



NEWS AND NOTES for May 20 & 21, 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	\$ 1,001,598.16
General Fund Expenses	\$ 68,516.19	\$ 105,818.32	\$ 986,761.90
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 17,986.18	\$ 14,736.60	\$ 14,836.26
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 62,704.32	\$ 56,180.00	\$ 3,296,801.17
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 4,873.00	\$ 6,408.00	\$ 31,252.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 285 (55-230); Communion: 219

In Honor of Addison Wedding's baptism, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund.

	<p>Building on the Cornerstone Campaign</p> <hr/> <p>On Our Way to \$2.5 Million Matching Goal:</p> <p>Commitments and Gifts: \$ 2,436,774</p> <p>Gifts Received: \$ 1,548,905</p>	
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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 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 16th.**

Adult Membership Class A new adult membership class will begin June 4, 2023 for anyone who is interested in joining St. Peter Lutheran Church through Adult Instructions. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30am in the church multipurpose room. Please call the church office (989.642.8188) for more information.

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 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 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.

All members of the Lutheran Laymen's League are invited to the Q2 meeting of the Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League to be held at St. Paul Bay City 6100 Westside Saginaw Road at 6:30 pm Monday May 22. Important decisions are being made regarding the zone bylaws and the long-term operation of Camp Lu Lay Lea. Input and support of league members is needed to ensure sustainability of the zone and the camp. If you can't attend the meeting but have input you would like to share or if you would like to participate via Zoom, please contact Paul Moeller at pamoeller@aol.com or 989-631-1017.

Acts Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Acts. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.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, May 28th, Guest Speaker *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe's* sermon is titled, "A Timely Invitation". Jesus provides unlimited living water that refreshes us and is meant to be shared.

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 24th. For more information, please see the poster above hanging above the coat rack.

Ushers for next week: Saturday: *Ryan Cicinelli, Don Marcy* **Sunday:** *Martin Neuenfeldt, Matt Stavely*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God's family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random."

- *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life*

Lectionary Summary
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).