TIDINGS OF **PEACE**

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

TO: _____

November 2026

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2026 Trunk or Treat



Thank you to everyone who participated and helped in this year's "Trunk or Treat" for our SOR and community children. We were blessed with beautiful weather and estimating that our attendance was well over 100 plus children. Thank you again for all your help. Kris Hanchera

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TURKEY DINNER

The Turkey and Ham dinner for Peace Lutheran is planned for Sunday, November 1st, starting at 11:30 am.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The date for decorating the church for Christmas is November 22nd at 2:00 pm. The 1st Sunday in Advent is November 29th everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in.

HILLCREST BINGO

Peace will continue to help with bingo at Hillcrest on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2pm. If anyone would like to help, please contact Deb Shields at 340-4054.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is back, 9:15am to 10:15am for ages 3years thru 12th grade.

LIVE NATIVITY

The dates for the Live Nativity are December 19th and 20th. More information will be coming soon.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism will be asking 3 people/families each month to submit a family photo and a write-up telling us about you and your family so we can put it on our getting to know you board in the Narthex.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brandon Kuykendall	11/1	Halee Malleck	11/11	Emma McConville	11/19
Kai Bedore	11/3	James Vetrovsky	11/11	Ree Smock	11/20
Kelsey Messinger	11/3	Lydia Barth	11/12	Reagan Smith	11/22
Caitlin Roundtree	11/4	Karen Berry	11/13	Mary Traphagan	11/22
Brent Doucet	11/6	Peyton Dyer	11/13	Janice Bamesberger	11/23
Duane Fortkamp	11/8	Elizabeth Geisler	11/16	Molly Starp	11/24
Merlin Domben	11/9	Betty Harms	11/17	Kylee DeWester	11/26
Gabe Critchfield	11/11	Jacobi Castens	11/19	Brian Strauch	11/27
Clara Hurst	11/11				

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Heath & Renee Brown	11/4/2017	9	Jerry & Robin Calvin	11/13/1982	44
Chuck & Janet Gray	11/4/1972	54	Donnie & Brooke Rinehart	11/17/2018	8
Brandon & Kimberly Kuykendall	11/8/2003	23	Jennifer & Kirk McConville	11/24/2012	14

We apologize if we have made a mistake. Please contact the office so we may get it corrected.

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 (Oct. 25th-Oct. 31st)	Month to Date (Oct. 4th-Oct, 31st)	Year to Date (January 4th-Sept 31st)
Offerings	$2,416.00	$14,670.00	$207,419.00
Expenses	$7,520.00	$30,221.00	$277,028.00

If you feel compelled to give, offering can be brought into the church office, mailed to P.O. Box 240 or direct deposited.

NOVEMBER READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
1st	**All Saints' Day**	Revelation 7:2-17	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
8th	**The 24th S. after Pentecost**	Amos 5:18-24	1 Thessalonians 4:13-16	Matthew 25:1-13
15th	**The 25th S. after Pentecost**	Zephaniah 1:7-16	I Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
22nd	**The Last S. of the Church Year**	Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46
29th	**The 1st S. in Advent**	Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37

ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

Christmas care packages are very important to brighten the holidays for the US servicemen and servicewomen who will be far from home at Christmas. We send care packages to the troops through the ministry of their chaplains. One chaplain that we can send boxes to is an LCMS chaplain who is stationed in Korea. The times that we meet to pack care packages will be Thurs, Nov 12 at 7:00 pm and Fri , Nov 13 at 10:00 am. Supplies are needed for the boxes, especially snacks. Thank you!

GIFT CARD DRIVE

We are having a gift card drive for the youth. Gift cards they can use for supplies, snacks, outdoor activities, gas for travel and much more. Cards of any amount from any local business or well-known brands (Walmart, Casey's, Axe House, Lucy's Bakery, Subway, Heritage Hills, Shell, just to name a few) can be brought to the church and placed in the designated box on the buffet or given to Hanah or Tina. Thanks for your support!



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

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Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received *from* God *to* Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

COOKIES NEEDED

We are needing 600 cookies to hand out at the Live Nativity in December. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex after November 1st. Please package one cookie in a baggie so they can be distributed individually. Also, it would be great if we could have some that are gluten free (please mark them as such) and, please, no cookies with peanuts or peanut butter.

SOUTHWEST NEBRASKA WORKS!

Share the Heat is now Southwest Nebraska WORKS!

The longtime community program helped Southwest Nebraska residents pay heating bills. Its new name, Southwest Nebraska WORKS—What Other Resources Kan't Serve—reflects its expanded assistance for other utility bills, including water bills. The volunteers have formed a nonprofit, and have decided not to have a Sunday meal fundraiser this year. The program now helps households in Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock and Red Willow counties pay basic utility bills during financial hardship, including those that may not qualify for other government assistance. Eligible bills include heating, cooling, water, and electricity. Approved payments go directly to the service provider.

Donations can be given through The Big Give at www.swnebiggive.org This is fundraiser held on Nov 5. OR you may mail donations to:
MNB
Attn Angela Wagner
PO Box 1208
McCook NE 69001

To learn more about Southwest Nebraska WORKS, call Community Action Partnership Mid-Nebraska at 308-345-1187.

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 Betty Harms.
Highland Park: Harlan Reiners and Ken Polly
Benkelman: Mark Cummins
Imperial: Darrell Eckhardt

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 – Brandon Kuykendall, Nick Nothnagel, Lee McConville, Jim Dyer, Victor Lauer, Phil Bamesberger or Russ

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

November 1st	
Elder on duty	Jim Dyer
Organist	Susan Nelms
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Sue Ankersen
Acolyte	Aric Sharp
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
Late Service	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Gary Hunkins
Lay Reader	Nick Nothnagel
Acolyte	Will Kunkee
Acolyte	Hunter Kunkee
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Live Stream	Jackson Hartwell

November 8th	
Elder on duty	Nick Nothnagel
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Randon Peters
Acolyte	Talan Schumacher
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Late Service	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte	Raegan Kisker
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Live Stream	Tina Cummins

November 15th	
Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Rylee Mooney
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
Late Service	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Hadley Esch
Acolyte	Brynley Esch
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Live Stream	Ryker Mooney

November 22nd	
Elder on duty	Nick or Lee
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	Cooper Davidson
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson
Late Service	
Greeter	Pat Penner
Greeter	
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Maxson Stewart
Acolyte	Zander Stewart
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Live Stream	Layton Hinz

November 29th	
Elder on duty	Phil or Russ
Organist	Recorded
Audio	
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Late Service	
Greeter	
Greeter	
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Melissa Hoffmann
Acolyte	Paxton Messinger
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Ryker Mooney

PEACE TALK

Why are people not normal like me? I must admit, I have moments when another person's habits, personality, or way of doing things draw that question right out of me. It may happen at a family gathering, in the middle of a busy checkout line, or anywhere people come together. Suddenly, I wonder why others cannot see or handle things the way I do. My preferences quietly become my definition of normal, and before long, I look at another person's differences as flaws that need correcting. Can you relate? Yet when I expect others to fit my likeness, I can miss the beautiful truth that each person was created in God's image. Scripture turns the mirror toward me and reminds me of that truth (Genesis 1:27). That includes the very people and situations that prompted my question in the first place. Truth be told that contrast may not be an inconvenience to erase, but an invitation to notice the breadth of our Creator's workmanship (Psalm 139:14). I realize not every habit is healthy, and not every action should be excused, but I can still choose to let love speak first (1 Corinthians 13:4). If I can do that, the most loving question will not be, "Why aren't you more like me?" but instead, "What can I learn about you?" Paul expands on this by telling us to practice humility, patience, and love toward others (Ephesians 4:2). Instead of looking inward when another person's personality does not align with mine, I can look outward and allow Christ to change the way I see that person (2 Corinthians 5:16). Jesus brings this close to home when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). If I want others to make room for my quirks, ask before assuming, and see more in me than a frustrating habit or difficult moment, I had better listen to Jesus. Paul also tells us to value others above ourselves, and view others interests before our own (Philippians 2:3–4). This does not mean losing who God created you to be. It means becoming interested in who God created the other person to be. When you listen to their story and learn what matters to them, someone who once seemed difficult or strange may become someone you understand a little better. So, if I return to my first question… I realize it is because God never intended them to be like me. I can now transition my thoughts to love like Jesus would (John 13:34). The world does not need more people like me; it needs more people like Jesus… people who choose love over judgment, understanding over assumption, and relationship over being right. Maybe normal was never meant to mean "like me." Maybe it was meant to remind me that the person I encounter is not mine to remake, but mine to love. Dear Lord, help me see other people through Your eyes and love them with a heart like Yours. Amen.

Peace, Love, and Unity
Phil Bamesberger

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **8:00am** Worship **9:15am** Bible Studies & Sunday School **10:30am** Worship	2 **5:00pm** Women's Bible study	3 **9:00am** Worship Committee	4	5	6 **1:00pm** LifeLight	7 **7:00am** Men's Bible Breakfast
8 **Communion Sunday** **8:00am** Worship **9:15am** Bible Studies & Sunday School **10:30am** Worship Ladies Luncheon	9	10 **2:00pm** Hillcrest Bingo **6:00pm** Board of Elders **7:00pm** Church Council	11 **6:00pm** School of Religion **6:30pm** F.I.R.E.	12 **7:00pm** Adopt-A-Chaplain	13 **10:00am** Adopt-A-Chaplain **1:00pm** LifeLight	14 **7:00am** Men's Bible Breakfast
15 **8:00am** Worship **9:15am** Bible Studies & Sunday School **10:30am** Worship	16	17	18 **6:00pm** School of Religion **6:30pm** F.I.R.E.	19	20 **1:00pm** LifeLight	21 **7:00am** Men's Bible Breakfast
22 **Communion Sunday** **8:00am** Worship **9:15am** Bible Studies & Sunday School **10:30am** Worship **2:00pm** Church Decorating	23 **2:00pm** LWML	24	25 **1:30pm** Hillcrest service **2:30pm** Kinship Pointe service **7:30pm** Thanksgiving Eve service	26 *Office Closed*	27 *Office Closed*	28 **7:00am** Men's Bible Breakfast
29 **8:00am** Worship **9:15am** Bible Studies & Sunday School **10:30am** Worship	30					