

## NEWS AND NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2022

**November Featured Hymn:** This month our featured hymn is "The Clouds of Judgment Gather" (LSB 513). The origins of the hymn date back to a twelfth-century Latin poem written by a French monk named Bernard of Cluny, who was a member of the Benedictine Abbey of Cluny. This poem, *De contemptu mundi* or *On Contempt of the World*, consists of almost three thousand lines of poetry written in dactylic hexameter, a particularly difficult poetic meter. The poem was written to emphasize the depravity of earthly life through images drawn from the Book of Revelation. The text of Hymn 672, "Jerusalem the Golden," is also taken from the lines of this same poem. The tune we sing with this hymn, *Llangloffan*, is from an early nineteenth-century folk tune that was sung in England and Wales, and is named after a hamlet in Wales. The exact origins of the melody and its composer are unknown. (from Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns).

**Sunday Morning Bible Class** We are following a Lutheran Hour Ministry Bible Study, on the life of Martin Luther. From his humble beginnings in Germany, Martin Luther inspired a Reformation that reverberates throughout Christendom to this day. We meet in the chapel after the Divine Service.

**Lutheran Witness subscriptions can be ordered now through December 5<sup>th</sup>.** This magazine is published 11 times per year and provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Each issue comes with the Michigan In Touch supplement at no extra cost to those who subscribe through the District Office renewal process. Yearly subscriptions (March 2022-February 2023) are \$11.60 if ordered through the church office. Payment can be dropped in the offering plate in a separate envelope marked "Lutheran Witness" or mailed to the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church; include your name and address in the envelope if paying with cash. Call the church office 989.642.8188 with any questions.

**Poinsettia Order** It time to order poinsettia plants that will adorn the altar this Christmas season. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Please follow the instructions on the form for placing your order. **The deadline is December 5th.**

**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.

	September 2022	October 2022	2022-23 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 92,982.06	\$ 174,392.38	\$ 422,575.13
General Fund Expenses	\$ 97,127.34	\$ 106,616.47	\$ 362,974.45
<b>Gain or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (4,145.28)</b>	<b>\$ 67,775.91</b>	<b>\$ 59,600.68</b>
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 578,628.00	\$ 57,006.54	\$ 1,009,732.79
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 3,139.00	\$ 2,416.00	\$ 8,123.00

**Church Attendance Last Week: 243** (53-190); Communion: 184

**Notes:**

- Any donations for Thanksgiving will go to the General Fund unless specified otherwise.
- Sympathies to *Maureen (Beach) Zaleski & family* upon the death of *Maureen's* sister, *Marlene Beach*.

**Choral Advent Service** please join us this advent season Choral Advent Service featuring Cherub choir, Seraphim Choir, Mixed Choir, and Handbells. Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

**The Life Team** Thanking God for the gift of life, the Life Team is gathering diapers (all sizes) and clothing sizes newborn-4T from now through Thanksgiving. Please put your gits in the toy box in the narthex. Thank you for supporting life! All Glory to God.

**Nativity Scene Setup** The Men's Club will set up the nativity scene at the church on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We are usually finished by 11:00 a.m. Volunteer help us much appreciated especially any younger men to help us with this project.

**The Apple Pie Sale** was again a great success thanks to all the support from our congregation. We sold 350 pies and our talented crew of pie makers made the entire process, from start to finish, look easy and go smoothly. Generous donations from church members supplying all the apples, eggs and butter, along with Michigan Sugar, Star of the West and Thrivent Financial all helped greatly in defraying expenses. All proceeds went to Building on the Cornerstone Campaign.



### Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

On Our Way to \$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts: \$ 2,324,781

Gifts Received: \$ 1,111,836



**Building on the Cornerstone Yard Signs are back!!** If you haven't purchased your yard sign they are back in stock in the school/church office for \$20 each. For each sign that is sold, \$8 will go towards the campaign and then be matched dollar for dollar. Thank you to Mr. Harold Schroeder for designing, ordering, and picking up these signs.

**Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins** Come bring holiday cheer to our St. Peter Shut-Ins with Christmas Carols! Plan to meet at church Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We'll visit several St. Peter members and share Christmas joy by singing carols. When finished we'll head back to church for a simple soup supper! All ages are welcome!

**St. Peter PTL Christmas Bazaar** Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Features crafts, holiday baked goods, rock candy, fresh green, white elephant sale, and more. Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. WSGW will be there! Contact Julie Ryan (989) 245-7114 to rent a table or space.

**WORKSHOPS:** Love to have your help!

- **Rock Candy:** Come to help make candy on November 21<sup>st</sup>, in the school kitchen. Call Jenny Curry (989) 482-3100 for information.
- **Fresh Green Arrangements:** Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Eimer's barn (3294 N Gleaner Rd, Freeland) starting at 9am. Lunch provided. Something for everyone to do! Coleen Schantz (989) 295-1393.
- **Christmas Cookie baking:** Bring a rolling pin and a few medium cookie cutters to the school kitchen on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will start at 6pm Sheila Bauer (989) 860-3927.

- **Help Frost and Decorate Cookies:** Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 3pm in the school gym. Bring friends who are 8<sup>th</sup> graders or older, please. It takes many hands! If you have 30 minutes or 2 hours – please help!
- **Bazaar Donations:** We'd be so grateful!
  - Cookie sprinkles
  - Bake a pan of bars or small cookies for the bazaar luncheon dessert. Deliver to the school kitchen Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Advent By Candlelight Ladies,** you are cordially invited to Advent by Candlelight on December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM. The theme for the evening is HOPE and our guest speaker will be Elaine Bickel. This is your opportunity to come and prepare your heart and mind for the upcoming busyness of the CHRISTmas season. In addition to the message, you will be able to enjoy wonderful appetizers, festive music, and a chance to fellowship. Space is limited so reserve your spot by emailing Kelley Fehn at [kelly.fehn@stpeterhemlock.org](mailto:kelly.fehn@stpeterhemlock.org).

**Holiday Treats for God's Helping Hands:** For the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday year of the LWML MI District, Mary Martha members are baking holiday treats for God's Helping Hands. We are attempting to have 80 items: plates of cookies, holiday breads, cakes, pies, and your specialty, in honor of the anniversary! Please have your items at the school parking lot on Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Sheila Bauer (989.860.3927) and Sharon Wohlfeil (989.239.4575) will collect and transport the treats to Zion Lutheran to be distributed on Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> with your prayerful best wishes and Christmas cheer. We are inviting all St. Peter bakers to participate and share their Christmas Spirit. Thank you for your generosity!

**White Elephant Sale** Please save your unwanted, but still in good condition, items for the White Elephant Room, sponsored by the Sunshine Seniors, at the St. Peter Bazaar on Saturday, December 3. More information about when and where to drop off coming soon.

### **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 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.



**Looking Forward To Sunday Morning...** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship will lead us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy will lead us through the one-year lectionary. 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, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Freshly Fallen Snow". Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow, fresh starts, and three kinds of beauty.

### **Community Events**

- **Hymn Festival Nov. 20 at Peace Lutheran Church** in Saginaw will present a Hymn Festival titled "Through the Church the Song Goes On" at 4pm Sunday, Nov. 20, at the church, 3427 Adams Ave. The festival will commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Casavant Pipe Organ at Peace Church – one of the largest and finest instruments in the Saginaw Valley! Plenty of close parking is available, and the sanctuary is barrier free, with an elevator. For those unable to attend, the festival will be livestreamed. Visit [www.PeaceSaginaw.org/Watch](http://www.PeaceSaginaw.org/Watch).
- Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Rd(M-46) in Saginaw, Michigan, will host its 26<sup>th</sup> annual "Living Nativity - A Journey to Bethlehem", on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 – 9:00p.m.; Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00p.m. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. This is a free 30-minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school.

**Ushers for next week: Wednesday: Saturday: Leonard Krueger, Matt Stavely Sunday: Eric Bates, Nate McQueen**  
**Videographer for next week: (wed); Sheila Bauer(sun)**

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

"In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near."

- James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James

## ***Lectionary Summary*** **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

Malachi 3:13–18  
 Colossians 1:13–20  
 Luke 23:27–43

### ***Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame***

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).