

NEWS AND NOTES FOR JUNE 23 & 26, 2022

*****Church Office will be closed the week of July 4th!!! Office will be back open July 11th @ 9am.*****

June Featured Hymn: This month our featured hymn is “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” (LSB 756). This hymn was written by one of the greatest Lutheran hymn writers, Pastor Paul Gerhardt. His hymns speak of the comfort we have in Christ despite facing terrible tragedies. Gerhardt certainly knew tragedy, as he was a pastor during the Thirty Years’ War (1616-48), had his family home, possessions, and church destroyed by soldiers in 1637, was removed from his parish for remaining faithful to Lutheran doctrine and teachings in 1666, had four of his five children die in infancy, and lost his wife after a prolonged illness in 1668. His sole surviving son, Paul Friedrich, was six at the time. It is a wonderful witness to us that despite all the hardships he went through, he was able to write such comforting hymns. Many of Gerhardt’s hymns were written with the intent to be used for private and personal devotions. He never anticipated that they would eventually be used in the hymnody of the congregation during the Divine Service. Today our Lutheran Service book contains 16 of the 134 hymns he wrote. Because of Christ we know that the devil has no power over us, the world cannot harm us, and our sinful nature will not have the last word, because Christ has defeated them all on the cross. So, we can sing with Gerhardt: Christ has made my death a portal from the strife of this life to His joy immortal! (from Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns)

Below are the General Fund Income and Expense numbers, as well as others, for the prior months and the current fiscal year to date. We hope that these numbers provide a clear picture of our operating status.

	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>May 2022</u>	<u>2021-22 Fiscal Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$ 77,163.74	\$ 100,830.44	\$ 1,302,758.51
General Fund Expenses	\$ 87,013.98	\$ 95,336.86	\$ 1,120,915.54
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ (9,850.24)	\$ 5,493.58	\$ 181,842.97
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 92,381.00	\$ 249,519.00	\$ 1,590,904.08
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 6,894.00	\$ 2,252.00	\$ 33,582.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 216 (69-147)

Notes:

- Please check out the empty pan & dish box if you have made any of the yummy dishes.
- **Summer Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm**

In Memory of:

- † **Betty Claus**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Larry & Sue Schiewe, Roy & Joyce Burdo, Bob & Chelle Dankert, Carol Wardin, Diane Loiselle, and Gerald & Nancy Preuss.*
- † **Carol Beyersdorf**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Larry & Sheila Bauer, Jim & Donna Bluemer, Roy & Joyce Burdo, Mary Martha Society, Wayne & Linda Ackerman, Marilyn Ludgin, Lois Frederick, Carl & Retha Neuenfeldt, Diane Loiselle, Gerald & Nancy Preuss, Greg & Julie Wardin, Harold & Sue Schroeder,* and a gift was given to the Student Aid Fund from *Carl & Anne Neuenfeldt.*
- † **Ruth Edgecombe**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Gerald & Nancy Preuss, Paula Wardin, Roy & Joyce Wardin, Carol Wardin, and Matt & Barb Wardin.*
- † **Nick Clement**, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Diane Loiselle.*
- † **Wilma Patton**, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Sara Wardin.*
- † **Ann Schomaker**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Carol Wardin, Larry & Sue Schiewe, Diane Loiselle, Marilyn Pahl, Walter & Maureen Zaleski, Don & Denise Potter, Larry & Linda Graf, Fred & Alice Stimpson, Dennis & Renee Herhold, Roy & Joyce Burdo, Barry & Karla Tessin, Ladies Aid, Alex & Karin Todd, Gerald & Nancy Preuss, Roger & Pam Breternitz, Dave & Sharon King,* and a gift was given to the General Fund from *Fred & Rhoda Nehmer.*

In Honor of Sharon Raasch's retirement a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Bart Hubbell.*

St. Peter Vacation Bible School G’day, mate! Are you ready for this trip of a lifetime as we zoom off to Australia for VBS 2022? VBS will take place July 11-15 from 9:00am – 11:30am. To register and for more information go to: <http://www.stpeterhemlock.org/vbs>. **WE NEED HELPERS!!! If you are interested, please fill out a green sheet on the table in the narthex!!**

Lutheran World Relief Thank you for all the items donated so far. I haven’t seen the sale on school supplies in the stores yet, but be ready for those. For the personal care kits, we are in good standing with toothbrushes and clippers. We could use towels (Light-weight, dark-color bath-size towel, approx. 52” x 27”), bath-size bar soap and large tooth combs. The quilters have boxes of quilts ready for the fall in-gathering. They have also assembled fabric kits. The fabric kits are used in teaching sewing skills. Sewing skills are of a personal value to me. My Mom taught me to sew and I honed my skills further in 4-H. In 4-H, I was blessed to be taught by two of our members, Carl Bruse and Lois Frederick. – *Lou Ann Krueger*



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

On Our Way to \$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts: \$ 2,175,616

Gifts Received: \$ 690,857



Alaska VBS Mission Trip The generosity this congregation has shown to the Alaska Mission for Christ trip is deeply appreciated. Around 1000 granola bars and fruit snacks have already been shipped to Goodnews Bay, Alaska! Your donated snacks will be used for VBS, Ladies Bible study and the village picnic. We covet your prayers for a successful and safe trip as we will be leaving July 7 to spread the Good News to Goodnews Bay, Alaska. - *Lynn Fehn and the entire Alaska Mission for Christ Team*

Panther Press Highlights

If you would like to see what is happening at our school, you can receive the *Panther Press* via your email. Call the school office to give us your email address and you will be added to the distribution list. You can also read the *Press* on our website www.stpeterhemlock.org, or you can click on the QR code to access this week's *Panther Press* or view previous newsletters. If more convenient, there are a few paper copies available in the stand in the narthex.



Listen To What You Want, When You Want... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Qur'an, A Biography of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Apostolic Succession, The Lord's Prayer in the Divine Service and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

The Lutheran Hour is broadcast Sundays on WSAM 1400AM Saginaw at 8:30am and XM 131 at 10:30am. It can also be heard on-line at www.lhm.org. Next Sunday, July 3rd, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler* sermon is titled, "Play the Sunset". We can't negotiate our value with God; however, God regards us as infinitely valuable.

Community Events

- **Cantor Camp** is a four-day camp that allows children entering grades 1-8 to experience the pleasure of singing in a choir and proclaiming the work of the Lord. In addition to song, Cantor Camp days are filled with dance, movement, play, study of God's Word, and relationships built and strengthened by our unity in Christ. Cantor Camp is held free or charge by Our Savior Lutheran Church – Grand Rapids, MI on June 26 – 29, times vary each day. For more information and to register go to there Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/5517216641665792>
- Join us June 30th for a **Concordia Night at Dow Diamond in Midland, MI (Great Lakes Loons)**. Sponsored by CUA Alum Katrina Kaschinske, Financial Advisor for the Thrivent Financial, a night of family fun, Christian fellowship, food and fireworks. Ticket details will be available next month, with any questions please call John Richert, Director of Donor Relations, at 734-751-7545.
- **The Peace Lutheran Church Children's Ministry's "Under the Sun" Family Faith Nights** will continue this summer! We invite members of your ENTIRE FAMILY to this free event series that includes fun, faith and activities you'll all enjoy from 5:30-7pm Wednesday, July 20 – on the lawn of Peace Lutheran School, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township. Events are held in the school gym in case of inclement of weather

Ushers for next week: Thursday: *Eric Bates, Ryan Hyatt; Sunday:* *Kurt Cicinelli, Matt Wardin*

Videographer for next week: *Anthony Wolter*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life

www.lutheransforlife.org

"God loves you as His adopted son or daughter—a truth that no virus or civil strife can ever take away. Welcome to the family!"

- *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour*