

NEWS AND NOTES for July 25 & 28, 2024



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,600,207
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,370,936
Remaining Commitment Amount:	\$ 129,064

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*

Sunshine Seniors The Sunshine Seniors group (everyone 50 and above) will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 12:00 noon for a potluck picnic at the Church Outdoor Pavilion (just off of the church parking lot: our new picnic location). Bring your own table service, drinks, and a dish to pass and share with the group. Share this information with your friends and bring them along. See you then.

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	\$ 1,504,689.54
General Fund Expenses	\$118,377.37	\$ 127,167.20	\$ 1,539,658.26
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ (31,011.60)	\$ 66,958.36	\$ (34,968.72)
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$47,132.00	\$55,335.00	\$ 2,922,271.72
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$1,643.00	\$2,675.00	\$ 36,120.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 201 (43-149); Communion:

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

Unanswered Bible Questions... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmuller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app 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, August 4th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz's* sermon is titled, "Jesus' Resurrection: God's Public Guarantee". Archives August: A crucified Savior, a resurrected, living Lord; the public guarantee of God, at work in the world for you.

Community News:

❖ **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

“Let’s get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord’s work as a faithful servant.”

- Virginia Flo, *Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 12B)

Genesis 9:8–17

Ephesians 3:14–21

Mark 6:45–56

Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus

Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, “*and with every living creature,*” that never again would there be “*a flood to destroy the earth*” (Gen. 9:9–11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that “*the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh*” (Gen. 9:13–16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. “*Take heart,*” and “*do not be afraid,*” for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten “*into the boat*” with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45–51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are “*strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being*” (Eph. 3:16–17).