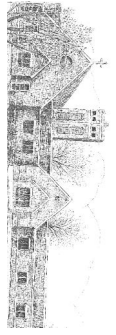


TIDINGS OF PEACE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

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'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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TO: _____

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16



Currently in our Bible Study on Sunday mornings, we are studying a DVD series narrated by Ray Vander Laan, called "That the World May Know." It is a wonderful study that is taking us to the Holy Land. In it we see the old ruins of Biblical cities, and learn how they are related to scriptural references. Just as in Biblical times, in this world there is an on-going battle between good and evil. We see it most clearly as the world is taking traditional values we as Christians hold sacred and changing them in ways that do not agree with what scripture teaches. All we have to do is look at how places like Hollywood are setting trends in decimating the covenant of marriage and the family, or our political system in forcing Christians to obey governmental laws that go against scriptural law.

This month we celebrate the Reformation, and we may wonder what, in the 16th century, set a monk by the name of Martin Luther off to seek reformation of the Church, which he believed had strayed from Scripture. The events leading up to the Lutheran Reformation are different than the world today, but the problem of straying from the scriptures still exists.

Martin Luther was given an

extraordinary opportunity, something the majority of his peers did not have – an opportunity to study the Bible. This sounds odd I know, but you must remember that the population of that time was largely illiterate. Even among those who were well educated, the Bible wasn't readily available and the church kept a very tight rein on its contents.

Martin Luther found many of the answers to his search for truth and peace with God in the pages of the Bible. He noticed many inconsistencies between what the scriptures said, and what the church was teaching. Using the New Testament as his source book, Luther began to question, and then openly challenge, the church's practice of selling indulgences. The Roman Catholic faithful were encouraged to give money to the church and in return they were given assurances that a loved one had been released from purgatory into heaven; or one could buy time off of one's own sentence in purgatory. What Luther argued was that the church was



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From An Elder

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9: 10-11

Another harvest is upon us. Even though many fields have dried up and will not produce the bounty that we were expecting, God is still very generous and will provide a harvest that we will be proud of.

Paul is reminding the Christians at Corinth that the One who provides us with the seeds to sow is also the One that will multiply the seed and increase the harvest, especially the harvest of righteousness. But that also comes with a responsibility. Verse 11 tells us that we will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way. That is what produces thanksgiving to God.

As we take time out from our busy schedules to give thanks for the earthly blessings our Heavenly Father brings to us, the harvest of righteousness won for us by God's true Son, Jesus Christ is the best gift we could ever imagine. We are asked to be generous with that gift, by sharing the Good News of our Savior, the one who offered Himself in our place so that we can stand before the Father clothed in His righteousness.

Always remember "To God be the Glory!"

Grant Pfanstiel, Elder Chairman



October Birthdays

Patricia Fisher	10/1	Mary Lou Hanson	10/7	Austin Grube	10/20
Benjamin Vetrovsky	10/1	Benjamin Schow	10/7	Alexander Nielsen	10/20
Glenva Unger	10/3	Devonn Bruntz	10/11	John Hubert	10/21
Iva Fritz	10/3	David Seybold	10/11	Delaney Critchfield	10/23
Velma Kircher	10/3	Marilyn Unger	10/11	Norman Leibrandt	10/23
Candace Rogers	10/3	Lois Brown	10/12	Betty Edwards	10/25
Ron Rogers	10/5	Mary Hazlitt	10/14	Nathaniel Reiners	10/27
Charles Seybold	10/5	Dorinda Polly	10/14	Dan Unger	10/28
Paul Ahrens	10/6	Danton Downing	10/15	Linda Smith	10/29
Barbara Klein	10/6	Wallace Keen	10/17	Joann Nemechek	10/30
William Traphagan	10/6	Ross Wiemers	10/18	Angela Rinehart	10/31
Tami Custer	10/7				

October Anniversaries

NAME	DATE	YRS	NAME	DATE	YRS
Michael & Patricia Leibrandt	10/3/1981	31	Grant & Charlene Pfanstiel	10/22/1983	29
Scott & Kristyl Hanchera	10/17/1981	31	James & Donna Hall	10/26/1996	16
Russell & Susan Ankersen	10/20/1979	33	Thomas & Cathy Broz	10/27/1984	28
			Mike & Terri Skolout	10/28/1989	23

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 (Sept 30th-Oct 6th)	Month to Date (September 2nd-Oct 6th)	Actual Year to Date (January 1st - October 6th)	Budget to Date (January 1st-October 6th) 40th week
Offerings	\$2,787.50	\$13,545.00	\$147,437.91	\$182,947.60
Expenses	\$3,222.73	\$16,532.96	\$123,913.02	\$182,947.60

Going Beyond Sunday for the Food Pantry was \$272.00.

This month's Going Beyond Sunday free will door offering will be for the Lutheran Hour Ministries.



Church Council September 2012 Summary

9/11 meeting was called to order by Vice President, Phil Bamesberger

Unfinished Business: **Church Audit:** Jason asked for at least another week to get a report done for us. Tina told him council meets on 9/11, he stated that he could have something ready by then. As of tonight, the church has not received anything from his office. Tina will make another attempt. **Power Point Screen:** VK Electronics had to order a new transmitter and it should be in by Wednesday. We have a 3 wk trial period. Most of the money for the project has been set aside, but not all. **Church Security:** tabled until October meeting.

New Business: **Concordia Health Plan:** The elders want to lower the health plan for Pastor and Tina to Plan D in place of plan B. This has the prudential to save money. The church will reinvest Pastor and Tina the difference. Moved and seconded to accept Health Plan D with a Health Reinvestment Account. Motion carried. **Workshop:** Tina attended a workshop in Seward and would like to be reimbursed for mileage. Moved and seconded to reimburse the mileage. Motion passed. **Nomination Committee update:** Running for office; Secretary-Myra Stoney, Board of Elders-Darrell Eckhardt, Board of Trustees-Jeff Pinkerton, Board of Evangelism-Bobbi Ziebell. There will be a notice posted in the bulleting. There are several people who the committee are waiting to hear from. The committee will meet again on October 2nd at 6:00pm

Announcements: none

The next Church Council meeting is October 9th at 7:00pm
Voter's Meeting—October 21st at 1:00
Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

October Readings

Date	Season	1st Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
7th	19th S. after Pentecost	Genesis 2:18-25	Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)	Mark 10:2-16
14th	20th S. after Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Hebrews 3:12-19	Mark 10:17-22
21st	21st S. after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16)	Mark 10:23-31
28th	Reformation Day	Revelations 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19



profiting while promising something it couldn't deliver. The gospel said plainly, we are justified by God's grace through our faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and not in the acts of devotion we do. This then led to the launch of the Reformation.

We could say the 16th century Lutheran Reformation was really a call to return to the most relevant of truths. What the world was believing was that the cross of Christ was not as important as were good works, or following a self serving understanding of the law. Luther summoned the Church to return to preaching the gospel, and the message of the cross as the complete and total answer to forgiveness, life and salvation – apart from works! The issue of the Reformation was NOT about whether God's grace in Christ crucified was *necessary*. The issue was about whether God's grace in Christ crucified was *enough*.

The Reformation, therefore, was not primarily about a specific history, or even about specific people, but about a concept. Scripture is not obsolete, it is still useful for teaching and reproofing (2Tim 3:16). God's Word applies in any and all generations. The Reformation becomes the force behind our call as a people of God to apply the truth of God's Word to the circumstances of the time in which we live.

The Reformation is about an ongoing call to faithful proclamation of God's Word, in spite of, and even in the face of, opposition from the culture. Ultimately we know God did not give us the law so that we could reform ourselves. In scripture, God gave us the law in order to crush all of our self-righteousness and self centeredness, and to drive us out of ourselves to Christ to plead for His mercy.

While Luther sought to reform the church from its error, it is no different than us today noticing the error of our society to draw us away from God's Word and His precepts. The Reformation is not about keeping the law perfectly, but the result of Jesus keeping the law perfectly in our place and our response to what Christ has done on our behalf.

The ongoing Reformation's job, our job, is to let even a resisting culture know there is such a thing as truth, a truth that is there for everyone. The best expression of that truth is Jesus. This Truth brings hope, redemption, love and peace to a world that is fallen, isolated, unstable and yet content to remain there. Reformation truth still says your works won't do it. It says you can't decide what part of God Word applies to our life and what part doesn't. But it also says, "You are fallen, but God has redeemed you, even though you don't deserve it, by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — a free gift for you." The Reformation will never be irrelevant, because it brings God's truth of Law and Gospel to every age, and every age needs to hear it. Happy Reformation Day.



BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Thank you to all who prepared and delivered salads in August to the Community Dinner served at the Methodist Church. They were greatly appreciated. It is our turn again to supply salads on October 25th. We will have a sign-up sheet across from the mailboxes. Thank you in advance !!

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

What a month September was! We had fun getting to know each other and we learned a lot too. The preschoolers are learning sign language. We will be learning the sign for the alphabet, several simple words and colors. Sign provide great visual reinforcement for new concepts.

We have many things planned for the coming month. For the letter "D" we will have "Donuts with Dads". The third week of October the firemen will be coming for a visit and bring the ambulance and fire truck for the children to explore. This will be during "F" week, so having firemen here will fit right in with our theme! At the end of October during "H" week we will be having our Halloween Costume Party.

We are looking forward to a great month. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of kids to work with.

Happy Fall,
Kerri, Tammy and Cindy

CHRISTMAS AT CONCORDIA

On behalf of Concordia University, Nebraska family, I invite you to join us for our annual Christmas at Concordia celebration December 7th, 8th and 9th. Christmas at Concordia is a musical celebration featuring concert performances and devotional presentations by student musicians and faculty from the university department of music. Concerts are scheduled fro Friday, December 7th at 7pm, Saturday, December 8th at 3 and 7pm and Sunday, December 9th at 3pm at St. John Lutheran Church. Admission is free, but tickets are required. A holiday buffet dinner accompanies the Saturday concert and will be held from 4:30-6:30 in the Janzow Campus Center. Tickets are required for the buffet dinner. All reservations and tickets may be obtained online beginning November 1st at cune.edu/Christmas or by calling 800-535-5494, ext. 7408

May God grant you His peace and love during this Christmas season,
Brian L. Friedrich, President

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.

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TOOLS FOR STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM

SHUT INS

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

Hillcrest: Willard Roedel, Don Smith, Don Bramer and Don Bradley.

Willow Ridge: Edna Ficken, Rose Hull, Carol Roedel and Leona Wudke

Highland Park: Gladys Skinner

El Dorado: Charles Reese and Rose Wittwer

Cambridge: Don & Norma Kisker and Orian Fritz

Home: (McCook: Griff & Fern Reiners and Nancy Ott)

(Trenton: Blanche Weidner)

ELDER VISITATION

In order to facilitate better connection between the church and members, the Elders have begun 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 – Grant Pfanstiel (Head Elder), Ed Unger, Curt Swanhorst, Fred Gleason, or Phil Bamesberger.

LABELS FOR LEARNING

Once again 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 "Campbell's" and "Our Family" products and any "Box Top" (Campbell's no longer accepts the full label.) 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 Kerri or the church office. Thank you for supporting Creative Preschool!



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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

October 7th Early Service

Elder on duty	Grant Pfanstiel
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Lois Calvin
Acolyte	Shannon Weimers
Powerpoint	Jim Hall

Late Service

Greeter	Betty Knapper
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Usher	Robert Hull
Acolyte	Spencer Reiners
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

October 14th Early Service

Elder on duty	Grant Pfanstiel
Organist	KC Eckhardt
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	Evelyn Salyer
Usher	Ed Rinehart
Acolyte	Easton Gillen
Acolyte	Brandon Smith
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen

Late Service

Greeter	Janet Bamesberger
Greeter	Dale Bamesberger
Usher	Ron Aufrecht
Acolyte	Thatcher Skolout
Acolyte	Deven Reiners
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

October 21st Early Service

Elder on duty	Grant Pfanstiel
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Karen Berry
Greeter	Gary Buk
Usher	Eugene Custer
Acolyte	Katie Kjendal
Powerpoint	Stacy Sellers

Late Service

Greeter	Dorothy Henton
Greeter	Garnet Henton
Usher	Ron Buck
Acolyte	Shane Prentice
Powerpoint	NEED VOLUNTEER
Video	Russ Ankersen

October 28th Early Service

Elder on duty	Grant Pfanstiel
Organist	Joyce Hofman
Audio	Jon Reiners
Greeter	Grant Pfanstiel
Greeter	Charlene Pfanstiel
Usher	Jeff Pinkerton
Acolyte	Shannon Weimers
Acolyte	Easton Gillen
Powerpoint	Jon Reiners

Late Service

Greeter	Velma Kircher
Greeter	Phyllis Berndt
Usher	Dee Traphagan
Acolyte	Spencer Reiners
Acolyte	Thatcher Skolout
Powerpoint	Jon Reiners
Video	NEED VOLUNTEER

Altar Flowers

- 7th-Available
- 14th-Available
- 21st-Available
- 28th-Hanchera Family

KNGN Sponsor

- 7th-Available
- 14th-Available
- 21st-Available
- 28th-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.



THRIVENT

"Share The Heat" is a community program for persons in need of help with their heating bills. Volunteers raise funds to insure that the heat source for each household will stay connected. Referrals for assistance are placed through the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, Barb Ostrum coordinator. The heating bills are then paid through an independent account directly to the utility involved; no one household can receive assistance more than one time per winter. The "Share The Heat" account functions through the tax exempt status of Our Savior Lutheran Church, McCook; Warren Everts, Treasurer.

This program helps homes throughout southwest Nebraska, including homes in almost all the communities from Benkelman and Wauneta on the west edge, to Arapahoe and Danbury on the east edge of the area. During the past winter 34 households were helped. Since March 3, 2009, when this account was established, 106 checks averaging \$224 have been issued.

Rep. Valley Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans volunteers are holding a soup and dessert benefit to raise funds for "Share the Heat." This annual event will be Sunday, October 21st from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the Community Building, Red Willow County Fairgrounds, McCook. The benefit is free will donation, with matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For more information please call Warren Everts at 308-345-6429. Please consider making a donation. The mailing address is: Share The Heat, Warren Everts, 611 West 5th Street, McCook, NE 69001

CRAZY DINNER

Come join us for the 4th Annual Peace Lutheran Church Crazy Dinner Social Night - Saturday, November 3, 2012. Activities and dinner based on our secret theme start at 5:30 p.m. and run until approximately 8:00 p.m. You and your family won't want to miss an evening full of strategy, intrigue, and fun. You will help choose a four course meal from our theme menu, but who knows who will have dessert first. Our main course - a special family recipe from Pastor Albertson - will decide who likes mild, medium or hot! Guests are welcome. Babysitting is available. Proceeds will be used to help support our two seminary students. Contributions will be supplemented by the Republican Valley Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans. (Suggested donation \$10/person or \$30/family) Please sign our registration list or call the church office at 345-2595 to reserve your seat by Monday, October 29, 2012.

PLC WEBSITE

Be sure to visit us on the web at: www.plcmccook.org We try to keep our website as up to date as possible. Here you see all the latest notices, forms, contact information and more. If anyone, while looking at items on the website, finds an error, please contact the office.



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October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Women's Bible Study	2 5:30pm Board of Ed 6:00pm Nominating Committee 6:30pm Board of Elders	3 5:45pm SOR 7:30pm FIRE	4	5 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study
7 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	8 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Women's Bible Study	9 2:30pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	10 5:45pm SOR 7:30pm FIRE	11 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (WINKLE)	12 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study
14 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	15 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Women's Bible Study	16	17 5:45pm SOR 7:30pm FIRE	18	19 TIDINGS REPORTS DUE PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study
21 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 1:30pm Voter's Meeting	22 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Women's Bible Study PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE (FALL PASTOR'S CONFERENCE)	23	24 5:45pm SOR 7:30pm FIRE	25 11:00am LWML 1:30pm Hillcrest 2:30pm Willow Ridge	26 PASTOR IS OUT OF THE OFFICE	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study
28 Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Thrivent Annual Dinner 5:30pm Stewardship Committee	29 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Women's Bible Study	30	31 5:45pm SOR 7:30pm FIRE			