

## NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 14 & 15, 2022

**May Featured Hymn:** This month our featured hymn is "Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying" (LSB 597). This hymn was written by Lutheran pastor Stephen Starke while he was at a swim meet. While waiting for his daughter to swim, he was reading Hal Senkbeil's book *Dying to Live*, and came across a quote from 1 John 5:6-8: "This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ..." After receiving inspiration from that passage, Starke grabbed a pad and started writing, and had a couple of stanzas finished by the end of the swim meet. The hymn text is paired with a melody written by Jeffrey Blersch, professor of music at Concordia University Nebraska, and was first published in 2005 as a choir octavo. The tune name "Filter" is named after the composer's grandfather, Otto Henry Filter.

**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.

	<b>March 2022</b>	<b>April 2022</b>	<b>2021-22 Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>
General Fund Income	\$ 144,979.64	\$ 77,163.74	\$ 1,177,480.28
General Fund Expenses	\$ 145,416.03	\$ 87,013.98	\$ 1,009,765.59
<b>Gain or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (535.79)</b>	<b>\$ (9,850.24)</b>	<b>\$ 167,714.69</b>
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 54,981.00	\$ 92,381.00	\$ 1,494,684.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 5,745.00	\$ 6,894.00	\$ 31,174.00

**Church Attendance Last Week:** 295 (48-247); Communion 270

**Special Voter's Meeting** on Sunday, May 22 after the Divine Service to give final approval for the signing of the construction contract for a new church organ.

**St. Peter Hymn Festival** - All of the adult and children's choirs of St. Peter Lutheran Church and School are excited to once again join together to present an Ascension Hymn Festival on Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. A number of combined choir songs celebrating our risen and ascended Lord will be featured at the service. If you enjoyed the Choral Advent Service last fall, you won't want to miss this event. Plan to invite your friends and neighbors for what is sure to be an exciting celebration. We hope to see you there!

**Altar Guild Meeting** Mark your calendars the Altar Guild meeting has been changed to May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30p.m.

**Adult Information Class** will begin May 15 for those who are interested in joining the church through Adult Instructions or who wish to review the teachings of the church. We will meet in the multi-purpose room at the church on Sundays from 10:30 - 11:30am. For more information contact the church office at 642-8188.

**Mary Martha, Ladies Aid, & everyone** interested may come to our spring dine out. Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Patty Fleming's in Hemlock. Please RSVP by May 17<sup>th</sup> to *Kathy Carey* (989.274.8640).

**Youth Group Update from the Youth Director** I would like to thank everyone for the very warm welcome I received upon taking this new youth position. I am very excited to start working with all of our youth members within the St. Peter congregation! I would like to invite every 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade member to our very first youth group meeting! Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm**. We will meet in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Cell: 989.395.5812 Email: [anthonywolter@stpeterhemlock.org](mailto:anthonywolter@stpeterhemlock.org). Thanks again, and God's blessings! -*Mr. Wolter*

**The LWML Spring Rally** for the Saginaw Valley Zone will be held at Faith Lutheran in Bridgeport on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 8:30am for registration and coffee. \$6.00 will cover the cost of the luncheon. Team Challenge will share their news. Please come to enjoy the morning.

**Ladies Monday Bible Study** finished this year's study entitled *Chosen* written by Donna Pyle Snow based on the book of Esther. We will begin again in September with a new study.

**Building on the Cornerstone Donut Sale** Special thank you to *Lynne & Gary Jacques* for organizing this fundraiser!! A total of 238 packs of donuts were sold for our Building on the Cornerstone Campaign. Over \$1,200.00 was raised that will be matched dollar for dollar!! Thank you for your hard work and generosity!!

### Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

On Our Way to \$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

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Commitments and Gifts: \$ 2,150,157

Gifts Received: \$ 594,637

## Panther Press Highlights

**Noah's Treat Sale:** One of our second graders, *Noah Jungnitsch*, wanted to participate in the Building on the Cornerstone campaign by having a treat sale on a couple of Thursdays in May (his next sale will be May 26). *Noah* will donate all money to the campaign, where it will also be matched dollar for dollar. We also had another donor who is going to match *Noah's* sales this week! *Noah* collected \$241 yesterday in his treat sale, plus it will be matched by a donor, plus all of that will be matched in our campaign which means his first treat sale will total \$964! Thank you, *Noah*, for your organizing this, making the treats and selling the treats. Thank you also to his sister, Darlene, for helping out as well.

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 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.



**Essential Exercise For The Christian Mind...** 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: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, The Natural Family, The Ascension of Christ, The Hippocratic Oath, The Lord's Supper, Planned Parenthood 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, May 22<sup>ND</sup>, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "What the Bible Is For". Dr. Michael Zeigler outlines five principles to help us better hear what Scripture is saying.

### Community Events

- **Drive Thru Swiss Steak Dinner** at Trinity-St. James Lutheran Church. May 15 from 11:00am - 2:00pm or until sold out. \$12 Donation.
- **Trinity Episcopal Church, Bay City, MI**, announces the rededication of their newly refurbished 1963 Moller Pipe Organ. Artists include Jon Eifert, Brian Heinlein, Patrick Winningham, Jim Gladstone, Collin Whitfield, Brenda Hayden, Rayechel Berger and Patti Bowen. A reception will follow. The organ was refurbished with the help of the Nancy Moulthrop Trust and its executor. Please join us Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Trinity, Center at Grant, Bay City, MI, for this great occasion. Handicap access is from the parking lot off 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Masks are optional.
- **Valley Lutheran High School** presents their Spring Handbell Concert, Sunday, May 15, at 4:00pm at VLHS. This is free of charge, and features choirs from Good Shepherd Saginaw, Immanuel Bay City, Resurrection Saginaw, and Valley Lutheran High School.

**Ushers for next week: Saturday:** *Don Marcy, Kyle Smith*; **Sunday:** *Cliff Dilleree, Brad Smith*

**Videographer for next week:** *Brady Hagenow*

### ***A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life***

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"Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ."

- *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life*