

NEWS AND NOTES for June 1, 2025

Congratulations to Mr. Anthony Wolter, who has been teaching at St. Peter for five years, and to Ms. Val Newton, who has worked in our Early Childhood for ten years. We are very thankful for their service to St. Peter Lutheran Church & School.

Retirements At the end of this school year, we have two of our staff members who will be retiring. Mrs. Becky Chanin, our school cook, is retiring after 17 years of working in our school. Mrs. Linda Graf, our Early Childhood worker, is retiring after 7 years of working with our children. We are thankful to both of them for their service to our church and school.

Recognition of Our Faculty & Staff On Sunday, June 1, we will recognize these four workers during the 9:30am service, and there will be a reception following the service for Becky and Linda's retirement in the Fellowship Hall.



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Gifts Received: \$ 2,741,398

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.

GriefShare This is a grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Please join us: Wednesdays, June 4th - August 27 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories – followed by a time of sharing and support. Led by Deaconess Shirley, session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries. For more information, contact Deaconess Shirley. Visit www.griefshare.org/groups/247821 or call the church office to register.

Little Lambs Bible Time Join our weekly Bible fun for kids & caregivers this summer. Designed for children ages 3 to 6. Older siblings are welcome too. Gather with us each week for stories, songs, and activities that teach God's love in a fun and engaging way. Tuesdays 10am to 11am starting June 24 to August 19. For more information or to register, call the church office, 989.642.8188.

VBS Registration is Open All children from preschool - 5th grade are invited to join the fun and go on an EPIC Australian Adventure! Vacation Bible School will take place June 16-20 from 9:00am-12:00pm at church. To register for VBS go to <https://www.myvbs.org/stpeterlutheranhemlock>. If you have questions, please contact church office or Deaconess 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.

	March 2025	April 2025	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 121,853.30	\$ 137,447.71	\$ 1,406,795.64
General Fund Expenses	\$ 119,960.11	\$ 104,766.91	\$ 1,301,280.83
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 1,893.19	\$ 32,680.80	\$ 105,514.81
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 15,631.00	\$ 9,305.00	\$ 1,137,367.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 10,522.00	\$ 7,312.00	\$ 36,767.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 251 (89-162); Communion: 196

Funeral Dishes If you have made a funeral dish for the last funerals, please remember to pick up your dishes. The dishes are located in the new cupboards down the hallway to the north side of the sanctuary in the cabinet labelled funeral dishes.

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.

Summer Worship Schedule
Divine Services
Thursdays @ 6:30pm &
Sundays @ 9:30am

Dying Well in Christ: A Forum on the Church's Care at Life's End, is a conference for pastors and the people of God who seek to learn more about and help foster a faithful practice of merciful care at life's end within the body of Christ. Join other faithful Lutherans July 7-9, 2025 on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis Missouri. Use this link to learn more and register: <https://www.csl.edu/dying-well-forum/>

Contending For Truth In An Age Of Anti-truth... 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 subjects include: Christian Silence, Scripture Alone, Christians in the Public Square, The Lutheran Worldview, Christian Peace, The Progressive Assault on the U.S. Constitution 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, June 8th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler's* sermon is titled, "Ticket Stubs Turned to Joy". The Holy Spirit calls us to turn from the darkness of a self-centered life and come into the light of Jesus' self-giving love.

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

Ushers for next week: Thursday: *Larry Graf, Matt Stavely* **Sunday:** *Eric Starke, Ben Wardin*

Videographer for next week: *Charlotte Starke*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"Watch and prepare for Jesus to return. Set your hearts on Him and on your life in Him. He is the beginning and end, the purpose and goal of your life. So there's no need for tears as you see Him ascend. He is with you always. He will come back for His people soon. Then we will appear with Him in glory."

- *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12–26

Revelation 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20

John 17:20–26

Jesus Is with Us in His Holy Christian Church

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church — for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word — that all of His disciples "*may become perfectly one*" in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from "*before the foundation of the world*" (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the Baptism, cross and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world "*with one accord*" as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, "*Come*" (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us "*the water of life without price*" to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); He feeds us from "*the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit*" (Rev. 22:2).