

## NEWS AND NOTES for July 11 & 14, 2024



### Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,598,439
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,364,358
Remaining Commitment Amount:	\$ 135,642

**Family Game Night** will be held out in the Pavilion (weather permitting) during the summer. July 12<sup>th</sup> game night we will be having hot dogs and hamburgers and yard games. Hope to see everyone there!

**Celebrate the Savior VBS** I would like to extend heartfelt gratitude for the support that made this year's Vacation Bible School a resounding success. Over the course of the week, 78 children took part in celebrating our Savior! Your commitment to spreading God's love and teachings through this special program has truly made a difference in the lives of our children and the community. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated volunteers and supporters in our congregation. Thank you to all who donated supplies. And, thanks to *Glenn Hubbell, Ron Dashkevicz, Andy and Susan Neuenfeldt, Katie Fehn, Harry Claus, Max and Laura Kopplin, Brian Heinlein, Gary and Jennifer Hahn, Mitch Hingston, Maryn Hyatt, and Dean Thomas*, for their time and talents. Thank you all for being shining examples of faith and love in action. - *Deaconess Shirley*

**The Lutheran Women in Mission Saginaw Zone** banner is on display in the entry way here at St. Peter Lutheran for the month of July. The Michigan District Convention was recently held in Grand Rapids where a processional of banners opened the worship service. Beautiful banners created by each state zone displayed the convention theme from Psalm 34:8 "Taste and See That the Lord is Good". Many of the banners are then donated - one was chosen to accompany one of the missionary speakers to Uganda to aid in teaching the gospel. The MI District Biennial Convention was attended by 520 this year. Think about attending the 2026 convention in Lansing for wonderful worship, learning to share the gospel and participate in mission service with MI Lutherans in Mission from across your state. See where your "Mighty Mites" will be directed in God's service. For now, enjoy our banner, lovingly made by your LWML Saginaw Valley Zone.

**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.

	May 2024	June 2024	2023-24 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$87,365.77	\$194,125.56	\$ 1,408,157.07
General Fund Expenses	\$87,365.77	\$ 127,167.20	\$ 1,391,575.19
<b>Gain or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (31,011.60)</b>	<b>\$ 66,958.36</b>	<b>\$ 16,581.88</b>
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$47,132.00	\$55,335.00	\$ 2,915,693.72
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$1,643.00	\$2,675.00	\$ 35,560.00

**Church Attendance Last Week: 176 (41-135); Communion: 142**

**Summer Church Office Hours: M-Th 9am-3pm, Fr 9am-1pm**

**Equipping the Priesthood of all Believers...** 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 teachings include: The Scopes Monkey Trial, Liturgy as Discipleship, Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand, A Tree and Its Fruit, The Destiny of the Righteous in the Book of Psalms and more. You can listen at your convenience 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, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Unhindered". Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome.

### Community News:

❖ **School Therapist Wanted** - Wellspring Lutheran Services is seeking a School Therapist to support students in 8 Great Lakes Bay area Lutheran Schools as they address their mental health and wellness. The position will begin in August, 2024. Required qualifications, additional information, and application can be found at the following: <https://wellspringcareers.ttcportals.com/jobs/14518400-school-therapist>

**Ushers for next week: Thursday: Ryan Cicinelli, Nate McQueen Sunday: Larry Graf, Mike Wardin**

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

“We are each created in God’s image regardless of our abilities. He has called us to be His witnesses in the world. We are blessed for life—that we might be a BLESSING—glorifying Him in all we do. Because He has redeemed ME, my response to His everlasting love is to seek to do His will in all things and seek to serve. All His children, regardless of age (pre-born to wise with age), could seek to share God’s love with each and every soul God has created.”

- *Lori Solyom, Director of Development, Voice of Care*

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Amos 7:7–15

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

***The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance***

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him “*from following the flock*” and said to him, “*Go, prophesy to my people Israel*” (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would “*die by the sword,*” and Israel would “*go into exile away from his land*” (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod “*sent and seized John and bound him in prison,*” even though he knew that John “*was a righteous and holy man*” (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod “*sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head*” (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist “*has been raised from the dead*” (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself “*before the foundation of the world,*” and even now by faith, “*the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*” has blessed us in Christ “*with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also “*were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit*” for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).