

# TIDINGS OF PEACE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH



'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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TO:

Three vertical lines for an address.

Dear Co-workers for our dear Jesus:

Your gift of love is a very, very personal gift! We wanted to send you a very personal thank you for your gift of love, and to be quite truthful, if the Lord didn't send special friends like you, we couldn't send out our missionaries into the "harvest field" around the world! This morning as we type this letter to you, we want you to know how much you are loved and appreciated!

Many people don't realize that the missionaries are responsible for "raising their support", and that's what we work for day and night here at the Lord's Mission Central! We have had a number of missionaries come off the field, and we need more new missionaries that the Lord will call! The words of Matthew 9:38 are so, so, so important today: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field!"* Please include that prayer in your daily prayers because there is so much darkness in the world today, and especially here even in our own country!

May the Lord guide, lead, and direct you each day. Please know that Jesus is with you and will bless you in ways that will indeed surprise you. Your gift is the greatest thing you could do, and you realize you can't go to the

lands of darkness, but you can send someone in your place! Stay in touch and let us know if you have any questions!

*Your Co-workers for our dear Jesus,  
Old Missionary Gary, Rev. Steve Schulz, our Secretary, Sonya*

The two missionaries that Peace support are: Rev. Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson and family and Jana Inglehart.

For more than 25 years Rev. Carl has served as a missionary in Asia. Currently based in Seoul, South Korea, Rev. Hanson serves as the pastor of International Lutheran Church, a vibrant English-speaking ministry of both expat and local families living in the greater Seoul area.

Jana serves the Lord as the regional communication specialist for the Latin American and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In this missionary role, she assists national churches and missionary pastors in church planting through the provision of media tools they can use to give witness to the Gospel

Because snail mail can take months to reach them, Rev. Schulz suggested to use their email addresses if anybody would like to reach out to them. Rev. Carl can be reached at [carl.hanson@lcms.org](mailto:carl.hanson@lcms.org). Jana can be reached at [jana.inglehart@lcms.org](mailto:jana.inglehart@lcms.org)



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### FROM AN ELDER

#### EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

When was the last time you heard that phrase, or for some of us, ever? We generally interrupt our daily life for the message, much like an important news break on television.

Well, you can have that experience again, or for the first time, just by being an active part of our community of believers. By this, we have the most opportunities to study God's Word and be a active part of hearing the Word again, or for the first time. As the fall season approaches, our congregation, from the very young to those who have been around for a while, has the opportunity to come alive to learn what God has in store for us.

Creative Preschool has some openings for students, a reenergized Sunday School program is offered, which will include Pre-K through the 12th grade, which includes the F.I.R.E. Program. School of Religion will be starting soon on Wednesday evenings, LifeLight Bible study will be available on Thursday afternoons, Women's Bible study will start soon on Monday evenings, Adult Bible class on Sunday mornings, and Men's Bible breakfast on Saturday mornings, to name a few.

Now, that plenty of opportunities exist, we are hoping for an active congregation participation to take an advantage of any, or more than one. None of us can say that we have learned all there is to know what God's Word has in store for us. Many have said that as much as they knew or learned, there was always something new to them. Let us all be reenergized to study, whether we are young or old, and take advantage of the opportunities available to study God's Word. This should be our prayer!



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Lance & Denise Gillen	9/1/1990	34	Nikki & Logan Hamilton	9/22/2012	12
Duane & Patricia Fortkamp	9/5/1971	53	Victor & Sandy Lauer	9/23/1978	46
Danielle & Dylan Schumacher	9/10/2016	8	Gabe & Melissa Critchfield	9/24/2001	23
David & Rebecca Seybold	9/11/2010	14	Keith & Nadine Oetting	9/29/1973	51

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.

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

### OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

	Week to Date (August 25th-August 31st)	Month to Date (August 3rd-August 31st)	Actual Year to Date (Jan 7th-August 31st)
Offerings	\$21,898.00	\$32,779.00	\$177,081.00
Expenses	\$736.00	\$22,468.00	\$186,682.00



## CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

Dear Preschool Families,

We hope you are settling into the school routine again, it seems like time just flies by!

Our website has monthly calendars and newsletters under each classes tab, so if you need an extra copy you can download it from our website. The web address is: <http://plcmccook.org/creativepreschool.html>

The first homework page was sent home this week and some of you aren't familiar with our "homework assignments". For each letter of the week, there is a corresponding homework assignment. These are great practice for the children and they love to bring their work back to share! Homework is a fun way for you to be a part of their preschool experience. It is NOT mandatory but if the children bring back their homework, they get a little prize. The ideas on the page are just suggestions, feel free to make up your own letter of the week homework idea if you would like to!! Also, as you are working with your child on writing their name, please make sure to practice with only the first letter being capitalized and the rest of the name in lower case letters. This is how they will be expected to write it in Kindergarten and it's much easier to teach it this way in the first place than to try and change it later.

Here is a little information about our positive behavior/reward system. If your child comes home from school with a stamp on their hand, ask them what they got it for! We are really working on positive reinforcement in our classroom. Your child most likely won't get one every day, just when we catch them following our expectations and rules. If you have any questions about this let us know!

Also, I wanted to remind everyone that the entry door will be kept locked until it is time for preschool. We are busy getting ready for the day's activities and picking up children when we get here and cannot have the children in the room unsupervised. We want to maintain a safe and secure environment for your children. Because of this, we will be keeping the alley entrance to the preschool locked except during entry and exit times. So, the door will be unlocked from 8:50 am until 9:10 am for entry and 11:20 am until 11:40 am for exit for morning classes. For the afternoon classes the doors will be unlocked from 12:20 until 12:40 pm for entry and 2:50 pm until 3:10 pm for exit. The front door of the church will remain unlocked during business hours. If you are trying to enter the building any other time, you may use the west door by the church office. We also remind you that you need to have your child picked up before the doors are relocked at 11:40 am and 3:10 pm.

Don't forget to Like us on Facebook for updates and photos! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 345-2595 or email [mycreativepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:mycreativepreschool@gmail.com)  
Thanks! Ms. Kelsey

## SEPTEMBER READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
1st	The 15th S. after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mark 7:14-23
8th	The 16th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-10, 14-18	Mark 7:24-37
15th	The 17th S. after Pentecost	Isaiah 50:4-10	James 3:1-12	Mark 9:14-29
22nd	The 18th S. after Pentecost	Jeremiah 11:18-20	James 3:13-4:10	Mark 9:30-37
29th	The 19th S. after Pentecost	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5:1-20	Mark 9:38-50



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Stewardship Ministry  
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## Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. "Garbage in, Garbage out." In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result. In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the Lutheran Service Book has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,  
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.



### ADOPT-A-CHAPLAIN

Adopt a chaplain is a program that supports deployed military chaplains and the troops they serve. Care packages are assembled each month at Peace Lutheran to help the chaplains in their ministry. Thank you for your donations! Supplies needed to pack in care packages in September include flavored drink mix and hard candy. All are welcome at the next packing day, Tues, Sept 17 at 1:00 pm.

### CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The directories are finished and ready for distribution. Contact the Board of Evangelism if you would like to pick yours up.

### HILLCREST BINGO

LWML will be helping with bingo at Hillcrest on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2pm. If you would like to help, there is a sign up sheet on the buffet in the Narthex.

### MOWING SCHEDULE

The Trustees are looking for some volunteers to help with the mowing this summer. There is a sign up sheet on the buffet in the Narthex. They are asking that the lawn gets mowed weekly on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. The mower will be filled with gas prior to mowing, so you won't have to worry about that. Please message Heath Brown @ 340-0257, Chance Koetter @ 737-6850 or Barry Mooney @ 340-9694 when it is your week to mow. Thanks!



## 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 Roland Carlson.

**Kinship Pointe:** Betty Harms, and Lois Brown.

**Highland Park:** Harlan & Bernita Reiners

**Benkelman:** Mark Cummins

### 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 Harold Carlson.

### 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

<b>September 1st</b>	
Elder on duty	Brandon Kuykendall
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Rylee Mooney
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Gary Hunkins
Lay Reader	Nick Nothnagel
Acolyte	Ellie Hartwell
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Ben Schow
Live Stream	Carter Hartwell

<b>September 8th</b>	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Randon Peters
Acolyte	Hunter Kunkee
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Sarah Risenhoover
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Acolyte	Cooper Davidson
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Live Stream	Blayzon Mooney

<b>September 15th</b>	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Cale DeWester
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Maxson Stewart
Acolyte	Zander Stewart
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Ian Brown

<b>September 22nd</b>	
Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	Pat Penner
Greeter	
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Kysen Hazlitt
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Live Stream	Tina Cummins

<b>September 29th</b>	
Elder on duty	Curt/Phil
Organist	
Audio	
Greeter	Sue Carlson
Greeter	Harold Carlson
Usher	Gene Meints
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	Ryker Mooney
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
<b>Late Service</b>	
Greeter	
Greeter	
Usher	Steve Post
Lay Reader	Blayzon Mooney
Acolyte	Lexi Koetter
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Jackson Hartwell



## PEACE TALK

They say if you can't fix it with duct tape, you need more duct tape. This roll of wonder should be in everyone's toolbox. In fact, you can repair nearly anything with duct tape. Whether it is a book binding, hole in your boot, leaky hose, or a broken taillight, duct tape will do the trick. With a little ingenuity and a strong dose of determination, you will find hundreds of uses for this great innovation. Withstanding the test of time since WWII, this fabric backed tape with strong adhesive has a reputation of successfully binding things together. Of all the items I could possibly tape together, could I use duct tape to bind the things in my life that seem to be falling apart? Certainly, but this kind of duct tape is called JESUS. "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). If I give to Jesus my marriage, my children, my finances, my health, my household, my relationships, and my career, He will hold all these things together. If I give Him my attitudes, thoughts, and emotions, He will bind these together as well. No matter how hard I try, I cannot hold these things intact on my own, (John 5:30). Nor should I expect to. Especially when I fail to place my trust in the Lord, (Proverbs 3:5). Truth to be told, when there is something broken in your life, and you don't think you can fix it with Jesus... you just might need more of Jesus. He is the adhesive that will hold our life together. However, it is important to keep in mind that we can only see this bond through our faith in Him, (2 Corinthians 5:7). To fear, love, and trust in Jesus who loves us despite all our brokenness. That is why we must be intentional on keeping this bond with our Lord and Savior secure. Taking our roll of spiritual duct tape called faith and tearing off a strip to spend time in His Word. Tearing off a strip to pray. Yet another to serve the needs of others. We can use this tape when we worship, ask for forgiveness, or come to His table. There are so many ways to keep adding layers to strengthen the bond with our Lord and Savior. And the strongest bond of all? An eternal promise from God by sending His one and only Son to the cross, (John 3:16). Yes, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but duct tape or nails could not hold Him there as He broke the bonds of death (Acts 2:24), to a glorious resurrection. Now with this forgiveness and eternal promise of salvation through Him, that is the truth our faith adheres to. Now we have the guidance through Him to give thanks for that spiritual duct tape that binds our thoughts, words, and actions for a stronger Christian life, (Colossians 3:17). Stuck to Jesus for eternity, our heavenly duct tape. Dear Lord, thank you for keeping me held together when so many things are trying to get me to fall apart. Amen.



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# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship Committee	<b>4</b> 6:00pm School of Religion Kick Off	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
<b>8 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Women's Bible study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>10</b> 2:00pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	<b>11</b> 6:00pm School of Religion 7:30pm High School Bible study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>15</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Women's Bible study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>17</b> 1:00pm Adopt-A- Chaplain packing	<b>18</b> 6:00pm School of Religion 7:30pm High School Bible study	<b>19</b> 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Kinship Pointe	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>22 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Upper Fellowship Hall reservation	<b>23</b> 2:00pm LWML 7:00pm Women's Bible study  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	<b>24</b>  PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (WINKEL)	<b>25</b> 6:00pm School of Religion 7:30pm High School Bible study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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