



# PRINTS OF PEACE

## August 2025

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

### SERVING THE LORD IN August 2025

#### LAY MINISTRY:

Chuck Helmuth and Austin Talley on 2/3, and 23/24  
Mike Sheets and Austin Talley on 9/10, 16/17, 30/31

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Angela Reed and Ed Ross

#### ALTAR GUILD:

Donita Cataldo and Jan Scott

### Upcoming Events in August 2025

August 17– Combined PPC/Congregation Meeting

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

	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>ETERNAL CANDLE:</u>
8/3	Wheatleys	Harders
8/10	Drewes	Open
8/17	Jan Scott	Jan Scott
8/24	Open	Open
8/31	Amanda Dittmer	Open

### General Fund information as of June 30, 2025

General Fund Balance on 6/1/2025	49,183.85	General Fund Balance on 1/1/2025	64,543.97
Receipts for June	10,025.62	Year-to-date receipts	57,989.02
Disbursements for June	12,516.16	Year-to-date disbursements	75,839.68
Balance June 30, 2025	46,693.31	Balance June 30, 2025	46,693.31

*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.

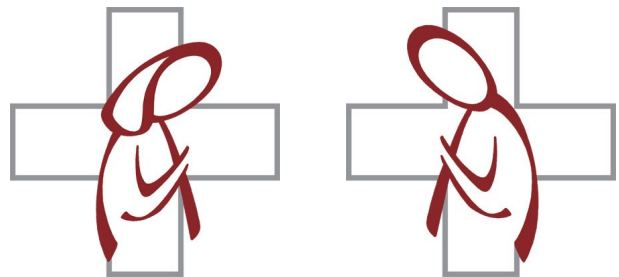
### *Pastor Barnes*

#### **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.



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**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.

#### CATECHISM CORNER

“But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher; yes, as learned and experienced as all the people who have such assumptions and contentment. Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning—and whenever I have time—I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so.”

Martin Luther, Large Catechism, Preface 7–8

### **The Second Article of the Creed (part two)**

#### *Redemption*

And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Let this, then, be the sum of this article: the little word Lord means simply the same as redeemer. It means the One who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same. But all the points that follow in this article serve no other purpose than to explain and express this redemption. They explain how and by whom it was accomplished. They explain how much it cost Him and what He spent and risked so that He might win us and bring us under His dominion. It explains that He became man [John 1:14], was conceived and born without sin [Hebrews 4:15], from the Holy Spirit and from the virgin Mary [Luke 1:35], so that He might overcome sin. Further, it explains that He suffered, died, and was buried so that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe [1 Corinthians 15:3–4], not with silver or gold, but with His own precious blood [1 Peter 1:18–19]. And He did all this in order to become my Lord. He did none of these things for Himself, nor did He have any need for redemption. After that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death [1 Corinthians 15:54], and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father’s right hand [1 Peter 3:22]. He did these things so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet [Hebrews 10:12–13] until finally, at the Last Day, He will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, and such [Matthew 24:31–46; 13:24–30, 47–50].

... Yes, the entire Gospel that we preach is based on this point, that we properly understand this article as that upon which our salvation and all our happiness rests. It is so rich and complete that we can never learn it fully.

Large Catechism II 31, 33

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY 15 PPC MEETING.**

- The lighting contractor will begin work on lights other than the pendant lights and including security cameras on Monday, July 21.
- A combined PPC/Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, August 17 at 1:30 p.m. Voters will be asked to approve a new constitution for Peace.
- The men's basement restroom will be getting a new toilet and floor by August 1.
- A new Dustbuster has been installed in the Fellowship Hall
- The Peace garbage cart was burned on or about Sunday night, July 6. A police report was filed and a new cart has been delivered. The parking lot location of the burned cart will be cleaned and repaired as needed.
- Preparations continue for Pastor Barnes' retirement on Sunday, August 31.
- The annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 28 following Sunday School and Bible Class and will be held at Fort Des Moines Park Shelter No. 2.
- The newsletter is available on the [peacedsm.com](http://peacedsm.com) website.
- Peace hopes to begin populating the Church360 Members website with pictures of members.
- PPC will be reading the book, "Faithful, Hopeful, and Bold", and reviewing discussion questions at the close of PPC meetings.
- Pastor Barnes has placed a number of books from his library on the countertop in the Fellowship Hall. These are free to Peace members.

## **Upcoming Events in September 2025**

Monday, September 1—Labor Day  
Tuesday, September 2—Blood Drive  
Thursday, September 11—Patriot Day  
Sunday, September 28—Church Picnic