

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thurs., April 14 Maundy Thursday

- 9:00 AM Senior Coffee
- 10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1
- 4:30 PM Just-for-Kix
- 5:15 PM NHCC Board Meeting
- 5:30 PM Women's Recovery
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion

Fri., April 15 Good Friday

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

Sat., April 16

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., April 17 Easter Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Live Stream on YouTube

Mon., April 18

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

Tues., April 19

- 10:00 AM Prairieview Condo Assoc.
- 11:30 AM Second Harvest Heartland
- 1:00 PM Quilting
- 4:30 PM Just-for-Kix
- 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics
- 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Wed., April 20

- 12:00 PM 12@12
- 5:30 PM Confirmation
- 5:30 PM 8th grade Confirmation Practice—families meet with Pastor Heather Culuris and Bishop Dee Pederson



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PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Delores Manke (hospice)
- Ellen Wischer (in hospice)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, ALS)
- Lilly Bursell (recovering from hip surgery)
- Kaylee Juutilainen (kidney)
- The family of Bob Steen

Quilters

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

Senior Coffee

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

Preschool Field Trip Donation

St. Stephen preschool is holding an envelope fundraiser to help offset the cost of their field trip to Lake Shetek Learning Center on May 3rd. If you are willing, please take an envelope from the display board and place a donation inside for the preschool. Envelopes can be placed in the offering collection plates during church services, in the box by the office or slide them under the office door.

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered every Sunday with two services in April and May. We will return to 1st & 3rd Sundays for summer.

Maundy Thursday

April 14th, 2022

+ Worship with Holy Communion

Offering

Please place your offering in the collection plates by the door as you exit in silence this evening.

Holy Week Services

We are excited to have Pastor Bonnie Lomen here for Holy Week Services including Maundy Thursday at 7pm with Holy Communion, Good Friday at 7pm and Easter Sunday services at 8:30am and 10:30am with Holy Communion.

8th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation Sundays are planned for Sunday, April 24th and Sunday, May 1st at the 10:30am service both days.

2nd Grade First Communion

First Communion Sunday for our 2nd graders is planned for Sunday, Sunday, May 15th at the 10:30 service with a student/parent lesson on Wednesday, May 4th from 6-7pm in the church sanctuary.

HS Senior Recognition

On Sunday, May 22nd at both services we will recognize our high school Seniors and present them with their quilts.

Save the Date for VBS

Vacation Bible School will be June 20-24th here at St. Stephen in partnership with Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane, ELW #347*

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

P: God, who is rich in mercy, ... that Christ may abide in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING ~ Exodus 12:1-14

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *Read Responsively.*

The lector reads the normal font, the congregation responds in bold.

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

2 **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

15 **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

17 **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ~ John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION

The laying on of hands and forgiveness will take place as you come forward for communion.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Lord Jesus,... for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN (solo by Bill Cowden) *Were You There, ELW #353*

All depart in silence.

