

TIDINGS OF PEACE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

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TO:



Acts 8:1

..... And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

I don't know about you, but I watch with interest all that is going on in our country and trying to cut through all of the rhetoric and hear the voice of the people. They were talking about scorecards on the government. They were talking about scorecards on teachers. It seems as though someone is keeping score on just about everything, just waiting for the opportunity to present it in some type of debate. This morning as I was watching the news, I was thinking about the proclamation of the Gospel. Of course my thoughts went from one thing to another and before long, I was wondering what our scorecard looked like as Christians.

In Bible Study with the youth, I gave them a scorecard of sorts to rate themselves on how their faith walk was going. How were they doing at walking in faith with Jesus? Here is the scale I gave them. The lowest is cold. In other words, to those around them no one would be able to tell they were a Christian; most certainly not by what they say, think, or do. The second was lukewarm. In other words,



others around you know you go to church and must be a Christian. They see you do some of the things they think Christians are supposed to do. The next was warm. A warm Christian is one who took opportunities to share the Gospel maybe with their friends. This type of person was the type of person that because of their actions and how they presented themselves to others would be cause to those around them to pause and think before they said or did anything around them that might be offensive to their faith (for example how they use the Lord's name). The highest level was hot. This was a Christian who was on fire for their Lord. They are the ones who take every opportunity to share their faith with everyone they meet. They represent their faith by wearing it on their sleeve as they strive to be Jesus with skin on to others. Needless to say, the discussion

was a good one. As I was preparing that Bible Study, it occurred to me that Christianity, and the great commission we received in Matthew 28 to **"¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you,"** may have stalled somewhat for fear of not being politically correct.

That led my thought to the book of Acts and the stoning of Stephen when it was politically incorrect to be a Christian. Stephen was martyred for his faith, but God used that horrible display of humanity for the good of His kingdom, because he took Christians out of being all in one place and dispersed them into the world to spread the Gospel.

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PLC WEBSITE

Be sure to visit us on the web at: www.plcmccook.org. Here, you can see all the latest announcements, notices, contact information, and more. The site is now *updated weekly* for changes on the church calendar and latest news.

From The Elders

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 118: 1

I received an email a while back that contained a little Bible Trivia that I would like to share with you:

- Do you know which chapter is the center of the Bible? (Psalm 118)
- Which is the shortest chapter? (Psalm 117)
- Which is the longest chapter? (Psalm 119)

There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118. There are 594 chapters after Psalm 118. Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

The center verse of the Bible is psalm 118:8 which reads: "It is better to take refuge in the Lord that to trust in man"

Now I have not personally counted all the chapters and verses in our ESV bible, but it IS interesting to think that our Lord has given us this reminder in the center of our Bible. What better refuge than our Savior, Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection we have been redeemed so that we might spend Eternity with the Father in the mansions prepared by Jesus. Praise the Lord for His love!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and always remember... "To God be the Glory!"

Grant Pfanstiel
Elder Chairman



August Birthdays

Swisher, David	8/1	Kjendal, Katherine	8/10	Wurm, George	8/17
Bauer, Sandra	8/2	Lauer, Ron	8/10	Parde, Linda	8/19
Bruntz, Tammie	8/2	Bird, Madelyn	8/11	Aufrecht, Madison	8/20
Fritz, George	8/2	Penner, Patricia	8/12	Clapp, Phyllis	8/21
Gray, Jamie	8/2	Spires, Dennis	8/13	Reiners, Erica	8/22
Hubert, Fred	8/2	Bamesberger, Phillip	8/14	Hanchera, Kristyl	8/27
Goltl, Cody	8/5	Doyle, Russell	8/14	Lauer, Bailey	8/27
Post, Lucas	8/5	Gleason, Debra	8/14	McConville, Lee	8/27
Hall, James	8/6	Kjendal, Emily	8/15	Schow, Judy	8/27
Post, Samantha	8/6	Potthoff, Florence	8/15	Gray, Janet	8/28
Cummins, Nathan	8/7	Carlson, Robert	8/16	Dicenta, Taylor	8/30
Koetter, Lisa	8/7	Polly, Kenneth	8/16	Polly, Elaine	8/30
Coleman, Christina	8/9	Bruntz, Trenten	8/17	Alberts, Marie	8/31
Fritz, Delbert	8/9	Fout, Dalton	8/17		
Nielsen, Linda	8/9	Rawn, Adam	8/17		

August Anniversaries

Stephen & Brigitta Post	8/2/1980	Randall & Carrie Goltl	8/12/1988
Dale & Janet Bamesberger	8/5/1956	Wallace & Elfriede Keen	8/14/1960
Fred & Debra Gleason	8/11/1973	Steve & Sharon Kircher	8/17/1984
Jeff & Kim Pinkerton	8/11/2001	Robert & Joann Nemechek	8/19/1972
Curt & Cindy Swanhorst	8/11/1984	Roger & Karen Ziebell	8/21/1971

August Readings

Date	Season	1st Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
Aug. 1st	10th S. a. Pent.	Eccl.1:2,12-14; 2:18-26	Col. 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug. 8th	11th S. a. Pent.	Gen.15:1-6	Heb. 11:1-16	Luke 12:22-34
Aug. 15th	12th S. a. Pent.	Jer. 23:16-29	Heb. 11:17-31;12:1-3	Luke12:49-53
Aug. 22nd	13th S. a. Pent.	Is. 66:18-23	Heb. 12:4-24	Luke 13:22-30
Aug. 29th	14th S. a. Pent.	Prov. 25:2-10	Heb.13:1-17	Luke 14:1-14

Our Finances At A Glance

	Week of July (July 19th-July 26th)	Month of July (July 1st - July 26th)	Actual YTD	Annual Budget (Jan 1st - July 26th)
Offerings	n/a	\$6,173.50	\$95,775.29	\$141,749.40
Expenses	\$5,231.79	\$11,337.27	\$108,792.57	\$141,749.40



•Going Beyond Sunday' Offerings for July was \$103.00 for the annual Cancer Walk.



PANCAKE FEED

There will be a Pancake Feed on Sunday, August 8 from 4 to 8 PM at the 4-H Building at Red Willow Fairgrounds, McCook. A free will offering will **help with medical expenses for Richard Klein**. Funds raised will be supplemented by Rep Valley Chapter of Thrivent. If you would like to help with this event contact: Zona Fritz at 345-1802, 340-3467, or email at:

rfritz22@mccooknet.com

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

WATCH THIS SPACE...

Tony Horvath, a pro-life speaker, will be coming soon to McCook. Lutherans for Life is in the process of making these arrangements and will announce more details in the weeks to come. Please keep watching your weekly bulletin and/or the church website for details as they develop.

Anthony is an author, Christian apologist, and pro-life speaker. He is the father of four. His background is in education and professional church work and is currently involved in unique apologetics endeavors such as his ministry's Christian writing contest and online academy. His fantasy/fiction action/adventure book series, Birth Pangs, is in its second book. To learn more about his pro-life story check out www.wechoselife.com.



Tony Horvath

Your Hour Of Worship

"Your Hour of Worship" airs every Sunday on radio station, KNGN 1360AM at 10:30am. Cost to sponsor a "Your Hour of Worship" program is \$45. If you are interested in sponsoring a program, please call the church office for available dates.



Thank You

The family of Dorothy Malone wish to thank everyone for their acts of kindness: to the Group #6 Serving Committee, Vaunda Hyde, and all the women that proved the delicious lunch, to Angie Reiners and Sheryl Havens for the beautiful music, and to Pastor Tom for the wonderful service.

*May God bless you all,
Jane Schuster*

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What happened was the persecution they experienced was cause for new momentum in the church.

Sometimes we look at the church and think we have no momentum. Sometimes we don't see all that is going on behind the scenes that is working to generate momentum. There is so much to do and so few people who are doing it. It just seems as though we are not making any headway. Sometimes our smaller size is a discouraging factor. Sometimes we think we just can't get the momentum going.

One day I ran out of gas in my truck. I could see the gas station. There is was, no more than a hundred yards down the road. I thought if I could just push my truck a little and get some momentum, I could get it to the gas station. It was a lot of hard work on my own. However, before I knew it, several people saw my plight and stopped to help me push. When we had several people pushing, we picked up speed and momentum and easily made our way to the gas station.

Sometimes we don't see ourselves as moving forward, even stalled in our ministry. We focus on the fact that our numbers are not what they once were. We think we have lost that momentum we once had and it looks too hard to get it back. We wonder if there is there any hope to grow our church once more. Yes, indeed! It is found in the power of momentum.

I was reading about the momentum of the church, and what I read was "The Laws of Motion indicate that a small church moving fast can actually generate more momentum than a large church moving slowly. Once we get our speed up, we generate huge momentum -- and momentum attracts people who like to be part of something that is going, happening, moving. It's the snowball effect."

"Of course, to generate momentum, we need to be *willing* to move fast -- to create speed." What this requires on our part is a willingness to submit to the power of the Holy Spirit to move and guide us.

Some people might say, "We're not doing enough." The converse is also heard, "We are doing too much too fast, and we need to slow down." We mean well, but may not understand the power of momentum.

We small churches may not have much mass at the beginning, but if we can create velocity along the path of God's will for us, we can generate great momentum -- and through that momentum grow in effectiveness, size, and in our mission to reach our community for Christ.

Pastor Tom

Young Adult Group To Meet



Come with an empty stomach, leave with a full heart! Sunday, August 22nd, at 6:00, Young Adult Group will meet for a progressive dinner. The first course will be at Hartwells'. Child care will be provided at the church. Please RSVP by August 15th to Kristin Fornander (345-5502).

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PLC Quilters' Guild Ministry



The PLC Quilters were hard at work once again this year, completing 100 quilts.

After the quilts have been completed, they are given to organizations for distributing to the needy. The McCook Police and Fire Dept., Lutheran Family Services, Orphan Grain Train, and the Domestic Violence Program are just some of these organizations that have received PLC quilts.



Pictured left to right: Charlene Pfanstiel, Jane Schuster, Evelyn Salyer, Vaunda Hyde, and Myra Tietz.

The quilting ladies have also given quilts to families who have lost their possessions to due to a crisis, such as a house fire or tornado.

Thank You

The M.S. Society wishes to thank Peace Lutheran for their support with the monetary collection. You might be wondering where your donations go? More than 60% of the total dollars raised support programs & services in Nebraska. This includes your local support group. This helps the support group with educational materials and also has scholarships for teens touched by M.S. The other 40% goes to support critical research nationally. There are over 7,100 individuals with M.S. just in Nebraska and with family members over 28,000 are affected. Again, thank you for your monetary donation.



FREE STEWARDSHIP TRAINING FOR PASTORS AND LAY LEADERS

Lay Leaders, Pastors, and interested congregational members are invited to attend one of these free stewardship workshops around the district. Each workshop will introduce an initiative called **"Faith Aflame: 360 Degrees"**. This three 3-hour workshop will be held for anyone interested in attending. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the workshops will begin promptly at 9:00.

Workshops are at the following locations:

Christ, Norfolk, August 21

Holy Savior, Lincoln, August 28

Holy Cross, Kearney, September 18

Register for this free workshop by contacting the church office, or by visiting the church website at:

www.plcmccook.org





SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

August 1st Early Service

Organist	KC Eckhardt
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ed Rinehart
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Cathy Broz
Powerpoint	Stacy Sellers

August 1st Late Service

Greeter	Betty Knapper
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Robert Hull
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Cathy Broz
Powerpoint	Angie Reiners
Video	Jake Krause

August 15th Early Service

Organist	Zona Fritz
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Usher	Lois Calvin
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Cathy Broz
Powerpoint	Jim Hall

August 15th Late Service

Greeter	Velma Kircher
Greeter	Phyllis Berndt
Usher	Ron Buck
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Cathy Broz
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER
Video	Russ Ankersen

Altar Flowers

KGNG Sponsor

1st- Available	1st- Available
8th- Available	8th- Available
15th- Available	15th- Available
22nd- Available	22nd- Available
29th- Available	29th- Available

If you are interested in serving in any of the ministries listed above, please call the church office: **345-2595**.

August 8th Early Service

Organist	Joyce Hofman
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	Evelyn Salyer
Usher	Eugene Custer
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen

August 8th Late Service

Greeter	Janet Bamesberger
Greeter	Dale Bamesberger
Usher	Dee Traphagan
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

August 22nd Early Service

Organist	Joyce Hofman
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	Karen Berry
Usher	Jeff Pinkerton
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Jon Reiners
Powerpoint	Jon Reiners

August 22nd Late Service

Greeter	Dorothy Henton
Greeter	Garnet Henton
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Jon Reiners
Powerpoint	Jon Reiners
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

August 29th Early Service

Organist	TBD
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher	Ed Rinehart
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen

August 29th Late Service

Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher	Robert Hull
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	NEED VOLUNTEER
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER



"ABC" Speaker coming to McCook

The local ABC Pregnancy Help Center is bringing Pam Stenzel, a renown sexual abstinence speaker, to the McCook City Auditorium on **September 19th, 2010 at 7:00PM**. The local church youth groups and their parents are invited to hear this very dynamic speaker. The content of Pam's presentation is approximately 75 minutes long and is suitable for 7th graders on up. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be available at the door.



Lutheran Study Bibles Available

Lutheran Study Bibles are still available for purchase in the Church Office
Regular Size Print—\$34.95
Large Size Print—\$44.95



"Life Quotes"

"[L]et your children hear the basic teachings of the Christian faith from your lips. Field the questions regarding their relationship with Jesus Christ as they surface. Give them biblical answers. Who knows, these children you love may walk away from the faith, and this will be heartbreaking for you. Just remember God's promise: 'My Word will not return void.' It is not that you have failed if you

have witnessed in your home by word and action that Jesus is your Lord. Where there is great concern is when our children venture out into a world filled with temptation and have not been taught what the Word of God has to say." *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life**
www.lutheransforlife.org.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to add someone to our prayer chain, please call the church office @345-2595 during office hours. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless specified differently by the one who calls. If you have any questions, or would like to become part of the prayer chain, please contact the office.

Pantry Support



We have our own shopping to allow drop off of items for the pantry to support this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact the office @ 345-2595.



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August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am-Worship 9:15am-Bible Study 10:30am-Worship	2 7pm-Worship 8pm-Women's Bible Study	3 5:30pm-Board of Education 6:30pm-Board of Elders	4 7:30pm-FIRE	5	6	7 7am-Men's Bible Study
8 8am-Worship 9:15am-Bible Study 10:30am-Worship 4pm-Pancake Fundraiser	9 7pm-Worship 8pm-Women's Bible Study	10 2:30pm-Hillcrest Bingo 7:00pm-Council	11 7:30pm-FIRE	12	13	14 7am-Men's Bible Study
15 "Going Beyond Sunday" 8am-Worship 9:15am-Bible Study 10:30am-Worship	16 7pm-Worship 8pm-Women's Bible Study	17	18 7:30pm-FIRE	19	20	21 7am-Men's Bible Study
22 8am-Worship 9:15am-Bible Study 10:30am-Worship 6pm-Young Adult Group.	23 7pm-Worship 8pm-Women's Bible Study	24	25 7:30pm-FIRE	26 11am-LWML 1:30pm-Hillcrest Service 2:30pm-Willow Ridge Service	27	28 7am-Men's Bible Study
29 8am-Worship 9:15am-Bible Study 10:30am-Worship w/ baptism	30 7pm-Worship 8pm-Women's Bible Study	31				