



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
411 EAST 6TH STREET
MCCOOK, NE 69001

TO:

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TIDINGS OF **PEACE**

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Adopt-a-Chaplain is a program that supports deployed military chaplains and the troops they serve. Peace Lutheran is being given a community service award for this support of deployed military. This award is from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and will be presented at 2:00 pm on June 9 at the High Plains Museum. We share this award with Ann Trail, who brought this program to McCook. We thank God for His guidance, and we thank all who support this program, we are merely the hands that pack the boxes.

We are honored to be able to support an LCMS Chaplain Banke. He writes:

**Peace Lutheran Adopt-a-Chaplain team,
Thank you for the care packages you have been sending our troops. We have a special section in our chapel offices where Airmen, Soldiers, and Marines can grab a snack or hygiene item when they stop by our offices. Our team also takes items with us as we make our rounds visiting various units. These items provide a significant moral boost for the troops, especially at our more isolated units. Our chapel all team consists of 3 chaplains and 3 Religious Affairs Airmen, of whom appreciate how the items you send enhance our ministry. We are grateful for your encouragement and partnership in ministry. You are a blessing.
In His service,**

**BRIAN B. BANKE, Lt Col, USAF
Wing Chaplain
380th Air Expeditionary Wing
Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE**

Next packing day is Thurs, June 13th at 2 PM. Besides Chaplain Banke, packages will go to 3 other chaplains in the Middle East. We will also send packages to a chaplain who is part of NATO forces in Poland. Join us in sending care packages to military deployed to areas of greatest risk.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10th, 11th, & 12th

“Hands of Jesus”

Our VBS is for children pre-K (age 3 and potty trained) through 5th grade. Please join our three-day event and register by May 20th in order for your child to receive a t-shirt (size guide is found under downloads, you will be asked to enter size when registering). Late and walk in registrations will be accepted however T-shirts may not be available so we encourage you to register by the deadline. **Check out all the details and register at: www.myvbs.org/plcmccook**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Carol Collicott	6/1	Christien Kuykendall	6/10	Adley Bauer	6/22
Nadine Oetting	6/1	Rebecca Post	6/10	Layne Sarvela	6/22
Devin Reiners	6/3	Carson Garretson	6/12	Zachary Hueftle	6/23
Robin Calvin	6/4	Fred Gleason	6/13	Amanda Novak	6/23
Sue Carlson	6/4	Koltin Hazlitt	6/13	Dana Real	6/23
Gene Meints	6/4	Lilyanna Strauch	6/14	Keith Schoup	6/25
Gina Vetrovsky	6/4	Chase Brown	6/15	Emmalynn Seybold	6/25
Michael Nielsen	6/5	Mitch Hazlitt	6/19	Dillon Goltl	6/26
Jane Schuster	6/6	Paul Sellers	6/20	Emmy Moench	6/26
Megan Vetrovsky	6/7	Rivington Gass	6/21	Jennifer Kircher	6/29
Abigail Schneider	6/9				

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Michael & Linda Nielsen	6/3/1972	52	Harlan & Bernita Reiners	6/19/1960	64
Angela & William Watts	6/4/2016	8	Chet & Sarah Risenhoover	6/20/1998	26
Tomas & Angela France	6/7/2014	10	Alex & Molly Sharp	6/20/2015	9
Raymond & Judy Schow	6/9/1969	55	Robert & Elizabeth Geisler	6/21/1964	60
Todd & Lisa Koetter	6/10/2004	42	Brent & Candace Rogers	6/22/1996	28
Lee & Lindsay McConville	6/12/2004	20	Gene & Karen Meints	6/30/1972	52
Jerry & Beverly Unger	6/17/1970	54	Richard & Sonia Thompson	6/30/2003	21

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 (May 26th-Jun 1st)	Month to Date (May 5th-June 1st)	Actual Year to Date (Jan 7th-June 1st)
Offerings	\$1,873.00	\$11,089.00	\$103,516.00
Expenses	\$6,205.00	\$29,297.00	\$118,909.00



LET'S DO SUPPER TOGETHER

Join us young adults (kids included) for a pot luck style supper together at the church. June 23rd at 5:00 where we will cook together, socialize, and kids can play and have fun! This month's meal: grill out :) RSVP to Hanah at 737-1905 so we can assign menu items.

If this month doesn't work for you, don't worry!! The plan is to make this a regular monthly event where we can cook together, eat and have fun.

HILLCREST BINGO

LWML will be helping with bingo at Hillcrest on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2pm. If you would like to help, there is a sign up sheet on the buffet in the Narthex.

THANK YOU

The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for the 24/25 school year to help in the afternoon Preschool classroom and volunteers to drive the bus for drop off after the morning class as well as pick up and drop off for the afternoon class. For more information, please contact the Board of Education or Council President, Curt Swanhorst.

FOOD BANK

The food pantry is asking for donations of 12 or 18 count egg cartons.

JUNE READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
2nd	The 2nd S. after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:1-6
9th	The 3rd S. after Pentecost	Genesis 3:8-15	2 Corinthians 4:23-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
16th	The 4th S. after Pentecost	Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Corinthians 5:1-17	Mark 4:26-34
23rd	The 5th S. after Pentecost	Job 38:1-11	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
30th	The 6th S. after Pentecost	Lamentations 3:22-33	2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15	Mark 5:21-43



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – June 2024

The Gift of Contentment

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.



*The prophet Isaiah has written, saying;
“Even youths grow tired and weary, and
young men stumble and fall;”*

Have you ever watched a stunt driver race his motorcycle up a steep ramp and into the air? Maybe he did a back flip or a hand stand. Those amazing stunts require an incredible amount of self-control; if the stuntman were to leave the ramp at the wrong angle, he would land off target, and perhaps experience a terrible accident. To succeed in life our children—and our grandchildren—also need to be in control. And because children can at times be impulsive, self-control can be one of the hardest lessons for them to learn. But a little bit of self-control goes a long way in helping them steer through the twists and turns of life.

So, I encourage you to watch for opportunities to teach your children, or grandchildren, the skill of self-control. The more self-control they have going forward, the better their chances of soaring high and landing softly.

Pastor,

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31



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, Karen Berry, and Roland Carlson.

Kinship Pointe: Betty Harms, and Lois Brown.

Highland Park: Harlan & Bernita Reiners

Benkelman: 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 Harold Carlson.

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.

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

June 2nd

Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	Oraleen/K.C.
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Rylee Mooney
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
Late Service	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Gary Hunkins
Lay Reader	Nick Nothnagel
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Live Stream	Ian Brown

June 9th

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	Carter Hartwell

June 16th

Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Oraleen/Charlene
Audio	Paul Sellers
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

June 23rd

Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
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

June 30th

Elder on duty	Curt/Phil
Organist	
Audio	
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	Layton Hinz
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Late Service	
Greeter	
Greeter	
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Blayzon Mooney
Acolyte	Cooper Davidson
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Tina Cummins



PEACE TALK

Look at your hands. Do they tell a story? As I look down at my hands, I see wrinkles that reflect my age. A worn ring on my finger has a story to tell about my 45 years of marriage. Then, I see scars and recall various lacerations from the past. The dirt under my nails gives away my outdoor activity. There are callouses, grease stains, and protruding veins each adding a statement of who I am. However, even with all these tell-tale signs, it is still hard to determine the task that is assigned to these hands daily. What stories do your hands tell? Could we tell if your hands use a keyboard, give shots, grip a steering wheel, or play sports? Not for certain. Working hands can be anything from turning wrenches to rolling out dough. Whatever it might be, those of us blessed with functional hands, use them to make a living. But if we look beyond vocation, these same hands can be used to give and to receive. They can be used to hurt as well as to love. Hands can be used to wave, express joy, to heal, hit, or can be used to eat with. So many things we can use our hands for every day. Yet of all these things we use our hands for, do we consciously lift a finger to use them for God's glory? What would Jesus do? Well, we know that He laid his healing hands on feverish heads (Matthew 8:15) and on twisted crippled hurting legs (John 5:8). He mixed mud with his thoughtful hands so the blind could see (John 9:11). Peter was lifted from the raging sea with the protecting hands of Jesus (Matthew 14:31). Jesus selflessly handed a small girl back to her parents whom He raised back to life (Matthew 9:25). He compassionately touches the bread that fed the 5000 (John 6:11). Showing His mercy, He knew when to draw a line in the sand (John 8:6). If that wasn't enough, He humbled Himself by dropping to his knees and used His hands to wash the disciples' feet (John 13:5). Great stories about the loving hands of Jesus. Of all these things that Jesus did with His hands, it still doesn't tell the whole story. It was these same hands that gripped the cross as He carried it up the hill to Golgotha. His hands were then nailed to the tree where Jesus called out with a loud voice... "Father into YOUR hands I commit my spirit." Then breathed His last (Luke 23:46). From those scarred hands we now receive forgiveness and the eternal promise of salvation. With this great news we should raise our hands in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Dear Lord, as I lift my hands up to You, thank You for the story of the scars that remain on Jesus' hands. Help me in turn, make it my story to use my own hands to serve you, to help those in need, and to help tell that eternal story to those who do not know You. Amen.



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June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00am Men's Bible Study
2 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2:00pm BB Gun Shoot	3 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	4 9:00am Worship Committee	5	6	7	8 7:00am Men's Bible Study
9 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	10 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	11 2:00pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	12	13 2:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing	14	15
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (M-Tu 9am to 12pm — W 9am to 12:30pm)			PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE - VACATION		
16 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Young Adults supper	24	25	26	27 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	28 Upper Fellowship Hall reservation	29
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