

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 2

- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship & Live Stream on YouTube

Mon., Jan. 3

- 4:30 PM Just-for-Kix
- 8:00 PM Monday Night Fellowship @ Brau Brothers

Tues., Jan. 4

- 11:30AM Second Harvest Heartland
- 1:00 PM Quilting
- 4:30 PM Just-for-Kix
- 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wed., Jan. 5

- 12:00 PM 12@12
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Huddle Group Leader Meeting

Thurs., Jan. 6

- 9:00 AM Senior Coffee
- 10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1
- 4:30 PM Just-for-Kix
- 5:30 PM Women's Recovery

Fri., Jan. 7

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

Sat., Jan. 8

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Jan. 9

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:35 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship & Live Stream on YouTube
- 1:00 PM Heartland Ephphatha



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PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- David Roberts (brother of Val Breczinski, cancer)
- Delores Manke (hospice)
- Ellen Wischer (in hospice)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Don Greathouse (Dad of Jeff Greathouse, hospitalized with a stroke)

Help Kaylee Juutilainen Find a Kidney!

A young St. Stephen member, Kaylee Juutilainen, is in need of a kidney. Please consider being a donor! Go to mhealth.donor.screen.org/register/now to begin the process!

Quilters

Reminder that the Quilters meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays during the school year. All are welcome.

Senior Coffee

Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays between services (9:30-10:30am) in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Communion

Beginning in January we will have communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

**2nd Sunday of Christmas
January 2nd, 2022**

† Worship with Holy Communion

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 16th is the all congregation Annual Meeting at 9:30am between services in the Fellowship Hall. Please attend.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Jan. 13th in the Ark from 9am to 2pm.

Youth Fundraiser

Enjoy dinner at Pizza Ranch in Marshall on Monday, January 31st to support our Jr. & Sr. High Youth.

Save the Date

The Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser is planned for Sunday, February 13th. More details to come.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Lesson - Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather

them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Second Lesson - Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather

up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Lesson - John 1:10-18

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding	TBD	Acolyte	TBD
Musician	Gunvar Dombek	Projector	Jacob Allen
Lector	Abbie Boelter	Communion	Bethany Janachovsky
Usher	Eric Wallen	Bread	Gina Buss
Video	Craig Holland	Altar Guild	Brenda Citrowske