# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Sun., December 28 ~ Lessons & Carols

- NO Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols Worship w/ Live Stream
- 3:00 PM Old Path Pentecostal Church

#### Mon., December 29

- 6:00 AM Men's Small Group Bagels & Brew
- 5:30 PM Men's Small Group
- 6:30 PM Men's Small Group
- 7:00 PM Alanon
- 8:00 PM Men's Fellowship Brau Bros.

#### Tues., December 30

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#### Wed., December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

12:00 PM 12 @ 12



#### Thurs., January 1 ~ New Year's Day

Church office closed

10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1

#### Fri., January 2

Church office closed

- 5:00 PM Schardin/Bjorkman Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon. Meeting
- 7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. Meeting

#### Sat.. January 3

- 9:30 AM Karen 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
- 3:00 PM Schardin/Biorkman Wedding
- 7:00 PM Old Path Pentecostal Church



# **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Seth Boerboom Presiding: Musician: Seth Boerboom Lector: Abby Boerboom Acolyte: volunteer needed Slides: Harrison Landberg Usher: Mark & Kari Matson Video: Klayton VanOverbeke Sound: volunteer needed



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9:30am Lessons & Carols December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 + Worship

## We remember in prayer:

- •Delores Manke (hospice)
- •Kaylee & Evelyn Juutilainen (kidney)
- •Jim Kindler (brother of Judy DeCramer, ALS)
- •Kären Goergen (health)
- •Elly Greenman (health)
- Jolene Breczinski (health)
- •Carol Owen (health)
- Frank & Karen Bielinski (health)
- •Ron Kupfer (father of Ronda Bursell, health)
- •Pam Kesteloot (aunt of Daren K., health)
- •Shannon Blank (sister of Erin, Barb & Connie, uterus cancer)
- Jeri Popman (friend of Erin K., Alzheimer's)
- •Paul Beussman (father of Adam B., vision)
- •Everett Wallin (heart)
- •Brent Breczinski (nephew of Jolene, health)
- •Bev Roberts (mother of Val B., cancer)
- Steve Bennett (cancer)
- Juliet Pauling (niece of Brittany Olson, health)
- •Deb Stassen (sister of Dan, stroke recovery)
- •Jean Rickard (sister of Donna Kor, health)
- •Roland Winter (cancer)
- •Isaac Malsom (cousin of Emily Hoppe)
- •Leanne Kramer (mother of Laura Miller, health)
- •Russ Craigmile (father of Marc, health)
- •Al French (father of Regan, heart health)
- Erin Kuehl (knee surgery recovery)
- •Brenda Krog (surgery recovery)
- •Mary Hauschild (healing from a fall)
- •Seiko Green (sister-in-law of Roger & Ardy Green, liver transplant recovery)
- Adam Breczinski (health)
- •Evelyn Fox (niece of Esther Longseth, health)
- •Jason Lay (open heart surgery, friend of Lyle & Emily Snyder)
- •Brianna & Ella (daughter & newborn granddaughter of Dean & Penny Wyffels, complications)
- Paul Bridgland (health)
- •Jennifer Preuss (niece of Kari Matson, cancer)
- Family of James Johnson (grandpa of Carl)
- •Family of Lola Cowden (mother of Bill)
- Family of Violet Karasis

Please contact the office to add or update our prayer list.

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

Please remember to bring your poinsettias home with you after worship today.

# Season 3 of The Chosen

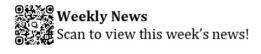
Our winter sermon series will follow Season 3 of The Chosen.
We have study books available in the office – you can join a small group or follow along on your own.
Links to the episodes are on our website. Series begins on Sunday, January 4th, 2026. Kick off the new year with us!

## Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to our St. Stephen family, our awesome community, Pastor Austin for his visits, our family and friends for all their kindness, thoughtfulness, their awesome meals and food brought to our home and visits during the last few years. This past year has been challenging but thanks for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Frank & Karen Bielinski

# **Annual Meeting**

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.



# Lessons & Carols Service

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG ~ #288 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" vs 1-3 **OPENING LITANY & PRAYER** 

**SONG OF THE DAY** ~ "Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

FIRST LESSON ~ Genesis 3:8-19 (pg. 2 in the pew Bibles)

God announces in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL ~ #254 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" vs 1-2

**SECOND LESSON** ~ Genesis 22:15-18 (pg. 16)

God promised to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

CAROL ~ #257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 1-3

**THIRD LESSON** ~ Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (pg. 555)

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

CAROL ~ #296 "What Child is This" vs 1-3

**FOURTH LESSON** ~ Micah 5:2-5a (pg. 756)

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

CAROL ~ #279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1-3

**FIFTH LESSON** ~ Luke 1:26-35, 38 (pg. 831)

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mar that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

CAROL ~ #283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1-3

**SIXTH LESSON** ~ Luke 2:1-7 (pg. 832)

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

CAROL ~ #276 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" vs 1-2

SEVENTH LESSON ~ Luke 2:8-16 (pg. 833)

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

CAROL ~ #289 "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs 1-3

**EIGHTH LESSON** ~ Matthew 2:1-11 (pg. 783)

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

CAROL ~ "We Three Kings of Orient Are" vs 1-3

**NINTH LESSON** ~ John 1:1-14 (pg. 862)

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL ~ #290 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" vs 1-3

# RESPONSIVE PRYAER OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

Children of all ages are invited to bring loose change forward and let your coins make a joyful noise in the bucket.



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# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

**SERMON** 

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG ~ #275 "Angles, from the Realms of Glory" vs 1-4 **SENDING** 





