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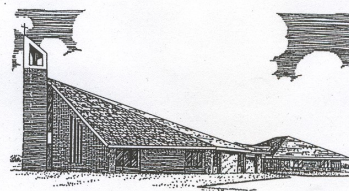
*"We need to hear
the gospel every
day, because we
forget it every-
day."*

-Martin Luther

St. Stephen

March

2020



8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services every Sunday

**Daylight
Saving
Time
begins
Sunday,
March 8th.**



**Remember to
turn your clock
ahead one hour
before
2:00 a.m.**

Lenten worship services and meals

For this Lent season St. Stephen will be partnering with Danebod and First Lutheran in a combined effort to host different preachers each week. So join us Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

Preaching Schedule

March 4th – Pastor Anne Veldhuisen

March 11th – Pastor Scott Fuller

March 18th – Pastor Lyle Snyder

March 25th – Pastor Gena Koeberl

April 1st - Lay Minister Sara Larson

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5th
8:30 am & 10:30 am
Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9th
7:00 pm Worship

Good Friday

Friday, April 10th
7:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12th
7:00 am, 8:30 am &
10:30 am Worship.

There will be NO
Sunday School

Lenten Meals

Come and enjoy food and fellowship at our Lenten Suppers before worship. Meals will be served at 6:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, March 4th. The Meals will be served by St. Stephen Youth and St. Stephen Preschool. There will be a free will offering collected at each meal.

Fire. That's our Lenten theme for 2020.

Fire does a lot of things.

Fire cleanses things. Like in a forest, it gets rid of stuff. It purges.

Fire destroys things. Back in 2001 my parents' house burned down. Not only was their house destroyed, but it took a big chunk out of their souls and spirits.

Fire is violent. It does what it wants.

Fire is beautiful. Look at a candle. Or a campfire. It can bring us peace and calm.

All of these things are like God. That's what God does in our life.

For Lent this year, think about how God is like fire. In your life. In others. Out in the world.

One of the ways we're going to be fire during Lent is at St. Stephen, on Sundays we're not having communion. Typically we have communion every week. It's mostly pragmatic & practical, as most of our congregation worships once per month. But every now and then I like to shake things up. Lent is the journey to Jerusalem on the cross. It's solemn. It's a time to think about who we are, you know, the sinful side. Perhaps a good way to be reminded of our sinfulness is by not partaking in the body and blood in a deliberate and planned way.

Now if you need communion because it's of a very important concern, or you are of ill health, or for some other reason, let me know, and I'll deliver communion to you right away!

May you all be blessed as you see God, the fire out in the world, as we journey towards Easter.

Peace, blessings, and good stuff,



+Pastor Lyle

Staff

- Rev. Lyle Snyder, Pastor
- Seth Boerboom, Parish Associate
- Angie Stacken, Office Manager
- Lauren Winn, Financial Assistant
- Judy DeCramer, Organist
- Gunvar Dombek, Organist
- Mary Hauschild, Organist
- Seth Boerboom, Pianist
- Judy Hoeft, Pianist
- Melinda Grohs, Preschool Director
- Lisa Rosenboom, Assistant Teacher
- Melissa Doose, Assistant Teacher

Congregation Council

- Daren Kesteloot, President (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Jasmine Steffen, Vice President (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Josh Allerson, Treasurer (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Paula Petersen-Giles, Secretary (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Jennifer Marty (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Bill Cowden (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Abby Dubs (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Carlton Johnson (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Erin Kuehl (term ends Jan. 2022)

Hello fellow members of St Stephen!

Here is an update on what's going on from your council. Christ United Presbyterian update, we had a (straw poll) vote at the annual meeting on Jan 19th, and the results were 70 votes yes and 2 no. With that the council can move forward on possibly merging with Christ United Presbyterian Church. For now we will keep you the congregation informed.

At the annual meeting we voted in 4 new members to the council. The new members are Bill Cowden, Erin Kuehl, Jennifer Marty, and Carleton Johnson.

We at the council were very happy to see the big turnout at the annual meeting. The had 70+ members attend which is a bigger turn out than we have had in a long time. So thank you to all, and we really appreciate all the great feedback and support we are getting. I have also included the questions that came up during the vote, and we answered them the best we could at the last council meeting. Please feel free to contact myself or anyone else on council if you have questions.

Well that's all for now, I hope everyone is having a blessed year so far!

Daren Kesteloot

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daren Kesteloot', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Council President

Resolution February 2, 2020
Introductory Vote to See Merger
Questions and Comments

- Yes – I know there is concern about their organ, better than ours?
Yes, They have an Awesome organ, but we don't think it would be cost effective to move it.
- Yes – We will need more grape juice, as Presbyterians do not drink wine (I was told this by 2 of their members.
Yes, we will have to have more juice cups available for communion.
- Yes - ? Model constitution ELCA requires updates after each ELCA National Assembly – Does PCUSA also?
We are looking into it, and will keep you up to speed when we can.
- Yes – Very much in favor. In times of division it is a chance to make two congregations stronger as one. Plus Lyle is way over worked.
This would be one of the plusses of a merger and having 2 pastors, to lighten the load for Pastor Lyle
- Yes – I feel that Anne should do a service so people know what her service is like.
Yes, that very idea is in the works, more info to come in the future
- Yes – Let's say they get 200K for their site, where does that \$ go?
The building is theirs, it will be up to them what they do with the funds from the sale.
- No – Not yet there – Finances, Housing allowance for both? Faith, communion and words prayers?
They have enough giving to cover their pastor's expenses.

We practice open communion, so everyone is welcome.

It will be up to the presiding pastor to decide which version of the prayer will be used.

Worship Assignments

Date	8:30 am Greeter	8:30 am Reader	8:30 am Offering	8:30 am Communion
03/01	Wanda & Bob Moline	Brenda Citrowske	Wanda & Bob Moline	No Communion
03/08	Matthew Stuewe	Randy Bakke	Carol & Dale Howe	No Communion
03/15	Volunteer Needed	Michelle Castor	Volunteer Needed	No Communion
03/22	Marc Craigmile	Paul Bridgland	Marc Craigmile	No Communion
03/29	Volunteer Needed	Brenda Citrowske	Michael Citrowske	No Communion

Date	10:30 am Greeter	10:30 am Reader	10:30 am Offering	10:30 am Communion
03/01	Jolane Allerson	Jennifer Marty	Daren Kesteloot	No Communion
03/08	Kevin Dubs	Billie Laleman	Josh Johnson	No Communion
03/15	Lisa & Todd Harmening	Randy Bakke	Lisa & Todd Harmening	No Communion
03/22	Shanda Walker	Eldon Krull	Ryan Kix	No Communion
03/29	Josephine Holland	Kelly Loft	Paula Petersen-Giles	No Communion

February Worship Attendance and Statistics

	<u>Feb. 2</u>	<u>Feb. 9</u>	<u>Feb. 16</u>	<u>Feb. 23</u>	
Attend.	229	No Services	189		
Gen.	\$4,179.87	\$3,063.00	\$3,813.33	\$	Not available at the time of printing.
Bldg.	\$230.00	\$303.00	\$210.00	\$	
Mss.	\$5.00	\$122.00	\$5.00	\$	
Projector	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	
Parking Lot	\$55.00	\$5.00	\$105.00	\$	
Mortgage Pay down	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$	
Outside Lighting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	

Monthly General, Building and Special Appeals Fund Giving Needed
To sustain 2019 Ministries \$27,625.00

Total General, Building & Special Appeals Fund
 Needed Year to Date (Jan.-Jan.): \$27,625.00
 Received Year to Date (Jan.-Jan.): \$ 25,885.10
 Difference Year to Date (Jan.-Jan.): -(1,739.30)

Jan.-Dec.. received YTD
 Projector: \$ -
 Parking Lot: \$300.00
 Mortgage Pay Down: \$40.00
 Outside Lighting: \$ -

First Grade Prayer Milestone

On Sunday, March 1st from 9:35-10:20 am, first graders and their parents are invited to attend the Prayer Milestone!

“Milestone” events typically have two components: instruction and celebration. Instruction sessions are for the child and the parents. Other family member and baptism sponsors are always welcome, too. Instruction sessions are joyful times of playing, learning and praying together.

During the 8:30 or 10:30 am worship service, first graders who attended the instruction will receive a prayer stone.

2020 Milestones

1 st grade Prayer	March 1, 2020
4 th grade Celebration for Gospel of Mark	April 5, 2020
3-year olds Welcome School and Story Bibles	May 17, 2020

Women’s Bible Study Circles

- Mary Circle - Wednesday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church
- Sarah Circle - Tuesday, March 10th at 1:30 p.m.
- Priscilla Circle—Thursday, March 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Boulder Estates.

Interested in joining a Bible Study Circle? Contact the church office.

Sr. Coffee Fellowship

Senior Coffee gathers every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us for coffee and fellowship, all are welcome.

Quilters

The quilters gather together the 1st & 3rd Tuesday’s of every month from 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome!

2nd Harvest

Second Harvest will be at St. Stephen on Tuesday, March 3rd from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

March’s Readings

	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
March 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	Genesis 12:1-4	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 22	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

St. Stephen Worship Ministry

Are you interested in a opportunity for involvement, service and personal growth within St. Stephen?! Would you like to be that friendly face that greets everyone on Sunday mornings, collects offering or maybe serving communion. Maybe reading the word of the Lord is what you prefer or running the sound and video during worship services. If you are willing to commit your time, energy and resources in any of these ministries please contact the church office at 537-1516.

SIGN UP FOR SIMPLY GIVING!!!

How does the automated offering program work?

Simply Giving works like an auto bill pay. You sign up to have consistent amount taken out of your checking account on a scheduled bases. The amount and the schedule are pre-determined by you.

Does it have to be a monthly amount? No. It can be weekly, bi-weekly or monthly on any dates you choose.

Does it cost me anything to sign up? No. It a free service!

What if I am unsure about how much I can commit for offering?

That's okay! You can sign up for a deduction amount as little as \$5.00! Many people decide on a base amount for Simply Giving and supplement the auto offering with checks. You can increase the amount, or decrease it, at any time just by informing the church office.

How does this help St. Stephen Lutheran?

A consistent offering each month is critical to our budget planning and operating process. We can plan programs and expenditures more accurately if we know what our income will be.

How do I sign up?

Contact the church office for a Simply Giving enrollment form. You may also sign up through the St. Stephen website at www.ststephenmarshall.org and click on "give now."

Winter Weather Policy

Sundays: In severe winter weather, a single Sunday worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. (no 8:30 service). Education classes will not meet. A cancellation decision will be made by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Listen for this radio announcement on KMHL, KKCK, or KARZ. A congregation-wide email and text message will also be sent to the congregation if worship is canceled.

Wednesdays: If school is released early or cancelled due to severe weather, there will be no classes or youth activities. Please listen to the local radio stations as well as checking the St. Stephen website and Facebook page regarding the status of other activities (choir, worship, meetings, etc.). An email and text message will be sent to parents of youth participants if confirmation or youth activities are canceled.

Please Let Us Know....

Call the church office at 507-537-1516

Email at

ststephen@ststephenmarshall.org

- * If a member of your family is ill or hospitalized.
- * If you welcome a new member into your family.
- * If there is a change in your home address or telephone number or email.
- * If you would like a pastoral visit or if any pastoral needs arise.
- * If you have a prayer request.



**Melinda Grohs,
Preschool Director**

Lisa Rosenboom, Assistant Teacher

Melissa Doose, Assistant Teacher

Telephone: 507-537-1516

Email: melinda.grohs@ststephenmarshall.org



Hy-Vee Gift Cards

The Preschool Board is continuing to sell gift cards for Hy-Vee. 5% of the purchase price of each gift card will be donated back to our Preschool at no additional cost to you! These cards can be used at the grocery store as well as the gas station. Gift cards may be purchased on Sundays after worship or in the church office during the week.

Roll Sunday

St. Stephen Preschool will be serving cinnamon rolls during fellowship between worship services every first Sunday of the month. The cost is \$2 for a roll and coffee and/or juice will also be served. We look forward to see you!

Preschool Open House



Sunday, March 1st

3:00-5:00 pm

Come check out the classroom, meet the Teachers,
and register your child for the
2020-2021 school year!

NEW THIS YEAR!

We be will offering 1/2 day and full day class
Monday- Thursday!

If you have any questions or would like more
information about the preschool call
Melinda @ 507-537-1516 or email her at
melinda.grohs@ststephenmarshall.org

Hope to see you there!

February happenings.....



Alexis Sherrod was baptized on February 2nd



Ashleigh Steinbach affirmed her baptism (that's fancy language for being confirmed) on February 2nd.



Decker Kyle Boerboom baptized on February 23rd



Youth Pizza Fundraiser

March 2020



14 Keeley Island Drive
Slayton, MN 56172
507-763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, March 22 – 9am – 1pm

A delicious breakfast with real maple syrup from Shetek’s maple trees.



Sign up for summer camp at Shetek!

Take advantage of our Early Bird special if you sign up before April 1!

Shetek is seeking summer staff.

A great opportunity to develop the following lifelong skills that employers want to see on resumes!

- Creativity
- Oral communication skills
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Interpersonal and Leadership skills
- Collaborative skills

To find out more and apply online – <https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!

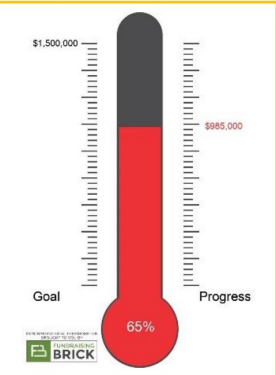
Mark your Calendar 2020

- Family Day – Syrup on the Prairie – March 7
- Pre-Marriage Retreat – March 14
- Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast – March 22
- Pre-marriage Retreat – April 18
- Confirmation Retreat – April 24-25
- Spring Toddlers and Trees – April 25
- Spring Clean-up Days – come help get camp ready for a great summer – April 25 + May 2
- Road Scholars – May 3-8
- First Day of Camp!! – June 7
- Saturday Worship at Shetek- 5:30 starting June 13
- Fun in the Sun with Waterbugs – June 13
- Golf Tournament – June 22
- Quilt Auction – June 27

Can you help Shetek out? Here's our Wish List!

- Vehicles in good condition (Mini-vans)
- 17 foot aluminum canoes
- Flatscreen TV's
- 4 Drawer dressers
- Office supplies – reams of paper, dry erase markers
- Box fans

Here's an update on our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign. We've raised over \$985,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! Check our website for more info.

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Roll Sunday</i> 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8:30 am Worship ●9:35 am Sunday School/Fellowship ●10:30 am Worship ●1 pm SW Music ●3 pm Preschool Open House 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●3 pm Just 4 Kicks ●7 pm Alanon ●8 pm Monday Night Fellowship at Brau Brothers 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●11:30 pm 2nd Harvest ●1 pm Quilters ●3 pm Just 4 Kicks ●7 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●12 pm 12@12 ●5:30 pm Confirmation ●6pm <i>Lenten Meal</i> ●7pm <i>Lenten Worship</i> ●7:30 pm CIA 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●9 am Sr. Coffee ●3 pm Just 4 Kicks ●5:30 pm Women's Recovery 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●9:30 am Karen 7th Day Worship
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