

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Aug 29

- 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube
- 6:00 PM Preschool Orientation

Mon. Aug 30

- 5:00 PM Just-for-Kix
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)
- 8:00 PM Monday Night Fellowship @ Brau Brothers

Tues., Aug 31

- 5:00 PM Just-for-Kix
- 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wed., Sep 1

- 5:00 PM Just-for-Kix
- 12:00 PM 12@12

Thurs., Sep 2

- 9:00 AM Senior Coffee
- 5:00 PM Just-for-Kix
- 5:30 PM Women's Recovery
- 10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1

Fri., Sep 3

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

Sat., Sep 4

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Sep 5

- 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

CHURCH STAFF

Lyle Snyder	Pastor	Gunvar Dombek	Organist
Seth Boerboom	Pianist	Judy Hoeft	Pianist
Lauren Winn	Financial Assistant	Katie Brockberg	PreK Director
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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 29th, 2021**

† **Worship with Holy Communion**

PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- David Roberts (brother of Val Brezczinski, cancer)
- Delores Manke (hospice)
- Ellen Wischer (in hospice)
- Gerlinde Doom (preparing for open heart surgery)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Virgil Johnson (father of April Valdez, recovering from heart attack)
- Rollie Winter (Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Jason Anderson (deployed w/ National Guard overseas)

new students is Wednesday, September 8th, at 6:30 pm at St. Stephen. To register, go to tinyurl.com/rvd2n2es

Sunday School

Sunday School Registration is online! Sunday School is for Preschool through 5th Grade. To register, go to tinyurl.com/2xs8z45

St. Stephen is Hiring

St. Stephen is hiring for two positions, an office assistant and a preschool after-school aide. For more information and to apply, go to ststephenmarshall.org/news

New Service Times

On Sunday, September 12th, we'll be going back to our regular year service times of 8:30 a.m. (Traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary).

Confirmation Registration
Confirmation registration for new students is now online! This is for new students only. Orientation for parents of

TODAY'S READINGS

First Lesson - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

1So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to

enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

Second Lesson - James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their

hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Lesson - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding	Lyle Snyder	Communion	Paul Bridgland
Music	Mary Hauschild	Video	Cody Kesteloot
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