

NEWS AND NOTES for June 6 & 9, 2024



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,586,050
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,307,284
Remaining Commitment Amount:	\$ 192,716

Celebrate the Savior VBS Our loving God has given us so much to celebrate – join us June 24 – 28, 9 am to 12:30 pm as we discover how the love of Jesus fills us with joy. Visit myvbs.org/stpeterlutheranhemlock to register. Volunteers are still needed! Please contact Deaconess Shirley or the church office.

Another series of GriefShare has begun. This is a grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Please join us: Tuesdays through August 27 from 10:30 am to noon. 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/235053 or call the church office to register.

Ladies Aid- World Relief Quilters will not meet on Tuesdays after Memorial Day. Those that wish to continue working on World Relief quilters will meet on Thursdays with the hand quilters anytime time from 9am-2pm in the church craft room during the summer. The Tuesday meetings will start back up in the fall.

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 2024	April 2024	2023-24 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$142,694.81	\$92,680.88	\$ 1,318,306.35
General Fund Expenses	\$ 114,400.74	\$ 138,175.08	\$ 1,323,656.70
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 28,294.07	\$ (45,494.20)	\$ (5,259.35)
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$381,292.00	\$143,830.00	\$ 2,858,619.72
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$9,281.00	\$1,951.00	\$ 33,235.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 208 (67-141); Communion: 173

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

Panther Press Highlights

If you would like to see what is happening at our school, you can receive the *Panther Press* via your email. Call the school office to give us your email address and you will be added to the distribution list. You can also read the *Press* on our website www.stpeterhemlock.org, to access this week's *Panther Press* or view previous newsletters. If more convenient, there are a few paper copies available in the stand in the narthex.

Lutheran Talk And Music Mobile App... You can listen to Lutheran talk and music 24/7, anytime, anywhere with the free Lutheran Public Radio app. You can download it for your cell phone at the App Store, Google Play, Amazon Appstore or at issuesetc.org.

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 16th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Water Power". God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers.

Ushers for next week: Thursday: Nate McQueen, Ryan Hyatt Sunday: Toim Wardin, Matt Wardin

Videographer for next week: Landon Sherry

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn't just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home."

- Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 3:8–15
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20–35

Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death

The devil deceived us, enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide “*from the presence of the LORD God.*” But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He “*first binds the strong man,*” Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil’s house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be “*out of his mind*” (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, “*we do not lose heart,*” despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. “*He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.*” By His grace, we are “*being renewed day by day.*” For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for “*an eternal weight of glory*” (2 Cor. 4:14–17).