

NEWS AND NOTES FOR MARCH 21 & 22, 2020

Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

New Testament: John 9:1-41

Call Extended Please continue to keep *Mr. Anthony Wolter* in your prayers as he deliberates our call to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

From the Men's Club: Due to the Coronavirus, our annual St. Peter Fish Fry was canceled on very short notice. We would like to thank everyone who contributed items for the meal, as we appreciated it very much. Most of the food was donated to the Hidden Harvest food bank who were very appreciative of our donation. To all those who had volunteered to help serve, clean up, etc., we thank you for your willingness to help and hope to see you next year.

St. Peter Lutheran Church is accepting applications for the position of part-time Youth Director. The ideal candidate will:

- * Possess a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and will display that faith in his/her life in the church and community.
- * Support the mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church and the congregation's ministry as it is defined in its Constitution.
- * Have a love for the youth of the congregation and community and encourage ministry to the youth and their involvement in the church.
- * Be willing to work with the staff and to cooperate with the needs and schedule of the church and school.

The position is for 30-35 hours per month. A full job description is available from the Church Secretary in the school office.

At the present time, we are still planning on the PTL Auction being held on **Saturday, April 18** at the Swan Valley Banquet Center. In case we find it necessary to postpone this event, we will inform you of the new date when scheduled.

Sunday School News

- The Chili and Dessert Cook-Off that was planned for Sunday, March 15, was postponed. We will announce when a new date is scheduled.
- As of now, Sunday School is cancelled through Easter.

Below are the General Fund Income and Expense numbers for the prior months and the current fiscal year to date. Building Fund and Missions are also listed. We hope that these numbers provide a clear picture of our operating status.

	<u>January 2020</u>	<u>February 2020</u>	<u>Fiscal Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$ 107,565.29	\$ 74,559.48	\$ 770,753.57
General Fund Expenses	\$ 96,536.53	\$ 92,122.38	\$ 727,626.80
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 11,028.76	\$ (17,562.90)	\$ 43,126.77
Building Fund Donations	\$ 2,977.00	\$ 13,598.00	\$ 43,748.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 3,168.00	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 22,653.00

Easter Lily orders are now being taken. Order forms are on the narthex table. Complete ordering instructions are on the form. You may drop your order and payment (checks made payable to St. Peter Altar Guild) in the memorial stand in the narthex or mail to *Ruth Wardin*. **You may also call Ruth with your order, 642.5977.** Orders will be taken through March 29.

No more Box Top Clipping Our run of collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education has come to an end. This was a wonderful fund raiser for our school for a long time. Thank you to all who have been clipping and bringing us your Box Tops for so many years.

SCRIP Program For those who use the SCRIP Program through the school to purchase gift cards, please note that we will not be placing an order in April. The final SCRIP order for this school year will be mailed on May 8. Through the SCRIP Program, you can purchase gift cards to dozens of stores and restaurants at face value (and receive 100% of the value) and a percentage will come back to St. Peter to be used for needed items. Gifts cards make great graduation, shower, and wedding gifts ... so plan ahead and bring your order and payment to the school office by May 8. Orders can also be placed on line. Go to our website: www.stpeterhemlock.org; in the tab across the top, click on Quick Link/ Fundraising Opportunities/ Scrip. Our St. Peter SCRIP code is: clff414439511. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

School Newsletter If you are not signed up to get the Panther Press via your email, you can contact the school office, go to our website at www.stpeterhemlock.org, or you can click on the QR code to access this week's Panther Press or view previous newsletters. There are also copies of the current week's newsletter in the information stand in the narthex.



The Tri-City Good Friday Service at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw scheduled for April 10, 2020 at 1 pm **has been cancelled** due to the coronavirus infection. If you donated for the service and would like your money refunded, contact Paul Moeller at 631-1017 or e-mail pamoeller@aol.com. You can leave your donation with the committee for expenses incurred this year and to carry over for next year.

The Lutheran Hour is broadcast Sundays on WSAM 1400AM Saginaw at 8:30-9am and XM 131 10:30-11 am. It can also be heard on-line at www.lhm.org. Next Sunday, March 29, Guest Speaker *Pastor Ryan Tinetti* 's sermon is titled "Labors of Love" (*Exodus 10*). The plagues described in Exodus show us the wrath of God and the lengths to which God will go to save His people.

Videographer for Next Sunday, March 29: *Anthony Hagarty*; **Wednesday, April 1**: *Brady Hagenow*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

"At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it's the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ...Let the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God's glory." *Dr. J. A. O. Preus*