

NEWS AND NOTES for May 16 & 17, 2026

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.

| | March 2026 | April 2026 | 2025-26 Fiscal Year-to-Date |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Fund Income | \$ 135,395.93 | \$ 133,940.15 | \$ 1,364,297.16 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$ 208,908.87 | \$ 138,338.55 | \$ 1,443,958.57 |
| Gain or (Deficit) | \$ (73,512.94) | \$ (4,398.40) | \$ (79,661.41) |
| Building on the Cornerstone Fund | \$ 9,898.00 | \$ 6,183.00 | \$ 93,590.94 |
| Missions (Goal: \$35,000) | \$ 5,903.00 | \$ 4,594.00 | \$ 32,891.00 |

Church Attendance Last Week: 397 (60-337); Communion: 264

Thank you I would like to thank the congregation of St. Peter for supporting me on my path of church music. I was so blessed to have the opportunity to attend the Organist Workshop in Fort Wayne this past weekend, where I had a wonderful time and learned many new skills. Thank you again for your support as I look forward to serving you by taking part in the music here at St Peter. – *Felicity Emmendorfer*

Summer Worship Schedule
begins next week!
Thursdays @ 6:00pm &
Sundays @ 9:30am

The Michigan LLL and LWML are holding their 2026 conventions simultaneously in adjacent locations in East Lansing. You can register for either convention at <https://lwmlmichigan.org/convention/district>. The LWML Convention begins Friday June 26, ends Sunday June 28, and has the theme “Let His Light Shine”. The LLL Convention is on Saturday June 27. The LLL Convention will feature Dr. Chad Lakies, LHM VP, Ministry Engagement, who will speak on “Faith Formation in the Household” and will be one of four speaker options during the LWML Saturday lunch breakout sessions. LLL registrants can participate in certain LWML events, the Friday dinner and Worship Service, the Saturday lunch and dinner, and the Sunday Worship Service. They should use the code LLL26Guests to waive the registration fee (\$85) but will still need to pay for the meals they request. Registration closes for both conventions on June 1.

Seventh Grade Teacher Search The Board of Christian Education is working on calling a new seventh grade teacher and has received a call list from the Michigan District. They are also accepting names from the congregation of potential candidates. Please contact *Karin Keel-Todd* (989-233-5885) if you would like to submit the name of any potential candidates.

Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages... Was the universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You’ll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Doctor Reed Lessing and Doctor Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book “Wrestling with God.” You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

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, May 24th, Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s sermon is titled, “Misery Loves Company”. It’s often said, “Misery loves company,” Christ comes to us in our misery with God’s love and mercy.

Community News: *See flyers on the bulletin board in the gathering space*

Ushers for next week: Thursday: Kyle Smith, Brad Smith **Sunday:** Mike Stavelly, Eric Starke

Videographer for next week: Help??

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“We are no longer terrified sinners but God’s own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace.”

- *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12–26

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "*The hour*" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "*that they may be one*" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together "*with one accord*" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "*Devoting themselves to prayer,*" they wait upon the Lord in "*the upper room*" (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "*may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed*" (1 Peter 4:13).