Phil Bamesberger, Victor Lauer, Fritz Hubert, Brandon Kuykendall, Curt Swanhorst, Russ Ankersen or Barry Mooney.

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

October 1st

Elder on duty Brandon Kuykendall
 Organist K.C. Eckhardt
 Audio Harold Carlson
 Greeter Grant Pfanstiel
 Greeter Charlene Pfanstiel
 Usher Gene Meints
 Lay Reader Riley Mooney
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Cathy Broz
Late Service
 Greeter Jane Schuster
 Greeter Myra Tietz
 Usher Gary Hunkins
 Lay Reader LWML
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Ben Schow
 Live Stream Blayzon Mooney

October 8th

Elder on duty Victor Lauer
 Organist K.C. Eckhardt
 Audio Russ Ankersen
 Greeter Deb Shields
 Greeter
 Usher Harold Carlson
 Lay Reader Randon Peters
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Russ Ankersen
Late Service
 Greeter Cindy Swanhorst
 Greeter Curt Swanhorst
 Usher Harold Carlson
 Lay Reader Sarah Risenhoover
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Russ Ankersen
 Live Stream Ian Brown

October 15th

Elder on duty Barry Mooney
 Organist Charlene Pfanstiel
 Audio Cathy Broz
 Greeter Elaine Polly
 Greeter Jeff Polly
 Usher Eugene Custer
 Lay Reader Renelle Mooney
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Tina Cummins
Late Service
 Greeter Donna Hall
 Greeter Jim Hall
 Usher Ben Schow
 Lay Reader Fred Gleason
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint
 Live Stream Jackson Hartwell

October 22nd

Elder on duty Fritz Hubert
 Organist Charlene Pfanstiel
 Audio Cathy Broz
 Greeter Nancy Rippen
 Greeter
 Usher Eugene Custer
 Lay Reader Jerry Calvin
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Harold Carlson
Late Service
 Greeter Pat Penner
 Greeter
 Usher Curt Swanhorst
 Lay Reader Curt Swanhorst
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint Gary Hunkins
 Live Stream Layne Sarvela

October 29th

Elder on duty Curt/Phil
 Organist
 Audio
 Greeter Sue Carlson
 Greeter Harold Carlson
 Usher Gene Meints
 Lay Reader Harold Carlson
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint
Late Service
 Greeter Karen Berry
 Greeter
 Usher Steve Post
 Lay Reader Phil Barnesberger
 Acolyte
 Acolyte
 Powerpoint
 Live Stream Carter Hartwell



PEACE TALK

Breaker, Breaker 1-9... got your ears on there good buddy?... You're coming in wall to wall and treetop tall; give me your 20... Gunna stop for some Go-Go Juice then I'll meet ya at the Eat em' up... Copy, that's a big 10-4, over and out. This is common CB chatter truckers used on the CB radio back in the 70's. In fact, this was the rave for those of us in High School during that era as well. If you drove a vehicle to school, there was a CB radio in it. I suppose you might say that was our social media, as cell phones were just a figment of the imagination. Skeeter, Buns, Glory Boy, Blue Falcon, and Spook were some of the "handles" (Radio names) my classmates had. Mine was Sunshine Kid. We spent hours "dragging main" on a Friday or Saturday night, using trucker talk on CB radios to communicate. "Breaker 1-9" echoed through the night. This vocal radio check was like asking if you were there and coming in loud and clear. In your walk with God, do you ever wonder if you are coming in loud and clear? If God has His ears on? King David wondered that in Psalm 5:1, "Give ear to my words, O Lord." David realized there were times the airways remained silent. He also wondered where God was located (His 10-20), in Psalm 10:1 he asks "Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in time of trouble?" These questions have crossed my mind, and I bet they have for you as well. Times when our hearts are laid open from a tragic announcement from a loved one; a devastating work change; any life altering news of monumental extent. God, do you have your ears on? "Why have you made me your target?" (Job 7:20). "Why was this man born blind?" (John 9:2). "Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?" (Habakkuk 1:3). Why, why, why? The infective question that comes to mind when our heart strings get pulled. However, in our tidal wave of emotions, we must remember that God is in control. That God has a bigger plan in place. Maybe, just maybe, God is waiting for us to ask a different question. Consider asking... "What?" What can or should I do now? What do You want me to learn from this? What good do You want to come of this situation? If you seek God in this way, you will find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29-31, Jeremiah 29:13). You will hear Him come in wall to wall and treetop tall. When asking "what," instead of "why," you will be seeking Him with humility instead of hostility. And what is His 20 (location)? Right beside you all along. He is always within radio frequency and range. He will reply "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7). Braker 1-9 Lord, thank you for keeping Your ears on as we travel life's highway, and your 10-20 within me. Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity
 Phil Barnesberger



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	2 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	3 9:00am Worship Committee	4 9:30am El Dorado service 6:00pm School of Religion	5	6	7 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
8 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	9 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	10 6:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	11 6:00pm School of Religion	12	13	14 7:00am Men's Bible Study
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	16 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	17 5:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing	18 6:00pm School of Religion	19	20	21 7:00am Men's Bible Study
22 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Voter's meeting	23 2:00pm LWML 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	24 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (WINKEL)	25 6:00pm School of Religion	26 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	27	28 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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