

NEWS AND NOTES for March 22 & 23, 2025



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,744,060
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,716,004

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the gathering space table under the bulletin board. ----->

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.



Lenten Supper: We invite you to attend a Lenten Supper next Wednesday, March 26th. Sloppy joes, chips, salad and coffee/juice will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5 pm to 6:15 pm. Join us for a meal and church service afterwards at 6:30 pm. No cost, freewill offering accepted. If there are any leftovers, they will be left in the fellowship hall after divine service to take home.

Call Declined We are happy to report that Mrs. Kelley Fehn has declined the call to Peace, Saginaw, and she will be staying at St. Peter. Thank you Kelley for continuing to serve at St. Peter!

Dear People of St. Peter Lutheran,

After many prayers and bunches of wonderful conversations, the Lord has led me to continue my ministry with St. Peter. I look forward to continuing ministry with one of the best staffs around. I am very excited to see what the Lord has in store for us all in these coming years here at St. Peter.

I thank you for your patience and prayers during this process. The Lord is good and His love endures forever!!

Peace and Joy,

Mrs. Kelley Fehn

Call Accepted We are excited to announce that Mrs. Alexandra Frisco has accepted our call to be our 5th grade teacher starting in the 25-26 school year. Please continue to keep her, her husband and three children in your prayers as they make plans to move this summer from Alaska to Michigan.

Dear St. Peter Lutheran Church,

Since our initial contact in February, God has put an excitement in my heart for your ministry at St Peter Lutheran Church and School in Hemlock. When you extended the call, I knew that it would take much prayer, counsel, and deliberation to determine God's will for me and my family as we were discerning if Hemlock was a place where we could serve and thrive. Thank you for giving our family the time that we have needed to deliberate over this call. It is with much joy that I share with you the decision to accept the call as a teacher at St. Peter Lutheran School.

I have felt the heart of your mission of nurturing and educating God's children in a Christ-centered environment. I believe God has equipped me to do His work at St. Peter and I trust that God will use me to serve His kingdom through this new calling.

As our family prepares to move to Hemlock/Saginaw Area and begin serving there, we ask for many prayers during this process. We have been blessed during our time in Alaska, and we ask that you keep Anchor Lutheran School in your prayers as they will need to fill vacancies in the upcoming school year. While it is not easy to leave a place we love, we know that God is leading and directing us each step of the way.

Logistically, please pray for us as we make moving arrangements, look for housing, travel with three children, and adjust to the many changes that come with moving. We appreciate all of your support and advice as we join your ministry family! We look forward to seeing you in August and having our family join the ministry of St. Peter this upcoming school year.

In Christ,

Alexandra Frisco

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.

	January 2025	February 2025	2024-25 Fiscal Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$ 102,919.72	\$ 210,975.28	\$ 1,124,228.40
General Fund Expenses	\$ 127,868.21	\$ 156,248.22	\$ 983,028.29
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ (24,948.49)	\$ 54,727.06	\$ 140,200.11
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 29,193.00	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 1,111,973.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,084.00	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 25,332.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 240 (55 -185); Communion: 170

**** Any donations in Lenten Envelopes will go to Mission Fund unless otherwise specified.**

In Memory of:

- ✠ **Rev. Fred Reimer**, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Joyce Burdo*.
- ✠ **Rev. Edward & Shirley Pankow and John Pankow**, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Dave & Kae Pankow, Paul Pankow, and Claus & Susan Holtrop*.
- ✠ **Wayne Hubbell**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Roger & Pam Breternitz, Andy & Susan Neuenfeldt, and Joyce Burdo*.
- ✠ **Dorothy Ickes**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Andy & Susan Neuenfeldt, Larry & Linda Graf, Alex & Karin Todd, Joyce Burdo, and Dave & Sharon King*. Gifts were given to the General Fund from *Tracey Bauer and Fred & Rhoda Nehmer* and to the Student Aid Fund from *Carol Wardin*.
- ✠ **Marilynn June Trinklein**, gifts were given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Russ & Carol Darby, Larry & Joyce Linville, Thomas & Maggie Boos, Dave & Sharon King, Joyce Burdo, Brad & Lynn Smith, Donald & Denise Potter, Bob & Chelle Dankert, Rockwell Scherzer, Ed & Pat Watson, Tammy & Kaeden Watson, Leslie & Kiley Brady and Robert & Margaret*

Ortman. A gift was given to the Mission Fund from *Gary & Pat Kricher*. A gift was given to the General Fund from *Barbara Nothelfer*.

In Honor of:

❖ **Andy Neuenfeldt**, a gift was given to the Building on the Cornerstone Fund from *Karen Pringle*.

Thank you! Men's Club extend a thank you to everyone who helped make this annual event a success. The weather was perfect and everything went well. It is always great to see so many in our church family work together. The proceeds from the fish fry are used to support our Church and School.

Men's Club The next Men's Club meeting needs to be changed to Monday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. instead of the first Monday in April. This is due to a scheduling conflict. We hope to see everyone there.

Easter Flower Orders are due by April 14th. Just fill out an order form located on the memorial stand in the gathering space. You can either mail to the church office or drop your order forms and payment in the memorial stand. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Mary Martha, Ladies Aid and all ladies of the congregation- Our Spring dine out is Tuesday, April 8th @ 6:00p.m. located at Timbers on State Street in Saginaw. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship. RSVP by April 7th to Coleen Schantz 989-642-2038.

Cemetery Groundkeeper We are in need 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.

Richland Lutheran Cemetery It is time to clean up the grounds and prepare for spring. Please clean off all winter decorations such as grave blankets and wreaths off gravesites by April 1st.

20th Annual St. Peter PTL Auction Tickets and tables are now on sale. The deadline to buy tickets and tables is March 31. Tickets will not be sold at the door! Here are the details:

- **Date:** April 5, 2025. Doors open at 5:00pm with the auction beginning at 6:00pm.
- **Location:** Swan Valley Banquet Center
- **Theme:** Denim and Diamonds
- **Price:** Tickets are \$30 each and reserved tables are available for an additional \$100. Tickets **will not** be sold at the door.
- **Bidding Info:** The live auction will be done in-person, while the silent auction will be done online.
- **Dinner Menu:** Chicken Parmesan, Buttered Noodles, California Mix, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Dessert.

Book Of Ecclesiastes 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 recently started a study on the Book of Ecclesiastes. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, 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, March 30th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Even Me, Even You". Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others.

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

The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service The Tri-City Good Friday Committee after meeting several times and doing some investigation has decided not to hold the Tri-City Good Friday service this year at Horizons or at any other location. There were several factors that led to our decision including decreasing attendance and decreased collections prior to and at the service which has led to a deficit over the last two years. Other locations were evaluated but none worked out at this time. The committee will reconsider a service next year.

Ushers for next week: Midweek Lenten Service: *Kurt Cicinelli, Ryan Cicinelli* **Saturday:** *Jordan McQueen, Kyle Smith*
Sunday: *Eric Starke, Tom Wardin*

Videographer for next week: Midweek Lenten Service: *Help?* **Sunday:** *Scott Neumeyer*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother."

- *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President*

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezekiel 33:7–20

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "spiritual food" and pours out His "spiritual drink" (1 Cor. 10:3–4).