



# St. Stephen

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*proclaiming and serving Jesus Christ*

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God's work. Our hands.



*"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord is the Rock eternal."*

*Isaiah 26:3-4*



# AUGUST 2022

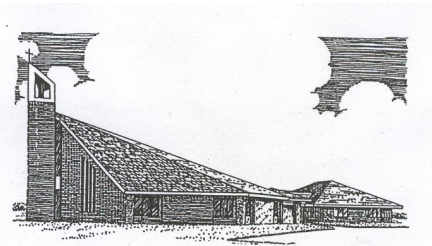
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ●7pm Special Council Meeting ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	2 ●9:30am SWCIL ●11:30am Second Harvest Heartland ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	3 ●12pm 12@12	4 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●9am Worship on Studio1	5 ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1	6 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service ●2:00pm Haley Williams Bridal Shower
7 ●9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream	8 ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	9 ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	10 ●12pm 12@12	11 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●9am Worship on Studio1 ●5:15pm NHCC Board	12 ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1	13 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
14 ●9:30am Worship & Livestream ●Heartland Ephphatha	15 ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship ●5pm Just for Kix	16 ●5pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics ●7pm Church Council	17 ●12pm 12@12 ●5pm Just for Kix	18 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●10am Worship on Studio1 ●5pm Just for Kix	19 ●5pm Just for Kix ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1 ●7pm Worship Service	20 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
21 ●9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream	22 ●5pm Just-for-Kix ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	23 ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	24 ●12pm 12@12 ●3pm Sevita	25 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●10am Worship on Studio1 ●5pm Just-for-Kix	26 ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1	27 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
28 ●9:30am Worship & Livestream ●6pm Pre-school Orientation	29 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	30 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	31 ●12pm 12@12 ●4:30pm Just for Kix			



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●9am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix	2 ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1	3 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
4 ●9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream	5 ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	6 ●11:30am Second Harvest Heartland ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	7 ●12pm 12@12 ●Confirmation Parent Meeting (6th grade & new parents only)	8 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●9am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●5:15pm NHCC Board	9 ●5pm Luxe/Wirtz Rehearsal ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1	10 ●8am Just for Kix ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service ●4pm Luxe/Wirtz Wedding
11 <i>Patriot Day</i> ●Worship & Livestream ●1st Day of Sunday School ●Heartland Ephphatha	12 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	13 ●1:30pm Sarah Circle ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	14 ●12pm 12@12 ●5:30pm Confirmation 1st Class	15 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●10am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix	16 ●5pm Stattleman /Trost Rehearsal ●6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous ●7pm Worship on Studio1	17 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service ●4pm Stattleman /Trost Wedding
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August  
2022



## From the Council Vice President – Erin Kuehl

July 25, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

With only a month left of Summer, we are starting to prepare for Fall: cooler weather, football, the leaves turning, and ... SCHOOL! Yep, Sunday School, Confirmation and Christians In Action (CIA) are gearing up for a new school year! With all the different education opportunities for our youth, we have a volunteer opportunity for YOU! This is a wonderful chance for you to share your experiences, knowledge, gifts and talents. Below are a few details about each group – St. Stephen Youth are our future and we can make a difference!

- Sunday School Teachers – what a fun age group! The little ones at St. Stephen are energetic, fun-loving and eager to learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit! They love to hear stories, play games, sing songs and worship God and you can be part of the fun!
- Confirmation Huddle Guides – this is a wonderful opportunity to hang out with a small group of kids once a week, helping to teach them about the Bible and Small Catechism while learning so much yourself! But it's not just that, once a month you get to be part of a fellowship event and just have fun.
- CIA Mentor – Senior High Youth – the young adults in our congregation get the opportunity to just hang out, talk about whatever they want, eat food, play games, watch a movie, and the list goes on and on. But they can't do this without an adult or two that are willing to hang out with them.

Questions? Here are some answers:

- **Who can volunteer?** Anyone! And you don't have to be a parent to volunteer!
- **Do I have to prepare the lessons?** Nope! The lessons are prepared ahead of time for Sunday School and Confirmation. No lesson needed for CIA!
- **Do I have to commit to every week?** Nope! The more volunteers we have, the more flexible we can be!
- **How long is the commitment for?** Sunday school and CIA are for the school year keeping in mind the schedules are flexible! Confirmation is for 3 years which goes by very quickly,

and your huddle will be the same kids throughout. I was a huddle guide for 9 years and they flew by!

- **What's in it for me?** You get to help children grow in their faith and be active in our congregation, what a rewarding and fulfilling experience! You will also get to know other adults in the congregation and build relationships. Plus, you can use some of the many gifts that God has blessed you with ☺
- **How do I volunteer?** Call the church office and sign up!!

### **Please, please, please consider volunteering and making a difference!**

Volunteers are also needed to help with Sunday morning service. Whether you are able to lead the service, assist with the musical aspect of the service, learn the new audio and video system and assist with the technical behind-the-scene portion of the service, we have a job for everyone! Contact Wendy in the church office to see where you can help!

Speaking of Sunday service, make sure you check out the new church audio and video system that John DeCramer organized on the new table made by Mike Citrowske! Awesome job John and Mike, thank you!

On behalf of the Council, we hope you enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Yours in Christ,

*Erin Kuehl*

St. Stephen Council Vice President

## **Call Committee Update**

We've interviewed 5 candidates so far, with the 5th being interviewed via Zoom and in person in June. We wanted them to be "our candidate of choice", however, they were not called to having St. Stephen, be their church of choice. We're back at our starting point of waiting for our Synod to recommend candidates to us. We have none pending at this time. We will continue to update the congregation via newsletter and church services like we have been as well as email going forward. Thank you, Charlie Ehlers (Call Committee Chair)

## **Property/Building Committee Update**

After the Property committee met in May they have been busy working on projects around the church. The exterior sign and enter/exit posts have been painted, shingles have been repaired, sacristy hot water heater fixed, and the sanctuary stone floor has been cleaned and resealed. The group plans to paint the back side of the fellowship hall this fall. If you would like to volunteer to help with any property projects please contact Daren Kesteloot at 507-829-4989.

## Sunday Worship Calendar

Date	
8/7 <i>*Communion</i>	9:30am Worship
8/14	9:30am Worship
8/21 <i>*Communion</i>	9:30am Worship
8/28	9:30am Worship

## Worship Leader

8/7	Erin Kuehl
8/14	Kirk Grannes
8/21	Leah Hastad
8/28	<b>**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**</b>

Please join us to say **THANK YOU** to our congregation members who are stepping up to lead our worship services as we work with the synod on options for the interim. If you would be willing to lead a service please contact Wendy in the church office.

### Staff

- Katie Brockberg, Preschool Director
- Lauren Winn, Financial Assistant
- Wendy Towne, Office Assistant
- Judy DeCramer, Organist
- Gunvar Dombek, Organist
- Mary Hauschild, Organist
- Judy Hoeft, Pianist
- Lisa Rosenboom, Assistant Teacher
- Melissa Doose, Assistant Teacher
- Michaela Abels, Preschool Extended Care
- Emily Kern, Preschool Extended Care

### Congregation Council

- Jasmine Steffen, President (term ends Jan. 2023)
- Erin Kuehl, Vice President (term ends Jan. 2023)
- Ryan Guse, Treasurer (term ends Jan. 2024)
- Leah Hastad, Secretary (term ends Jan. 2024)
- Dalton Edens, Youth Member (term ends Jan. 2023)
- Gichia (Joseph) Karanja, Member at Large (term ends Jan. 2023)
- Mike Citrowske, Member at Large (term ends Jan. 2024)
- Amber Schaffran, Member at Large (term ends Jan. 2024)
- Cody Kesteloot, Young Adult Member (term ends Jan. 2023)

## Readings for August 2022

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Gospel
8/7	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
8/14	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29--12:2	Luke 12:49-56
8/21	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
8/28	Proverbs 25:6-7	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Ministry Team Schedules

Please join a ministry team—many hands make light work! We would love to fill all ministry teams so that you are scheduled to serve once a quarter. Please contact Wendy ([wendy.towne@ststephenmarshall.org](mailto:wendy.towne@ststephenmarshall.org)) in the office to join one (or more!) of the ministry teams and include which service you prefer to serve at.

### 9:30 Lector

Date	Name
8/7	Randy Bakke
8/14	Brenda Citrowske
8/21	Kirk Grannes
8/28	Bethay Janachovsky

### 9:30 Usher

Date	Name
8/7	Matthew Stuewe
8/14	<b>**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**</b>
8/21	Eric Wallen
8/28	Dale & Carol Howe

### 9:30 Communion Team

Date	Name
8/7	Brenda Citrowske
8/14	n/a
8/21	Kirk Grannes
8/28	n/a

### 9:30 Audio / Video

Date	Name
8/7	Blake Weedman
8/14	John DeCramer
8/21	Cody Kesteloot
8/28	Craig Holland

### Altar Guild

Date	Name
8/7	Kari Loft
8/21	Nicole Lewis

### Communion Bread

Date	Name
8/7	Brenda Citrowske
8/21	Nicole DeBoer

*Please find someone to switch with you if you cannot serve on the Sunday you are assigned. Once you have a replacement please notify the office.*

## June 2022 Financials

June	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	13,345.92	26,728.00	(13,382.08)
Expenses	15,077.07	26,460.50	11,383.43
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(1,731.15)</b>	<b>267.50</b>	<b>(1,998.65)</b>

June YTD	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	121,354.94	160,368.00	(39,013.06)
Expenses	103,344.47	143,763.00	40,418.53
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18,010.47</b>	<b>16,605.00</b>	<b>1,405.47</b>

Online Giving Link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/huylhx7>

General Fund Checking Account	365,135.09
Prior Balance	361,936.84
Mortgage	614,339.65

We are looking forward to Sunday School starting back up on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents can watch for an email in August to register children for Sunday School. We are looking for any parents who are interested in volunteering their time this year. Please contact Wendy in the church office be added to the Sunday School volunteer list.



## Youth News

### Puerto Rico Mission Trip Recap by Stacy Schwartz

In June, a group of 14 youth and chaperones embarked on a mission trip to Puerto Rico. The community that we served has a 47.4 % poverty rate. Puerto Rico is a US Territory. The citizens of the territory are US citizens. The US got control of Puerto Rico in the Spanish American war. To understand the Puerto Rican people you need to understand their history. The US gained control of Puerto Rico in 1898 at the end of the Puerto Rican war, but Puerto Ricans were not given US citizenship until 1917. During the time prior to citizenship, they were a US Military inhabited colony. Puerto Ricans believe the reason they were made US citizens was to fight in World War 1. They were also used to test new US drugs in the 50's.

Our normal day consisted of breakfast at 7am followed by our Bible study. We then went to our mission work sight. Our group was split in two with part of our group spending the week at Boys and Girls club and the other split the week painting a newly built house and painting at a new youth camp. The home that we spent our time painting was a rebuilt home for a local family who lost their home in the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017. They have been living with family members since they lost their home. The camp that we spent our time painting is called Sociedad Sembry Planet Sede. This camp is operating out of an abandoned school. Puerto Rico has seen the shutter of 250+ schools recently. We ate bagged lunches at our mission site each day. After completing our work days, we had an afternoon fun activity. The activities we did were mural tour, beach day, community basketball game and salsa dancing. This brought us to supper time where we had the opportunity for a church member to come in and cook us an authentic Puerto Rican meal. After supper the group had a gathering to discuss where we saw God's work and our Bible theme for that day. The evening concluded with lights out at 10:30pm.

The not-for-profits we supported on our mission trip are in desperate need of resources. The whole group was struck by the poverty being so much worse in Puerto Rico than in the mainland US. Below are the groups that we worked with and would be greatly appreciative of any donations they receive.

Boys and Girls Club Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico – [stg.bgcpr.org](http://stg.bgcpr.org)

Sociedad Sembry Planet Sede [www.sembryplanet.org](http://www.sembryplanet.org)



The family that we painted their home was so thankful for our help that they gave us a tour of the dairy that he works at.

Here is the re-built home we painted.





Our evening activity one night of salsa dancing lessons

This is the kids camp we painted.



Here is the community basketball game we participated in for one of our fun activities.



### Klein Ranch Youth Trip

We are planning to schedule another visit to Klein Ranch for summer 2023!



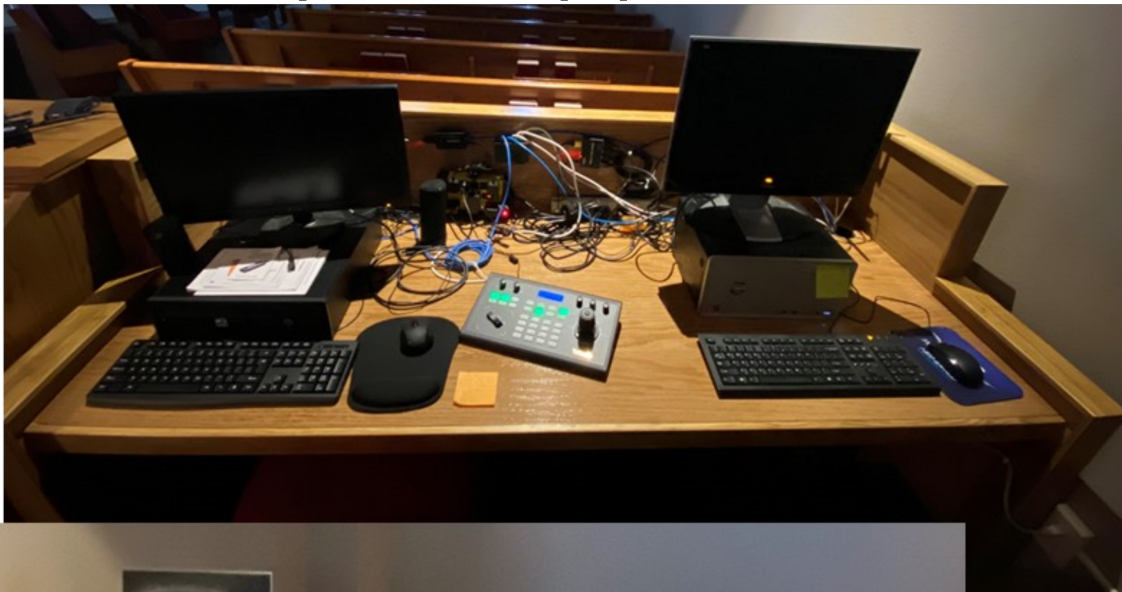
On July 10th—15th there were 10 youth (entering grades 7 through 9) that traveled about 6 hours west to near Isabel, South Dakota to attend camp at Klein Ranch.

## St. Stephen Happenings

*Thank you to Alan Hansen, Kevin Dubs, Charlie Ehlers, Darrell Mercie, Mike Citrowske, Cody Kesteloot and Daren Kesteloot for volunteering your time to clean and seal the stone floors in the sanctuary!*



## New Sanctuary Video Equipment



We have brand new cameras and livestream equipment set up by John DeCramer on a new A/V table made by Mike Citrowske. Thank you guys!



There are only a few spots left for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Please reach out to Katie if you or someone you know is interested. If you know anyone who is looking for a wonderful preschool, please let them know about St. Stephen Preschool. All are welcome!

Katie Brockberg @ 507-537-1516 or [katie.brockberg@ststephenmarshall.org](mailto:katie.brockberg@ststephenmarshall.org)



## Preschool Orientation

The school year is quickly approaching, and we are starting to get ready for school to start! We will be having our Preschool Orientation on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm. More information will be sent to families who are enrolled in the next few weeks.

## Hy-Vee Gift Cards

The preschool will continue selling Hy-Vee Gift Cards this year. We will not have them on hand at the church but if you would like to order some contact Katie at [katie.brockberg@ststephenmarshall.org](mailto:katie.brockberg@ststephenmarshall.org) or at (507) 537-1516.



Thank You for supporting St. Stephen Preschool!