

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sun., Aug 22

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

### Mon. Aug 23

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

### Tues., Aug 24

- 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

### Wed., Aug 25

- 12:00 PM 12@12

### Thurs., Aug 26

- 9:00 AM Senior Coffee
- 10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1

### Fri., Aug 27

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

### Sat., Aug 28

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

### Sun., Aug 29

- 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	Lisa Rosenboom . . . . .	Assist. Teacher
Judy DeCramer . . . . .	Organist	Melissa Doose . . . . .	Assist. Teacher
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*Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ*

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 22nd, 2021

† Worship with Holy Communion

## PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Cathy Verly (aunt of Josh DeBaere, inflammatory breast cancer)
- David Roberts (brother of Val Breczinski, cancer)
- Delores Manke (hospice)
- Ellen Wischer (in hospice)
- Gerlinde Doom (preparing for open heart surgery)
- Jim Hansen (hospitalized)
- Lawren Varpness (niece of David & Cally Riley, recovering from 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)
- Family of Harvey Buchholtz

(grandfather of Tanner Horne)

### Confirmation Registration

Confirmation registration for new students is now online! This is for new students only. Orientation for parents of new students is Wednesday, September 8th, at 6:30 pm at St. Stephen. To register, go to [ti.nyurl.com/rvd2n2es](http://ti.nyurl.com/rvd2n2es)

### Sunday School

Sunday School Registration is online! Sunday School is for Preschool through 5th Grade. To register, go to [ti.nyurl.com/2xsz8z45](http://ti.nyurl.com/2xsz8z45)

### Positions

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](http://ststephenmarshall.org/news)

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Lesson** - Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and

summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

### **Second Lesson - Ephesians 6:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplica-

tion for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### **Gospel Lesson - John 6:56-69**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Presiding	Lyle Snyder	Communion	Kirk Grannes
Music	Mary Hauschild	Video	Blake Weedman
Projector	Mickensy Monsen	Lector	Eric Wallen
Usher	Brittany Krull	Altar Guild	Kari Loft