



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hello,

As I write to you today, I've been trying to answer, for myself, what it means to effect positive change. Some might say that the word affect is a word better suited for that question than the word effect; I'll let you decide.

To effect positive change is to bring about change, or to make it happen. To affect positive change would be to start with a positive change that has already begun, and alter it in some way; think of these words in this way: An action is affected, while an end result is effected.

The reason I've pondered these things is that I'm wondering, "what will McCook Nebraska be like when my son grows up and has a family of his own? What will life in McCook be like for our grandchildren or great grandchildren; can Peace Lutheran Church effect, or affect, lasting positive change to the support of families in and around McCook.

So, I wrestle with which method of approach would bear the most Kingdom fruit into the next generations; do we try to effect positive change by trying to bring about something new and fresh, or are there positive things already happening that we can positively affect or support? Having lived here longer than I have, you may

already know of actions in our community that are bearing positive fruit; things that we can get involved in.

Our forefathers had set positive things in motion when Peace Lutheran was planted in order to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the community, so, we must ask ourselves, are there things we can do that will positively affect that mission?

It is my personal prayer that we support families in any way we can, so, I've begun re-reading a book from my undergraduate days called "The Family Friendly Church" by Ben Feudenburg. I encourage you to read this book and let me know your thoughts. I also ask you to bring a friend or family member to a speaking engagement that will take place at Peace Lutheran on Saturday August 24th. It is my prayer that this event become the first of many educational / motivational events that both effect and affect positive changes well into the future. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor

Proverbs 23:15-18 My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad. My inmost being will exult when your lips speak what is right. Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the Lord all the day. Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.



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FROM AN ELDER

Every day is a gift. We are all living with a terminal condition called life. No matter how we try to fight it, no one gets out of here alive.

Every day is a gift. Everyday is a lesson on how to live.

This is the day God has made and He wants us to pursue it with a meaningful purpose.

1. Is there something we need to change in our life?
2. Is there someone to whom we could reach out?
3. Is there something we might need to give?
4. Is there something of which we need to let go?

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

God wants us to live our life His way.

When people around us say, "Get all you can get", it's all about you. God wants us to contribute not to consume. When our culture says, "Fill yourself", God tells us to fill others. God didn't create us to be takers, He created us to be givers. Rather than focusing on our desires, we are called to focus on the needs of others.

Think about it. The stories you love reminiscing about are the ones when you helped a neighbor, got involved in church, or gave something away. When we serve we become a little more Christ-like.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Tammie Bruntz	8/2	Ron Lauer	8/10	George Wurm	8/17
Jamie Gray	8/2	Madelyn Bird	8/11	Linda Parde	8/19
Fred Hubert	8/2	Patricia Penner	8/12	Madison Aufrecht	8/20
Abby Barth	8/5	Phillip Bamesberger	8/14	Britni Downing	8/25
Cody Goltl	8/5	Jacob Curl	8/14	Kristyl Hanchera	8/27
Lucas Post	8/5	Debra Gleason	8/14	Bailey Lauer	8/27
James Hall	8/6	Emily Kjendal	8/15	Lee McConville	8/27
Samantha Huryta	8/6	Dane Foster	8/16	Judy Schow	8/27
Nathan Cummins	8/7	Rylee Mooney	8/16	Susanne Curl	8/28
Lisa Koetter	8/7	Kenneth Polly	8/16	Janet Gray	8/28
Christina Coleman	8/9	Trenten Bruntz	8/17	Taylor Dicenta	8/30
Linda Nielsen	8/9	Adam Rawn	8/17	Elaine Polly	8/30
Katherine Kjendal	8/10				

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Dillon & Audrie Goltl	8/2/2014	5	Steve & Sharon Kircher	8/17/1984	35
Stephen & Brigitta Post	8/2/1980	39	Robert & Joann Nemechek	8/19/1972	47
Samantha & Elliot Huryta	8/4/2018	1	Zachary & Becka Hueftle	8/20/2016	3
Dale & Janet Bamesberger	8/5/1956	63	Keith & Kelsey Messinger	8/20/2011	8
Fred & Debra Gleason	8/11/1973	46	Roger & Karen Ziebell	8/21/1971	48
Jeff & Kim Pinkerton	8/11/2001	18	Jeffrey & Kelly Unger	8/22/2009	10
Curt & Cindy Swanhorst	8/11/1984	35	Larry & Linda Richards	8/26/1962	57
Randall & Carrie Goltl	8/12/1988	31	Lonnie & Tanna Felcher	8/28/1976	43

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 (July 21st-July 27th)	Month to Date (July 7th-July 27th)	Actual Year to Date (January 6th-July 27th)
Offerings	\$1,904.00	\$10,292.00	\$124,997.00
Expenses	\$9,471.00	\$14,795.00	\$133,472.00



Be still, and know I am God. *(Psalm 46:10)*
All things God works for the good. *(Romans 8:28)*
Cast all my anxiety on Him. *(1 Peter 5:7)*
Know whose I am! *(1 John 3:1)*
Trust in the Lord with all my heart. *(Proverbs 3:5)*
Open my eyes to see the truth. *(Psalm 119:18)*
Show me your ways, Lord. *(Psalm 25:4)*
Create in me a clean heart. *(Psalm 51:10)*
He who is in me is greater... *(1 John 4:4)*
Obey the Lord my God. *(Deut. 27:10)*
Oh Lord, you are my strength & shield. *(Psalm 28:7)*
Let love and faithfulness never leave me. *(Proverbs 3:4)*

AUGUST READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
4th	The 8th S. after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
11th	The 9th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-16	Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)
18th	The 10th S. after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:16-29	Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3	Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)
25th	The 11th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 66:18-23	Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)	Luke 13:22-30



**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:
"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household." (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion will start on September 4th with a picnic at Kelley Park starting at 5:30pm. The Board of Education is still looking for teachers. Please contact a Board of Ed member Renelle at 785-483-8855, Linda at 345-1755 or Laurie at 350-4406. If you want to register your child(ren), please call the church office or contact a Board member.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 18th at both services there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks, car keys and school keys to start off the school year!

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL



You can help out our own Creative Preschool by clipping UPC codes and box tops. It's as easy as cutting out the UPC code from "Our Family" products and any "Box Top" UPC codes and Box Tops collected help buy various supplies needed for day to day operation of the preschool. In the past these programs helped the preschool purchase supplies, the large color and shape carpet, books, science and math activities and many other items. The UPC codes and Box Tops can be returned to Mandy or the church office. Thank you for supporting Creative Preschool!

BACK 2 SCHOOL prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid

Help me to *love* others like you do

I want to *shine* Your light so bright in my school.

Amen

Kourtney DeFes



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 and Harlan & Bernita Reiners.

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.



Altar Flowers	KNGN Sponsor
4th-Post	4th-Available
11th-Available	11th-Available
18th-Available	18th-Available
25th-Available	25th-Available

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.

August 4th	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Paul Schaffert
Acolyte	Joy Rippen
Acolyte	Kori Rippen
Powerpoint	Jeff Pinkerton
Late Service	
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Usher	Dennis Chipman
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	Addyson Snyder
Acolyte	Austin Thompson
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

August 11th	
Elder on duty	Grant Pfanstiel
Organist	Eric Geilenkerchen
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Russ Ankersen
Acolyte	Ryland Peters
Acolyte	Laney Peters
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Late Service	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Paul Sellers
Lay Reader	Phil Bamesberger
Acolyte	Alexander Nielsen
Acolyte	Aaron Nielsen
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

August 18th	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	KC Eckhardt
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Gary Buk
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Trevon Critchfield
Acolyte	Delany Critchfield
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Grant Pfanstiel
Acolyte	Camryn Yilk
Acolyte	Kapri Loop
Powerpoint	Jim Hall
Video	Russ Ankersen

August 25th	
Elder on duty	Darrell Eckhardt
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Melissa Blauvelt
Greeter	Jay Blauvelt
Usher	Jay Blauvelt
Lay Reader	Mike Nielsen
Acolyte	Brooklynn Gillen
Acolyte	Abigail Schneider
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Lois Lepper
Greeter	Pat Penner
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Sue Ankersen
Acolyte	Carter Hartwell
Acolyte	Emma Brown
Powerpoint	Stacie Aufrecht
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER



PEACE TALK

Did you know that eating too much chocolate will give you acne? Did you also know that you cannot swim after eating or you will sink? Additionally, did you know if you cross your eyes for too long, they will stay that way? Finally, did you know that if you swallow your gum, it takes seven years to digest? These "Old Wives Tales" have been handed down over the years and there are hundreds of others. The definition of Old Wives Tales is "a superstition or traditional belief that is regarded as unscientific or incorrect." What is the history behind these Old Wives Tales and where does the term come from? I can only speculate, as I could not find a reliable source that would say, but it might be safe to say that older women throughout history passed numerous bits of advice down to the younger generation. I'm not sure why women get this added to their resume, however, we can find the earliest report of the mention of wives tales from the Apostle Paul in the first letter to Timothy, chapter four, verses seven and eight, "Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (NIV). Now the Apostle Paul is not talking about swallowing gum or crossing your eyes here. He is warning us about what we constantly see that threatens our faith through false teachings or practices that are not rooted in the Gospels. Wives tales were passed down from the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, etc., and through all known Jewish history. I am sure it was difficult to sort out what was true and what was false. Along with all the other pagan worshipers, numerous Jewish Rabbi's were teaching false things about the deity of the risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a minister of Christ, Timothy was to avoid all these "old wives tales" and "train himself to be godly." We see these pagan worshipers today. They are all around us and often come to our door and try to convince us to stray from the truth. We need to be prepared and trained to "be godly." Not only do we have to defend the truth, we must try to convince the false teachers of how to "hold the promise for the present life and the life to come." How do we do this? We must grow our roots deep into the Word of God. We must strengthen our faith through worship and the community of believers. We must "exercise ourselves into godliness," making it our priority to live each moment of everyday with the radiance of our Lord and Savior. Dear Lord, protect me against all the false schemes of the devil. Help me to exercise unto godliness and have the confidence to tell others of the promise of life to come. Amen.



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August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study Golf Tournament
4 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 3:00pm MS Society 6:00pm New member class	5 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	6 9:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders	7	8	9 6:00pm Golf rehearsal	10 7:00am Men's Bible Study 3:00pm Golf wedding
11 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 6:00pm New member class	12 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	13 2:30pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	14	15	16	17 7:00am Men's Bible Study
18 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 6:00pm New member class	19 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	20	21	22 1:30pm Hillcrest Service 2:30pm Brookdale McCook	23	24 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Family Life Ministry
25 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 6:00pm New member class	26 6:00pm LWML	27	28	29	30	31 7:00am Men's Bible Study
PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (VACATION)						