


NEWS AND NOTES for January 11 & 12, 2025

The Nominating Committee would like the congregation to be aware of the positions that will be open for the January 2025 election. Contact the Nominating Committee (Laura Kopplin, Renee Herhold, and Lynn Smith) for more information or to place your name on the ballot. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for the following positions:

Chairman (1-year term)	Vice-Chairman (1-year term)
Building Treasurer (3-year term)	Assistant Treasurer (3-year term)
Elder (3-year term & 1 year term) multiple openings	Trustee (3-year term) multiple openings
Head Usher (1-year term)	Financial Secretary (3-year term)
Board of Finance (3-year term)	Board of Education (3-year term) with & without kids
Evangelism Committee (3-year term) 2 openings	Board of Financial Review (3-year term)
Nominating Committee (3-year term)	



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,722,617
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,658,656

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.

The St. Peter Endowment Committee is seeking requests for endowment fund disbursement. If you have an idea for how funds can be used in our church, community, or the world, please fill out an endowment request form by Monday, Jan 20th and submit it to Caleb Abraham or the church office.

Sunshine Seniors The St. Peter Sunshine Seniors will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 noon at the church. We will begin with a Potluck Lunch, so please bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and a drink. Our speaker will be Micah Schultz who is a certified medic with MMR and a certified paramedic EMT with the Frankenlust Fire Department. He will be talking about all of the interesting jobs he does with the fire department and MMR. Please invite your friends to come, too.

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.

	November 2024	December 2024	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 130,112.97	\$ 228,017.58	\$ 758,645.36
General Fund Expenses	\$ 126,749.95	\$ 121,202.01	\$ 642,931.27
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 3,363.02	\$ 106,815.57	\$ 115,714.09
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 325,748.00	\$ 369,625.00	\$ 1,054,625.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 3,082.00	\$ 5,456.00	\$ 14,964.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 241 (83-158); Communion: 183

Poinsettias If you purchased a poinsettia and would like to take it home with you, please do so.

Donation Bins The cupboards in the north hallway are now labeled and is where the following bins have been relocated: Lutheran World Relief, Lost & Found, Funeral Dishes, Stamps, Eyeglasses, and Coupons.

Educating A New Generation Of Lutherans... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand 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, January 19th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "He Made Me a Believer". God make us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made—church, marriage, family, and work.

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: *Ryan Cicinelli, Kurt Cicinelli; Sunday: Eric Bates, Tyler Bates*

Videographer for next week: *Scott Neumeyer*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God’s began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.”

- Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD / FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 43:1–7

Romans 6:1–11

Luke 3:15–22

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “*When all the people were baptized,*” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “*when you pass through the waters,*” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “*might walk in newness of life*” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.