

NEWS AND NOTES for September 28 & 29, 2024

September Hymn of the Month This month our featured hymn is "O God of God, O Light of Light," (LSB 810). John Julian wrote this hymn for the Sheffield Church Choirs Festival in April 1883. The first line of this hymn is a direct confession of the Nicene Creed ("God of God, Light of Light.") This hymn is often associated with Revelation 5:12: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain." Much of Julian's original text was altered by the hymnal editors when it was included in Lutheran Service Book, and the hymn was shortened from five stanzas to four. The text was first paired with the melody "O Grosse Gott" when The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) was published in 1941. A different tune was planned to be used, but a last-minute change right before the hymnal was printed gave us the melody we sing today. (from Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns)



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,619,929
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,472,943
Remaining Commitment Amount:	\$ 27,057

Reminder from the Elders - Please reserve the back row of blue chairs in the fellowship hall during Divine Service for people who take communion at the pew.

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.

Join Us for a Chili Cook-Off! Get ready to spice up our next Family Game Night with a Chili Cook-Off! Use your best recipe and compete for the title of Chili Champion. Participants will receive one to two pounds of ground beef to kick off their creation. Friday, October 11 at 5 pm to 8 pm. We are also looking for volunteers to make biscuits or cornbread to partner with the chili. Crock pots and sides to be dropped off by 4:45 pm in the Gathering Space. Come to pick your favorite and then join in on a spirited game of cards, put together a puzzle or take part in a rousing board game. Votes will be counted at 7 pm. Whether you're a seasoned chef or a first-time cooker, we can't wait to taste your delicious chili! Let's enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Sign up in the church office and pick up the ground beef!

Prayer Shawl Circle - You are warmly invited to join our Prayer Shawl Circle! Together, we will create shawls that offer comfort and love to those in need, whether they are facing illness, loss, or any life challenge. We will pray through the Psalms as we work on the shawls. Meeting weekly on Mondays starting Sept. 23rd at 1 pm to 2:30 pm in Classroom 2. Yarn, materials and patterns will be provided or bring your own. For more details, contact Deaconess Shirley.

Women's Bible Study - Join us for a weekly Ladies Bible Study, led by Deaconess Shirley. We will be diving into enriching studies provided by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, connect with each other, and strengthen our community. All ladies are welcome, whether you're a lifelong learner or new to Bible study! Come as you are, and bring a friend. We will meet starting Wednesday Oct. 2 from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Church Conference room. Materials will be provided.

Altar Guild Our fall meeting will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in classroom 3. Topics will include renovation updates, a chance to look at our storage areas, and how things have been working for those of you that have worked with the weekly responsibilities in the fellowship hall.

All ladies of St. Peter are welcome to attend the next Mary Martha meeting. It is Tuesday October 8th at 7:00 PM in classroom 3 (which is located down the hallway on the left side). We open with devotions by Deaconess Shirley, enjoy some refreshments, and conduct our meeting to plan future activities. We hope you will join us!

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.

	July 2024	August 2024	2023-24 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$165,806.02	\$136,792.60	\$ 262,846.48
General Fund Expenses	\$ 139,390.48	\$ 136,584.28	\$ 216,256.37
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 26,415.54	\$ 208.32	\$ 46,590.11
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$139,702.00	\$47,967.00	\$ 66,412.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$2,200.00	\$1,996.00	\$ 3,689.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 323 (56-267); Communion: 211

In Memory of:

✠ **Gary Braley**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Lydia Mueller, Don & Denise Potter, and Roger & Pam Breternitz*

✠ **Marc Winchell**, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Greg & Julie Wardin*

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In honor of the baptism of Wesley Wolter, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Paula Wardin*

St. Peter Trunk or Treat Join us at St. Peter Lutheran Church on October 25th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Members of St. Peter Church & School are welcome to host a parking spot for a decorated trunk. Call or text Mrs. Kelley Fehn at 989-295-5763 to register for a spot. Please stay away from scary costumes. All children through 8th grade are welcome. Only store-bought wrapped candy, treats, or trinkets are to be handed out. Please park in the church parking lot if not hosting a spot.

Hymn Festival "Glad Hymns Forever: Alleluia!" - On Saturday, October 5 @ 3:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing, Michigan will be hosting a hymn festival entitled "Glad Hymns Forever." This hymn festival will take place at the conclusion of the Thumb Circuit Convocation and will feature Rev. Stephen Starke as commentator. There will be a Mass Choir comprised of members from area congregations, instrumentalists, and pipe organ. Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! We hope you will join us!

Saginaw Valley Zone LWML Fall Rally: Sat., Oct. 5th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. 8:30 am Registration (\$6) & Breakfast. 9 am - 11:30 Worship, Service Projects, Meeting. 12 pm Luncheon Collecting items for the In Gathering:

Birthdays Kit Items:

cake mix, 9x13 tin pan,
frosting, candles, bow,
can of sprite, Sprinkles

LWR Baby Kits:

2 Cotton shirts (no onesies), 2 receiving blankets,
2 pair baby socks, 1 hand towel (dark color),
Jacket, Sweater, or Sweatshirt w/hood or hat.

Please drop at the church office by Friday, Oct. 4th or bring with you on Saturday to Holy Cross.

Grateful for any items you can contribute! Sharon Wohlfeil 989-239-4575

A Lutheran View Of Depression... You can listen to the audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression. The audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

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, October 6th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Fit to Be Tied". A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith.

Ushers for next week: Saturday: *Ray Wardin, Kyle Smith* **Sunday:** *Gary Graf, Mark Chapin*

Videographer for next week: *Scott Neumeyer*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"When we engage in the political process, we as Christians rightfully assert these rights, knowing that in doing so we are defending not only or even primarily ourselves, but our neighbors ... By asserting the right to life, and to other natural rights, we are in fact confessing God's given order."

- *Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary*

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Revelation 12:7-12

Matthew 18:1-11 *or* Luke 10:17-20

Our Father in Heaven Protects His Children by Giving His Holy Angels Charge Over Them

We live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11-13). By "the authority of his Christ," His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "the blood of the Lamb," against all the power of the enemy, for by "the word of their testimony," the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10-11; Luke 10:18-19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6). As God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1-3).