

NEWS AND NOTES for November 1 & 2, 2025

St Peter Long Term Plan Review The Long Term Planning Committee will present the draft Long Term Master Plan on Nov 02 at 11:00 AM and Nov 09 at 11:00 AM. The Nov 02 and Nov 09 meetings will provide opportunity for questions and answers. The Nov 09 meeting will be a Special Voters Meeting with presentation and questions and answers. 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: \$ 2,788,915

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	\$ 461,212.42
General Fund Expenses	\$ 162,714.37	\$ 153,588.33	\$ 463,776.64
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 72,123.14	\$ (35,395.41)	\$ (2,564.22)
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 22,246.73	\$ 7,598.00	\$ 38,130.73
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 1,839.00	\$ 7,215.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 358 (63-295); Communion: 209

Church Newsletter Articles for the December – February newsletter are due November 12th.

Ladies Bible Study will be cancelled this coming week because of quilting retreat. We will meet the following week November 10th.

Sunshine Seniors invite you to hear “Staff Sergeant Robert Ringel” a former air force communications officers stationed in Germany in the late 60s, will speak to the sunshine seniors on November 11th at noon. The interesting part is that the community where he was stationed later was dissolved, but the community built a museum where his picture and his company was stationed. Come and hear to his historical personal events.

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.

Mary-Martha We welcome all ladies of St. Peter to come to our November Mary Martha meeting. We will meet Tuesday Nov. 11 at 7:00 PM in classroom 3 at church (which is located down the educational wing hall just past the church office on the left). Plans will be finalized for all our Christmas activities associated with the Christmas Bazaar. We begin with devotions by Deaconess Shirley and a treat; we hope you can attend.

Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins Mark your calendars! You are invited to help share the message of Christ's birth to our St. Peter Shut-Ins! Plan to meet at church Sunday Dec. 14th at 1:00 PM. We'll visit several St. Peter members at their homes and senior facilities to share Christmas joy by singing carols. When finished we'll head back to church (near 4:00 PM) for a light soup supper! This is a nice activity for the entire family! All ages welcome!

Paths to Lutheranism Series... 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 stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

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, November 9th, Guest Speaker *Pastor Ryan Tinetti's* sermon is titled, “The Lead of Life”. The lead (or ‘lede’) of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel?

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Carl Neuenfeldt Jr, Josh McQueen **Sunday:** Ray Wardin, Eric Starke
Videographer for next week: Sheila Bauer

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today’s world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us!”

- *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17

1 John 3:1–3

Matthew 5:1–12

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne”* (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *“shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall *“serve him day and night in his temple”* (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).