

'TIDINGS OF PEACE' from

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Office of the Holy Ministry
(OHM)
Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah freaks out! "Woe is me!" He knows that trouble is all that can come for two reasons. First, he acknowledges that he is an unclean man. In the presence of a perfect God all the imperfections of man stand out. His own faults in thought, word and deed do not belong in the presence of the Most High.

Second, the people that he has come to serve are no better. They also have not only done what is evil in the sight of God, but they have turned against God. They have thought their ways better than His and continue to try to be their own salvation.

It is interesting how this encounter with the Lord and His seraphim focuses on "lips." While man may be unclean in thought and deed, it is what is spoken that is most dangerous. From the heart comes all kinds of evil. But it is the word of man that can kill the soul. This is why the OHM is filled with trouble!

Infected from the Garden of Eden man now has a corrupt nature. This nature likes to speak in the stead and over the command of God. This nature likes to promote itself as wiser than the Lord of Hosts. This nature of man likes to glorify itself to the detriment of itself and its neighbor.

God has established the Office of the Holy Ministry. Christ called His disciples and established the ministry that His Word might reign supreme. Into this office He calls sinful, fearful, human men. Men that through hearing, meditation and trial will deny themselves. Men that are trained in, and set aside to promote only one thing: The Holy Word of God!

I was blessed in July to install another vicar and to preach for the installation of Rev. Jacob Hercamp. It is a reminder to me of Who is at work in the church. Men are weak, but God is strong. When men enter into the ministry, it is by the command of the Lord. In this way His work continues on.

I still freak out at times. One, when I deal with people that are set upon the ways of the world. When they struggle against God and one another. When they love the world and self more than they fear, love and trust in God.

Two, when I realize that I might be getting in the way of God's will. It brings me great fear. When I am called to preach to others about God's Word at installations and realize that I am weak myself. Who am I to preach about being a good preacher when I am a sinful man.

This is why I am blessed that the Lord of hosts delivers me from my hour of fear much like He did for Isaiah. From the altar I am blessed to receive the Body and Blood of Christ upon my lips. Isaiah was blessed with a hot coal for purification. We receive the Word of God to take into our mouth in bread and wine. Cleansed by the Word I am then blessed to proclaim it to those who are there. To deliver it as I also received it.

This is the OHM! It is nothing more and nothing less than delivering what I first received. The Word of God for the purification of my own soul and to the souls to whom God has entrusted into my care. While the devil, the world and my own sinful nature may want to deceive me and mislead me, it is the pure Word of God that is delivered despite the man.

God grant strength to all pastors and grace to all who hear Him!

*In Christ,
Pastor Kahle*



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CLEAN-UP DAY

There is a kitchen clean-up day scheduled for 9am on August 14th. Anyone able to help get the kitchen spic-n-span would be appreciated.

HELP WANTED

The Elders are looking for office assistance. We would like to compile a list of volunteers, men and women, willing to sit in for Tina when needed. No computer work will be required, just a person in the office to answer the telephone and take messages. There is a sign up sheet on the buffet in the Narthex.

GREETERS

Calling all Greeters. The greeting calendar is being updated. Current greeters and any new person(s), couples or families that would be interested in being added to the calendar, please contact Dorothy Henton, 345-4447 or Deb Shields at 340-4054.

EMAIL LIST

Pastor Kahle frequently sends out emails with devotions, announcements and prayers. If you would like to be on his email list, there is a sign up sheet on the buffet in the Narthex. You may also email pastor directly to be added to the list. revkahle@zionimperial.com. If you know anyone who would be interested, pass this information along.



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
Fritz Hubert	8/2	Patricia Penner	8/12	Madison Aufrecht	8/20
Abby Barth	8/5	Phillip Bamesberger	8/14	Britni Downing	8/25
Cody Golti	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 Post	8/6	Florence Pottthoff	8/15	Judy Schow	8/27
Nathan Cummins	8/7	Dane Foster	8/16	Susanne Curl	8/28
Lisa Koetter	8/7	Rylee Mooney	8/16	Taylor Dicenta	8/30
Christina Coleman	8/9	Kenneth Polly	8/16	Elaine Polly	8/30
Linda Nielsen	8/9	Trenton Bruntz	8/17	Marie Alberts	8/31
Katherind Kjendal	8/10	Adam Rawn	8/17		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Dillon & Audrie Golti	8/2/2014	3	Steve & Sharon Kircher	8/17/1984	33
Stephen & Brigitta Post	8/2/1980	37	Robert & Joann Nemechek	8/19/1972	45
Dale & Janet Bamesberger	8/5/1956	61	Zachary & Becka Hueftle	8/20/2016	1
Fred & Debra Gleason	8/11/1973	44	Keith & Kelsey Messinger	8/20/2011	6
Jeff & Kim Pinkerton	8/11/2001	16	Roger & Karen Ziebell	8/21/1971	46
Curt & Cindy Swanhorst	8/11/1984	33	Jeffrey & Kelly Unger	8/22/2009	8
Randall & Carrie Golti	8/12/1988	29	Larry & Linda Richards	8/26/1962	55
Wallace & Elfriede Keen	8/14/1980	57	Justin & Karinne Kulwicki	8/27/2011	6

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 30th-Aug. 5th)	Month to Date (July 2nd-Aug. 5th)	Actual Year to Date (Jan. 1st-Aug. 5th)	Budget to Date (Jan. 1st-Aug. 5th) 31st week
Offerings	\$1,839.00	\$12,380.76	\$103,896.999	\$146,893.50
Expenses	\$1,158.72	\$11,953.09	\$87,711.35	\$146,893.50

This month's Going Beyond Sunday is for Lutheran's For Life.

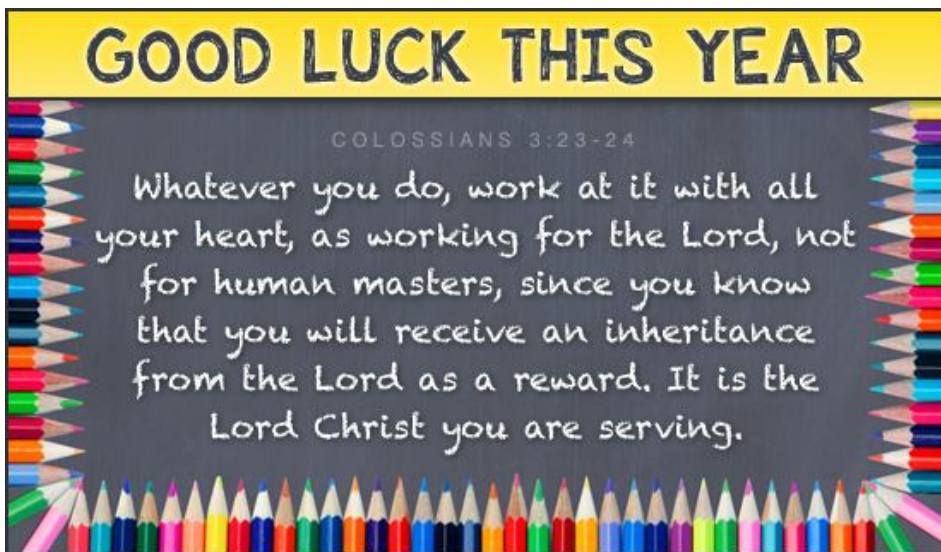
Going Beyond Sunday for Camp Luther was \$149.00.



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 "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 Mandy or the church office. Thank you for supporting Creative Preschool!



AUGUST READINGS

Date	Season	First Reading	Epistle	Holy Gospel
6th	8th S. after Trinity	Jeremiah 23:16-29	Acts 20:27-38	Matthew 7:15-23
13th	9th S. after Trinity	2 Samuel 22:26-34	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Luke 16:1-9 (10-13)
20th	10th S. after Trinity	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Romans 9:30-10:4	Luke 19:41-48
27th	11th S. after Trinity	Genesis 4:1-15	Ephesians 2:1-10	Luke 18:9-14



FROM AN ELDER

God's grace is presented to us in 1 Timothy when Paul left Timothy at Ephesus to proclaim the essential elements of this message. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men" (1 Timothy 2: 5-6).

We at Peace are very privileged to have had Pastor Brett and now Pastor David Kahle, and his Vicar Peterson to lead Peace Lutheran's flock in this transition period, while with God's help we find a pastor in due time.

There is only one Church. We confess this in the communion liturgy when we say that we are lauding and magnifying God's glorious name with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven.

It is right and necessary that we contend for pure doctrine, and that we warn our brothers and sisters in Christ about spiritual dangers. It is also necessary that we keep our eyes on the mission and stand up to the devil, but we must do all of this with humility, with patience, and not point a finger as there are 3 pointing back. Voters' Assemblies and Church councils are given important Work to do even our pastors have taken a vow to teach and preach purely-- Pray for the people on these boards and the Pastors as the work is worth fighting the devil and his evil ways. We are living in serious times and we cannot neglect the seriousness of our salvation. As Paul's Charge to Timothy "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Timothy 6: 12).

SOMETHING NEW AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH: Pastor Kahle since becoming our vacancy pastor puts out a newsletter by email quite often to his congregation at Zion in Imperial, and he would also send each and every one at Peace Congregation an email if they would send their email address to him at revkahle@zionimperial.com or to Peace Lutheran Church at office@plcmccook.org. In this newsletter Pastor Kahle said he would put one together especially for Peace Congregation if there are church members, families, or others who might need our prayers, also he would post upcoming events in our church that are important, and then he puts in a short story about life in general and how it can affect our spiritual life. Send Pastor Kahle your email and find out how a jar of Mango Slices is compared to the Bible, and also receive the prayer of the day. Let Pastor Kahle along with Gods word lift up your spirit. I look forward to these emails. Sincerely Paul Schaffert.



COUNCIL CORNER

Council - At a Glance

Peace Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday July 11th and opened with Russ Ankersen leading devotions. There were no guests present for open forum comments.

Reports for the various boards and council positions were available either in print or presented verbally for review, discussion and approval. Trustees reported that the RO water system is fixed and they're collecting bids on AC units. Board of Ed gave update on VBS, volunteers still needed. Tina had requested that written reports be provided so she has complete permanent records for filing.

Discussion on unfinished business topics including: 1.) TCN (transforming church networks) update – nothing to report. 2.) Fireworks – Trailers have been picked up and paperwork/equipment has been turned back in to Kaboomers. 3.) Ramp project team – Schamel family donated an aluminum ramp for the cause and it has been placed at the Ken Frick residence. There are plans to install a lift at Cummins residence. 4.) Health Fair – discussion on possible dates and alternatives to spark more interest. 5.) Sarah Kanoy (missionary) – She will speak at Peace on (Wed) October 18th during SOR. 6.) Call process – DP Pastor Snow is currently working on a new call list for us per our request.

New business items/discussion: 1.) Designated memorial fund – is earning very little interest. Curt is suggesting we put a portion of these funds into a CD which will earn more. After much discussion, it was decided to put \$150,000 from this fund into a 6 month CD with McCook National Bank. 2.) Letter/check – \$250 was given to PLC from Kandie Blume D'Rozario as a thank you for what the church did for her when she was growing up. Will be held in the general fund until decided what to do with it.

There being no other business, meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.
President - Russ Ankersen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool to 5th grade children are invited to Sunday School each Sunday from 9:15-10:15am in the basement. 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.

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TOOLS FOR STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM

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

Hillcrest: Willard & Carol Roedel, Don Smith, Orian Fritz, Ruth Shields, Pam Leibbrandt and Rod Berry.

Brookdale McCook: Edna Ficken, Erv Friehe, Joyce Stupka, Leona Wudtke and Walt & Jean Sehnert.

Highland Park: Fern Reiners, Fred & Lois Boerger, and Marvin & Betty Harms.

McCook: Nancy Ott, Wallace Keen, and Adeline Kuhlmann

Butte: Don Kisker

Grand Island: Marie Alberts

St. Paul: Sandra Novak

Kearney: Florence Potthoff

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 – Paul Schaffert, Ron Aufrecht, Grant Pfanstiel, Harold Carlson, Darrell Eckhardt, Russ Ankersen or Phil Bamesberger.

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.

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

August 6th	
10:30am Service	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Cathy Broz
Greeter	Myra Tietz
Greeter	Jane Schuster
Usher	Eugene Custer
Usher	Robert Hull
Lay Reader	Harold Carlson
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Powerpoint	Jeff Pinkerton

August 13th	
10:30am Service	
Elder on duty	Paul Schaffert
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Russ Ankersen
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Paul Sellers
Usher	
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen

August 20th	
10:30am Service	
Elder on duty	Darrell Eckhardt
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Janet Bamesberger
Greeter	Dale Bamesberger
Usher	Ben Schow
Usher	
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Powerpoint	Nadia Schoup

August 27th	
10:30am Service	
Elder on duty	Ron Aufrecht
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Need Volunteer
Greeter	Phyllis Berndt
Usher	Dennis Chipman
Usher	
Lay Reader	Brian Strauch
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Acolyte	Need Volunteer
Powerpoint	Stacie Aufrecht

Altar Flowers	KNGN Sponsor
6th-Available	6th-Available
13th-Available	13th-Available
20th-Available	20th-Available
27th-Available	27th-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.

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.



PEACE TALK

Last month I talked to you about things that are expected to happen. What can you tell me that will certainly happen? Well you might say what goes up must come down. You might even say, "For every action, there is a reaction" and give hundreds of examples. Well the farmer in me would have to say "THE WEEDS ARE COMING, THE WEEDS ARE COMING". No matter what crop I plant, or however dry it may be, the weeds come. Now that wheat harvest has finally come to a close this last month, I'll tell you how we went about preparing for fields clean of weeds at harvest time. Starting in March or April we start applying chemicals to control the weeds in the fields that are going to be planted the following September. All summer the weeds will come and we kill them, they come again and we kill them. Finally just before planting the wheat, we apply a pre emerge chemical, controlling the weeds up until the following July when we harvest. Yes, we have a weed free field but it took eighteen months of preparation and planning. How well are you prepared for your "Harvest"? Is your field going to be clean or will it have an abundance of "weeds"? How about we look at the question again and ask the apostle Paul this question "what do you know for certain will happen"? I'm sure he might say "And just as each person is destined to die once, and after that comes judgment," (Hebrews 9:27). What we cannot be certain of however is when that day might be "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). So I say prepare well in advance just as a farmer needs to prepare well in advance, King Solomon even agrees "Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5). We should look at sin like a weed, coming back and coming back and if you let them go, your "crop" will get choked out. No preparation at all and you get a field full of "weeds". Brothers and Sisters in Christ, prepare yourselves well in advance and "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). OK but what chemical do I use for these "weeds"? In 1 John 1:9 we find "But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." And daily walk with Jesus as He himself tells us "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). Use this prescription starting today, strengthening your faith and preparing your hearts and minds so that any minute of any day you will be ready for "harvest" and knowing that your field will be as weed free as can be.



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August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 7:00am Men's Bible Study
6 8:00am Prayer & Preaching 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 3:00pm MS Society	7 11:00am Worship Committee Pastor Kahle in McCook	8 2:30pm Hillcrest Bingo 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Council	9	10	11	12 7:00am Men's Bible Study
13 Communion Sunday 8:00am Prayer & Preaching 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	14 9:00am Kitchen Clean-up Pastor Kahle in McCook	15	16	17	18	19 7:00am Men's Bible Study
20 8:00am Prayer & Preaching 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 7:00pm Forerunners	21 Pastor Kahle in McCook	22	23	24 1:30pm Hillcrest Service 2:30pm Brookdale McCook Service	25	26 7:00am Men's Bible Study
27 Communion Sunday 8:00am Prayer & Preaching 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	28 6:00pm LWML Pastor Kahle in McCook	29	30 9:00am El Dorado Service	31		