#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Sun., April 3

- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream on YouTube
- 9:35 AM Sunday School
- 3:00 PM Just-for-Kix

#### Mon., April 4

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

#### Tues., April 5

- 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

#### Wed., April 6

- 12:00 PM 12@12
- 5:30 PM Confirmation
- 6:00 PM Lenten Meal –Breakfast Hash
- 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer Service

### Thurs., April 7

- 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., April 8

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

#### Sat., April 9

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist
- 1:00 PM Bridal Shower

#### Sun., April 10 Palm Sunday

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Brunch Youth Fundraiser
- 9:35 AM Sunday School—last day!
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, Sunday School Sings & Live Stream on YouTube
- Heartland Ephphatha Ministries
- 2:00 PM Music SW
- 3:00 PM Just-for-Kix



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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)
- Jolene Breczinski (recovering from eye surgery)
- Lilly Bursell (recovering from hip surgery)
- Kaylee Juutilainen (kidney)
- The family and friends of Bob Steen (long time musician at St. Stephen)

## **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.

## **Final Wednesday Evening**

This Wednesday is the final Lenten service. A free will offering meal will be served at 6pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7pm. This week's meal is Pancakes & proceeds are for youth traveling to Puerto Rico.

# Today

Today is the last 9:30am One Sunday Service for Lenten Season. On Palm Sunday (April 10th) we will return to two services at 8:30am and 10:30am. 5th Sunday in Lent April 3rd, 2022 † Worship with Holy Communion

# **April Communion**

Every Sunday will be communion Sunday in the month of April due to Holy week and Confirmation Sundays.

# **Palm Sunday Brunch**

Sunday, April 10th will be our annual Palm Sunday brunch. Youth will be serving egg bake, sausage, fruit & OJ from 9-11am with proceeds supporting youth attending the Puerto Rico mission trip this summer.

# **Sunday School Singing**

Sunday School children will be singing at the beginning of the 10:30 worship on Palm Sunday (April 10th).

## **Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday services with Holy Communion will be at 8:30am and 10:30am. Maundy Thursday at 7pm with Holy Communion. Good Friday services at 7pm. Easter Sunday services will be 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.

## **VBS** is coming

Save the date! June 20-24 we will hold Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen open to 3yr olds through 6th graders.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Lesson - Isaiah 43:16-21 <sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

## Second Lesson - Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forget-

ting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Lesson - John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ¹Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ³You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

# ——— HOLY WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN ———

Sunday, April 10th ~ Palm Sunday (Communion, Sunday School Sings at 10:30, Youth Brunch Fundraiser 9-11am) services at 8:30am & 10:30am.

*Thursday, April 14th* ~ <u>Maundy Thursday</u> (Communion) service at 7pm.

*Friday, April 15th* ~ <u>Good Friday</u> service at 7pm.

Sunday, April 17th ~ Easter Sunday (Communion) services at 8:30am & 10:30am.

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Leader	Bethany Janachovsky	Acolyte	Ascher Holland
Assistant	Aidan Erickson	Projector	Owen Brewers
Musician	Gunvar Dombek	Communion	Kirk Grannes
Lector	Kelly Loft	Altar Guild	Brenda Citrowske
Usher	Jasmine Steffen	Communion Bread	Paula Nemes
Video	Blake Weedman		