

July-August 2025

# The “Good News” Letter

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**Worship 8:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

**2025: Year of Listening!**

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## Wow! has it been hot!

It could be said that I have a special relationship with air conditioners. I also have a special relationship with my twin 8 yr old grandsons. They love to come and adventure with grandpa, be it in the woods, the creek, just outback eating whatever berry is ripe, or in the pool. They are boys and even if that pool were as big as a football field, I believe they would find each other and do minor violence on each other. Boys.... what ya gonna do? So, one takes a swing at the other and I'm like "stop! what are you doing?" "He splashed in my eyes! Did you splash in his eyes? Well, he was in my way. You couldn't see he was there? He grabbed my arm a while ago. Ok, everybody out of the pool, we need to talk." Drip, drip, drip.



So, how wonderful would it be if our lives could be like that, everybody out of the pool, we need to talk. Are our lives really that much different from having two 8 yr old boys in the pool? I bet there were 8 yr old boys 6000 years ago that were not much different. When they saw another person steal something from their family, they probably saw their family go get the guilty party and beat him to within an inch of his life, if they didn't just kill him. Very, very primitive justice, well not really justice. This world was run by 8 yr old boys. Sometimes I wonder how far

we have come. And then they get some nudges from God. "Hey everybody out of the pool! I'm going to give you folks some rules so we can actually move toward a little justice." Leviticus chapter 24, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, if someone steals or breaks something the offender must make it right.

We can hardly imagine the difference these "laws" made. It wasn't just wholesale violence anymore, there was some fairness, a little justice. Their perception of God was changing. So now all the 8 yr old boys had some rules and an authority figure. There are many people that still refer to the eye for an eye in defending what and how they do their lives. It's in the Bible, right? Down through time people have been trying to figure God out and they get stuck, stuck in the Old Testament, stuck in something they learned in Sunday School, stuck in something that felt right. Jesus tells us of a new way, a way beyond the eye for an eye, a way to freedom from our having to make those judgements. Love your neighbor as yourself. Forgive others seventy times seven, turn the other cheek, pick up your cross and follow me. Get out of the pool of violence.

We are all like 8 yr old boys, we need to get out of the pool sometimes and go have a talk, or pray with Jesus and get reset. My grandsons, after a talk, asked if we could make smores. My reply was that the fire is already going and the supplies are just inside the house. They were very good. There's nourishment is Gods house as well, come on over and let's talk.

SAM Paul Brooks

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
June 11, 2025

Members Present: David Sharninghouse, Jerry McCullough, Carol Cary, Michele Robles, Linda Ross and SAM Paul Brooks. Devotions led by Linda on 'Listening to Self'. Jerry will lead August 13 devotions.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Carol noted the church insurance cost is \$4800 per year, not the \$1400 as in the minutes. This covers the building, contents and liability. She did pay half of this in May and the other half in July. After this was amended, the secretary report was approved by Jerry, seconded by Michele, all agreed and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Carol reports the transition to WesBanco seemed to go well but she found it a little harder to print out the statements online. She succeeded and we have the reports to view. Linda moved and Jerry seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Paul encouraged all of council members to attend Adult Vacation Bible School (AVBS). He is continuing to develop the program of 'Steps of Faith and Trust'. He informs there will be audience participation. Linda will write a notice of AVBS to put in the Courier church notices and Carol will send notification to all the area churches and post it on Facebook.

Old Business: Carol shares 2 Thank You notes from the Methodist Church and Bishop Beaudoin for their using our church for meetings.

- + Father's Day gifts were presented and Thank Yous were received.
- + The Church insurance cost was discussed and Michele offered to research other church insurance policies for cost comparison and report back in August.
- + Linda gives complete AVBS community enrichment offerings. Snacks were discussed and all offered to donate specific items to cover this need.

New Business: Dave asked if all were in agreement to omit the July Council meeting as we have in past years. All agreed. Sharon shared she plans to combine the July/August newsletter. Paul informs Ken will not be available in August and he will not be available August 24<sup>th</sup>. He is working on coverage for our service.

Carol moved and Jerry seconded to adjourn the meeting. All agreed and motion passed. The meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

(Council Meeting Cont'd)

Brief Council Meeting Sunday June 22 after church. Carol informs one of our CD's matures in July and if we add \$1000 to it we can get 4% interest. Dave moved and Linda seconded to do this. All agreed and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Ross, Secretary



In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Brant Edler, Mary Schroll, Pat Newell, Gordon Myers, Ellery Robinson, Ari & Josh, Pat Cary, Linda Hoops. Pray also for the victims of natural disasters, our shut-ins, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

Banking Summary - Month To Date  
6/1/2025 through 6/23/2025

Category	6/1/2025- 6/23/2025
<b>INCOME</b>	
Direct Deposit	340.00
Envelopes	2,836.00
Mile Of Pennies	30.00
Plate	20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,226.00</b>

**LASTING JOY**

In 2014, residents of a village in Norway erected a traffic sign that encouraged people crossing the street to do so in a silly manner. The intent was to bring a few moments of humor—for "silly walkers" and onlookers alike—to brighten one another's days. These brief glimpses of silliness were a momentary encouragement to downcast spirits.

The Bible acknowledges that we'll have seasons of difficulty and hardship, causing us to feel demoralized and sad. The book of Lamentations and many psalms give voice to such pain. Yet the Scriptures also point us to what can bring us lasting joy in all circumstances: the presence of God. David penned the words of Psalm 16 with an eye to an eternal future with Him. Those of us alive today—after the death and resurrection of Jesus—know God's presence even now through the Holy Spirit.

Though they may only last a short time, humor and levity can lift our spirits in times of difficulty. However, to experience the lasting joy that sustains us through the most painful seasons of our lives, we must "take refuge" in God (v. 1) who counsels and instructs us (v. 7). He'll never abandon us; instead, He'll "make known to [us] the path of life" and "fill [us] with joy" (v. 11).

What brings you joy during seasons of difficulty?  
How does God's presence lift your spirits?

Dear God, thank You for being with me through both good and bad days. You're the source of my joy.

**EXPENSES**

Uncategorized	0.00
Gifts	25.00
Other Supplies	125.79
Sharing Pastor	700.00
Utilities	
Water & Sewage	100.14
<b>TOTAL Utilities</b>	<b>100.14</b>
Utilities	
Electric	152.25
Gas	100.00
<b>TOTAL Utilities</b>	<b>252.25</b>
Witness Devotional	54.75
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,257.93</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,968.07</b>

PEACE  
BE WITH YOU

**St. John's Lutheran Church of McComb**

**An Invitation from McComb's St. John's Lutheran Church, 203 W. South St.,  
we will host our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Adult Vacation Bible School,  
July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm.**

Activities include singing favorite hymns, fellowship and snacks, Bible Study on Steps of Faith and Trust with group involvement, and community enrichment showing how faith and trust were necessary to develop their new programs.

All are invited to come to gain personal insight into life and have fun.

No registration is required.

Our Community Enrichment Program will include speakers from:

Sunday – Blessing Basket

Monday – Bench Warmers

Tuesday – Little Panther Learning Center

Wednesday – Hope House

Thursday – Transformation Thrift Store/ City Mission

Our regular Sunday Service is at 8 A.M. and all are welcome

**OUR FAITH,  
TRUST, AND  
LOVE ARE  
PROVED AND REVEALED  
IN ADVERSITIES.**

*JOHN OF KRONSTADT*

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### July Birthdays

4 - Todd Hankin  
10 - Rick Beverly  
14 - Dave Sharninghouse  
17 - Dan Shoop  
24 - Rylee Scheff

### July Anniversary

18- Kim & Dustin Weaver

### God's Helpers for July

Readers:

6 - David Sharninghouse  
13 - Lori McDaniel  
20 - Carol Cary  
27 - Linda Ross

Altar Care:

Lori McDaniel



### Calendar of Events

July 4 - Independence Day  
July 6-10, AVBS. 6-8 pm  
July 8 - Lions Dinner, 6:30 pm  
July 9 - NO Council Meeting

### Food Pantry Update:

Thank You for all the detergents, dish soap, paper towels brought in for the Blessing Basket and CHOPIN Hall's food pantry. All are greatly appreciated! Requests for the month of JULY are bars of soap and body wash. Request for AUGUST are Jelly and Peanut Butter.

### August Birthdays

1 - Alycia Johns  
13 - Holli Siferd  
15 - Kimberly Weaver  
15 - Nykoli Scott Johns  
21 - Carol Cary  
25 - Sue Maki  
30 - Lisa Kryling  
31 - Betty Jones

### August Anniversaries

5 - Shawn & Lori McDaniel  
8 - Paul & Kathy Brooks

### God's Helpers for August

Readers:

3 - Dave Sharninghouse  
10 - Lori McDaniel  
17 - Carol Cary  
24 - Linda Ross  
31 - Jerry McCullough

Altar Care:

Sharon Kreh

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### Calendar of Events

12 - Lions Dinner  
13 - Church Council Mtg.  
28 - Newsletter Deadline

