



PRINTS OF PEACE

July 2025

Sow the seed in Word and deed; lead and feed and give heed to human need.

SERVING THE LORD IN July 2025

LAY MINISTRY:

Mike Sheets and Chuck Helmuth

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ken Drewes and Art Prouty

ALTAR GUILD:

Carol Reese and Mary Ann Kozar

FLOWERS

7/6 Jan Scott
7/13 Denise Clouse
7/20 Talley Family
7/27 Amanda Dittmer

ETERNAL CANDLE:

Jan Scott
Tammy Spangler
Talley Family
Open

Upcoming Events in July 2025

July 4—Independence Day

Upcoming Events in August 2025

August 31-Retirement Service for Pastor Barnes with a catered meal following the service. Following is the schedule for the day:

10:00am	Divine Service
11:30am	Meal
1:30pm	Vespers
2:30pm	Reception

Portals of Prayer for the months of July—September 2025 are available and located on the tables in the Narthex.

General Fund information as of May 31, 2025

General Fund Balance on 5/1/2025	54,124.48	General Fund Balance on 1/1/2025	64,543.97
Receipts for May	8,393.73	Year-to-date receipts	47,963.40
Disbursements for May	13,334.36	Year-to-date disbursements	63,323.52
Balance May 31, 2025	49,183.85	Balance May 31, 2025	49,183.85

In November 2014 Voters authorized obtaining a line of credit to be used to prevent the General Fund from borrowing net new funds added to the Dedicated Funds since 9/1/2014. No funds have been borrowed on a line of credit through 6/30/2019. added to the Dedicated Funds since 9/1/2014. No funds have been borrowed on a line of credit through 6/1/2018.

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This is your newsletter. We welcome all your comments, criticism, letters, articles, questions and whatever else you might have for the newsletter. We would like to thank all those who have contributed articles and who shared their time for this month's issue.

It is very helpful for everyone to complete the attendance card in the bulletin when attending church services. If you are a family include all members of the family that were in attendance. This is important for helping us in the ministry of Jesus Christ for you in this place. His love is perfect, but our remembrance of everyone's presence is not.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, may the Lord's peace rest upon you and all your loved ones.

*Because we have no way of knowing in a timely manner the conditions of those on our Sunday prayer list, and as the need for these names must come from those requesting the prayers, it was decided that the **Family & Friends** requests will be listed for two weekends, after which time the requestors need to contact the church office to be reincluded.*

Please understand that this list is important to *all* the members of the congregation, and that importance is *increased* by a timely and up to date listing. We place all of them into the loving arms of Jesus, the Great Physician of soul and body. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor or a member of one of the above listed groups.

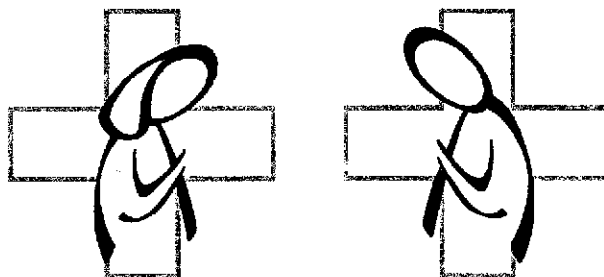
Pastor Barnes

Bidwell Riverside Food Pantry

Peace continues to take food and other donations that the Human Care Board delivers to the Bidwell Riverside Food Pantry. Just place your in-kind donations in the baskets in the Narthex. The website for Bidwell Riverside has an extensive list of items they will take, but following is what they say is most needed now:

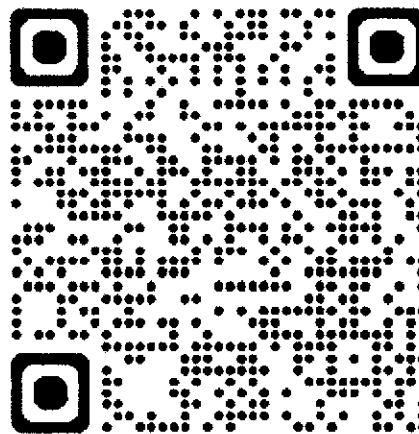
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper
Soap (bar or liquid)
Hand or Body Soap
Shampoo
Dawn Dish Soap
Size 4, 5, 6 diapers
Baby Wipes
Canned Vegetables
Cereal
Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to include a friend, family member or yourself on the prayer chain please contact Roger Wheatley at 515-460-0792 by phone or text or the church office at 515-285-3769.



Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Des Moines, Iowa
Home Page

PLEASE LET US KNOW when you are hospitalized or plan to be hospitalized by calling Pastor Barnes or the church office at 515-285-3769. Remember, due to HIPPA Guidelines the hospital will not notify your church without your permission.



Continuing Education Class!!

Open to everyone
taught by an instructor from
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, IN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
239 Frank St.
Council Bluffs Iowa

Tuesday August 5 to Friday August 8

GET THE MESSAGE STRAIGHT, MISSOURI. **GET THE MESSAGE OUT, MISSOURI**

These words from the sainted A. L. Barry, president of the LCMS from 1992 to 2001, are a fundamental theme in the synod's self-understanding from the time of its founding to the present. This course, a brief summary of the synod's history, will test that theme by looking at significant personalities and critical moments that have marked the synodical story for more than 175 years.

Instructor

Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie

(cameron.mackenzie@ctsfn.edu)

The Forrest E. and Frances H. Ellis

Professor of German Reformation Studies

Class begins with Matins
each morning at 8:30 a.m.

The final day ends
at 12:00 p.m.

Free to all !!!
sponsored by Council Bluffs Circuit

day at noon.

Coffee and rolls are provided each morning and lunch is provided for free each

Some optional evening activities including meals or gatherings outside of the course will be offered and outlined during the course.

Questions: Contact Rev. Nathan Sherrill or Parish Administrator, Heidi Bernhards at the church office:
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On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

July 2025

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PREPARING FOR THE FALL



As the vibrant colors of summer fade and the crisp air of fall approaches, it's time to gear up for the upcoming ministry season. Here are some essential steps to ensure you're ready to make a meaningful impact.

1. **Reflect and recharge:** Reflect on the past season. What worked well? What could be improved? Use this period to recharge spiritually and emotionally. Consider taking a retreat or setting aside dedicated time for prayer and meditation.
2. **Plan and Set Goals:** Outline your ministry goals for the fall. Whether it's launching new programs, deepening community engagement, or enhancing children's and family activities, having clear objectives will guide your efforts. Collaborate with your volunteer team to ensure everyone is aligned and motivated.
3. **Engage and Communicate:** Reach out to your congregation and community. Share your ideas and upcoming plans through newsletters, social media, and personal interactions to stay connected and engaged. Effective communication fosters anticipation and involvement.
4. **Equip and Train:** Ensure your team is well-equipped and trained. Host workshops and training sessions and provide resources that empower them to serve effectively. A prepared team is crucial to a flourishing ministry.

5. **Fall brings new opportunities and challenges.** Be open to new ideas and adaptable in your approach. Flexibility enables you to respond dynamically to your community's changing needs.

These steps will help you lead your ministry with purpose this fall.

Rev. Dr. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President
keith@iowadistrictwest.org

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

A GREAT DEAL: For 2025, those who donate to ILSTO will receive a 75% state tax credit. Consult a tax advisor to see how this program can benefit you. Wouldn't it be great to help a student attend a Lutheran school instead of paying taxes? By reaching our goal, ILSTO would be able to assist more students attending Iowa Lutheran Schools: increase enrollment, provide ministry with the community, and share the Gospel with more children and their families. Now that's something to think about. Call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information.

We are also keeping abreast of the possible Federal Tax credit that is in a bill waiting to be passed. In the current form, this would be a 100% Federal tax credit and would work similar to ILSTO. Watch for updates.

PASTORS WIVES RETREAT

"Radiant & Restored" (Ephesians 5:8-9)
Friday, October 10—Sunday, October 12
Speaker—Renee Gibbs
Camp Okoboji—Bethel Retreat Center
Cost \$75

See detailed brochure in The Messenger.



Calendar of Events

July 4...Independence Day, District Office Closed
August 7...IDE & IDW Principals Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
August 8...Early Childhood Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
August 14...District Board of Directors, District Office, Fort Dodge
August 26...New Pastor & Vicar Orientation, District Office, Fort Dodge
September 22-23...District Pastors Conference, Fort Dodge

For more information on Iowa District West activities,
view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

Iowa District West

The President's Page

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Dear Sons and Daughters of our Heavenly Father, Siblings of Jesus the Christ, may God bless your day!

A couple decades ago, our district convention elected President Sieveking to serve her congregations and pastors. Ten years ago, our convention elected President Turner to serve. On June 9, our convention elected me to serve you for the next three years. May God bless us together as He loves us in Jesus!

Within minutes of the election, two gentlemen handed me business cards. Our wonderful LWML district president invited me to participate in the LWML convention in June of next year. Other agencies and committees shared invitations and expectations. Praise God for His many servants whom He sets into our midst that more and more may know Jesus.

President Turner asked me to lead the convention Memorial service. Our convention theme was ***"One Generation Commends Your Works to Another."*** Here is a bit of the sermon:

What has God given us to pass to next generations?

First, God has given us Jesus --- Who saves us: Satan crusher -- sin absorber. Lamb, Light, Door, Shepherd, Resurrection, Vine. God has given us Jesus --- Who saves us.

Second, God has given us dynamite-powerful words that make dead live and deaf hear and blind see. Words of and from Jesus the Word made flesh.

God gives us WORDS that cleave darkness and create light.

WORDS that bespeak us righteous, bright with God's own holiness.

GOD'S WORD is our great heritage - and shall be ours forever!

To spread its light from age to age - shall be our chief endeavor.

From one generation to the next.

"One Generation Commends Your Works to Another." Yes, dear Jesus, so shall it be. Employ us for Your holy tasks. Today, for the next three years, and into days of eternity.

As angels sing,
Pastor Paul Egger, President

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:30am The Long Hour Men's Fellowship Group	3 7:00pm Lifelight	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 4:00pm Worship with Communion
6 10:00am Worship with Communion 11:15am Adult Bible Study	7 7:00pm Bell Choir Practice	8 7:00pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting	9 8:30am The Long Hour Men's Fellowship Group	10 9:30am Casey Group Study 7:00pm LWML	11 6:30pm Board of Stewardship Meeting	12 9:00am Board of Church Properties Meeting 4:00pm Worship with Communion
13 10:00am Worship with Communion 11:15am Adult Bible Study	14 7:00pm Bell Choir Practice	15 7:00pm PPC Meeting	16 8:30am The Long Hour Men's Fellowship Group	17 7:00pm Lifelight	18	19 4:00pm Worship Service with Communion
20 10:00am Worship with Communion 11:15am Adult Bible Study 1:00pm Altar Guild Meeting	21 7:00pm Bell Choir Practice	22	23 8:30am The Long Hour Men's Fellowship Group	24 9:30am Carlisle Group Study 7:00pm Lifelight	25	26 4:00pm Worship with Communion
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