



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TIDINGS OF PEACE
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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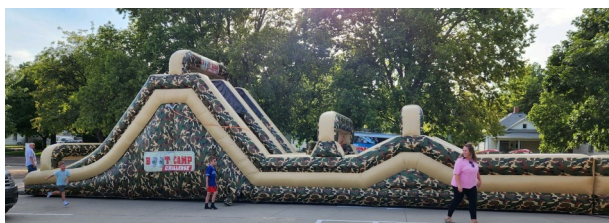
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THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who worked to give the School of Religion children a very fun "Back to School" party. All of you were awesome! Extra thanks to all who brought in food for the meal and cupcakes for the cake walk. Thank you to Kris Hanchera for the games and prizes, to Pastor Felcher for setting up and supervising the inflatable obstacle course, and to Ian Brown for bringing the National Guard inflatable to Karen Ziebell for getting a Thrivent grant to provide the great meal and to Russ & Sue Ankersen for providing fun music for the kids! from the Board of Education

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Carmen Howe	9/2	Ryker Mooney	9/14	Janet Barnesberger	9/22
Steve Fritz	9/3	Spencer Reiners	9/14	Jessica Gramins	9/23
Boden Goltl	9/5	Monte Hazlitt	9/15	Sarah Schneider	9/23
Creighton Shields	9/6	Donna Rawn	9/16	Aiden Bauer	9/24
Lucas Curl	9/7	Connor Tidyman	9/16	Susan Chipman	9/25
Everett Gass	9/7	Stephanie Dorothy	9/18	Jackson Hartwell	9/25
Jan Hubert	9/8	Dorene Hoffman	9/18	Doris Leibbrandt	9/25
Victor Lauer	9/8	Sarah Calvin	9/19	Lydia Risenhoover	9/25
Jeanne Rogers	9/10	K.C. Eckhardt	9/19	Payton Messinger	9/26
Patricia Eilenberger	9/12	Doris Friehe	9/19	Susan Ankersen	9/28
Arlo Nothnagel	9/12	Robert Geisler	9/19	Georgia Lutzi	9/30
Beverly Unger	9/12	Elfriede Keen	9/21		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Lance & Denise Gillen	9/1/1990	33	Nikki & Logan Hamilton	9/22/2012	11
Duane & Patricia Fortkamp	9/5/1971	52	Victor & Sandy Lauer	9/23/1978	45
Danielle & Dylan Schumacher	9/10/2016	7	Gabe & Melissa Critchfield	9/24/2001	22
David & Rebecca Seybold	9/11/2010	13	Keith & Nadine Oetting	9/29/1973	35

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 (August 20th-August 26th)	Month to Date (August 6th-August 26th)	Actual Year to Date (Jan 1st-August 26th)
Offerings	\$2,928.00	\$9,685.00	\$161,646.00
Expenses	\$4,603.00	\$20,613.00	\$168,465.00



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. We are accepting recipes from May 1st to September 1st. 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

It's time for a new Pictorial Directory! Our dates of photography are September 21st (2:00 to 8:30) 22nd (2:00 to 8:30) and 23rd (10:00 to 4:00). To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com. Enter NE220 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Click on to the schedule your photography session on the right side. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Or sign up in person

August 6th, 13th and 20th after each service. Contact Sue Ankersen for assistance 308-350-5677



SEPTEMBER READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
3rd	The 14th S. after Pentecost	Jeremiah 15:15-20	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
10th	The 15th S. after Pentecost	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 18:1-20
17th	The 16th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
24th	The 17th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:6-9	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30	Matthew 20:1-16

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

Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety. Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment: This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be starting up again September 18, 2023. In this study, Kelly Minter will lead us on an eight week journey through the book of 2 Corinthians where we will learn that because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come. Sessions will be Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The study is video driven with an accompanying study book. The cost for this session is \$22. Our desire is to have women of all ages participating. Scholarships are available if the cost is prohibitive, so please do not let cost be a determining factor. Contact Cindy Swanhorst (308-340-4380) or Cathy Broz (308-340-6064) for more information.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A Lifelight Bible study on Law & Gospel will be starting on September 7th at 1:00pm. They will meet every Thursday. For more information contact Judy Schow.

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!**

WELCOME



Please welcome our newest member. Kole Kay Hamilton was received by the waters of baptism. Kole is the son of Logan and Nikki Hamilton. Welcome Kole!

ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

This program supports deployed military chaplains and the troops they serve. Thank you for the donations of funds and supplies, and for helping pack each month! We support each chaplain until they return safely home. In September, packages will go to Chaplain Justin Carroll in Poland, Chaplain Richard Rakay in Kuwait, and Chaplain Antigone Lowery in Qatar. We are honored to be able to support two chaplains that are LCMS, they are Chaplain Micheal Kearney in Romania and Chaplain David McCarthy in Kuwait. All are welcome to help pack, next packing day is Thursday, September 21 at 5:00 pm.



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 & Elaine 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

September 3rd

Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	Shawn Pfanstiel
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Grant Pfanstiel
Acolyte	Layton Hinz
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz

Late Service

Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Gary Hunkins
Lay Reader	Nick Nothnagel
Acolyte	Emma McConville
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Live Stream	Jackson Hartwell

September 10th

Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Randon Peters
Acolyte	Juliatt Critchfield
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen

Late Service

Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte	Hunter Kunkee
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Live Stream	Carter Hartwell

September 17th

Elder on duty	Barry Mooney
Organist	K.C. Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Ryker Mooney
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins

Late Service

Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Tina Cummins

September 24th

Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	K.C. Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	Clara Hurst
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson

Late Service

Greeter	Pat Penner
Greeter	
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Brooklyn Tidyman
Acolyte	Lexi Koetter
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Live Stream	Layne Sarvela



PEACE TALK

Remember not to forget! Have you ever needed help in that category? I know I have. Whether it is a string tied around my finger, putting a note on the steering wheel, or turning my hat around backwards, I need help remembering not to forget something. Don't forget to pick up milk before you come home. Remember to drop off your suit coat at the cleaners. It's trash day, are the containers out by the street? So many things that I need to remember are ultimately lost in my chaotic memory bank. Maybe that was the same problem the Israelites had after exiting Egypt! When reading through the Old Testament, it seems they needed something to help them to remember not to forget. Moses says, "Israel, remember this! The Lord... and the Lord alone... is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Never forget these commands..." (Deuteronomy 6:4-6). It seems it did not take too long before they did forget. Then off on a sinful tangent until the Lord reeled them back in again. I ponder, "why did they so often forget to remember?" Moses even tells them to "Tie these commands on your hands, bind them on your foreheads, and write them on your doorframes." (Deuteronomy 6:8-9). Yet they still forgot that the Lord led them in the wilderness, gave them water from a rock, fed them manna, give them the power to succeed, and ultimately gave them a promise of being the chosen ones (Deuteronomy 8:15-18). I often have wondered how they could possibly forget. It is easy to read through Scripture and marvel at the mighty works of God and what He has done for mankind. Things that never should be forgotten but are. Then I realize I cannot even remember to get a gallon of milk. Do I also forget the things God has done for me? We are all guilty at times when things just aren't going our way. Just like the Israelites. But when the chips are down, it becomes paramount to pull up your faith roots and remember how God has worked in your life. Remember all the times you have been blessed. Not forgetting how you have been washed clean with the waters of Baptism and all Jesus has done for you on the cross. The one who forgives, heals, redeems, and gives you His steadfast love and mercy (Psalm 103:2-5). And most importantly of all is remembering not to forget that God will never forget you and I. He is always by our side. As Christians we know that God is always with us and that there is nowhere we can flee from His presence (Psalm 139:7-8). He gives us joy when we get discouraged (Psalm 16:11), refreshes us when we are weary (Acts 3:20), and takes away our fear when we are in deep waters (Isaiah 43:2). God will not forget you. He has engraved you on the palms of His hands (Isaiah 49:15-16). *Dear Lord, forgive me of my forgetfulness. Help me remember all You have done in the past so I can trust You completely with today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study
3 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	4 Office Closed PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	5 9:00am Worship Committee	6 9:30am El Dorado service School of Religion Teacher Meeting	7	8	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study
10 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	11 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	12 6:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	13 6:00pm School of Religion	14	15	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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