



'TIDINGS OF **PEACE**' from

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# TIDINGS OF **PEACE**

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem, Faith takes you through the problem, Faith doesn't always take away the pain, Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain, Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm, Faith calms you in the midst of the storm,

*Amen*



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**Family Table Project**

Join us starting July 11th  
Every 2nd Thursday of the month from  
5:30pm to 7pm. At Memorial Methodist  
Church 105 East E Street McCook. Dinner and  
Child Care included. Some Table Talk topics  
include: Importance of Family Dinner,  
Establishing Routine, Technology & Creating  
boundaries, Stress Management. For more  
information contact Caitlin at 308-345-8817  
prairieplainscasa.org

**Who is this for?**

Calling all parents and caregivers! Join us for  
the Table Talks Project, a supportive  
community dedicated to empowering  
parenting together.

**What is it?**

The Table Talks Project offers a monthly  
gathering where parents come together to  
share experiences, offer support, and learn  
from one another. We aim to strengthen  
family relationships and enhance parenting  
skills through open discussions and peer  
mentoring. Childcare will be provided for  
your convenience, and dinner will be served  
during the meeting.

**When is it?**

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of  
every month from July to December, starting  
at 5:30pm and concluding at 7pm.

**Where is it?**

Come join us at the United Methodist Church  
kitchen, 105 East E Street, McCook, NE 69001.

**Why Should I go?**

Parenthood can be both rewarding and  
challenging. The Table Talks Project provides  
a space where parents can connect, learn,  
and grow together. By supporting each other,  
we can navigate the ups and downs of  
parenting with confidence and solidarity.  
Don't miss out on this opportunity to build a  
stronger, more connected community of  
parents!



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Jack Seybold	7/1	Tyler Loop	7/15	Mark Cummins	7/24
Avery Doucet	7/1	Grant Pfanstiel	7/17	Virginia Orman	7/25
Cindy Soucek	7/2	Easton Gillen	7/17	Karli Swink	7/26
Jaylee Dyer	7/3	Tristen Watts	7/17	Laney Peters	7/26
Kayla Koetter	7/4	Michael Chipman	7/19	Roger Stupka	7/27
Chelsey Hartwell	7/6	Sonja Thompson	7/20	Alex Sharp	7/27
Dalton Downing	7/7	Melissa Hanchera	7/20	Deb Lauer	7/28
Cindy Swanhorst	7/8	Richard Thompson	7/21	Kristi Novak	7/29
Hannah Goltl	7/11	Charles Coleman	7/22	Brigitta Post	7/29
Dennis Wudtke	7/11	Lila Leibrandt	7/22	Nate Schneider	7/30
Dawn Callander	7/13	David May	7/24	Cathy Broz	7/31

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Jenna & Matthew Moench	7/1/2017	7	Allyx & Dillon Garretson	7/19/2008	16
Kiley & Caitlin Roundtree	7/2/2011	13	Andrew & Bobbie Ziebell	7/21/2012	12
Nate & Sarah Schneider	7/8/2006	18	Mark & Tina Cummins	7/27/1991	33
Lucas & Hanna Curl	7/10/2021	3	Phil & Janice Bamesberger	7/28/1979	45
James & Daphne Tidyman	7/17/1999	25	Jim & Susan DeJonge	7/29/1967	57

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 23rd-June 29th)	Month to Date (May 5th-June 29th)	Actual Year to Date (Jan 7th-June 29th)
Offerings	\$3,213.00	\$18,929.00	\$122,445.00
Expenses	\$4,339.00	\$19,099.00	\$137,918.00



### MOWING SCHEDULE

The Trustees are looking for some volunteers to help with the mowing this summer. There is a sign up sheet on the buffet in the Narthex. They are asking that the lawn gets mowed weekly on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. The mower will be filled with gas prior to mowing, so you won't have to worry about that. Please message Heath Brown @ 340-0257, Chance Koetter @ 737-6850 or Barry Mooney @ 340-9694 when it is your week to mow. Thanks!

### ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

This is a program that supports deployed military chaplains and the troops they serve. Care packages are assembled each month at Peace Lutheran to help the chaplains in their ministry. Supplies needed now are flavored drink mix and hard candy. All are welcome, including children, at the next packing day, Tues, July 16 at 1:00 pm.

### FOOD BANK

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

### LET'S DO SUPPER TOGETHER

Join us young adults (kids included) for a pot luck style upper together at the church. July 21st at 5:00 where we will cook together, socialize, and kids can play and have fun! This month's meal: breakfast! 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.

### JULY READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
7th	The 7th S. after Pentecost	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Mark 6:1-13
14th	The 8th S. after Pentecost	Amos 7:7-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
21st	The 9th S. after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-44
28th	The 10th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 3:14-21	Mark 6:45-56



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
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### The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

#### What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)

#### What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1-3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28-29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

**SPECIAL MISSION EVENT**

Rev. Steve Schulz, LCMS Mission Counselor at Mission Central will be coming to: Peace Lutheran Church McCook, Nebraska Sunday, July 28, 2024 Worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Bible class at 9:15 a.m. **Come and see** pictures of lost and hurting people living in places of darkness. **Come and hear** about your LCMS missionaries who are telling these lost and hurting people about Jesus! **Come and be a part of bringing Christ to the world.** Invite a friend! You're a missionary too! Please visit us at [www.missioncentral.us](http://www.missioncentral.us)

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make our "Hands for Jesus" VBS a fun and memorable event. We appreciate each and every one of you taking your time and providing your talents to help make Peace Lutheran's Church's Vacation Bible School and success. We had 72 children registered for the event and spent three days learning about the love of Jesus. Thank you all. Kris and Jan

**BIBLES NEEDED**

The Kansas LLL need our help in collecting new/used Bibles and devotional materials for their annual State Fair giveaway. If you have any to share, please deposit them in the collection box located in the narthex on or before August 4, 2024. Thanks for the help. Judy & Raymond Schow

**BIBLES STUDY**

Join us for a two week Bible study addressing life transitioning back to school. Week 1: Time management according to the Bible. Week 2: Anxieties about school. Week 1: Sunday, July 14th, Week 2: Sunday, July 21st in the FIRE room. 9:15-10:15 for kids entering 9th grade thru 12th. 5:00-6:00 for kids entering 6th grade thru 8th. Please RSVP to Hanah 308-737-1905 by July 12th so materials can be put together! Bring a friend.....or two!

**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.

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**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

**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

## July 7th

Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Cale DeWester
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Gary Hunkins
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Emma McConville
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Live Stream	Ian Brown

## July 14th

Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Hunter Kunkee
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Ryker Mooney
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Live Stream	Blayzon Mooney

## July 21st

Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Cooper Davidson
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Ellie Hartwell
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Carter Hartwell

## July 28th

Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Pat Penner
Greeter	
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	
Acolyte	Kysen Hazlitt
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Live Stream	Tina Cummins



## PEACE TALK

Detour ahead! Oh, that dreaded orange sign that seems to pop up out of nowhere when traveling down the highway. It ultimately translates into slow traffic, a longer route than anticipated, and prolonged delays. Not something anyone is really prepared for, especially if travel time is a little tight that day. I know road repairs are necessary, but delays of driving around those plastic cones and construction equipment is not something I normally would include in my agenda for the day. Unprepared to take a different route can be quite stressful. The same can be true of the detours God gives us throughout our lifetime. Cruising along on life's highway and then suddenly that same sign appears... Detour ahead. Health issues, job loss, family conflicts, or many other life rerouting events, all factor in on where that new route will take us. Altering our original destination with delays of life changing situations that were possibly unprepared for. Lamenting to God about this direction we now must go... "I don't have time for this right now." Or "I don't want to take this new detour in my life." If you're like me, I have my goals set on a particular destination. Plans that seem to be working out just fine, then kaboom... just like that God has a detour in store for me. Can you relate? If so, you must remember that God knows what is best for you despite what you might have planned (Romans 8:28). Be rest assured you are not alone. There are many instances in the Bible where God put out a detour sign for someone who had a different destination in mind. Look at Moses, God led him on a 40-year detour for the greater good of the Israelites when their route otherwise could have been much quicker, (Joshua 5:6). Or Joseph who spent 13 years in slavery and prison before entering Pharaoh's service. Joseph was able to see God's design in the detour and didn't blame his brothers for what they did to him, (Genesis 37:12-28). Then there was Paul who was on the road to Damascus with his political agenda when God rerouted his destination to transform him into an Apostle, (Acts 9:1-19). God can and will alter our destination as well, leaving us with questions. Sending us a direction we don't think we are ready for at the time. However, we must place our trust in His gracious will of pointing us in the direction we must go, (Proverbs 3:5-6). Knowing that during those struggles with the detour's that life brings us... the Lord's purpose will prevail (Proverbs 19:21). Yes, it can seem like miles of orange cones with no end in sight. But be assured, that when you are through driving around those cones and construction equipment, it is God's guiding hand that is pointing the way. Guiding us to an eternal relationship with Him. Dear Lord, protect and guide me through the detours in my life and the ensuing roadblocks. Thank you for always being there and knowing what is best for me. Amen.



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# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Upper Fellowship Hall reservation  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>7</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b>  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>9</b> 2:00pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>14 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>15</b>  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Adopt-A-Chaplain packing	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>21</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Young Adults supper	<b>22</b>  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>28 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>29</b>  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			