

NEWS AND NOTES for July 18 & 21, 2024



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,599,532
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,365,981
Remaining Commitment Amount:	\$ 134,019

Lutheran World Relief We are off and running with collections. Thank you for the notebooks, towels, nail clippers and other items. 24 personal care kits are boxed. We have enough supplies for 10 school kits. Nail clippers have been found for 59cents at the Covenant Outpatient Pharmacy. Combs have been found for 99cents at the Wright Pharmacy. Deals abound! Please continue to donate more items as you find them. During church office hours, items can be dropped off there. After hours, you can drop the items off at the table outside the office. Thank you for the donations so far and I look forward to seeing how many items we can donate this year. - *Lou Ann Krueger, LWR Coordinator 989-274-9720*

The Lutheran Women in Mission Saginaw Zone banner is on display in the entry way here at St. Peter Lutheran for the month of July. The Michigan District Convention was recently held in Grand Rapids where a processional of banners opened the worship service. Beautiful banners created by each state zone displayed the convention theme from Psalm 34:8 "Taste and See That the Lord is Good". Many of the banners are then donated - one was chosen to accompany one of the missionary speakers to Uganda to aid in teaching the gospel. The MI District Biennial Convention was attended by 520 this year. Think about attending the 2026 convention in Lansing for wonderful worship, learning to share the gospel and participate in mission service with MI Lutherans in Mission from across your state. See where your "Mighty Mites" will be directed in God's service. For now, enjoy our banner, lovingly made by your LWML Saginaw Valley Zone.

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.

	May 2024	June 2024	2023-24 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$87,365.77	\$194,125.56	\$ 1,496,260.54
General Fund Expenses	\$87,365.77	\$ 127,167.20	\$ 1,526,674.29
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ (31,011.60)	\$ 66,958.36	\$ (30,413.75)
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$47,132.00	\$55,335.00	\$ 2,917,316.72
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$1,643.00	\$2,675.00	\$ 35,785.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 179 (66-113); Communion: 151

Summer Church Office Hours: M-Th 9am-3pm, Fr 9am-1pm

Looking Forward to Sunday Morning... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship leads us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" leads us through the one-year lectionary. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or 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, July 28th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel". Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God.

Community News:

- ❖ **School Therapist Wanted** - Wellspring Lutheran Services is seeking a School Therapist to support students in 8 Great Lakes Bay area Lutheran Schools as they address their mental health and wellness. The position will begin in August, 2024. Required qualifications, additional information, and application can be found at the following: <https://wellspringcareers.ttcportals.com/jobs/14518400-school-therapist>
- ❖ **Afternoon Custodian position opening** - Valley Lutheran High School is seeking applicants for a part-time Afternoon Custodian to join our custodial team. Ideal candidates will recognize how this position supports and furthers the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School by contributing to an excellent Christian atmosphere for students and visitors. This part-time position will be approximately 20 hours per week during after-school hours. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Executive Director, Al Kaul, at akaul@vlhs.com by August 9, 2024. The position will begin immediately.

Ushers for next week: Thursday: Tyler Bates, Eric Bates Sunday: Gary Graf, Mark Chapin

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but also with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people?”

- *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–44

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes “*the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep*” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets “*shepherds over them who will care for them*” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “*reign as king and deal wisely*” (Jer. 23:5). He is “*our righteousness,*” in whom we “ *dwell securely*” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “*like sheep without a shepherd*” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “*to set before the people*” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “*to you who were far off,*” and “*by the blood of Christ,*” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “*separated from Christ*” by your sin, “*having no hope and without God in the world*” (Eph. 2:12), now “*you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*” (Eph. 2:19).