

## NEWS AND NOTES for June 3 & 4, 2023

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 2023	April 2023	2022-23 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 86,502.37	\$ 120,554.92	\$ 1,029,342.83
General Fund Expenses	\$ 68,516.19	\$ 105,818.32	\$ 1,046,227.39
<b>Gain or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 17,986.18</b>	<b>\$ 14,736.60</b>	<b>\$ (16,884.56)</b>
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 62,704.32	\$ 56,180.00	\$ 3,302,512.17
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 4,873.00	\$ 6,408.00	\$ 31,791.00

**Church Attendance Last Week: 152 (30-122); Communion: 127**

**Summer church office hours:** Monday- Friday 9am to 1pm starting June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Mundt's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** On June 18, during the 9:30 Divine Service, Pastor Mundt will be recognized for 50 years of pastoral ministry. A card box will be at the back of the church to offer your appreciation for his faithful ministry. Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised to send Your servants the Holy Spirit and to give them power from on high. We give thanks that through Your Word You also called Pastor Mundt as Your servant and entrusted him with the Office of the Holy Ministry. We praise Your mercy and faithfulness and ask that You continue to keep him in good health and firm faith. Grant that he may continue to be a blessing to Your people and that we may be a blessing to him. Open everywhere the hearts of the faithful that Your Word may be received and that laborers in Your harvest may not be lacking. Cause Your Church to grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



### Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

On Our Way to \$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts: \$ 2,438,033

Gifts Received: \$ 1,554,616



**Church Pictorial Directory** If you have a recent family picture that you would like to use, you can submit it one of the following ways:

1. Email a digital copy to [laura.kopplin@stpeterhemlock.org](mailto:laura.kopplin@stpeterhemlock.org) and fill out paper contact form.
  2. Bring a physical copy of your picture into the church office with paper contact form.
  3. Submit your updates and photo through the google form on our website under Church->Member Information Form.
- Copies of Update Contact Form are located on the table in the narthex. **Deadline for pictures will be June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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](http://www.stpeterhemlock.org), or you can scan 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.



**Can Drive June 5-6:** As you can see, our soccer field has been hydroseeded and we should be able to play soccer on it this fall. We are also getting close to purchasing new soccer goals. We have some funding from our MSU vs. UofM fundraiser last fall, but we do need additional funds. Fabiano Brothers has offered to do a can drive for our school. There will be a trailer in the church or school parking lot on our last two days of school. **We can only accept aluminum cans and glass bottles (NO PLASTIC BOTTLES).** You will need to keep track of how many cans and then let the office know. Fabiano Brothers will recycle all of the cans that we collect and will give us a check for our total collection. (Note: They already donated \$504 to our school from a previous collection.) Thank you for your support! Thank you also to Mr. Corey Harry for organizing this.

**Confessional Lutherans, We've Got Your Back...** 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 Evening Hymn "Abide with Me," Children's Rights, The Biblical Case for the Trinity, News Discernment and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://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](http://www.lhm.org). Next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Strength Out of Weakness". The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them.

**Community events:**

- **Camp Lu Lay Lea** You are cordially invited to attend the 75th Summer Celebration of Camp Lu Lay Lea! We would like you to join us on this special day. Come for just a few hours or plan to spend the entire day with brothers and sisters in Christ. Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see the poster above hanging above the coat rack.
- Join us June 29<sup>th</sup> for **Concordia University Alumni, parents, & friends at Dow Diamond** in Midland, MI (Great Lakes Loons). Sponsored by CUAA Alum Katrina Kaschinske, Financial Advisor for the Thrivent Financial. \$20 Adults, \$15 Kids (ages 3-12), and Kids 2 and under free. To RSVP by June 15<sup>th</sup> visit [www.cuss.edu/loons](http://www.cuss.edu/loons), call 734.995.4809, or email [alumni@cuaa.edu](mailto:alumni@cuaa.edu).

**Ushers for next week: Saturday:** *Eric Starke, Carl Neuenfeldt Jr.* **Sunday:** *Larry Graf, Nate McQueen*

**Videography for next week:** *Brady Hagenow*

***A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan***

"The God who created us and redeemed us and lives in us has put His seal of ownership on us! He has chosen us and appointed us for a purpose—to live as Jesus' disciples by bearing fruit for His kingdom. By God's grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!"

- *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada*

***Lectionary Summary***

**THE HOLY TRINITY**

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Matthew 28:16–20

***The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus***

The holy Triune God "*created the heavens and the earth,*" and "*behold, it was very good*" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*" to be "*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*" (Acts 2:23). As Jesus "*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "*make disciples of all nations*" by "*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*" and "*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*" (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is "*very good*" (Gen. 1:31).



God be praised! Mrs. Shirley Dashkevich has accepted the call to serve with us here at St. Peter as Deaconess! This is an answer to the prayers of St. Peter as well as of Shirley. She will begin her duties August 1. Her commissioning and installation as Deaconess will be August 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch for further details. Thanks be to God!