

## NEWS AND NOTES for October 19 & 20, 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:	\$ 2,651,823
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,552,897

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Mark your calendars** for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Thank you!** I want to thank the members of St. Peter for their quick response and aid in my church emergency and helping to prevent a more serious situation. Praise be to God. Thanks for your prayers and well wishes. - *Philip Schwab*

**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	\$ 322,491.39
General Fund Expenses	\$ 136,584.28	\$ 122,738.74	\$ 324,497.58
<b>Gain or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 208.32</b>	<b>\$ 26,456.28</b>	<b>\$ (2,006.19)</b>
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 47,967.00	\$ 88,209.00	\$ 148,866.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,996.00	\$ 2,277.00	\$ 4,962.00

**Church Attendance Last Week: 260 (84-176); Communion: 180**

**Lutheranism In The Public Square...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Joker Folie a Deux," A Christian Response to Jordan Peterson's Appeal with Young Men, The 50th Anniversary of the Walkout at Concordia Seminary, Hurricane Milton Relief Efforts and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.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](http://www.lhm.org). Next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "God-Struggles". It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle.

**St. Peter Trunk or Treat** Join us at St. Peter Lutheran Church on October 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Advent By Candlelight** Save the date! Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:00pm in the school gymnasium.

**Community News:**

\*See flyers on the bulletin board in the gathering space\*

**Ushers for next week: Saturday:** Corey Harry, Nate McQueen **Sunday:** Eric Bates, Tyler Bates

**Videographer for next week:** Sheila Bauer

***A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan***

“God’s grace is costly (the Cross is the best symbol of all) and God is ‘for us, not against us’ because God is the God of creation and nature, history and eternal destiny (Romans 8). Here St. Paul reminds us that we are all adopted into Christ. Just as we are all transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12), so the Gospel has shaped our earthly adoptions and our families—now including three beautiful granddaughters! In our Triune God we are born to a new and living hope, a pro-life and pro-adoption one!”

- Pastor Leon and Terri Rosenthal

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16)

Mark 10:23–31

***By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God***

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is “*occupied with joy in his heart*” and is able to sleep in peace, “*whether he eats little or much,*” because he knows that the “*days of his life*” are “*the gift of God*” (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he “*shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand*” (Eccl.

5:15). Therefore, it is difficult “*for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God*” (Mark 10:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet “*all things are possible with God*” (Mark 10:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through “*the eye of a needle,*” through death and the grave, “*to enter the kingdom of God*” on our behalf (Mark 10:24–25). He is the “*great high priest who has passed through the heavens*” (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).