


## NEWS AND NOTES for March 8 & 9, 2025

**Special Voters' Meeting** There will be a special Voters' Meeting on Sunday, March 16 following the 9:30am worship service. This meeting is to discuss and approve the purchase of property next to the school.



### Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

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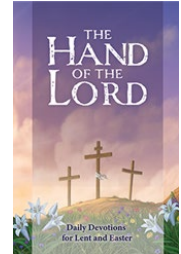
Commitments and Gifts:     \$ 2,737,884

Gifts Received:               \$ 2,708,453

**Lenten Devotional Booklets** are available in the gathering space table under the bulletin board. ----->

**Volunteers needed** to help with Sunday Morning Fellowship. Join our Sunday morning Fellowship crew and help spread smiles one cup at a time! No barista experience required, just a willingness to brew, chat and share a smile with others. Deaconess Shirley will show you the ropes. Sign up for a Sunday (or two 😊) in the church office or call to pick a date.

**Lenten Supper:** We invite you to attend a Lenten Supper next Wednesday, March 12th. Lasagna, salad and coffee/juice will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5 pm to 6:15 pm. Join us for a meal and church service afterwards at 6:30 pm. No cost, freewill offering accepted.



**Cemetery Groundkeeper** We are in need a of a new groundskeeper for the cemetery. This is part time, paid position. If you are interested, please contact Dave Earley at 989.737.2757 for details.

**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.

	January 2025	February 2025	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 102,919.72	\$ 210,975.28	\$ 1,079,136.21
General Fund Expenses	\$ 127,868.21	\$ 156,248.22	\$ 921,820.55
<b>Gain or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (24,948.49)</b>	<b>\$ 54,727.06</b>	<b>\$ 157,315.66</b>
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 29,193.00	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 1,104,422.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,084.00	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 18,248.00

**Church Attendance Last Week: 291 (79-212); Communion: 208**

**\*\* Any donations in Ash Wednesday or Lenten Envelopes will go to Mission Fund unless otherwise specified.**

**Call Received:** Mrs. Kelley Fehn received a call from Peace Lutheran Church & School in Saginaw, MI. Please keep Mrs. Fehn in your prayers as she deliberates this call and her current call to St. Peter. May the Holy Spirit guide her in her decision.

**St. Peter Fish Fry** is March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium. \$17.00 for adults, \$8.00 for kids 6-12, and kids under 5 are free. Men's club will be sending out donation cards at the end of the month and will need volunteers from the congregation to help serve tables and other duties. Please call the church office 989.642.8188 to sign up to help.

**20th Annual St. Peter PTL Auction** will take place on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Swan Valley Banquet Center. Donations are being accepted by dropping off at the school office or for large items please contact Trisha Knezek (989.598.0104) for pick up or drop off. Tickets are now for sale in the school office.

**Mary Martha** will meet for our last regular meeting of this year on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in classroom 3 at church. We'll open with devotions and refreshments followed by our business meeting. All ladies are welcome! Additionally, **Members** please remember to bring baked goods for the Fish Fry bake sale on Friday March 14th. Hoping to have items brought to the school by 3:00 PM that day. Thank you for your support!

**Sunshine Seniors** Everyone 50 and older are invited to the Sunshine Seniors' activities. Please come to the Sunshine Seniors' Potluck at the church on Tuesday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. Just bring a dish to pass and your own drink and enjoy fellowship and fun with others. Our speaker this month is Chuck Heinlein (Brian's dad) as he will talk about his position as the Denmark Township Supervisor. Invite your friends to come with you. See you there!!

**Did you know** that 3 BILLION people around the world have never heard the saving message of Jesus? Learn about Lutheran Hour Ministries latest effort to reach people around the world with the Gospel. Paul and Lauren Moeller will give a brief presentation on this LHM initiative at the beginning of Adult Bible Class on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to [CONNECTLHM.ORG](http://CONNECTLHM.ORG).

**Truth, Beauty, Goodness...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: The Book of James & Faith Alone; Biblical Leadership; The Filioque & Eastern Orthodoxy; Do Lutherans Believe in Once Baptized Always Saved? and more. You

can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a 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, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Light of the World". Jesus is the Light of the world. However, he sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see.

**Community News:** \*See flyers on the bulletin board in the gathering space\*

**The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service** The Tri-City Good Friday Committee after meeting several times and doing some investigation has decided not to hold the Tri-City Good Friday service this year at Horizons or at any other location. There were several factors that led to our decision including decreasing attendance and decreased collections prior to and at the service which has led to a deficit over the last two years. Other locations were evaluated but none worked out at this time. The committee will reconsider a service next year.

**Ushers for next week: Midweek Lenten Service:** *Nate McQueen, Eric Bates* **Saturday:** *Gary Graf, Corey Harry*  
**Sunday:** *Ben Wardin, Ray Wardin*

**Videographer for next week: Midweek Lenten Service:** *Sheila Bauer* **Sunday:** *Sheila Bauer*

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

On St. Joseph: "Though Mary's husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoption, and every human life."

- *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

### **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13

### ***Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil***

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes "every temptation" (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Jesus' victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For "with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, "for 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to "our affliction, our toil, and our oppression" (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the "signs and wonders" of Holy Baptism, "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.