



Merry Christmas

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wed., December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

- 12:00 PM 12 @ 12
- 3:30 PM Contemporary Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion & Live Stream
- 5:30 PM Traditional Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion & Live Stream

Thurs., December 25 ~ Christmas Day

Church office closed

- 10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1
- 5:00 PM Old Path Pentecostal Church

Fri., December 26

Church office closed

- 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon. Meeting
- 7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. Meeting

Sat., December 27

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., December 28 ~ Lessons & Carols

- NO Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols Worship w/ Live Stream
- 3:00 PM Old Path Pentecostal Church

Mon., December 29

- 6:00 AM Men's Small Group – Bagels & Brew
- 5:30 PM Men's Small Group
- 6:30 PM Men's Small Group
- 7:00 PM Alanon
- 8:00 PM Men's Fellowship – Brau Bros.

Tues., December 30

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Wed., December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

- 12:00 PM 12 @ 12

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding:	Austin Krohnke
Musician:	Judy DeCramer
Lector:	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Acolyte:	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Slides:	Harrison Landberg
Usher:	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Communion:	Mark & Melissa Andree
Video:	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Sound:	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Altar Guild:	Nicole Lewis
Bread:	Kari Matson



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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

5:30pm Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2025

✙ Worship with Holy Communion

We remember in prayer:

- Delores Manke (hospice)
- Kaylee & Evelyn Juutilainen (kidney)
- Jim Kindler (brother of Judy DeCramer, ALS)
- Kären Goergen (health)
- Elly Greenman (health)
- Jolene Breczinski (health)
- Carol Owen (health)
- Frank & Karen Bielinski (health)
- Ron Kupfer (father of Ronda Bursell, health)
- Pam Kesteloot (aunt of Daren K., health)
- Shannon Blank (sister of Erin, Barb & Connie, uterus cancer)
- Jeri Popman (friend of Erin K., Alzheimer's)
- Paul Beussman (father of Adam B., vision)
- Everett Wallin (heart)
- Brent Breczinski (nephew of Jolene, health)
- Bev Roberts (mother of Val B., cancer)
- Steve Bennett (cancer)
- Juliet Pauling (niece of Brittany Olson, health)
- Deb Stassen (sister of Dan, stroke recovery)
- Jean Rickard (sister of Donna Kor, health)
- Roland Winter (cancer)
- Isaac Malsom (cousin of Emily Hoppe)
- Leanne Kramer (mother of Laura Miller, health)
- Russ Craigmile (father of Marc, health)
- Al French (father of Regan, heart health)
- Erin Kuehl (knee surgery recovery)
- Brenda Krog (surgery recovery)
- Mary Hauschild (healing from a fall)
- Seiko Green (sister-in-law of Roger & Ardy Green, liver transplant recovery)
- Adam Breczinski (health)
- Evelyn Fox (niece of Esther Longseth, health)
- Jason Lay (open heart surgery, friend of Lyle & Emily Snyder)
- Brianna & Ella (daughter & newborn granddaughter of Dean & Penny Wyffels, complications)
- Paul Bridgland (health)
- Jennifer Preuss (niece of Kari Matson, cancer)
- Family of James Johnson (grandpa of Carl)
- Family of Lola Cowden (mother of Bill)
- Family of Violet Karasis

Please contact the office to add or update our prayer list.

Christmas Poinsettias

- *In memory of Fritz, Evie & Jerry Hoffbeck from Jeanne Forsberg
- *In memory of Jason Bielinski from Frank & Karen Bielinski
- *In memory of my parents, Howard & Elaine Johnson from Deborah Anderson
- *from the Dubs Family
- *In memory of our parents and in honor of our children, grandchildren & great grandchildren and their families from Darrell & Kitty Mercie
- *In memory of Mary Winn from Ryan & June Landberg & family
- *In memory of our parents and Carol's brother and in honor of our family from Lyle & Carol Moseng
- *In memory of Minnie & Herold Luckow and Robert & Shirley Green from Roger & Ardy Green
- *In memory of Jesse Citrowske, Ken Elness, Ody Citrowske & Wendy Weber from Mike & Brenda Citrowske
- *In honor of our family from Todd & Lisa Harmening
- *In memory of Arla & Hardin Kindler and Mildred & George DeCramer from John & Judy DeCramer
- *In memory of our grandparents Ardis & Virg Halter, Rein & Francis Halter, Mary & Joe Nuy, Amber & Harley Sasse and in honor of our granddaughter Landrie Lynn Stattelmann from Dan & Tammy Stattelmann

Please take your poinsettia home with you after 5:30 service (flower bags are in the sacristy)



Weekly News

Scan to view this week's news!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

GATHERING HYMN ~ #270 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” vs 1 & 2

READING ~ Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 555 in the pew Bibles)

HYMN ~ #279 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1-3

GOSPEL READING ~ Luke 2:1-7 (pg. 832)

HYMN ~ #277 “Away in a Manger” vs 1 & 2

GOSPEL READING ~ Luke 2:8-20 (pg. 833)

CHILDREN’S SONG ~ “O Come Little Children”

The congregation sings as the children come forward and again as the children return to their seats.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE EVENING ~ #290 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” vs 1-3

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER SONG ~ “We Bring Our Prayers to You Oh God” sung to the tune of “What Child is This?”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

Children of all ages are invited to bring loose change forward and let your coins make a joyful noise in the bucket.



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

St. Stephen Lutheran Church practices open communion and all are welcome to the Lord’s table. If you wish for a gluten-free wafer, please tell those serving communion. Dark cups are wine, light are juice.

If you are not able to come forward for communion, please alert one of the ushers and it will be brought to you at your pew.

LITANY OF LIGHT

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION ~ John 1:1-14 (pg. 862)

The pastor lights a candle from the Christ candle, which symbolizes the Light of the World of whom John’s Gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the pastor’s candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle.

The lighted candle is never tilted; it is always held upright when giving light to another candle.

HYMN OF LIGHT ~ #281 “Silent Night, Holy Night” vs 1-3

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ~ #267 “Joy to the World!” vs 1-4

SENDING



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Remember – 1 Worship service ONLY on Sunday, 12/28

9:30am Lessons & Carols Service