

NEWS AND NOTES for April 26 & 27, 2025

The Pastoral Candidate Call Service is April 29 at 7:00 p.m. We will officially find out who the Lord is graciously sending to be our Associate Pastor. This is absolutely an exciting time! Many of us are traveling down to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) to attend the service. If you would like to watch online here is the link ctsfw.edu/callday. Our adopted student, Jeff Windoloski will also be receiving his first call. We pray for all candidates and congregations.



Next Sunday, we will recognize Pastors Hagenow and Mundt for their almost 11 years serving as Pastoral Assistants. We thank them for their faithful, willing, and compassionate service beyond their retirement. Both of them are thankful that an associate pastor is coming so they can focus more on their families. There will be refreshments after the Divine Service in their honor.



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Gifts Received: \$ 2,728,986

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.

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.

	February 2025	March 2025	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 210,975.28	\$ 121,853.30	\$ 1,300,840.88
General Fund Expenses	\$ 156,248.22	\$ 119,960.11	\$ 1,105,300.26
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 54,727.06	\$ 1,893.19	\$ 195,540.62
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 15,631.00	\$ 1,124,955.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 10,522.00	\$ 34,785.00

Church Attendance Last Week: Maundy Thursday: 173 Good Friday: 333 (182-151) Easter Sunday: 657 (263- 394); Communion: 512 (148-167-197)

Sympathies to *Harold Baldauf and family* upon the death of his aunt, **Catherine Spyker**.

**Voters' Meeting
is April 28th @
7:00 p.m.**

Confirmation Reception - Your help is needed Do you have a tasty cookie or cookie bar recipe? Would you be willing to prepare it for the Confirmation Reception held after the questioning service on Friday, May 16th? If so, please sign up on the spring green sheet on the table in the Gathering Space below the bulletin board. We would like six bakers. Your help in recognizing our 2025 catechumens is appreciated! Questions? Call Linda Ackerman at 781-2961.

Sunshine Seniors The Sunshine Seniors will have their annual end of the year dine out at Timbers Bar & Grill on State Street on Tuesday, May 13 at noon. Contact Rich Schiemann at 989.642.8923 with any questions.

Men's Club St. Peter Men's Club and their guests will have our end of the year dine out on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00pm. We will meet and eat at Coty's Landing on Midland Road, Saginaw. If you have any questions, please call Rich Schiemann at 989.642.8923.

St. Peter Lutheran School Cook Position Open We are currently seeking a new cook for the 25-26 school year. Please contact *Mr. Eric Hagenow* for more information about the position. *Mrs. Becky Chanin*, our school cook, will be retiring at the end of this school year, and we are so thankful for her dedicated service to our school.

Cemetery Groundkeeper We are in need a of a new groundskeeper for the cemetery. This is part time, paid position. If you are interested, please contact Dave Earley at 989.737.2757 for details.

Book Of Philemon 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 begins a study this week on the Book of Philemon. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.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, May 4th, Guest Speaker *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola's* sermon is titled, "An Old Place, A New Beginning". God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here."

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Carl Neuenfeldt Jr., Josh McQueen **Sunday:** Mark Chapin, Matt Wardin

Videographer for next week: Landon Sherry

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior's love in helping others. 'Carry each other's burdens' (Galatians 6:2)."

- *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)

Revelation 1:4–18

John 20:19–31

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "*the firstborn of the dead*" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "*the keys of Death and Hades*" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "*sharp two-edged sword*" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "*believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,*" that by such faith "*you may have life in his name*" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "*to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*" (Acts 5:31).