

NEWS AND NOTES for February 15 & 16, 2025



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,730,896
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,698,945

Adult Information Class to join the church or review the teachings of the church will begin February 9. We will meet in the Office Conference Room Sunday mornings from 11:00am to noon. Please call the church office (989-642-8188) for more information.

Board of Education Meeting is rescheduled for this Monday, Feb 17th @ 5:30pm in the school conference room.

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.

Cemetery Groundkeeper We are in need 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.

	December 2024	January 2025	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 228,017.58	\$ 102,919.72	\$ 902,199.89
General Fund Expenses	\$ 122,670.42	\$ 127,868.21	\$ 777,254.73
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 105,347.16	\$ (24,948.49)	\$ 124,945.16
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 369,609.00	\$ 29,193.00	\$ 1,094,914.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 5,456.00	\$ 1,084.00	\$ 16,270.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 205 (48-157); Communion: 147

Ladies Aid We will meet at noon in the Craft room. Please bring a sack lunch. Our dessert will be provided. We will discuss our progress on World Relief Quilting and be given an update on the bazaar since we were unable to have our January meeting.

St. Peter Fish Fry is March 14th 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 5th 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.

Karaoke For Christian Hymns... You can sing hymns like "Now Thank We All Our God," "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven Behold," "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done," "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe," and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 50 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

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, February 23rd, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Need to Know". If you don't need God, you won't know God.

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

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University Chicago will present a free concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 28 at Peace Lutheran Church, 3427 Adams Avenue, Saginaw. The Wind Symphony has performed in schools, churches, and concert halls in 43 states, Canada, Europe, Asia, and South Africa. They have been directed by Dr. Richard Fischer for over 50 years.

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Ben Wardin, Matt Wardin Sunday: Matt Wardin, Nate McQueen

Videographer for next week: Anthony Wolter

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"I love reminding them that the first diagnosis is, 'It's a baby,' and no other diagnosis ever negates diagnosis number one. The baby is inherently valuable and worthy of our love."

- Dr. Robin Pierucci

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 17:5–8

1 Corinthians 15:(1–11) 12–20

Luke 6:17–26

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he *“shall mourn and weep”* in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But *“the man who trusts in the LORD”* is blessed with all that he needs, *“like a tree planted by water.”* When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians *“rejoice”* and *“leap for joy”* (Luke 6:21–23). *“If Christ has not been raised,”* our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as *“Christ died for our sins,”* so has He also *“been raised from the dead”* (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).