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Church Office Hours: Tuesday 10-2 Wednesday 10-1 Thursday 10-2 Address Service Requested



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)



FEBRUARY 2022

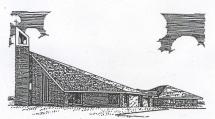
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 •11:30am Second Harvest Heartland •1pm Quilting •4:30pm Just-for-Kix •6pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	2 •12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation	•10am on Studio1 •4:30pm Just-for-Kix	•5pm Dance Team •6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous •7pm Worship on Studio1	5 •9:30am Karen 7th Day Advent- ist Service
Communion 6 •8:30am Worship •9:30am Coffee Fellowship •9:35am Sunday School •10:30am Worship & Livestream •3pm Just-for-Kix	1 ,	•1:30pm Sarah Circle •4:30pm Just-for-Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	9 •12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation	●10am Worship on	•6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous •7pm Worship on Studio1	•9:30am Karen 7th Day Advent- ist Service
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FUNDRAISER Communion 20 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:35am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Livestream	* *	•4:30pm Just-for-Kix •6pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	•12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation Fellowship Event	●10am Worship on	•6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous •7pm Worship on Studio1	26 •9:30am Karen 7th Day Advent- ist Service
•8:30am Worship •9:30am Coffee Fellowship •10:30am Worship & Livestream •1pm Music SW •3pm Just-for-Kix	•4:30pm Just-for-Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship					

MARCH 2022

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•8:30am Worship •9:30am Coffee Fellowship •9:35am Sunday School •10:30am Worship & Livestream •3pm Pre School Open House •3pm Just-for-Kix	14 •5pm Just-for-Kix •8pm Monday Night Fellowship	•1pm Quilting •4:30pm Just-for-Kix •7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics •7pm Church Council	•12pm 12@12 •5:30pm Confirmation •6pm Lenten Meal •7pm Lenten Service	•9am Sr. Coffee •10am Worship on Studio1 •4:30pm Just-for-Kix •5:30pm Women's Recovery	•6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous •7pm Worship on Studio1	•9:30am Karen 7th Day Advent- ist Service
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February 2022





From the Council President

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the St. Stephen Council, I would like to share an update of this past month's activities and changes.

proclaiming and serving Jesus Christ

Support from Southwestern Minnesota Synod: Bishop Dee Pederson and Synod Pastors Art Wiese and Pastor Heather Culuris attended two council meetings sharing ideas, potential pastoral help for St. Stephen, and tools we are utilizing to start the process of finding a pastor. I have conversed with them multiple times via phone and email as well, keeping them informed on our progress and utilizing their expertise. I have come up with a list of future dates that we need an ordained pastor to lead. These dates are Holy Week, Confirmation Sundays and First Communion Sunday. The Synod is going to meet and will try to assist us with pastoral coverage for these dates.

Sunday Services: The council and office assistant are working diligently to find people to lead two services every Sunday. In this time of transition, we encourage everyone to be involved and help when possible. Your help is beneficial in keeping St. Stephen running smoothly. With that being said, our average weekly attendance for both services is approximately fifty people. While we are in this transition period, we are considering switching to one service on Sundays. We will continue to look at the average attendance weekly and will make a decision in the near future.

Call Committee: We sent out a Synod questionnaire to members of St. Stephen that expressed interest in being a part of the call committee. When the questionnaires are returned, the council will review the responses in an emergency council meeting and select the call committee. The call committee's first task will be to focus on writing a Ministry Site Profile, summarizing the qualities St. Stephen is looking for in a pastor based on results we received from the congregational survey. We will then submit it to the ELCA Synod and the Synod will post our profile on their website. The council will continue to meet monthly with the goal to help guide decisions during this transition period.

On an ending note, we would love to have more pictures of the activities that our congregation is participating in and/or a part of. During preschool, confirmation, senior high and senior coffee, for example, please take pictures and email them to Wendy Towne in the office at

wendy.towne@ststephenmarshall.org to be included in our newsletter, on our web site, and social media so we can share all the ways we are proclaiming and serving Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the church council and myself, we thank and value each and every member of St. Stephen.

In His Service,

Jasmine Steffen

St. Stephen Council President

Worship Leader

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Date	
2/6/22	Carrie Jones
2/13/22	Bethany Janachovsky
2/20/22	8:30am Kelly Loft
2/20/22	10:30am FCA
2/27/22	Charlie Ehlers

Worship Calendar

Date	
2/6/22	8:30am & 10:30am Worship
2/0/22	*Communion
2/13/22	8:30am & 10:30am Worship
2/20/22	8:30am & 10:30am Worship
2/20/22	*Communion
2/27/22	8:30am & 10:30am Worship

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 February 2022

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Gospel
2/6/22	Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah says, Here am I; send me	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 I am the least of the apostles	Luke 5:1-11 Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people
2/13/22	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died	Luke 6:17-26 Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full
2/20/22	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Joseph forgives his brothers	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 The mystery of the resurrection of the body	Luke 6:27-38 Love your enemies
2/27/22	Exodus 34:29-35 Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shone	2 Corinthians 3:124:2 With unveiled faces we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed	Luke 9:28-36 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain

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 (<u>wendy.towne@ststephenmarshall.org</u>) in the office to join one (or more!) of the ministry teams and include which service you prefer to serve at.

You can join a ministry team at any time!

8:30 Lectors

Date	Name
2/6/22	Randy Bakke
2/13/22	Abbie Boelter
2/20/22	Bethany Janachovsky
2/27/22	Eric Wallen

10:30 Lectors

Date	Name
2/6/22	Kelly Loft
2/13/22	Jennifer Marty
2/20/22	FCA
2/27/22	Scott Monson

8:30 Ushers

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Date	Name		
2/6/22	Dale & Carol Howe		
2/13/22	Marc & Regan Craigmile		
2/20/22	Mike Citrowske		
2/27/22	John DeCramer		

10:30 Ushers

Date	Name
2/6/22	Daren Kesteloot
2/13/22	Ryan Kix
2/20/22	Carey & Megan Mattison
2/27/22	Darrel & Kitty Mercie

8:30 Communion Team

Date	Name
2/6/22	John DeCramer
2/13/22	N/A
2/20/22	Roger & Ardis Green
2/27/22	N/A

10:30 Communion Team

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Courtney Bitker	
2/13/22	N/A	
2/20/22	Londyn Blomme	
2/27/22	N/A	

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.

10:30 Audio / Video

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Date	Name
2/6/22	Troy Kepler
2/13/22	Cody Kesteloot
2/20/22	Blake Weedman
2/27/22	Craig Holland

Altar Guild

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Andy Headlin	
2/13/22	N/A	
2/20/22	Nicole Lewis	
2/27/22	N/A	

Communion Bread

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Nicole DeBoer	
2/13/22	N/A	
2/20/22	Danette Deragisch	
2/27/22	N/A	

Ministry Teams:

Lector— Read the lessons during service.

Usher— Greet, dismiss rows for communion, count attendance, collect offering at service.

Communion Team— Serve communion during service (bread, wine, cups).

Video / Sound— Operate sound system and livestream during service.

Altar Guild— Prepare the Sanctuary for worship.

Communion Bread—Provide 2 loaves of bread to the Sacristy for Communion services.

Confirmation Youth Ministry Team Schedules

8:30 Acolyte

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Peyton Beek	
2/13/22	Jasen Bednarek	
2/20/22	James Karanja	
2/27/22	Ascher Holland	

10:30 Acolyte

Date	Name
2/6/22	Kalli Swanson
2/13/22	Sydney Towne
2/20/22	Mason Wendorff
2/27/22	Ava Grannes

8:30 Projector

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Audrey Schreurs	
2/13/22	Cannon Craigmile	
2/20/22	Katelyn Leibfried	
2/27/22	Sammi Lewis	

10:30 Projector

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Mickensy Monsen	
2/13/22	Lexi Soehl	
2/20/22	Emily Weedman	
2/27/22	Wyatt Winter	

8:30 Assistant

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Kaitlyn Rosenboom	
2/13/22	Aidan Erickson	
2/20/22	Keegan Fossum	
2/27/22	**available**	

10:30 Assistant

Date	Name	
2/6/22	Ava Winn	
2/13/22	Gavyn Towne	
2/20/22	N/A	
2/27/22	Xander Winter	

Confirmation Youth Ministry Teams:

Acolyte (6th grade) — Light candles before service and extinguish at the end.

 $\label{eq:projector} \textit{Projector (7th grade)} - \textit{Advance the screen slides on the projector computer for services.}$

Assistant (8th grade) - Read the prayer of the day, the offering prayer & the dismissal.



Support the St. Stephen Youth traveling to Puerto Rico this summer by attending the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 13th. from 5:30-7:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

Special Service Leaders on Feb. 20th at 10:30am



Members of FCA will be leading our 10:30 worship service on Sunday, Feb. 20th—please join us!

December 2021 Financials

Dec	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	24,850.39	28,607.74	(3,757.35)
Expenses	20,165.71	27,437.28	7,271.57
Net Income	4,684.68	1,170.46	3,514.22
Dec YTD	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	349,035.01	343,000.00	6,035.01
Expenses	245,280.14	291,434.77	46,154.63
Net Income	103,754.87	51,565.23	52,189.64
General Fund Checking Account			339,605.56
Prior Balance			331,338.43
Mortgage			629,569.39

Sunday School Calendar

February

Date	
2/6/22	Traditional Sunday
2/13/22	Service Sunday
2/20/22	VBS Sunday
2/27/22	No Sunday School

March

Date		
3/6/22	Traditional Sunday	
3/13/22	Service Sunday	
3/20/22	VBS Sunday	
3/30/22	No Sunday School	





MILESTONE MINISTRIES 2022

Communion	2nd Grade	May 2022 (exact date TBD)
Baptism	Kindergarten	At-home Lesson
Gospel of Mark Introduction	4th Grade	At-home Lesson
Prayer	1st Grade	At-home Lesson
Stewardship	5th Grade	At-home Lesson
Celebration of Gospel of Mark	4th Grade	At-home Lesson
Bible Presentation	3rd Grade	At-home Lesson
Welcome to Worship	Preschool	At-home Lesson
Welcome to Sunday School and Story Bibles	3-year olds (entering Preschool next year)	At-home Lesson

^{*2022} Milestones will be at-home lessons with stone/bible presentations to follow at Sunday School (dates TBD).

What is a Milestone?

A faith milestone is a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important and God is here, too."

- Marking a milestone is a biblically-based spiritual practice in both home and the congregation.
- Helps all generations recognize God's presence in all of life.
- Families will learn to recognize and mark faith milestones in everyday life.

Help Kaylee find a kidney!

A young St. Stephen member, Kaylee Juutilainen, is in need of a kidney. You can go to the St. Stephen Facebook or YouTube pages to watch the video meeting Kaylee. Please consider being a donor. Go to mhealth.donorscreen.org/register/now to begin the process!

St. Stephen Happenings

The Sunday School kids worked on a service project in January, making thank you notes with treats for the nurses in our community. Pictured is Charlie Grannes, who helped deliver the baskets to nurses at Avera, Morning Side, Boulder, and Heritage.



Here's a thank you note we received at the church office:

Wanted to reach out and say Thank You to the Sunday school kids for sending thank you treats to the nursing staff at Access Health.



Confirmation
Huddles held a
fellowship night
on January
26th—one of
the 8th grade
huddles went to
a movie together and had the
whole theater to
themselves!



Preschool Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year



Preschool Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has arrived. Please join us on Sunday, March 13th from 3 - 5pm at our Open House. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out by emailing katie.brockberg@ststephenmar shall.org or call 507-537-1516 for more information.



The Preschool is starting to sell Hy-Vee gift cards once again! Please reach out to Katie Brockberg at 507-537-1516 or katie.brockberg@ststephenmarshall.or g if you are interested in purchasing gift cards. Thank you for supporting the Preschool!

The week of January 3rd our Sanctuary received a fresh new coat of paint.









Thank you to everyone involved in the painting process and to the congregation for your flexibility!