

NEWS AND NOTES for April 12 & 13, 2025



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,750,164
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,722,808

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.

Easter Brunch Come join the fellowship at Easter Brunch following the Easter Sunrise service at 8:00am to 9:15am with the 9:30am Easter service following brunch. Food and drink provided. If you wish to contribute a pastry please call the church office. If anyone is interested in prep or clean up, please contact Dcns. Shirley.

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.

	February 2025	March 2025	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 210,975.28	\$ 121,853.30	\$ 1,213,274.92
General Fund Expenses	\$ 156,248.22	\$ 119,960.11	\$ 1,045,968.48
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 54,727.06	\$ 1,893.19	\$ 167,306.44
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 1,118,777.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 30,436.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 322 (71 -251); Communion: 224

**** Any donations in Maundy Thursday and Good Friday envelopes will go to Mission Fund unless otherwise specified.**

**Voters' Meeting
is April 28th @
7:00 p.m.**

Easter Flower Orders are due by April 14th. Just fill out an order form located on the memorial stand in the gathering space. You can either mail to the church office or drop your order forms and payment in the memorial stand. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Confirmation Reception - Your help is needed Do you have a tasty cookie or cookie bar recipe? Would you be willing to prepare it for the Confirmation Reception held after the questioning service on Friday, May 16th? If so, please sign up on the spring green sheet on the table in the Gathering Space below the bulletin board. We would like six bakers. Your help in recognizing our 2025 catechumens is appreciated! Questions? Call Linda Ackerman at 781-2961.

St. Peter Lutheran School Cook Position Open We are currently seeking a new cook for the 25-26 school year. Please contact *Mr. Eric Hagenow* for more information about the position. *Mrs. Becky Chanin*, our school cook, will be retiring at the end of this school year, and we are so thankful for her dedicated service to our school.

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.

Lutheran Hour Ministries. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you to *CONNECT* with others in His mission. Last chance to register for the Michigan LLL District Convention which will be held Saturday April 26 at Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc. Register online at <https://www.lhm.org/mi-lll>.

Equipping The Priesthood Of All Believers... 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 topics include: Did Jesus Commune Judas? Secular Violence in Modern History, The Importance of Church Architecture, Anti-Semitism, The Hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle," and more. You can listen at your convenience at 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. Next Sunday, April 20th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room". The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it

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

Ushers for next week: **Maundy Thursday:** Gary Graf, Brad Smith **Good Friday 1:30pm:** Mike Stavely, Tom Wardin
Good Friday 6:30pm: Dan Sherry, Ryan Hyatt **Easter Sunrise 7:00am:** Kyle Smith, Matt Stavely
Easter Sunday 9:30am: Eric Bates, Tyler Bates, Ben Wardin

Videographer for next week: Maundy Thursday: *Charlotte Starke*
Good Friday 6:30pm: *Landon Sherry*
Easter Sunday 9:30am: *Landon Sherry*

Good Friday 1:30pm: *Charlotte Starke*
Easter Sunrise 7:00am: *Charlotte Starke*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ’s face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?”

- *Paul David Tripp, author and speaker*

PALM SUNDAY

John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

Philippians 2:5–11

John 12:20–43

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience “*to the point of death, even death on a cross*” (Phil. 2:8). He “*goes as it has been determined*” (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. “*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing “*that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Phil. 2:11).