

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 14

8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Mon. Mar 15

4:00 PM Just-4-Kix
7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)
7:00 PM Monday Night Fellowship

Tues., Mar 16

4:00 PM Just-4-Kix
6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics
7:00 PM Church Council

Wed., Mar 17

12:00 PM 12@12
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:30 PM CIA/Sr. High Youth

Thurs., Mar 18

10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1
3:30 PM Just-4-Kix

Fri., Mar 19

6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.
7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1

Sat., Mar 20

9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Mar 21

8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Church Staff

Lyle Snyder	Pastor	Seth Boerboom	Pianist
Seth Boerboom	Parish Associate	Judy Hoeft	Pianist
Lauren Winn	Financial Assistant	Melinda Grohs	Preschool Director
Judy DeCramer	Organist	Lisa Rosenboom	Assistant Teacher
Mary Hauschild	Organist	Melissa Doose	Assistant Teacher
Gunvar Dombek	Organist		



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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

4th Sunday in Lent

March 14th, 2021

† Worship with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers

We remember in prayer these and all others we name in our hearts:

- Danalee Merrill (sister of Sandy Hoffbeck, recovering from emergency open heart surgery)
- Duane Sanow (Brother of Brenda Vannostrand, brain cancer)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Jason Anderson (deployed w/ National Guard overseas)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- Pat Grannes (mother of Kari Matson, cancer and not receiving treatments)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Russ Boelter (father of Stacy West, stomach cancer)
- Rollie Winter (Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Scott Boerboom (prostate cancer)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Sylvia Guzman (mother of Alex Andujar)
- Family of Jeanette Hoberg (mother of Deann Holland)
- Family of Jullo Kor (uncle of Howard Kor)
- Family of Marlin Linstrom (brother of Phyllis Wallin)

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m., 8:30, a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Director Leaving

Our Preschool Director, Melinda Grohs will be leaving at the end of May. She'll be moving back with her family home to South Dakota. We'll be very sad to see her go! The opening is posted on indeed.com, the St. Stephen Facebook Page, on EdPost through St. Cloud State, the St. Stephen Webpage, and a few other places. Feel free to pass the announcement on to others you know who may be interested.

Worship Time Change

This Week we are going back to our 8:30 & 10:30 schedule. We are doing this because we are going to have our milestone ministry classes at 9:30.

Baptized Today!

Congratulations to Braylee Marie Wellnitz who is being baptized today at the 10:30 service! Braylee was born on October 9th, 2020. Braylee is the daughter of Payton Wellnitz & Mikalyn Pershing. Braylee's sponsors are Taylor & Cameron Olson, Jasmine Kix, and Preston Pershing. Welcome to the Lord's Family Braylee!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—

⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

Jesus said: ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister	Rev. Lyle Snyder
Assisting Minister	Payton Swanson (8:30) Luke Ehlers (10:30)
Organist	Mary Hauschild (8:30)
Acolyte	Lexi Soehl (8:30) Cash Branstner (10:30)
Pianist	Judy Hoeft, Nicole DeBoer, Adri DeBoer, Heather Holmgren, Carrie Jones, Margo VanMoer, Kären Goergen (10:30)
Projector	Brock Swanson (8:30) Maverick Branstner (10:30)
Video	Craig Holland (10:30)
Lector	Shanda Walker (10:30)