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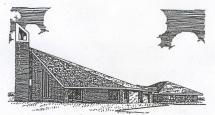


"It is better to think of church in the ale-house than to think of the ale-house in church."

—Martin Luther

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
•8:30 am Worship •9:30 am Worship •10:30 am Worship	•4:00 Just-for-Kix •7 pm Alanon •8 pm Monday Night Fellowship at Brau Brothers	 11:30 am Second Harvest 4:30 Just-for-Kix 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 	•12 pm 12@12 •5:30 pm Confirmation •7:30 CIA/Sr. Youth	•9 am Sr. Coffee •10 am Prairie Community Services •10 am Worship on Studio1 •3:30 Just-for-Kix	•6:30 am FCA Mother/Daughter Bible Study •6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous •7 pm Worship on Studio1	7
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proclaiming and serving Jesus Christ

From the Pastor's Desk...



So way back in February our 8th graders who would be confirmed in May asked "Pastor Lyle, can we have a different color of stole instead of red or white? Can we have blue?" I am often open to many things in life. I usually think, "Sure! Let's see where this one goes!"

Blue is typically reserved for Advent. Normally at this time in the church our paraments are green, for the ordinary Sundays of Pentecost. But here's the thing. We're much more in an Advent time right now.

What is Advent? It is the time of waiting and hope for salvation, for our savior to come to us, celebrated on Christmas. But as 2020 has been very difficult and we are still amongst our pandemic, many of us are waiting for salvation right here and right now. So it really made sense to change our paraments to blue, since because not only the confirmands had blue stoles, but mostly because we're in an Advent time.

Every single one of us could use some salvation right here and now.

Our confirmands were mostly interested in color. They didn't know at that time that their confirmations would be pushed back 5 and 1/2 months, and that their blue liturgical color would much more closely resemble the thoughts, mood, hopes, and worries of our current time. The Holy Spirit works like that. I think we all really sure would like a Christmas right now. Not the presents & family gathering that people associate with Christmas... but salvation coming to us.

In Christ

+Pastor Lyle Snyder

Staff

- Rev. Lyle Snyder, Pastor
- Seth Boerboom, Parish Associate
- 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)

Worship Back in Sanctuary!

- Three services at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. (further spreading people out).
- Strongly encouraging the elderly or those with vulnerable health to attend at 8:30 a.m., as the least amount of people will likely attend 8:30 a.m.
- We ask that those medically not able to wear a mask, refrain from attending the 8:30 a.m. service.
- Our pews will be labeled for 8:30, 9:30, or 10:30 worship times, limiting our capacity to 1/3 of the sanctuary and eliminating the need to clean immediately after use. Overflow seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall.
- We encourage everyone to follow the mask mandate in accordance with state law.
- We encourage everyone to offer grace and understanding to those not wearing masks.
- We will not have coffee or fellowship during this time.
- Sunday School will be at home lessons until Church Council re-evaluates in November.
- Method of communion will be prepackaged cups with juice.

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St. Stephen October Happenings!



On October 10th, Jim Haynes & Megan Weber were married at the Marshall Golf Club.

On October 11th at the 9:30 service, Abby Johnson, London Seefeld, & Gage Guetter were confirmed.





On October 11th at the 10:30 service, Sailor Post, the daughter of Colby & Danielle Post was baptized. Claire Allen, Alex Larson, Mackenzie Olsen, & Brielle Riess were confirmed.



On October 17th Aaron Beek & Darcy Byer were married at St. Stephen..

On October 17th Shawn Hanson & Michelle Arndorfer were married at St. Stephen..





On October 18th at the 9:30 a.m. service, Lilly Bursell, Sydney Schaffran, & Aidan Bresnahan were confirmed.

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On October 18th at the 10:30 a.m. service, MacKenzie Knutson, Jaya Sullivan, Will Parks, and Jackson Baynard were confirmed.

On October 25th at the 10:30 a.m. service, Carter Kepler, Andrew Cowden, & Andrew Seanor were confirmed.



On October 25th at the 9:30 a.m. service, Jayda Bednarek was confirmed. Surrounded by her family, right.





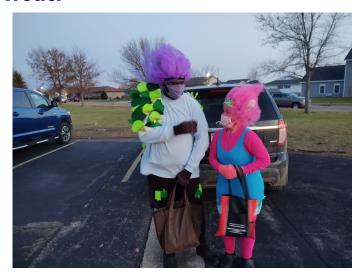
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On November 8th, Landry James Grohs was welcomed into the world! Landry is the son of St. Stephen Preschool Director, Melinda Grohs and her husband Derek. Congratulations Derek & Melinda! We're so happy for you!

Trunk-of-Treat!









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Trunk-of-Treat Continued...





Financials Through September 2020

Sep	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget	
Giving/Income	23,655.35	27,576.00	(3,920.65)	
Expenses	17,954.07	27,001.50	9,047.43	
Net Income	5,701.28	574.50	5,126.78	
Sep YTD	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget	
Giving/Income	252,430.34	248,234.00	4,196.34	
Expenses	204,005.47	242,947.50	38,942.03	
Net Income	48,424.87	5,286.50	43,138.37	

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Preschool Happenings



The preschool is working on a fun project for this winter, but we need your help! Please save your empty gallon milk jugs (with lids) from now until December. You can bring them in and put them on the table outside the preschool. We are in need of about 400 gallon milk jugs and 12 half gallon ones as well! Thank you for your help!

HyVee Gift Cards

The preschool will continue selling HyVee Gift Cards this year. We will not have them on hand at the church but if you would like to order some contact Melinda @ melinda.grohs@ststephenmarshall.org or at (507) 537-1516.

Thank You for supporting St. Stephen Preschool!

November 2020



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

CAMP COMES TO DAYCARES!

Katie Chapman, our Environmental Education
Director, will bring a program to your daycare!
Looking for something unique? Katie will bring
some of our camp animals to your daycare and
provide a short program – contact her at
katie@shetek.org



Quilt Sale 2.0

Our quilt sale in June went very well! We are having another sale through our online camp store to support Shetek's ministry. Many items available and several have seasonal or holiday themes. Starting Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, these items will be available. Go to shetek.org/store to view and purchase items. Thanks for your support!!

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!

Events at camp!

(Go to shetek.org for more info.)

November 6-7, Fri. - Sat. - Confirmation

Retreat. Confirmation groups and leaders invited to camp for an overnight retreat.

November 14, Saturday, "Owls in the Night"

An evening EE event for all ages to learn about owls in southwest MN.

December 6, Sunday, "Scandinavian Drive
Through Meal" – Instead of our Lutefisk
Dinner, you're invited to come out to camp
and get your meal to go!

December 28, Monday, Winter Fun Day!

All 3rd – 6th graders come to camp for a day of fun winter activities!

During this time, we are thankful for donations from supporters and congregations when retreat and program income is very low.

If you are able to make a donation at this time, we would really appreciate it!

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is on hold for now. So far, we've raised just over \$1,000,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! We'll be continuing the campaign efforts later this year when it is more feasible and safe to do so.

