

NEWS AND NOTES for May 22 & 25, 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: \$ 2,740,036

Cap & Gown Sunday We will be honoring our high school and college grads during the divine service on June 1st @ 9:30am. If you are graduating, we invite you to attend our service with your cap and gown and sit with your fellow graduates.

Ascension Service Join us as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. Both adult and children's choirs and handbell ensembles will be participating in the service. There will be five combined choir songs featured at the service, along with songs sung by each individual choir. Student artwork will also be on display in the gathering space before the service. Be sure to invite your family and friends to hear the wonderful music prepared by our choirs for this celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord.

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	\$ 1,383,763.06
General Fund Expenses	\$ 119,960.11	\$ 104,766.91	\$ 1,254,261.79
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 1,893.19	\$ 32,680.80	\$ 129,501.27
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 15,631.00	\$ 9,305.00	\$ 1,136,005.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 10,522.00	\$ 7,312.00	\$ 36,532.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 389 (80-309); Communion: 255

Church Office will be closed Monday, May 26.

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.

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

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.

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/>

Premier Conference For Lutheran Laity... You're invited to attend the 2025 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: CNN Political Commentator Scott Jennings, Dr. Carl Trueman of Grove City College, Dr. Thomas Egger of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Jon Bruss of Concordia Theological Seminary and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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 1st, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler's* sermon is titled, "God's Gumbo". The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew bound together by the power of Jesus' love.

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

Ushers for next week: Thursday: *Corey Harry, Ryan Hyatt* **Sunday:** *Mike Wardin, Gary Graf*

Videographer for next week: *Scott Neumeyer*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal."

- *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 16:9–15

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

John 16:23–33

We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that *"whatever you ask of the Father"* in Jesus' name, *"he will give it to you"* (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our *"joy may be full"* (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation *"of the twelve apostles of the Lamb"* (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is *"the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb"* (Rev. 21:22).