

NEWS AND NOTES for October 18 & 19, 2025

St Peter Long Term Plan Review The Long Term Planning Committee will present the draft Long Term Master Plan at the Voters Meeting on Oct 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM. This will be an information only review. Additional meetings will be held on Nov 2 at 11:00 AM and Nov 9 at 11:00 AM. The Nov 2 and Nov 9 meetings will provide opportunity for questions and answers. The Nov 9 meeting will be a Special Voters Meeting with presentation and questions and answer. There will be a ratification vote of the committee's recommendation at the Nov 9 Special Voters Meeting.



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Gifts Received: \$ 2,785,031

The Nominating Committee would like the congregation to be aware of the positions that will be open for the January 2026 election. Contact the Nominating Committee (Laura Kopplin, Renee Herhold, and Lynn Smith) for more information or to place your name on the ballot. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for the following positions:

Chairman (1-year term)

Treasurer (3-year term)

Elder (3-year term) multiple openings

Head Usher (1-year term)

Board of Finance (3-year term) multiple openings

Nominating Committee (3-year term)

Vice-Chairman (1-year term)

Assistant Treasurer (3-year term)

Trustee (3-year term) multiple openings

Assistant Financial Secretary (3-year term)

Board of Financial Review (3-year term)

Board of Christian Education (3-year term) with & without kids

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.

	August 2025	September 2025	2025-26 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 234,837.51	\$ 118,192.92	\$ 372,239.61
General Fund Expenses	\$ 162,714.37	\$ 153,588.33	\$ 332,012.62
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 72,123.14	\$ (35,395.41)	\$ 40,226.99
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 22,246.73	\$ 7,598.00	\$ 34,246.73
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 1,839.00	\$ 5,442.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 353 (153-200); Communion: 244

Grace in Action: A heartfelt thank you to each of you who blessed our Lutherans for Life service day with your time, energy, and generosity. Your hard work and faithful service made a meaningful impact in our community, reflecting the love and compassion we strive to live out every day. We are grateful for your dedication and dependability. If you missed this opportunity, please keep an eye out for information about our Spring Clean-Up Service Day in the future. We'd love to have you join us again as we serve our neighbors and bless our community together.

Ladies Aid Ladies Aid will meet Oct 21st in the craft room for our monthly meeting. Please bring a sack lunch. A dessert will be provided.

Apple Pie Sale Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th to purchase delicious, homemade apple pies. Ready to bake or freeze; these pies are great to have on hand for holidays or anytime you want to serve a tasty dessert. They even make great gifts at just \$15.00 each. There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space or you can call or text Frank Buckbee at 989-996-1801 or Sheila Bauer at 989-860-3927 to order pies and/or sign up to join the fun on sale day.

Deadline for ordering pies will be Sunday, November 2. Please pick up your pie orders on Saturday, November 8 between 9:30am and 12:00pm.

St. Peter Trunk or Treat Join us at St. Peter Lutheran Church & School on October 24th 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.

Celebrating LWML Sunday Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. We use our mites to support, encourage, and uplift missionaries, and also provide support and compassion to all people. The offerings of our mite boxes mirror the widow who gave what little money she had for the mission of God, the spreading of the Gospel. Lutheran Braille Workers, Bible translating projects, Mercy Holistic Ministry, LCMS Youth Ministry, and Mobile Kitchen, are some of the current mission grants funded through the LWML mites.

You too can contribute by way of the mite box placed under the bulletin board in the church gathering space. We are grateful for all who work to grow St. Peter Lutheran Church and School and proclaim the Gospel in our community.

We pray: Almighty God, Lord of the nations, You have called us to witness that, through Christ, we are Your children. Open our hearts to the needs of people around us and open our eyes to opportunities to share Your truth and love at home and abroad. Bless the quilts made with loving hands to give warmth and care. Bless the gifts of the LWML mite and Lutheran World Relief offerings so Your Word may be spread throughout the world and bring all nations into Your holy kingdom. Bless the continuing work done in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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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 26th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Worn In". Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ.

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Kurt Cicinelli, Ryan Cicinelli **Sunday:** Tom Wardin, Ben Wardin

Videographer for next week: Landon Sherry

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity."

- Pastor Michael Saleminck, *Lutherans For Life*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 32:22–30

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Luke 18:1–8

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).