

May 2023

The Light

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St. Peter's Diaper Pantry opening May 9!



*"Changing" lives,
one diaper at a time!*



Thank you for your donations! We've collected close to 3000 diapers and 80 packages of wipes! Diaper distribution will begin on May 9. The diaper pantry is located in the northeast corner of our building. We'll be open the second Tuesday of every month from 11 am - 1 pm and the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 4 - 6 pm. If you would like to volunteer for this new outreach, please call Christine Simone (313) 655-7367 or email Chris Ritter critter2009@gmail.com.

Diaper collection will be ongoing. Do you have friends or family that would support our ministry? Do you belong to a group that might do a diaper drive for us? Spread the word!

Spring Notes

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:43-47)

Dear friends in Christ,

This passage describes the early days of the church, just after the Holy Spirit was poured out on the followers of Jesus on Pentecost. I have always been drawn to this image of the early believers, spending time together, sharing their possessions, and attending to the needs of others. They did all of this with “glad and generous hearts.”

These words are an invitation to us to do as the early believers did – to gather together and to share, not just with one another but with others in our community. At St. Peter’s, we do a lot of gathering together – weekly worship, fellowship, and study. We also do a lot of sharing.

Starting this month, we will be sharing with others in a new way as our new diaper pantry ministry begins to serve people in our community. For the past few months boxes of diapers and wipes have been given. Youth and adults have helped sort and repackage diapers. And now we begin sharing them with those who need them. It has been a blessing to see the Holy Spirit at work guiding this ministry from a conversation last fall to a tangible expression of the love of Jesus with our community. I look forward to continuing to see how God works through this ministry.

Thank you to those who will be volunteering with the diaper pantry in the coming months. Also thank you to those who will be volunteering with another ministry of sharing this month – the St. Clair Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Ken

Pastoral Care

Pastor Ken is in the office at least one day per week and works from home the remainder of the week. If he is not in the office, you can reach him at (810) 892-3043 or pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com. Pastor Ken is making home visits, and will gladly bring Communion to those who are unable to attend worship in person. Please contact Pastor Ken if you or a family member would like a visit or Communion.

Pre-Packaged Communion

Starting on Sunday, May 7, we will no longer offer pre-packaged Communion elements in worship. Communion can be brought to anyone who wishes to remain seated instead of coming to the rail. Please let an usher know. Pre-packaged elements are available on request for those who would like to commune during online worship.

Thank You

Thank you to those who assist with worship in various ways. A special thank you to all who helped with special services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. It takes many gifts to make worship happen. With gratitude,
Pastor Ken

Synod Assembly

Once a year, members and leaders from ELCA congregations in Southeast Michigan gather for Synod Assembly. At the assembly, voting members elect individuals to serve in synod leadership positions, pass a budget for the synod, and conduct other business. However, the assembly is more than a business meeting. It is also an opportunity to hear about ministries in the synod and across the ELCA. There are also opportunities to worship together. This year's Synod Assembly is May 18-20 at the Bluewater Convention Center. Bob Coffey and Chris Ritter are our voting members. Please pray for them, Pastor Ken and all who attend synod assembly this year.

Synod Assembly Choir

Thursday evening, May 18th a combined choir from Conference 2 churches will be singing. Rehearsals will be at Pilgrim Lutheran in Marysville, 1023 Michigan Ave.
Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10 or Thursday, May 11 – *TBD after first rehearsal
Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.
Please plan to bring your choir binder or a 3-ring black binder, and a pencil.
Anyone who is interested in participating in the choir should contact Renee Evans 810-824-2171.

Blessing of Graduates

We will be recognizing and blessing graduates in worship on Sunday, June 4. All high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing. If you are graduating, please email Chris at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net. We will celebrate our graduates in an upcoming newsletter.

Bottle and Can Collection

Thank you to those who have signed up to return cans and bottles. There are still a few months available. Proceeds go towards future youth activities, including the 2024 youth gathering. Sign up using the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E48A8A62CA5FC1-canand1>

Sunday School

Sunday School for grades pre-K through fifth grade will be offered on May 7 and 21. Children will be dismissed to Sunday School from worship after the children's sermon and then return to worship before Communion.

Special Offering Envelope

On Pentecost Sunday (May 28), we have a special offering envelope designated for ELCA Global Missions. This offering helps the ELCA fund missionaries and projects in more than 90 countries around the world. The work of ELCA Global Missions is guided by the theology and practice of accompaniment, which means we walk and work together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith sisters and brothers around the world. We learn from them and help where we are needed. To learn more go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission>.

Confirmation Sunday

Two of our youth will affirm their baptism on Sunday, May 21. Please join us for worship as Henry Milligan and Karly Vogel celebrate this important faith milestone.

Food Pantry

St. Peter's is scheduled to staff the food pantry twice a week in May. Volunteers are needed to serve. In addition, St. Peter's is assigned to donate various kinds of soap – laundry, body wash, or dish soap. The bins are in the hall near the water fountain. Call Joanne Niederhauser at 810-329-4953 if you have any questions or want to volunteer to help.

Christmas in July

Mark your calendars for July 23. We are once again collecting winter hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves so that local charities have some available for those late fall cold spells. Purchased and homemade items are welcome, so shoppers grab those winter clearance items, and crafters grab your yarn and fabric as we get ready to celebrate Christmas in July. Donations may be left in the church lobby.



5/01 Reese Lyle
 5/02 Dwight Dundas
 5/04 Jonathan Eifert
 5/06 Marilyn Tackaberry
 5/06 Olivia Jones
 5/07 Quinn Vogel
 5/08 Paulette Butlin
 5/11 Vera LaMarsh 97
 5/11 Sara Lyle
 5/11 Mila Emerich
 5/12 Alan Ritter
 5/13 Kaedence Eisen
 5/14 Isabelle Furtah
 5/14 Lainey Donaldson
 5/16 Natalie Eifert
 5/16 Landon Alley
 5/19 Janae Trombley
 5/22 Mason Staib
 5/23 Emily Mathews
 5/25 Ruby Neiman
 5/26 David Alley
 5/28 Theresa Eisen
 5/28 Tracey Mathews
 5/30 Martin Green
 5/30 Renee Westrick
 5/30 Laurie Dundas



5/12 Stephen & Renee Westrick
 45 years
5/14 David & Julie Alley 18 years
5/15 Charles & Marilyn Tackaberry
 58 years
5/15 Kevin & Dawn Lambrecht 25 years
5/20 Mike & Shannon Furtah 18 years
5/20 Alan & Christine Ritter 23 years
5/23 Thomas & Cynthia Duemling
 36 years
5/25 Kris & Eric McDonald 16 years
5/26 Alan & Katy Emerich 16 years



Easter Flowers



In Memory of:

Given By:

Donald & Myrtle Gibson
 John Niederhauser
 Mary Coffey
 Norman Stoecker
 Bob & Pamela Mattock
 Bill & Dona Mau
 Logan and Nathan Staib
 Don Snyder
 Loved Ones
 Richard Schlegel
 Robert & Christine Beier
 Our Family
 Jeanne Sullivan
 Our Loved Ones
 Frank Murry
 Loved Ones
 Ron & Rosalie Lambrecht
 Jan & Mary Rumbaugh
 Carl & Marlene Eisen
 Loved Ones
 Sonny & Carroll Jiske
 Larry Boden
 Roy & Elizabeth Butler
 Loved Ones
 Loved Ones
 Nancy & Chuck Babcock
 Don Dease
 Jeanne Sullivan

Janet Allington
 Joanne Niederhauser & Family
 Family
 Norene Stoecker
 The Trombley Family
 Their Loving Family
 Pastors Ken & Joyce Staib
 Mary Ellyn & Family
 Charles & Marilyn Tackaberry
 Mary Alice Schlegel
 The Family
 Gail Quinlan
 Mary Rasschaert
 Jennifer MacDonald
 The Novak Family
 The Emerich Family
 The Lambrecht Family
 J. & J. Donaldson Family
 Dick & Theresa Eisen
 Nancy Diebold
 J. & J. Donaldson Family
 Carol Boden
 Charles Butler
 Dave & JoAnn Uppleger
 Marc & Christine Simone
 Tom & Cindy Duemling
 Karen Boden & Sons
 Julian Sullivan

In Honor of:

Given By:

Norene Stoecker
 Ari and Robin

The Downing Family
 Tim & Renee Evans



In Our Prayers

Family of Debbie VanTiem

Darlene Snider

Matt Hoffman

Nancy Dease

Tom Latowski

Patti Jones

Todd Bodany

Margaret Danneels

Mike Morenko

Ruth Reyelts

Tom Peters

Dennis Rocker

Janice Convis

Sharon Ann Wheeler

Pat Greenwood

Bernie Nummer

Ruth Morris

James Mitchell

Marlene Hand

Douglas Hand

Norma Schoenrade

Eleanor Schroeder

Kay Folk

Thom Dewey

George Eisen

Johanne Bodany

Marge Guinther

Bryan Neiman

Tim, Ali and Andrew

Jack & Char Boulier

The Lindsay-Morris Family

Pastor Ken, Pastor Joyce,

and Mason

Those affected by COVID-19

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to update this list

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Memorial Gifts

In Loving Memory of John MacDonald

By: Mary Ellen Snyder
Norene Stoecker
Joanne Niederhauser
Mary Alice Schlegel
Carol Boden
Bob Coffey
Ron & Gayle Meiselbaugh
Mary Jayne Young
Denny & Deb Ward
Julian Sullivan
Phillip & Mary Lundman
James & Sandra Shafran
Mary Brown
Ryan, Jeann, J.J. Schwehofer
Alan & Mary Jo MacDonald
Gerald & Linda Schwehofer
Beth Griffor
Jerry & Nancy Black
Kevin & Traci Ameal
Jerry & Linda Schwehofer
Janice Benson Peters
Charles & Marilyn Tackaberry
Mark & Anna Fisher
Martin & Nancy Green
Donna Tassie
Tim & Susan Starbuck
Marion & Walter Jones.
Michael Barnum
Richard & Susan Schwartz
Richard & Jane Lane
C.A Dalzen
Stanley & Nancy Schriener
Raymond & Helen Schwehofer
Cynthia Schwehofer
Richard & Theresa Eisen
Gerald and Lynne Grobbel
Raymond & Laura Schwehofer
William & Sally Ameal

In Loving Memory of Jeanne Sullivan

By: Shawn C. Smith
Joanne K.B. Sullivan Charitable Fund
Ron & Nancy Germain



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Council Meeting 6 pm (via Zoom)	3 Bible Study 1pm Confirmation 6:30-7:45 pm	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
7 Worship 9:30 am Sunday School	8	9 Diaper Pantry Open 11-1	10 Bible Study 1pm Confirmation 6:30-7:45 pm	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 Worship 9:30 am <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 Diaper Pantry Open 4-6	17 Bible Study 1pm Confirmation Banquet	18 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly	19	20
21 Worship 9:30 am Confirmation Sunday School	22	23	24 Bible Study 1pm	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 Worship 9:30 am	29 Memorial Day 	30	31 Bible Study 1pm			

St. Peter's Financial Summary

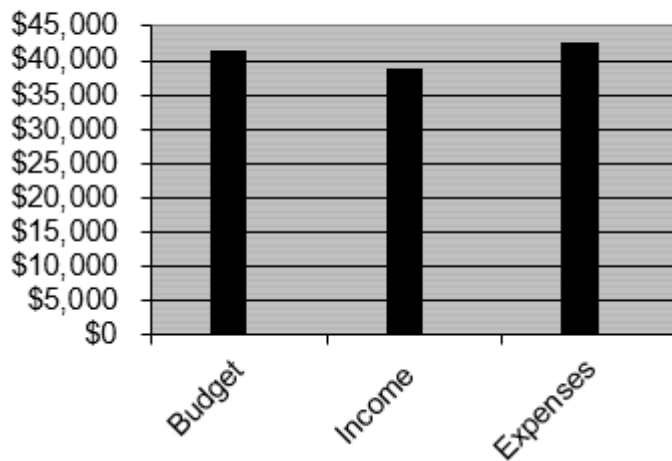
Month Ending 3/31/23

	Actual for Month	Budgeted for Month	Income Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 10,628.03	\$ 13,794.00	(3,165.97)
General Fund Expenses	(14,191.29)	(13,794.00)	
Increase (Decrease) Cash	(3,563.26)	0.00	

Cash Balances as of 3/31/23

General Fund	\$ 12,059.76
Designated	\$ 78,810.93
Sunday School	\$ 2,897.93

Year-to-Date 3/31/23



Money Counters

April: Nancy Black & Diane Hodgins

May: Katy & Alan Emerich

ONLINE GIVING

The tithe.ly app is an easy way to support the ministries of St. Peter's.

To download the app, search for [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) in the App Store or Google Play. Once the app is downloaded you can search for "St. Peters Lutheran." The default giving option is the General Fund, but there are options for seasonal giving envelopes and memorials. You can also set up recurring payments. Click the link below to give online.



May
Worship
Assistant
Schedule

<u>Volunteer task</u>	Sunday May 7	Sunday May 14	Sunday May 21	Sunday May 28
<u>Scripture Reader</u>	Katy Emerich	Dawn Lambrecht	Del Vogel	Sue Daniels
<u>Media Ministry</u>	Ian Boden	Tim Evans	Tim Evans	Ian Boden
<u>Projectionist</u>	Carol Vogel	Jan Allington	Bob Coffey	Marc Simone
<u>Usher</u>	Karen Boden	Chuck Butler	Ron Meiselbaugh	Bob Beier
<u>Dismissal</u>	Mila Emerich			
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Sue Daniels	Alexa Lambrecht	Nancy Green	Chris Ritter
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Carol Boden Katy Emerich	Carol Boden Katy Emerich	Carol Boden Katy Emerich	Carol Boden Katy Emerich

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

(Zoom Meeting) -- DRAFT

April 11, 2023

Opening: After some technical difficulties, the meeting opened at 6:25 PM, via Zoom.

Council members: Pastor Ken Staib*, Jan Allington, Chuck Butler, Bob Coffey, Tim Evans (Secretary), Marty Green (Vice President), Ashley Matthews*, Chris Ritter, Chris Simone, Carol Vogel (Treasurer), Steve Vogel, Del Vogel (President). (Those absent from the meeting are marked with an *).

Devotions: Tim Evans.

Review of Minutes of March 2023 Council Meeting:

Meeting: Motion by Chuck to accept minutes. Supported by Carol. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Vogel submitted the report for April 2023. General Fund income was \$10,628 vs. expenses of \$14,191. Motion to accept Treasurer's report, by Tim; second by Chris R. MC.

Pastor Ken Staib's Report: As Submitted. Motion to accept by Chris R., supported by Marty. MC.

Suggestion box: None in box. If anyone has suggestions, they can be emailed to Pastor (pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com), or Del (delvogel@yahoo.com).

Old Business:

Review Dashboard: Attendance improved slightly, but expenses continue to exceed income.

Review membership: The work is substantially complete, but the committee is working on some loose ends, including missing member information. We have approximately 90 active households.

2023 Goals: Del will review with Pastor, when he is back from vacation.

Golf: There has been a little interest, perhaps enough for a foursome.

New Business:

St. Clair Police Department scam presentation: The St. Clair Police Department has offered to provide a no-cost presentation on how to avoid being scammed. Chris R. will create a sign-up sheet to gauge interest. The minimum number of people the Police Department would like to see is not clear. We may also see if Holy Family, and/or other churches are interested in a combined presentation.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship Outreach (Christine Simone): As submitted. Christmas in July collection box and coat rack are in the church lobby. St. Peter's will staff the Ecumenical Food Pantry in May. Joanne N. has her list of regular volunteers for the pantry, but would always welcome additional help. Note, our congregation is responsible for any type of soap donations. Attic Angel Sale will be in September. Monthly Fellowship lunches will resume in late spring/early summer. St. Peter's Diaper Pantry will begin in May (2nd Tuesday every month from 11 AM until 1 PM, and 3rd Tuesday from 4-6 PM). Confirmation students will be packing and labeling diapers on April 19. We have a nice group of volunteers, and we would gladly welcome more volunteers!

Worship (Bob Coffey): As submitted. Committee meetings were held with Holy Family Episcopal Church to plan joint services during Lent and Holy Week. The interim pastor at the congregational church attended one of the meetings. The services

were offered as advertised. Although attendance was light, these services were meaningful for those in attendance. Easter services at St. Peter's included great special music. Attendance at 8:00 AM was sparse, but there were about 90 people at the 9:30 AM service. Joint committee meetings need to be held with Holy Family to evaluate this year's experience and decide what to do jointly the rest of this year and next.

Parish Education (Steve Vogel): Verbal report. An event/activity to mark the end of the Sunday School year is being considered.

Property (Tim Evans/Chuck Butler/Marty Green): Verbal report. With the help of Dick Eisen, the grab bars for the main restrooms were installed, and the toilet in the handicap/family restroom was replaced with an ADA compliant toilet. Tim will investigate filling the hole left from the sewer repair and replacing the removed concrete. Tim confirmed that the current heating thermostats cannot be programmed separately for Saturday and Sunday. They should be replaced before next winter, so we no longer increase the temperature on Saturdays. Tim will contact DTE regarding their offer for subsidized energy improvements. Chuck repaired the faucets in the secretary's office, which had been inoperable. We will again cover lawn care with member volunteers. Thanks to Marc Simone for cleaning up and fertilizing. The boiler leak temporary repair continues to work, but a permanent repair should be done when the system is shut down for the summer.

Stewardship (Jan Allington/Chris Ritter): Verbal report. Recruiting new worship assistants. Bob Beier has volunteered to usher and Lexi Lambrecht has volunteered to assist with Communion.

Youth and Family Ministries (Ashley Matthews): No report.

Next meeting: May 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM (By Zoom)

Devotions for next meeting: Steve Vogel

Closing: Motion to close the meeting was made by Marty, supported by Chris R. MC. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Evans

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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

