



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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

As I consider our spring weather, I find myself excited to have had 24 hours with no rain. And as I consider this, I am reminded of the disastrous flooding caused by early spring-like conditions in march.

A while back I had written to you about the "Cycle Of A Disaster" and how our help would be needed for months and perhaps years. If you recall the chart that was included with that newsletter you will note that we are in phase four of that cycle; the Long-term recovery phase—the phase in which tensions begin to increase as people deal with the response, or the diminishing response, in their own unique way.

Statistics have shown that during this phase of a disaster, a significant increase in alcohol and drug abuse is common. On top of all this, statistics also show a substantial increase in spousal abuse as people try to cope with how long things are taking to "get back to normal."

With that said, pastor Ryan Ankersen of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fremont Nebraska has informed me that there is still much to do, and

that Good Shepherd has become a receiving site for teams of workers from all across the country, and he is asking individuals and congregations to partner with them in the relief efforts in and around the community.

Through grants and personal donations, shower facilities, and tools have been provided so that groups can come and serve at no out of pocket expense.

I ask you to prayerfully consider serving our Lord by bring healing and hope to despairing souls; please consider being a team organizer for Peace. To learn more about the current status of the clean-up effort and how you can get involved, please visit;

www.goodshepherdlutheranchurch.org/project-restore-signup

I look forward to working with you in bringing the hope of Jesus to hurting Nebraskans.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Felcher

Psalm 130:1-2 "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ear be attentive to the voice of my cry for mercy!"



FROM AN ELDER

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" Matthew 6:34

These words spoken by our Lord Jesus were the last sentence in his sermon concerning worry. Words not intending to sound critical, but to give us pause to reflect on their meaning.

Recently I was explaining to my wife why I was worried about a troubling situation. Words she had heard many times in the years of our marriage in many "dire situations." She gently reminded me "everything will be alright, stop worrying, worry won't help anything." My reply was my usual, "I'm sorry, but I can't help it!" Then with a reassuring smile she said, "I know you can't. Worrying is just part of your personality." Being honest with myself, I know this was true. Although I trust in God and know He is in control of "all things", my human nature often tends to worry. I am thankful the God is not surprised by my tendency to worry, but understands me completely. He knows my fears, and all those many years ago he dedicated a portion of is "Sermon on the Mount", so that I (we) might be helped, and have faith to overcome our worries, and our fears.

Worry wastes life, it never solves problems. Worry never brings about any answers. What worry does do, is give us a false, "feeling of doing something." Yet it never does anything but feed our anxieties. So what should be do? 1. Stop worrying, and start praying! A small bit of sarcastic humor that reminds me to pray is the witticism "Why pray, when you can worry." It's bite brings me to prayer every time. 2. Trust God, not your feelings. God unconditionally loves us, and plans what is

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best for us. *Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."* God never changes, so lets love him unconditionally, too. Since I began this article by quoting the last sentence of Jesus's sermon on worry, I will close it by sharing Luke's words of instruction from Jesus, to his disciples. These words mirror those that Jesus spoke to the multitude on the Mount as he began His sermon on worry. Luke 12:22-26 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more that food, and the body more that clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why to you worry about the rest?"

I don't think that I'll ever stop having these battles with worry anytime soon. But the next time that I do, I'm going to remember these passages. I will pick up my Bible and read them, and I will reread the, until the words of our Lord give me the peace that He has set before me. Further scripture: Isaiah 41:10; John 14:27; Psalm 55:22. Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for being our faithful help in times of worry and fear, let our supplication with thanksgiving, be our source of the peace which surpasses all understanding, guarding our hearts and minds and keeping them in Christ Jesus. Amen



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Loren Brown	6/1	Megan Vetrovsky	6/7	Adley Bauer	6/22
Nadine Oetting	6/1	Harvey Ackermann	6/8	Tara Sarvela	6/22
Jensen Yilk	6/2	Abigail Schneider	6/9	Nolan Yilk	6/22
Devin Reiners	6/3	Jeremy Yilk	6/9	Zachary Hueftle	6/23
Robin Calvin	6/4	Christien Kuykendall	6/10	Amanda Novak	6/23
Sue Carlson	6/4	Rebecca Post	6/10	Dana Real	6/23
Reinke Meints	6/4	Dania Wiemers	6/10	Kaden Pearce	6/25
Gina Vetrovsky	6/4	Carson Garretson	6/12	Emmalynn Seybold	6/25
Michael Nielsen	6/5	Fred Gleason	6/13	Dillon Goltl	6/26
Shannon Buck	6/6	Koltin Hazlitt	6/13	Emmy Moench	6/26
Gavyn Klein	6/6	Lilyanna Strauch	6/14	Justin Terry	6/26
Jane Schuster	6/6	Mitch Hazlitt	6/19	DeWayne Hanchera	6/29
Spencer Skolout	6/7	Paul Sellers	6/20	Jennifer Kircher	6/29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
George & Ronda Wurm	6/2/1966	53	Harlan & Bernita Reiners	6/19/1960	59
Michael & Linda Nielsen	6/3/1972	47	Chet & Sarah Risenhoover	6/20/1998	21
Angela & William Watts	6/4/2016	3	Alex & Molly Sharp	6/20/2015	4
Troy & Tammie Bruntz	6/8/1996	23	Robert & Elizabeth Geisler	6/21/1964	55
DeWayne & LaVonne Hanchera	6/9/1954	65	Brent & Candace Rogers	6/22/1996	23
Raymond & Judy Schow	6/9/1969	50	Edward & Jeannine Rinehart	6/24/1983	36
Todd & Lisa Koetter	6/10/1982	37	Jeremy & Elizabeth Yilk	6/24/2006	13
Walter & Jean Sehnert	6/10/1951	68	Charles & Mardelle Miller	6/27/1990	29
Lee & Lindsay McConville	6/12/2004	15	Reinke & Karen Meints	6/30/1972	47
Arthur & Elaine Soncksen	6/14/1953	66	Richard & Sonja Thompson	6/30/2003	16
Robert & Janet Hein	6/17/1960	59			

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

OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

	Week to Date (May 26th-June 1st)	Month to Date (May 5th-June 1st)	Actual Year to Date (January 6th-June 1st)
Offerings	\$8,773.00	\$22,218.00	\$99,394.00
Expenses	\$1,331.00	\$22,588.00	\$101,146.00

This month's Going Beyond Sunday is for TBD.



Congratulations

to our confirmands!
 Delaney Critchfield
 Christien Kuykendall
 Blayzen Mooney
 Ryland Peters
 Joylyn Rippen
 Jacob Risenhoover

Congratulations to our family and friends who have graduated this year! Way to Go!



WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

We would like to welcome Pake Dee Hamilton, who was brought into God's family through the waters of baptism on April 27th. Pake is the son of Logan and Nikki Hamilton.

JUNE READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
2nd	The 7th S. of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20	John 17:20-26
9th	The Day of Pentecost	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:23-31
16th	The Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Acts 2:14a, 22-36	John 8:48-59
23rd	The 2nd S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:1-9	Galatians 3:23-4:7	Luke 8:26-39
30th	The 3rd S. after Pentecost	1Kings 19:9b-21	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – June 2019

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

Indeed, "a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven."

But how easy is this for us to forget? How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it?

How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

**SKEET SHOOTING EVENT****TOOLS FOR STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM****SHUT INS**

Please remember those who are unable to worship with us for one reason or another.

Hillcrest: Orian Fritz, Ruth Shields, Pam Leibbrandt, Harvey Ackermann, and Phyllis Berndt

Brookdale McCook: Leona Wudtke, Walt & Jean Sehnert, Paul & Ruby Ahrens, Adeline Kuhlmann, and Betty Harms.

Highland Park: Fred & Lois Boerger.

McCook: Mark Cummins

Arapahoe: Joyce Stupka

Butte: Don Kisker

St. Paul: Sandra Novak

Lincoln: Carla Bales

Scottsbluff: Betty Knapper

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 – Ron Aufrecht, Harold Carlson, Darrell Eckhardt, Phil Bamesberger, Victor Lauer, Fred Gleason or Russ Ankersen.

FOOD PANTRY

At the November 2013 meeting of the Ministerial Association, one of the topics discussed related to support to the food pantry by the McCook congregations. One of the pastors put together a spread sheet based on the regular needs of the food pantry – the staples. The spread sheet identified an emphasis that each congregation can focus on for each month of the year to help stock the pantry. **Of course all donations are welcome (like cake mixes, icing, condiments, etc.),** but this provides an idea of their specific needs. As discussed at our 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool to 5th grade children are invited to Sunday School each Sunday from 9:15-10:15am downstairs. We have snacks, playtime, opening prayer, Bible study, and closing prayer. Currently our Bible time involves learning about the various people of the Bible and their influence on passing along God's Word to us today. Parents are always welcome to join us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Altar Flowers	KNGN Sponsor
2nd-Available	2nd-Available
9th-Available	9th-Available
16th-Available	16th-Available
23rd-Available	23rd-Available
30th-Available	30th-Meints

Note: Cost to sponsor a "Your Hour of Worship" program on KNGN 1300AM Radio is \$45. If you are interested in sponsoring a program, please call the church office for available dates.

June 2nd	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Mike Nielsen
Acolyte	Abigail Schneider
Acolyte	Brooklynn Gillen
Powerpoint	Jeff Pinkerton
Late Service	
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Usher	Dennis Chipman
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Christien Kuykendall
Acolyte	Blayzon Mooney
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

June 9th	
Elder on duty	Ron Aufrecht
Organist	Eric Geilenkerchen
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	George Wurm
Acolyte	Joylyn Rippen
Acolyte	Kori Rippen
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Late Service	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Paul Sellers
Lay Reader	Sue Ankersen
Acolyte	Addyson Snyder
Acolyte	Carter Hartwell
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

June 16th	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Gary Buk
Lay Reader	Paul Schaffert
Acolyte	Ryland Peters
Acolyte	Laney Peters
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	Alexander Nielsen
Acolyte	Aaron Nielsen
Powerpoint	Jim Hall
Video	Russ Ankersen

June 23rd	
Elder on duty	Darrell Eckhardt
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Melissa Blauvelt
Greeter	Jay Blauvelt
Usher	Jay Blauvelt
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	Trevon Critchfield
Acolyte	Delaney Critchfield
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Lois Lepper
Greeter	Pat Penner
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Christien Kuykendall
Acolyte	Kapri Loop
Powerpoint	Stacie Aufrecht
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

June 30th	
Elder on duty	
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gary Buk
Lay Reader	Mike Nielsen
Acolyte	Christien Kuykendall
Acolyte	Blayzon Mooney
Powerpoint	
Late Service	
Greeter	Karen Berry
Greeter	NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Sue Ankersen
Acolyte	Joylyn Rippen
Acolyte	Kori Rippen
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER



PEACE TALK

I recently listened to a presentation where the speaker indicated that the world we live in is to blame for the lack of righteousness. Our culture is to blame for increased transgressions, and the decline of sanctitude was blamed on our society. As I listened, I wondered why we should blame these worldly shortcomings when we can all stand in front of God and confess falling short in these areas. I understand the intended message; nevertheless, this person was using our world, culture and society as a scapegoat. We often like to use scapegoats. We are seeing a transformation in the assumption that it is someone or something else's fault. Guns are blamed for school shootings, immigrants are blamed for drug trafficking, video games are blamed for violence, and we see blame in politics, health care, education, or global warming. The list goes on and on and I know I have been guilty myself. It is not easy to face up to our shortcomings or failures. What is a scapegoat anyway? Scapegoats were used by Moses and Aaron in the wilderness as we see in Leviticus 16:10 "But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat." By God's command, two goats were selected for an offering. One was to be used as a sin offering to atone for the sins and transgressions of the people. The blood shed from this goat was viewed as mercy given for the forgiveness of sins. The high priest would then lay hands on the second goat and confess the sins of the people. The goat would then bear the blame for all the transgressions of the people and would be set free in the wilderness, thus God would remember their sins no more. The Goat became known as the scapegoat. This Law of God given on Mount Sinai give details how innocent blood was shed and how sins were atoned for. As we reflect back on Easter, we must look at the center cross at Calvary and review the question "why?" Why was an innocent goat sent out into the wilderness to die? Why was an innocent man sentenced to death on the cross? Jesus was the final sin offering and the scapegoat bearing the sins for all humanity. "But Christ came as High Priest . . . Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. . . And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. . . so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. . . (Hebrews 9). Dear Lord, forgive me for passing blame on others for my sins. Thank you for sending Jesus for my scapegoat and the promise of everlasting life. Amen.



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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 3:00pm MS Society Janine Hall-Patenburg Nikki & Logan Hamilton family	3 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	4 6:30pm Board of Elders	5	6 4:00pm Board of Education 5:30pm Board of Evangelism	7	8 7:00am Men's Bible Study
9 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Upper Fellowship Hall reservation Alex & Melissa Hanchera family Scott & Kristyl Hanchera	10 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	11 2:30pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	12	13	14 FAMILY FISHING DERBY AND POTLUCK CAMPFIRE	15 7:00am Men's Bible Study
16 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship DeWayne & LaVonne Hanchera John & Mary Lou Hanson	17 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	18	19	20	21	22 7:00am Men's Bible Study
23 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Betty Harms Dan & Chelsey Hartwell family	24 6:00pm LWML 7:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	25	26	27 1:30pm Hillcrest Service 2:30pm Brookdale McCook	28	29 7:00am Men's Bible Study
30 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Monte & Mary Hazlitt Mitch & Aimee Hazlitt family						