

NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 13 & 16, 2021

Altar flowers that you may wish to order for a special day may be ordered and paid directly to the flower shop. You may choose to call *Kathy Mundt* (642.8346) to place the order for you and pay the church for the arrangement and delivery charge at the time of ordering. Whether ordering on your own or through *Kathy*, please be sure to sign the Flower Chart on the door next to the church library and call the church office so the occasion can be listed in the bulletin.

Below are the General Fund Income and Expense numbers for the prior months and the current fiscal year to date. Building Fund and Missions are also listed. We hope that these numbers provide a clear picture of our operating status.

	<u>March 2021</u>	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>2020-21 Fiscal Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$ 99,751.47	\$ 99,751.47	\$ 976,923.86
General Fund Expenses	\$ 106,116.08	\$ 106,116.08	\$ 857,711.79
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Building Fund Donations	\$ 4,434.00	\$ 3,589.00	\$ 256,853.00
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 5,664.00	\$ 4,407.00	\$ 31,984.00

Church Attendance Last Week: Last week: 213 (52-161); Communion: 178

A Mission Moment In the past two weeks \$72.75 has come in the large mite box to help spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! We have all been entrusted with the care for other souls to tell them what God has done. Please, find joy in the Savior's leading. Please pray for all missionaries.

Art Exhibit Our St. Peter student artists continue to display their favorite artworks in the narthex. They are very excited to show everyone some of what they have created this year in *Ms. Parsell's* Art Class. This week we are featuring the artwork of the 7th & 8th grades.

If you would like to see what is happening at our school, you can receive the *Panther Press* via your email. Call the school office to give us your email address and you will be added to the distribution list. You can also read the *Press* on our website www.stpeterhemlock.org, or you can click on the QR code to access this week's *Panther Press* or view previous newsletters. If more convenient, there are a few paper copies available in the stand in the narthex.



Valley Lutheran High School Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the VLHS Association will be held Wednesday, May 19 beginning at 7pm in the high school's resource center.

Yes, summer camps at Valley Lutheran are a 'go'! Middle school students are invited to join us in June for a wide range of camp offerings in a safe and fun setting. Sports, liturgical dance, art, STEM activities - you'll likely find something for everyone! Head to www.vlhs.com/camps to view the full camp schedule and to register. Please contact Summer Camp Coordinator Amy Cooper at acooper@vlhs.com or 989-790-1676, ext. 40 with any questions.

Do you have a spare bedroom? An unused "in-law suite"? A vacation house that sits empty all winter? The first class of CUAA PA students are in search of affordable housing during clinical rotations located across the state beginning in May 2022. If you have room for a student (or two!), please consider opening your doors to a graduate student in need. Please contact the PA program with questions (Elena Holley 734.995.4826) or to add yourself to the potential housing list.

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 23, Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "Wisdom Knows When" (Proverbs 15:1). Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God.

Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS *Pastor Todd Wilken*. You can listen to expert guests discuss: The Church's Response to Transgenderism, Infant Baptism, Natural Law, The Bodily Resurrection of Christ, Western Civilization, Revisionist History and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Ushers for next week: Thursday 6:30pm: *Ryan Cicinelli, Nate McQueen;* **Sunday 9:30am:** *Matt Stavely, Scott Stine*

Videographer for next week: Sunday 9:30am: *Maria Hagarty*

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life

www.lutheransforlife.org

“William Shakespeare once reasoned, ‘Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.’ How do you know that God loves you? While you and I were yet wandering, Christ was wandering after us, pursuing us, even by way of the cross: love seeking the lost in human flesh. It is this sacrifice that stands as the greatest marker in all time.”

Ravi Zacharias, evangelist