



St. Stephen

LUTHERAN CHURCH

proclaiming and serving Jesus Christ

Church Office Hours:
Monday & Tuesday: 10am-2pm
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Thursday & Friday: Closed

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DECEMBER 2022

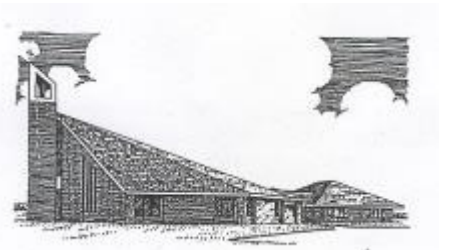
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●9am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix	2 ●5:30pm Cookie Walk Set Up ●6:30pm AA Meeting ●7pm Worship on Studio1 ●8pm AA Meeting	<i>Cookie Walk</i> 3 ●9am Cookie Walk Youth Fundraiser ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
4 ●8:45am Coffee Fellowship ●8:45am Sunday School ●9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream ●4pm Just for Kix	5 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	6 ●11:30am Second Harvest Heartland ●1pm Quilting ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	7 ●12pm 12@12 ●5:30pm Confirmation ●7pm CIA/Sr. High Youth Group ●7pm Advent Worship	8 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●9am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix	9 ●6:30pm AA Meeting ●7pm Worship on Studio1 ●8pm AA Meeting	10 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
11 ●8:30am Sunday Fellowship—Preschool serving ●8:45am Sunday School Program Practice ●9:30am Worship & Livestream ●10:30am Welcome Reception for Pastor Austin Krohnke	12 ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship ●4:30pm Just for Kix	13 ●12:00pm Sarah Circle Christmas Luncheon ●1:30pm Sarah Circle ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	14 ●12pm 12@12 ●5:30pm Confirmation ●7pm CIA/Sr. High Youth Group ●7pm Advent Worship	15 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●10am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix	16 ●6:30pm AA Meeting ●7pm Worship on Studio1 ●8pm AA Meeting	17 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
<i>Sunday School Program</i> 18 ●8:30am 3rd Sunday Fellowship—Sr. High Youth serving ●8:45am Sunday School Program Practice ●9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream ●9:30am Sunday School Christmas Program during worship	19 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	20 ●8am Red Cross Blood Drive ●1pm Quilting ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics ●7pm Church Council Meeting	21 ●12pm 12@12 ●6pm Preschool Program ●NO Confirmation or CIA/Sr. High Youth Group ●7pm Advent Worship	22 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●10am Worship on Studio1 ●4:30pm Just for Kix	23 ●6:30pm AA Meeting ●7pm Worship on Studio1 ●8pm AA Meeting	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 24 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service ●3:30pm Worship w/Holy Communion ●5:30pm Worship w/Holy Communion & Livestream
<i>Christmas Day</i> 25 ●NO Sunday School ●9:30am Lessons & Carols Worship & Livestream	26 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●8pm Monday Night Fellowship	27 ●4:30pm Just for Kix ●7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	28 ●12pm 12@12 ●NO Confirmation or CIA/Sr. High Youth Group	29 ●9am Sr. Coffee ●10am Worship on Studio1	30 ●4:30pm SWCIL ●6:30pm AA Meeting ●7pm Worship on Studio1 ●8pm AA Meeting	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 31 ●9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service



JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>New Year's Day</i> 1 •NO Fellowship •NO Sunday School •NO Worship	2 •4:30pm Just for Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship	3 •11:30am Second Harvest Heartland •1pm Quilting •4:30pm Just for Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	4 •12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation •7pm Sr. High Youth Group	5 •9am Sr. Coffee •9am Worship on Studio1 •4:30pm Just for Kix	6 •6:30pm AA Meeting •7pm Worship on Studio1 •8pm AA Meeting	7 •9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
8 •8:30am Sunday Fellowship—Preschool serving •8:45am Sunday School •9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream •4pm Just for Kix	9 •4:30pm Just for Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship	10 •1:30pm Sarah Circle •4:30pm Just for Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	11 •12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation •7pm CIA/Sr. High Youth Group	12 •9am Sr. Coffee •9am Worship on Studio1 •4:30pm Just for Kix •5:15pm NHCC Board	13 •6:30pm AA Meeting •7pm Worship on Studio1 •8pm AA Meeting	14 •9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
<i>Installation Sunday</i> 15 •8:30am 3rd Sunday Fellowship—Sr. High Youth serving •8:45am Sunday School •9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream and Installation •4pm Just for Kix	16 •4:30pm Just for Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship	17 •1pm Quilting •4:30pm Just for Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics •7pm Church Council Meeting	18 •12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation •7pm CIA/Sr. High Youth Group	19 •9am Sr. Coffee •10am Worship on Studio1 •4:30pm Just for Kix	20 •6:30pm AA Meeting •7pm Worship on Studio1 •8pm AA Meeting	21 •9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
<i>Annual Meeting</i> 22 •8:45am Coffee Fellowship •8:45am Sunday School •9:30am Worship w/Communion & Livestream •10:30am Annual Congregation Meeting •4pm Just for Kix	23 •4:30pm Just for Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship	24 •4:30pm Just for Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	25 •12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation Fellowship Night •7pm CIA/Sr. High Youth Group	26 •9am Sr. Coffee •10am Worship on Studio1 •4:30pm Just for Kix	27 •6:30pm AA Meeting •7pm Worship on Studio1 •8pm AA Meeting	28 •9:30am Karen 7th Day Adventist Service
<i>FM: Baptism</i> 29 •8:45am Sunday School •8:45am Coffee Fellowship •9:30am Worship & Livestream •12pm MN Music Teachers	30 •4:30pm Just for Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship	31 •4:30pm Just for Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics				

December
2022



From the Council Vice President – Erin Kuehl

November 28, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Holiday season is upon us and, as we reflect on 2022 and the blessings that we have received, I am especially thankful for my St. Stephen family and how so many members have stepped up during this time of transition. We can see the finish line! Pastor Austin will be starting on Monday, December 5th! Each council member is working with him to schedule some time to go over different council topics. We're so excited for him to start!

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2023. There are several agenda items that we are working on including the 2023 budget. Another agenda item is voting on council positions. The following positions are up for a two-year term (I did note whether the current council member is running for a second term):

President

Secretary (Leah Hastad is running for a second term)

Member at Large (Joseph Karanja is running for a second term)

Young Adult Member

Youth Member at Large (student in 9th or 10th grade currently)

If you are interested in running for a two-year term or have questions regarding any of the positions, please reach out to a council member.

On behalf of the Council, I want to wish you and your families a safe holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Erin Kuehl

Council Vice President

Pastor Austin’s Installation Planning Committee

Pastor Austin’s Installation is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th, 2023 during 9:30am worship service. If you would like to help plan the celebration for Pastor Austin Krohne please reach out to Donna Kor at shetekor@frontiernet.net or 507-760-0304 by Sunday, December 11th.



Property/Building Committee Update

The new sign will be installed soon and we’re working on security system updates. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the property projects please contact Daren Kesteloot at 507-829-4989.

WELCOME
RECEPTION

Join Us!

Sunday,
December 11th
at 10:30am
after Worship Service

Pastor Austin Krohne

Meet Our New Pastor

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Worship Calendar

Date	
12/4	8:45am Sunday School <i>*Communion</i> 9:30am Worship
12/7	7:00pm Advent Worship
12/11	8:45am Sunday School program rehearsal 9:30am Worship
12/14	7:00pm Advent Worship
12/18	8:45am Sunday School program rehearsal <i>*Communion</i> 9:30am Worship
12/21	7:00pm Advent Worship
12/24	3:30pm Candlelight Service <i>*Communion</i> 5:30pm Candlelight Service
12/25	<i>NO Sunday School</i> 9:30am Worship ~ Lessons & Carols

Staff

- Austin Krohnke, Pastor
- Wendy Towne, Office Assistant
- Katie Brockberg, Preschool Director
- Lauren Winn, Financial 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

Congregation Council

- Jasmine Steffen, President
(term ends Jan. 2023)
- Erin Kuehl, Vice President
(term ends Jan. 2024)
- Ryan Guse, Treasurer
(term ends Jan. 2024)
- Leah Hastad, Secretary
(term ends Jan. 2023)
- OPEN, 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 December 2022

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Gospel
12/4	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
12/11	Malachi 4:1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
12/18	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
12/25	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

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) 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
12/4	Kirk Grannes
12/11	Scott Monson
12/18	Bethany Janachovsky
12/25	Carol Moseng

9:30 Usher

Date	Name
12/4	John DeCramer
12/11	Jolane Allerson
12/18	Josh & Amber Schaffran family
12/25	Ryan & Natalie Guse family

9:30 Communion Team

Date	Name
12/4	Jason & Robin Bednarek family
12/11	n/a
12/18	Kirk Grannes
12/25	n/a

9:30 Audio / Video

Date	Name
12/4	Eastyn Ochocki
12/11	Craig Holland
12/18	John DeCramer
12/25	Brock Swanson

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.

Ministry Team Schedules (continued)

Altar Guild

Date	Name
12/4	Kari Loft
12/11	n/a
12/18	Andy Hedlin
12/25	n/a

Communion Bread

Date	Name
12/4	Roger Green
12/11	n/a
12/18	Brenda Citrowske
12/25	n/a

Youth Ministry Team Schedules (Confirmation Students)

9:30 Acolyte

Date	Name
12/4	Emma Dunn
12/11	Jemma Gustafson
12/18	Kinsley Bitker
12/25	**volunteer needed**

9:30 Projector

Date	Name
12/4	Keaton Rhea
12/11	Mason Wendorff
12/18	Mikaylee Gunderson
12/25	**volunteer needed**

9:30 Assistant

Date	Name
12/4	Cash Branstner
12/11	Jacob Allen
12/18	Karson Miller
12/25	**volunteer needed**

6th grade = Acolyte

7th grade = Projector

8th grade = Assistant

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.

Readings for Advent 2022

Date	Reading
11/30	Genesis 2:4b-7
12/7	Psalms 146:5-10
12/14	Ezekiel 47:1-12
12/21	Isaiah 9:2b-7

7pm Advent Lector

Date	Name
11/30	Kari Matson
12/7	Ryan Nielsen
12/14	Tom Runholt
12/21	Blair Miller



Christmas Eve Ministry Team Schedules



Lector

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	Brenda Citrowske
12/24 5:30pm	Carl Johnson

Usher

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	Craigmile Family
12/24 5:30pm	Andree Family

Communion Team

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	Arlyss Hovland
12/24 5:30pm	Daren Kesteloot

Audio / Video

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	n/a
12/24 5:30pm	Cody Kesteloot

Altar Guild

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	Brenda Citrowske
12/24 5:30pm	Nicole Lewis

Communion Bread

Date	Name
12/24	Deb Evans

Acolyte

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
12/24 5:30pm	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

Projector

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
12/24 5:30pm	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

Assistant

Date	Name
12/24 3:30pm	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
12/24 5:30pm	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

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

October 2022 Financials

Oct	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	22,954.03	26,728.00	(3,773.97)
Expenses	16,305.78	21,460.50	5,154.72
Net Income	6,648.25	5,267.50	1,380.75

Oct YTD	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	231,833.22	267,280.00	(35,446.78)
Expenses	167,486.17	234,605.00	67,118.83
Net Income	64,347.05	32,675.00	31,672.05

Online Giving Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/huylhx7>

General Fund Checking Account	150,391.75
Prior Balance	249,592.25
Mortgage	599,971.55
Raymond James Brokerage Account	255,800.00

Notes:

Envelope Giving down (\$3k) to plan for October
 Personnel Expenses (\$8k) under plan for September
 Extra mortgage paydown was \$2k
 Sunday School Curriculum - full year

Brokerage Notes:

Added \$105,000 to the Brokerage Account in October.
 This will remain as a cash balance earning double the interest we were earning in our checking account. (.4% = \$420 annually)
 This will also increase our balance above the threshold to waive the \$75 annual fee.
 By moving the \$105k, we are now back to being FDIC insured on all of our accounts.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT POSITION OPENING

Lauren Winn has decided to step down from her role. We would like to thank Lauren for her time serving as our Financial Assistant.

If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time Financial Assistant position at St. Stephen, please contact Ryan Guse at (320) 815-6404. The job description will be posted soon.



Sunday Mornings
8:45—9:5am

- The Sunday School Christmas Program will be during 9:30 worship on Sunday, December 18th.
 - December 11th and 18th will be Christmas Program practice from 8:45 – 9:15; there will be no formal classes on those dates.
 - If your child plays an instrument and is interested in playing a song before service, please let us know!
- The next Milestone Sunday is the Kindergarten Baptism Milestone on Sunday, January 29th.
 - Child and parent lesson will be taught during Sunday School (8:45 – 9:15) in the Ark, with the Milestone Presentation during worship.
 - At-home lessons are available upon request if unable to attend the in-person lesson.
- We will be collecting donations for the Compassion International children at Sunday School and during service on Milestone Sundays.
 - We will also be collecting donations during service on Sunday, December 18th.



Faith Milestones

<i>Baptism</i>	Kindergarten	January 29th, 2023
<i>Welcome to Worship</i>	Preschool	February 12th, 2023
<i>Introduction to Gospel of Mark</i>	4th Grade	February 26th, 2023
<i>Prayer</i>	1st Grade	March 19th, 2023
<i>Celebration of Gospel of Mark</i>	4th Grade	March 26th, 2023
<i>Welcome to Sunday School and Story Bibles</i>	3-year olds (entering Pre- school next year)	May 7th, 2023

Milestones lessons are for both students AND parents.

Lessons will be taught during Sunday School with the milestone presentations during Worship Service on the same day (dates listed above).

At-home lessons are available upon request if unable to attend the in-person lesson.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you missed the order for poinsettias you can bring your own to the church between Dec. 14th & Christmas Eve.

If you'd like your poinsettia included in the bulletin please return the form (located by the office) to Wendy by Monday, Dec. 19th.



Our Heart to Heart Christmas tree will be set up in the Narthex soon!

--Sunday, Dec. 4th: Last day to bring gifts and place them under the tree

If you'd like more information about volunteering visit heart2heartlc.org

Phone: (507) 401-5335

Email: lyoncountyh2h@gmail.com

Please bring cookie / Christmas goodie donations to the church by Dec. 1st!

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COOKIE WALK

Donations of Christmas Cookies / Goodies are needed this week!

Please bring them to the church
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
 8am to 5pm
 Wednesday: 8am to 7pm

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COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 3rd

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



Mix and match your own variety of
homemade Christmas baked goods.



containers will be provided

-Serving Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Treats

-Kid's Activities Corner

Proceeds benefit St. Stephen Youth trips & activities





Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

3:30 PM

5:30 PM

Holy Communion at both services

All are welcome



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LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY



Dec. 25th, 9:30am

St. Stephen Lutheran Church





Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd at 10:30am (after 9:30am worship service)

St. Stephen Happenings



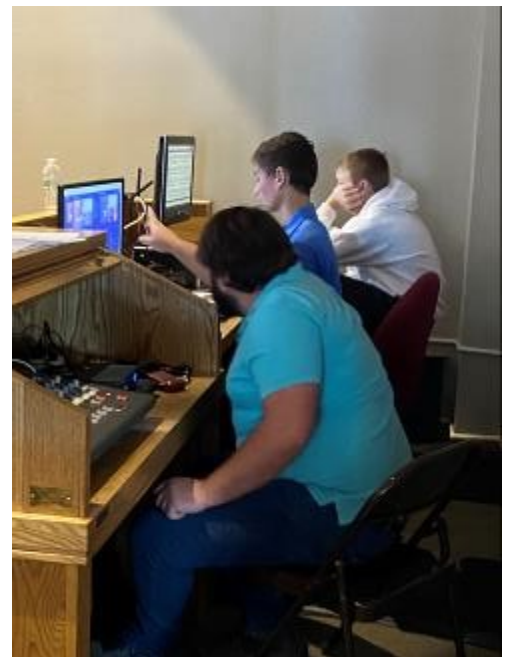
Pastor Austin signing to make it official!



Faith Milestone: Stewardship (5th grade)



Noisy Offering to support the kids we sponsor through Compassion International



Thank you to our youth and young adults who volunteer at the audio/video table to help services run smoothly!

St. Stephen Youth Happenings



Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar—attended by 33 youth and 9 adults

Sr. High Youth Group



Serving 3rd Sunday Fellowship



Heart to Heart Tree set up by the Sr. High Youth



Helping out with getting the new desks set up in the offices



The Preschool has been busy with learning how to be Thankful for everything God has created for us, especially the snow that graced us in November. The children had a ton of playing in the snow, and making fun Thanksgiving crafts, but are looking forward to learning about Jesus' Birthday! We will be having our Christmas program on Wednesday, December 21st at 6pm.

Feel free to come and watch the children sing their hearts out.

We want to thank everyone who has been supporting the Preschool by joining us on the first Sunday of the month for some fellowship and treats!

We will be serving donuts, rolls and more on Sunday, December 11th to help welcome Pastor Austin on his first Sunday of preaching!



Please join us on Sunday, December 11th for coffee and treats from 8:30 to 9:30am.

Free will donation will be taken to help buy more rubber mulch for our playground!

Hy-Vee Gift cards will also be available for purchase.

