



Dear Friends through Christ:

By fate or design, I was born into the household of a Lutheran pastor. Therefore, the Church was the playground of my youth, from crawling over and under the pews as an infant, to an acolyte as a youngster, to singing in the choir, living at various camps in the summer, and hanging out with all my friends from church youth groups. Yes, one could say growing up, life was good, and this life revolved around the Church—the Body of Christ, the Priesthood of Believers.

It's strange how I ended up a pastor. Never wanted to be one. Actually, when people asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I'd say, "Don't know. But I will never be a pastor." My father worked all the time. I saw and heard what he had to put up with and go through. I knew what he got paid. I just assumed there had to be an easier way of making a living.

So, fresh out of the Marine Corps in 1977, through my connections in the church, I went to work for the largest scrap company in the country, Hyman Michaels, a good Jewish company. (I tell people, I have worked for Jews all my life) Actually, what I did for the next nineteen years was quite theological. I was a professional recycler. I found homes for all the mistakes and rejects of bar products from all the major mills in the country. Steel that was destined to be cut up and thrown back in the fire for remelt, now serves the needs of a different company, making a different product, with huge savings for the customer and great profit for Hyman Michaels. And because I learned everything there is to know about the steel bar market, and because I love getting to know people, I became quite good at being an excess/secondary steel broker. Making a living was quite easy. But I soon found out, living life can be quite hard.

In 1991, I was diagnosed with stage four melanoma and given a 2% chance of living past five years. The Bible says have faith, but I said, "Have faith in what?" So the next five years were like a big blur or a black and white scene from the Wizard of Oz, during which time it would be hard to say what crossed my mind. But I do know this: my life sure did change. Even without knowledge of the future, Sandy and I brought into the world Lindsey, Noah and Kaylee, and by-golly, six years later, I'm still kicking. What now?

About the same time I was diagnosed with cancer, my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and his preaching career was cut short. I never realized how much I appreciated my father's preaching and teaching until it was gone. Nobody could tell the old, old story in a way that made the text come alive.

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Sandy and I tried church after church. Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Non-Denominational. Big churches. Little churches. There's gotta be a church out there somewhere that feeds our soul? I found myself sitting through worship wondering why the pastor didn't say this or that. I found myself wanting to learn everything there is to know about the Bible. Where did that come from?

So, in the summer of 1997, at the age of 41, on the shores of Ocean Isle, NC, I asked Sandy what she thought about me, quitting the steel business and going to seminary to become a Lutheran pastor. I figured she would look at me sort of goofy and say, "What, are you nuts?" But as soon as those words came out of my mouth, she responded, "It's about time." Totally freaked me out. Yet a decision was made. I would do what I promised never to do. I would become a pastor.

My father died on July 4th, 1998 and I started seminary on July 11th, 1998. Twenty-eight-years later, one could say, life is good, because this life revolved around the Church—the Body of Christ, the Priesthood of Believers. Now, I am the same age as my father when he was forced to give up preaching and teaching. Like I said, by fate or design I was born into the household of a Lutheran pastor. I am just so glad that I have had Jesus by my side for the past 69 years, because I wouldn't have made it without him, whether a preacher or steel broker.

In Christian Love,

Pastor David Trexler



Letter from the Call Committee to the Congregation – September 26th, 2025

Dear Members of Our Beloved Congregation,

As we embark on the sacred task of calling a new pastor to serve our church, I am writing to share important updates about the process ahead. Our Call Committee will be following the Call Process guidelines set forth by the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), ensuring a thoughtful and prayerful approach to this transition.

We are at the beginning of a multi-month journey to discern and call the pastor God has prepared for our congregation. The LCMC process emphasizes the importance of patience during this time, as we seek to align our efforts with God's timing and guidance. This is not a rushed endeavor, but one that requires careful consideration and unity as a church family.

To ensure that the selection of our new pastor reflects the heart and needs of our congregation, we are distributing a questionnaire to gather your input on the desired attributes and qualities of our future pastor. Your responses will be invaluable in shaping the profile for this vital role. We encourage everyone to participate thoughtfully in this process.

If you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns, please feel free to approach any member of the Call Committee. We are here to listen and to serve as your representatives in this process. Your engagement is essential, and we welcome your perspectives.

The Call Committee is working diligently to ensure a smooth and faithful process. Additionally, the Church Council is actively seeking an interim pastor to provide leadership and support during this transitional period.

As we move forward, we ask for your prayers—for the Call Committee, the Church Council, and the entire congregation. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity as we seek God's will in calling our next pastor.

Thank you for your trust, support, and partnership in this sacred work. Together, with God's guidance, we will find the leader He has chosen for our future.

In Christ's Service,

Andy Pedersen
Call Committee Lead

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT



When Pastor David first told us all about his decision to leave our church and to step into retirement, I'm sure you were all as surprised as I was. This morning, I was straightening up on my dresser and found the puzzle piece that I received from Pastor that morning. At first I thought what a curious way to announce his decision, but then I started thinking about how I do my puzzles. First I turn all the pieces over to the picture side to see what I have. Then I search out the edge pieces and start to construct the border. Then I take stock of colors that obviously go together and start building sections of the puzzle. It takes time. The puzzle is on my dining room table and I will sit down and work on it over weeks or longer.

The process of looking for a new pastor is very similar. The call committee is taking stock of where we, as a church, are. They are laying out the framework, the border, and surveying the members for their input so that they can clearly see the kind of shepherd we need to lead this flock. Once they have gotten your feedback they will create the actual call for a new pastor.

This will take time. It will require patience. It is like finding the perfect puzzle piece to fit into the puzzle that is our unique and dynamic church.

Thank you to the members who have volunteered to be on the Call Committee. We will be praying for you and will assist where we can.

Gabriele DiTota
Council President



Treasurer's Report for October 2025

Happy October Peace Family,

The Major Roof Fund stands at \$63,666.35 at the end of August.

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$5,519.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects.

Wes Edwards, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Fund for August 2025

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	\$8,329.00	\$89,160.38	\$125,411.36
Loose Contributions & Other	\$329.00	\$8,614.43	\$5,333.36
Use of Facilities	\$3,000.00	\$31,020.01	\$46,666.64
Total Income	\$11,790.00	\$128,794.82	\$177,411.36
IRS Credit	\$13,134.09	\$33,559.70	\$0.00
Expenses	\$18,514.82	\$183,460.79	\$172,598.64
Total income/deficit	\$6,409.27	(\$21,106.27)	\$4,812.72

Our income exceeded our expenses in August 2025: \$6,409.27

Year to Date (YTD) Our expenses exceeded income (\$21,106.27)

Year to Date (YTD) Budget of income over expenses (\$4,812.72)

****We were blessed with a windfall in July thanks to the Good Lord and the hard work of our previous Treasurer and current Financial Secretary, Faye Schill. She worked diligently to secure covid relief funds from the IRS, and it has finally paid off! Thank you Lord for this much needed blessing and thank you Faye for all of your hard work!***

The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (utilities, salaries, insurance, mortgage, etc.)

God bless all who give freely of their time, tithes and talents.

Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for Children's Hunger Project, and so on.



BROMM, Karl & Helga (62)	10/04
CHADWICK, Ken & Donna (23)	10/10
MCKENY, Suzie & Dale (59)	10/15
WAGMAN, Cindy & Dan (39)	10/18
DUCOTE, Mitcheal & Ginger (7)	10/20
PRIBELL, Rick & Joyce (29)	10/31

(numbers of years married)



ARNDT, Luisa	10/02	TREXLER, Sandy	10/10
MCKENY, Suzie	10/04	BROMM, Helga	10/13
WAINIKAINEN, Laura	10/04	THOMAS, Denise	10/14
PRIBELL, Rick	10/06	BACHTEL, Harvey	10/15
LAPLANTE, Dina	10/07	BICKFORD, William	10/19
RIMMEREID, Peter	10/07	WAINIKAINEN, Donna	10/23
PINKERTON, Wanda	10/08	WITTER, Betsy	10/30
POORAN, Steve	10/10	WAGMAN, Cindy	10/31



Marcel & Samantha Rosales	Sandy Trexler	Sylvia Elliott	Denise Thomas
Don Hoffman	Carolyn Tarkka	Evelyn Rodriguez	Wes & Molly Edwards
Betty Sheller	Helga Bromm	Yvonne Burns	Jude Zrutskie
Tonita Diaz	Bill & Nancy Love	Marion Elliott	Patricia Robins
Theresa Bradley	Christian LaPlante	Mardelle Hansen	Finnley Ryan
Deb Moleski	Brenda Accola	Sherry Anderson	Rosita Cotton
June Trotter	Betsy Witter	Richard & Joanne Honbaugh	Bob Salmons
Janet Flaherty	Kaylie Trexler	Cristina Elliott	Gary Marcet
Viola Forrester	Suzie McKeny	Karen Holzer	Judy Mitchell and Family
Karl Bromm	Dale McKeny	Elizabeth Holzer	Debbie Formo
Pastor David &	Lou Madden	Patricia Aull	
	Michael Adams		

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	29 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	30 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	1 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Stamp Club FH	3 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of PB SDA - FH	4 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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Bits & Pieces

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Jesus says in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me food... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Where do you buy groceries, gas, prescriptions? What restaurants do you like? Where do you purchase clothing or things for around the house? A couple weeks ago, Peace began a program called Scrip. Simply and I mean simply, purchase the cards following worship or order whatever you want for the following week. That's it. 100% of the proceeds will go toward our food pantry in feeding the poor.

We are going to shop no matter what. We might as well serve the Lord in the process. I love the program because it helps me think more about God. I don't always do that when I use my debit or credit card. When I'm out having a meal with family or friends, shopping at the mall with my wife, doing some work around the house, and I go to pay the bill with my Scrip card, I find myself lifting up a word of thanksgiving for being able to enjoy the blessings given by my Creator.

Give it try. See how you feel.



Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway we can. Your generous donations will

allow us to continue to help them and together, we can see our community get stronger!

Our pantry is open on: **Tuesday's—9:00AM-11:00AM**

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the food pantry. It truly makes a difference in our community.

Please help us keep our list of military personnel up-to-date!
Call or e-mail the office with any changes in status, rank, or location! Thank you!

E.J. Alcario, Iraq

John Bedford, Iraq

Kristen Hall AF, Iraq

Capt. Brian Nailing,
Ft. Cavazos, TX

Maj. AD Dennis Peoples,
Rock Island Arsenal, IL

Major Nathan Schill,
Pentagon, VA

USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,
USS Dewey

Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
Norfolk, VA

1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
E. Africa



Saturday Night
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EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

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Worship

5:00PM—Saturday Night Worship
8:30AM—Bible Study
10:00AM—Worship Service



We Serve

Altar Guild—Set up and prepare for communion each week, usually serving one month at a time; more people are needed.

Worship Servants—Sunday Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants are needed.

Office Helpers—Those who help with special mailings, etc. Please call Jacqui in church office (321)727-3131

Chancel Choir—Wednesday night rehearsals—7:00PM

Bell Choir—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our bell choirs 321-830-4207.

Money Counters—Teams of two people working for one month at a time. Call church office if interested.

In the Nursery—Nursery is available during worship.

Property/Grounds—There is always plenty of work to be done here. Please contact Steve Barnett.

Projectionists Needed—We need people who can use the remote for our Slide Presentations on Sunday morning. Please see Pastor David Trexler for details if you would like to volunteer.

Call and Caring—Our team visits people who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and who are homebound. See Terry Neumann for more information.

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities. (321)727-3131

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THE
LORD!"**

