

NEWS AND NOTES FOR JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022

January Featured Hymn: Throughout the month of January we will be singing the hymn "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered," LSB #404. In 1999, Pastor Stephen Starke wrote this hymn in order to provide a more complete picture of what Baptism is and what it does for the Christian. The hymn begins with the image of Jesus being baptized as one of the people, moves to John's confession of Jesus as the Lamb of God, then to Jesus' prayer and desire to save His people, and finally to Jesus' death and resurrection. By drawing on the entire life of our Lord, we see how Baptism is not just a single event with no future consequences, but rather is an event with consequences that are both life changing and eternal. This hymn is most often sung for the First Sunday after the Epiphany, the Baptism of Our Lord. The tune for this hymn, "Mississippi," was written by William Roberts, who was a native of the state of Mississippi. (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.

	November 2021	December 2021	2021-22 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 77,490.67	\$ 131,172.43	\$ 588,717.47
General Fund Expenses	\$ 96,540.93	\$ 114,601.06	\$ 514,732.72
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ (19,050.26)	\$ 16,571.37	\$ 73,984.75
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 461,344.00	\$ 428,323.00	\$ 911,777.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,566.00	\$ 4,961.00	\$ 14,135.00

Church Attendance Last Week: Last week: 161; Communion 46

Notes:

- A GMC key fob was found at church. If it is yours, please come to the school office to pick it up.
- 2022 Altar Guild schedules are located in the Church Office.

Sunshine Seniors Everyone is invited to the Sunshine Seniors gathering this next Tuesday, January 11 for a delicious potluck lunch and short meeting. Our speaker will be Pastor Charles Buckhan who will speak about his exciting Civil War Reenactment experiences. Bring your friends.

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed The Men's Club would like to have a family style Fish Fry on Friday, March 11. In order to accomplish this, we will need many volunteers to help us wait tables and serve drinks in the school gym. Everyone ages 13 and older (all teens and adults) are welcome to help from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on that day. Please volunteer by putting your name on the Sign-up sheet in the church entry way.

Quilters & Crafters will begin meeting again on January 11th at 9:00 am in the craft room. If you are interested in learning how to there's no experience necessary!

Stewardship Life Capital Campaign: This weekend kicks off our Congregational Phase!

Here are some important reminders:

- Please note that all contributions to the *Building on the Cornerstone Fund* will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$2.5 million throughout this entire campaign.
- **Special Congregation Informational Meeting about Building on the Cornerstone Campaign:** There will be a special congregational meeting next Sunday, January 16 following the 9:30am service. This informational meeting will give an update on the Building on the Cornerstone Campaign, time for question and answers, and to give a timeline for upcoming meetings and events. Thank you for your continued prayers for this campaign, your participation, and for your attendance.



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.



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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, January 16th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Hazed and Confused" God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us.

Ushers for next week: Saturday 5:00pm: *Kyle Smith, Ryan Cicinelli*; **Sunday, 9:30am:** *Mark Chapin, Park Strouse*
Videographer for next week: Sunday 9:30am: *Anthony Hagarty*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life
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"[E]very human life, no matter the size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling God's plans."

- *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life*