

NEWS AND NOTES for October 11 & 12, 2025

Our LCMS church workers serve all of us in the Body of Christ with faithfulness and dedication. To acknowledge their service, the Synod is encouraging churches and schools to show appreciation to workers on designated dates throughout the year. October 12 is Pastor Appreciation. Let's be sure to show our gratitude to Pastor Morris and Pastor Speckhard. No gesture is too small! Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ around the LCMS in letting our Pastors know how much we appreciate them.



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Gifts Received: \$ 2,780,629

The Nominating Committee would like the congregation to be aware of the positions that will be open for the January 2026 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)

Treasurer (3-year term)

Elder (3-year term) multiple openings

Head Usher (1-year term)

Board of Finance (3-year term) multiple openings

Nominating Committee (3-year term)

Vice-Chairman (1-year term)

Assistant Treasurer (3-year term)

Trustee (3-year term) multiple openings

Assistant Financial Secretary (3-year term)

Board of Financial Review (3-year term)

Board of Christian Education (3-year term) with & without kids

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 2025	September 2025	2025-26 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 234,837.51	\$ 118,192.92	\$ 372,239.61
General Fund Expenses	\$ 162,714.37	\$ 153,588.33	\$ 332,012.62
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 72,123.14	\$ (35,395.41)	\$ 40,226.99
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 9,315.00	\$ 22,246.73	\$ 31,179.73
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,469.00	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 4,412.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 315 (90-225); Communion: 220

Grace in Action: A heartfelt thank you to each of you who blessed our Lutherans for Life service day with your time, energy, and generosity. Your hard work and faithful service made a meaningful impact in our community, reflecting the love and compassion we strive to live out every day. We are grateful for your dedication and dependability. If you missed this opportunity, please keep an eye out for information about our Spring Clean-Up Service Day in the future. We'd love to have you join us again as we serve our neighbors and bless our community together.

Sunshine Seniors will meet on Tuesday, October 14 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a potluck meal as usual. Bring your own table service and dish to pass. Our speaker will be Pastor David Schultz. He will speak about SMP. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Bring a friend.

Mary Martha meets Tues., Oct. 14th at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome to attend. We will have a devotion, fellowship time, refreshments and discuss the Fall Rally. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10.

Lutheran World Relief Kits This is the last week to donate!! The ingathering is on Monday, October 13 when everything will be dropped off. Thank you for all of your donations. Our totals so far are: 60 personal care kits and 110 school kits. LouAnn Krueger 989.274.9720

Apple Pie Sale Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th to purchase delicious, homemade apple pies. Ready to bake or freeze; these pies are great to have on hand for holidays or anytime you want to serve a tasty dessert. They even make great gifts at just \$15.00 each. There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space or you can call or text Frank Buckbee at 989-996-1801 or Sheila Bauer at 989-860-3927 to order pies and/or sign up to join the fun on sale day.

Deadline for ordering pies will be Sunday, November 2. Please pick up your pie orders on Saturday, November 8 between 9:30am and 12:00pm.

God's Helping Hands would like to thank everyone who donated cereal during the school's cereal drive. 75 boxes of cereal was donated to help people in need.

St. Peter Trunk or Treat Join us at St. Peter Lutheran Church & School on October 24th 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.

Essential Exercise For The Christian Mind... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: God's Rule in the Church & in the State, The Influence of Aristotle on Christian Thought, Speaking Out with Compassion & God's Word, The Movie "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale" 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, October 19th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez's* sermon is titled, "God's Help Dwells in Us". The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us.

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Larry Graf, Brad Smith **Sunday:** Mike Stavelly, Dan Sherry

Videographer for next week: Anthony Wolter

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion ... We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father's throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON!"

- Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ruth 1:1–19a

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Luke 17:11–19

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "*Go and show yourselves to the priests,*" for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "*at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks*" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "*find rest, each of you in the house of her husband*" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "*visited his people and given them food*" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead*" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "*the word of God is not bound*" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "*to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also*" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "*may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.