

NEWS AND NOTES for April 20, 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.



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:

Commitments and Gifts:	\$ 2,751,421
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,724,155

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.

Easter Brunch Come join the fellowship at Easter Brunch following the Easter Sunrise service at 8:00am to 9:15am with the 9:30am Easter service following brunch. Food and drink provided. If you wish to contribute a pastry please call the church office. If anyone is interested in prep or clean up, please contact Dcns. Shirley.

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	\$ 1,235,619.38
General Fund Expenses	\$ 156,248.22	\$ 119,960.11	\$ 1,092,364.84
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 54,727.06	\$ 1,893.19	\$ 143,254.54
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 19,422.00	\$ 1,120,124.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 31,207.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 362 (72 -290); **Communion:** 266

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.

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

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.

Sacred Music For The Easter Season... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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, April 27th, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Through Locked Doors". When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus.

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

Ushers for next week: Saturday: *Eric Starke, Ray Wardin* Sunday: *Joe Wardin, Tom Wardin*

Videographer for next week: *Charlotte Starke*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'"

- John Stonestreet

EASTER DAY

Isaiah 65:17–25

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

Luke 24:1–12

Christ's Resurrection Is the Firstfruits of the New Creation

The Lord has promised to “*create new heavens and a new earth*” (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are “*the offspring of the blessed of the LORD*” (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For “*if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied*” (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, “*the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be “*perplexed about this*” (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an “*idle tale*” (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.