


NEWS AND NOTES for January 18 & 19, 2025

******Don't miss the Voters' Meeting Monday, January 27th @ 7:00pm.******

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:	\$ 2,723,901
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,662,395

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.

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	\$ 786,432.13
General Fund Expenses	\$ 126,749.95	\$ 121,202.01	\$ 695,578.94
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 3,363.02	\$ 106,815.57	\$ 90,853.19
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 325,748.00	\$ 369,609.00	\$ 1,058,364.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 3,082.00	\$ 5,456.00	\$ 15,198.00

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.

Ladies Aid Ladies Aid will meet at noon in the quilting room on Tuesday, January 21st, please bring a sack lunch, dessert will be provided.

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 26th, Guest Speaker *Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez's* sermon is titled, "An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told". Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation.

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Eric Starke, Brad Smith Sunday: Dan Sherry, Todd Starke

Videographer for next week: Anthony Wolter

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

“No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.”

- Dr. Carol Geisler, *Lutheran Hour Ministries*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 62:1–5

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “*the first of his signs*” by which He “*manifested his glory*” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “*hour,*” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “*as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride*” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “*Jesus is Lord,*” and they return thanks to Him “*in the Holy Spirit*” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.