

NEWS AND NOTES for October 12 & 13, 2024

October 2024 Featured Hymn: This month our featured hymn is "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old," LSB #960. Martin Luther wrote this paraphrase of Isaiah 6:1-4 to serve as the Sanctus in his German Mass of 1526. Luther always wanted the liturgy and hymns to teach God's Word. When he wrote this German Sanctus, he did not simply translate the historic Latin Sanctus, with its references to the Palm Sunday Gospel from Matthew 21. Instead, he taught that the same Lord whom Isaiah saw and before whom the four living creatures sing (Revelation 4:8) is the One who is coming to us in Holy Communion. The threefold cry of "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth" is an allusion to the Holy Trinity. Holy (is God the Father), Holy (is God the Son,) Holy is (God the Holy Spirit,) the Lord of Sabaoth. In Holy Communion we see the Father, sent by the Son who lived, died, rose, and ascended, and who now comes in the bread and wine by His Word and His Holy Spirit. When we as Christians approach the Sacrament, we are to model the humility of the seraphim, who veiled their faces and feet before the triune Lord while crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth." (from Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns)



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,650,643
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,547,927

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 located in the gathering space in the tall carousel by Monday, Oct 21st and submit it to Caleb Abraham or the church office.

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.

Prayer Shawl Circle - You are warmly invited to join our Prayer Shawl Circle! Together, we will create shawls that offer comfort and love to those in need, whether they are facing illness, loss, or any life challenge. We will pray through the Psalms as we work on the shawls. Meeting weekly on Mondays starting Sept. 23rd at 1 pm to 2:30 pm in Classroom 2. Yarn, materials and patterns will be provided or bring your own. For more details, contact Deaconess Shirley.

Women's Bible Study - Join us for a weekly Ladies Bible Study, led by Deaconess Shirley. We will be diving into enriching studies provided by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, connect with each other, and strengthen our community. All ladies are welcome, whether you're a lifelong learner or new to Bible study! Come as you are, and bring a friend. We will meet starting Wednesday Oct. 2 from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Church Conference room. Materials will be provided.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9th for this year's **Apple Pie Sale**. As always, they will be made with love ready to bake or freeze. You can enjoy them during the holidays or give them as gifts. The cost will be \$14.00 each. There will be a sign-up sheet for the number of pies you would like. You can also text or call *Frank Buckbee* at 989.996.1801 or *Sheila Bauer* at 989.860.3927 to order pies and/or sign up to join in on the fun of processing this year's pies. Deadline for ordering will be Sunday, November 3rd. All proceeds will go towards the general fund so it may be used where it is most needed. Pies will be available for pickup on Saturday, Nov 9th between 9:30am and 12:00pm at the school.

Divorced? Separated? Know someone who is? When a marriage ends, the holiday season can be especially painful. We are hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" seminar which helps participants face challenges and discover: • How to deal with emotions • Helpful tips to surviving social events • Ways to help children through the holidays • Hope for the future. Join us for this encouraging seminar on November 17th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. There is no cost. Call the church office at (989) 642-8188 for more information or to register. You can also register online at www.divorcecare.org/events/246981.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar will be held on November 17th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the church conference room. There is no cost. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and where to find comfort and strength. Call the church office at (989) 642-8188 for more information or to register. You can also register online at www.griefshare.org/events/246984.

Lutheran World Relief Thank you for the recent notebook donations. We are able to add another 8 school kits to make 72 total school kits. We have 61 personal care kits. The quilting ladies made 126 quilts. Truly amazing. I hope you had a chance to see the colorful collection. They are now boxed and ready for the ingathering. Thank you, LouAnn Krueger, LWR Coordinator.

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.

	August 2024	September 2024	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 136,792.60	\$ 149,195.02	\$ 301,100.09
General Fund Expenses	\$ 136,584.28	\$ 122,738.74	\$ 268,316.13
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 208.32	\$ 26,456.28	\$ 32,783.96
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 47,967.00	\$ 88,209.00	\$ 143,896.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,996.00	\$ 2,277.00	\$ 4,478.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 264 (108-156); Communion: 233

1 Timothy Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on 1 Timothy. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn 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, October 20th, Guest Speaker *Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez's* sermon is titled, "Children of God—No Longer Losers". God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, member of His household.

St. Peter Trunk or Treat Join us at St. Peter Lutheran Church on October 25th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Members of St. Peter Church & School are welcome to host a parking spot for a decorated trunk. Call or text Mrs. Kelley Fehn at 989-295-5763 to register for a spot. Please stay away from scary costumes. All children through 8th grade are welcome. Only store-bought wrapped candy, treats, or trinkets are to be handed out. Please park in the church parking lot if not hosting a spot.

St. Peter Golf Scramble God be praised & thanked. The Karl & Betty Mueller Memorial St. Peter Golf Scramble raised about \$9,900.00 for helping furnish the outdoor pavilion. It was gorgeous weather as 130 golfers took advantage of the beautiful course and wonderful meal. The Mueller family once again donated all the green & cart fees to the outing. We'd like to thank the cooks, Keving & Ryan Wardin, Brad Smith, and Scott Rousseau for a great job. We would also like to thank the ladies from church who baked all the cookies and all the helpers who helped with setup, clean up, and meal presentation and prizes. Thank you to Mark Wurtzel who donated potatoes, corn, and salad. It was a great team effort and a special shout out to the following hole sponsors: *St. Peter Mary-Martha, Mayan Agency, Pumford Construction, Marshall Campbell Company, Murin Company, McNalley Office, Weco International, Graf Farms, R&R Ready Mix, St. Peter Men's Club, Culver's, Rick Ford, Apple Mountain, Saginaw Control & Engineering, Garber Chevrolet, Wardin Bros Farm, H2 Dermatology, Zolonski Auto Sales, Whiskey Six, Paul Parsons of Well Fargo*, in honor of Mary Claus (*Harry*), in honor of Jon Wardin (*Paula*), in honor of Harold and Sue Schroeder's anniversary, Sue's 80th birthday, the birth of their grandson Wesley (*Eric & Margaret Hagenow*).

Community News:

See flyers on the bulletin board in the gathering space

Ushers for next week: Saturday: *Carl Neuenfeldt Jr., Josh McQueen* **Sunday:** *Tom Wardin, Mike Wardin*

Videographer for next week: *Sheila Bauer*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“To God, all life is sacred because He created it. With their faith, the great multitude will stand before the Lamb on Judgment Day, just as we will. So, to us who follow Jesus, we must continue to uphold the sanctity of life for each person, no matter the nation, language, or their political stance.”

- *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Hebrews 3:12–19

Mark 10:17–22

Christ Jesus Is the One and Only Good by Whom You Inherit Eternal Life

The Lord is the Author and Giver of life, as well as a consuming fire of judgment against all “*who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate*” (Amos 5:12). “*Seek the LORD and live,*” therefore, by hating what is evil, loving what is good and doing what is just and right, according to His Word. “*And so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you*” (Amos 5:6, 14–15). Understand that “*no one is good except God alone*” (Mark 10:18). The life that you are called to live is found neither in your “*great possessions,*” nor in your good works, but only in Christ Jesus. Let go of “*all that you have*” and follow Him, even unto death, and “*you will have treasure in heaven*” (Mark 10:21–22). Do not harden your heart against His voice, nor turn away from Him, lest you “*fall away from the living God.*” Rather, hear and heed His call, cling to His Word and “*exhort one another every day,*” that you may remain steadfast in Christ and “*firm to the end*” (Heb. 3:12–15).