

THE DEACON'S SPIRIT

The newsletter of St. Stephen Lutheran Church



512 McClellan Street
Wausau, WI 54403-4882

Phone: 715-845-7858

Website: www.sslcwausau.com

Email address:

info@sslcwausau.com

Office Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
from 8am—3pm

Office Closed:

Monday, May 30th in observance of
Memorial Day

Deadlines:

Bulletin: Wednesday by 8:00 a.m.

Newsletter: 3rd Thursday of the month.

Facebook:

Join us to watch a livestream service
every Sunday at 9am at
<https://www.facebook.com/wausausslc>

Worship Telecast:

Our Worship Services are telecast on
cable channel 980 on Sundays at 12pm
(this is the previous Sundays' service),
Mondays at 3pm, and Tuesdays at
10am and 10:30pm.



Mother's Day Slide Show

We will be having a slide show honoring mothers on Mother's Day which is Sunday, May 8th, during the announcements. Please submit your favorite photo of you and your mother and/or a photo of you and your children/grandchildren. Please, no more than one photo from each category. All photos (submitted electronically) must be to Nancy Henke by Wednesday, May 4th. If you would like to submit a photo electronically, email to nhenke@sslcwausau.com. It would be preferable to have electronic submissions in a jpg. format. Please include the names of the people in the photos with your submissions. **IF YOU SUBMITTED A PHOTO LAST YEAR, THAT PHOTO WILL BE USED.** If you have questions, contact Nancy at 715-845-7858.

COUNCIL MINUTES ~ APRIL 12, 2022

The meeting opened at 5:32 pm with a devotion provided by Sarah.

Present: Kathy Robinson, Shauna Robinson, Lloyd Zimmel, Sarah Lonsdorf, Pat Erdman, Jim Von Rueden, Verlyn Oelke, Kelly Brown, Pam Hackbart, and Jeff Blomquist. Online: Chuck Johnson.

A motion was made and passed to accept the March 8, 2022 Council minutes.

Pastor's Report: No report was provided.

President's Report: A written report was provided.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was provided. We have \$22,375 in our General Fund.

Committee Reports:

Education/Youth: Education Elder is on a one year substitution by Member at Large.

Good Stewards: A written report was provided. 92 meals were served for the Community Dinner; the remainder went to Bridge Community.

Property: No written report was provided. The bathrooms in the quilting area are completed. This will allow for extra needed restrooms rather than changing the current designation of our bathrooms in the main hallway. The work on the air conditioning will begin within a couple of weeks. Our Sunday custodian is out temporarily, Dave Skola and Jim are coordinating fill in.

Worship: A written report was provided. Discussion took place about putting communion cards back in the pews. Our constitution requires members to commune once a year, and some of the other information available on the cards is nice to have when needed. Council decided it is okay to have them back in the pews. Discussion took place about how to continue collecting offerings during services. We are going to continue collecting the offering in the plate at the back of church, but will start offering the plate at the altar during the service in June.

Trust Fund: A written report was provided outlining the investment results and funds distributed this month.

A motion was made and carried to accept these reports.

Old Business:

- Memorial Fund Review – There is no change to the priority order this month. Technology Fund is number one, Current Expense Fund is number two, and Sustainability Trust Fund is number three.
- In-person worship will continue, **we ask you mask as you are comfortable and please watch online if you are ill. Pew ropes have been removed, but we ask that you continue to distance from others and be mindful of those who are masked and may have compromised health issues. Communion will continue as is for the time being.** Please continue to be mindful of your church family.
- Transition update – The Call Committee has interviewed one candidate and continues to work through the call process.
- We discussed the Good Neighbor Fund disbursement and are working on a policy to help guide our new pastor.
- We tabled the discussion on our Wedding Policy updates.
- The Parsonage lease extension is pending. No decision has been made.
- Little Scholars is looking to extend their contract with us. We will work with them to figure out terms. A second refrigerator is needed in the kitchen area. Property will look into purchasing a refrigerator that St. Stephen will share with them when needed. **Council approved by vote to purchase a new refrigerator using funds from the Wanta Fund up to \$1500.**
- The Council received a thank you from Little Scholars for all of the work that has been done to the building in recent months and the relationship they have shared with our congregation.
- We tabled our discussion on how to proceed doing nominations as a Council in the coming year.
- We have made progress on our meeting technology. Some of the equipment has been purchased and they will continue to finalize the equipment and process.

New Business:

- **A motion was made and carried to approve March bills.**
- Kathy and Shauna Robinson will be our representatives at the Synod Assembly. **This was approved by motion and vote.**
- Discussion took place on whether we need to update our constitution now that the Synod has passed a new constitution. It was decided we will not make any changes at this time.
- Council has agreed to update our office computers at this time. We are not looking at making any program changes on the computers, just updating them so they can handle improvements to the software and run more efficiently. We will use the Technology Fund to cover costs. **Council approved this by motion and vote.**
- Personnel Committee recommended that we do not go to using time cards for employees; Council agreed.
- As we go through the call process, we are starting to look at the Mutual Ministry Committee for our new pastor. We will start looking for people for that committee in the future.
- Jim mentioned we have some cupboards downstairs that have allowed contents to mildew. Council told Jim it was okay to go ahead and remove the cupboards.
- **A motion was made and carried to use funds from the Wanta Memorial to re-key the church doors as needed up to the cost of \$1500.**

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 pm with Lloyd providing devotions.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Erdman, Council Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Stephen Calendar of Events						May 2022	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 8:00am—11:00am Rummage Sale 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	2 10:00 Staff Mtg. 1:00 Personnel Comm. Mtg. 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	3 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 5:00 Executive Comm. Mtg. 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	4 PHOTOS DUE FOR MOTHER'S DAY SLIDE SHOW	5 8:30 Quilting 6:00 Al-Anon	6	7 9:00 Stephen's Angels	
8 Mother's Day 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	9 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	10 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 5:30 Congregation Council Mtg. 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	11 1:00 Women's Bible Study	12 8:30 Quilting 6:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Trust Fund Comm. Mtg.	13	14	
15 9:00 Worship 10:15 Good Stewards Mtg. 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	16 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 6:30 Property Comm. Mtg.	17 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	18	19 8:30 Quilting 6:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Special Olympics NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20	21	
22 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	23 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	24 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	25	26 8:30 Quilting 6:00 Al-Anon	27	28	
29 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	30 Memorial Day 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 OFFICE CLOSED	31 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980					

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Birthday Blessings

The following people are celebrating May Birthdays.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May 2nd

Jerelyn Weinke
Seth Wiskow

May 3rd

Allen Seymour

May 4th

Gloria Mortenson
Raymond Schirmer

May 5th

Elizabeth Lenoble
John Seehafer

May 7th

Matthew Otradovec
Rachel Tordsen

May 9th

Patricia Pippenger
Jessica Strand

May 10th

Sylvia Seiler

May 13th

Jessica Dabler

May 14th

Jennifer Burish
Jane Seubert

May 15th

Susan Flaker Johnson
Amy Robinson
Randy Van Natta

May 17th

Davis Kole
Sally Kleppen
Terry Lyon

May 19th

Debra Zahrt

May 21st

Joan Ninnemann
Gary Tilkens

May 22nd

Julie Cheyka-Sawyer

May 23rd

Beverly Luedtke
Ginny Seymour
Shane Woller

May 26th

Delores Hilmerhausen
Nancy Schwede

May 27th

Darlene Yoltz

May 28th

Melissa Peters

May 30th

Alexander Mohr

May 31st

Andrew Nielson
Kristie Schneider



Anniversaries

The following couples are celebrating their May Wedding Anniversaries.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May 4th

Ben & Peggy Roble

May 5th

Allen & Susan Brouchous
Nick & Becky Hebda

May 8th

Dale & Ginny Seymour

May 20th

Greg & Kim Grau
Elroy & Faye Schalow

May 22nd

Christopher & Beth Eiden

May 25th

John & Connie Schneider

May 29th

Joseph & Jessica Strand

May 30th

Edward & Shirley Schwede

May 31st

Everett & Bev Schmidt, Jr.



Funeral

"...in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God..."

Audrey Viergutz

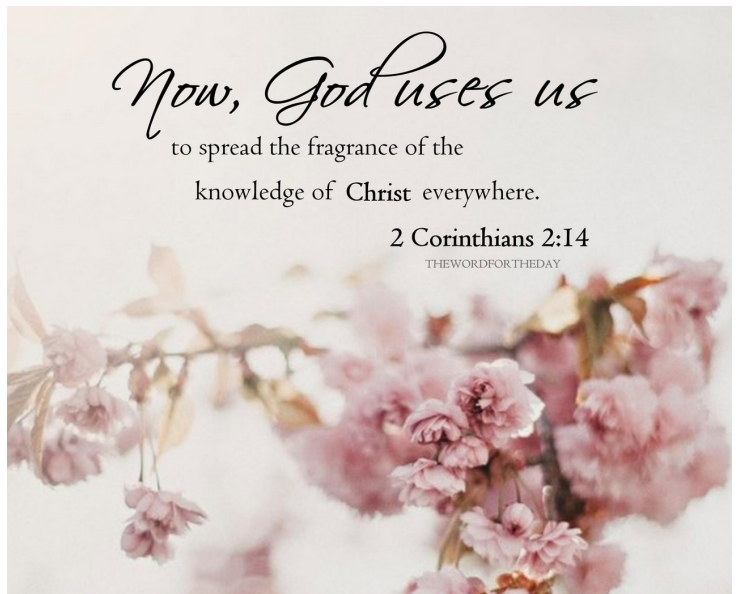
March 31, 2022

Now, God uses us

to spread the fragrance of the
knowledge of Christ everywhere.

2 Corinthians 2:14

THEWORDFORTHE DAY



Community Dinner

The Good Stewards Committee organized and hosted St. Stephen's Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church on April 10th.

This Community Dinner was a big success! St. Stephen provided 92 meals to dinner guests. The meals consisted of a ham salad sandwich, an egg salad sandwich, pasta salad, a bag of chips, an apple, a zip loc bag containing several cookies, candy, and a bottle of water. Remaining food items were donated to the Bridge Street Mission.

A BIG THANK YOU to congregation members who generously donated cookies for this event!!! We had so many wonderful and delicious cookies to provide for the dinner guests to enjoy! Thank you to the Church Council for donating cookies and candy left over from their Social Hour. Thank you to Stephen's Angels for preparing the egg salad spread and pasta salad, and thank you to the many volunteers who purchased food items and assembled and distributed the dinners. A special thank you to Linda Salzman. Thank you to the St. Stephen Trust Fund Committee for their generous support of this event.

Quilting Supplies Needed

We are in need of the following supplies for Lutheran World Relief Quilting:

1. **Flat sheets** – Any size or color (preferably not white), clean, free of stains, and no holes
2. **Fabric** – Any size or color (big enough for our Quilters to cut 6" squares or larger)
3. **Mattress Pads, Blankets, etc.** – Any size or color, as long as they are clean/washed
4. **Thread & Yarn** – Any color

If you would like to donate to this cause, bring your items to church and place them in the Nursery (at the end of the hall; last door on left). You may continue placing quilting supplies in this location throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your help!

Save on Prescription Drugs

United Way Worldwide is a partner with SingleCare (formerly FamilyWize), which offers discounts on prescription drugs. Last year residents of Marathon County saved \$32, 953 by using this program. Get your free SingleCare card. Print your card from SingleCare. Download the free SingleCare app on your smartphone. Start saving on your prescription drugs:

- 1) Start with a search: Look up prescriptions to find the lowest prices in your area. Click on a prescription to customize the dosage and quantity.
- 2) Get a free coupon card: Download, text, or email yourself a free SingleCare coupon card. It can be used at participating pharmacy locations, and it's completely free.
- 3) Save on your scripts: Show the coupon card to your pharmacist. They'll input the magic numbers from the card and your savings will be automatically applied.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study Group will be meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 1pm in the Conference Room. Any women in the congregation who would like to attend are WELCOME!

Benevolence

Through your support of St. Stephen in the month of March 2022, we were able to contribute to the following ministry:

ELCA National & Synod Support \$496

This is the first month of our unified budget in which we now give four and one half percent (4.5%) of our current expense receipts and loose plate offerings for benevolence. The above amount is based on the income of \$11,538 for March.

St. Stephen Family Checkbook

For the month of March 2022 and the year to date, the St. Stephen family checkbook looked like this:

March 1—31, 2022

What we received.....	\$16,553.
What we spent.....	(\$17,121.)
Our balance.....	(\$ 568.)

January 1— March 31, 2022

What we received.....	\$51,786.
What we spent.....	(\$51,317.)
Our balance.....	\$ 469.

Order of Importance of Memorials and Other Special Offerings

Primary Funds: Technology Fund, Current Expense Receipts, and Sustainability Trust Fund.

Secondary Funds: Bell Choir Fund, Brick Maintenance (tuck pointing), Building Improvement Fund, Choral Fund, ELCA Scholarship Fund, Good Neighbor Fund, Library Fund, Organ Fund, Quilters Memorial Fund, Parish House Alarm, and WELCA Clean Water Fund.

Other Funds: Confirmation/National Youth Gathering, Faith Enrichment Fund, Major Church Improvement, Missionary Sponsorship, Rooted in Faith (Crossways Capital Improvement) Fund, Seidel/Meyer Scholarship, Seminary Scholarship, and World Hunger.

FEBRUARY 2022 MEMORIALS

In loving memory of Chuck Shipway

Technology Fund -- \$680
Family & Friends

Building Maintenance Fund

In loving memory of Jerry Preller –
Kay Preller

Current Expense Fund

In loving memory of LaVerne Hettinga, Ken Hopp, Michael Lee, and Frank Wanta –
Shirley Kasten

In loving memory of Jerry Preller and Perry Barr –
Kay Preller

In loving memory of Roger Fust, Uncle and Friend –
Dale & Ginny Seymour

In loving memory of Don & Ruth Seymour –
Dale & Ginny Seymour

Sustainability Trust Fund

In loving memory of Mike Lee –
Pat Erdman

Technology Fund

In loving memory of Mike Lee –
Pat Erdman

In loving memory of LaVerne Hettinga –
Ann Kramer Johnson

In loving memory of Gerry Schneck –
Dick & Beth Lind

In loving memory of Geraldine Schneck –
Sarah Lonsdorf

In loving memory of Bill Metter –
Sarah Lonsdorf

In loving memory of my Husband, Delbert “Pete” Peterson, who passed away on February 27, 2009 –
Doris Peterson

In loving memory of my Parents –
Gladys Price

In loving memory of our Father, Frank Wanta –
Linda & Jeff Wanta

In loving memory of Jim Seidel –
Kevin & Louise Wolf

MARCH/APRIL MEMORIALS

7

MARCH 2022 MEMORIALS

Building Maintenance Fund

In loving memory of Audrey Ruechel whose birthday anniversary was February 29th –
Bert Ruechel

Technology Fund

In memory of loved ones –
Charles & Joyce Fromfeld

In loving memory of Gerry Schneck –
Shirley Kasten

In loving memory of our Mother, Geraldine Schneck –
Kent & Mary Schneck

In loving memory of Chuck Shipway –
Family & Friends

APRIL 2022 MEMORIALS

In loving memory of LaVerne Hettinga

Sustainability Trust Fund -- \$710

Technology Fund -- \$1000

Family & Friends

Library Fund

In loving memory of Lillian Gritzmacher –
Tim Gritzmacher

Quilting Fund

In loving memory of Betty Wimmer –
Ruth Grell

Seidel Meyer Pastoral Ministry Fund

In loving memory of Harold & Sue Kratwell, Kenneth & Sadie Borth, and Norm & Bertha Zietlow –
Sandy & Ron Borth and Family

Technology Fund

In loving memory of Audrey Viergutz –
Sarah Lonsdorf

In loving memory of my Parents, Sister, and Brothers –
Mary Beth Tolley

In loving memory of my Father, Harold Prieve, Mother, Loretta Prieve Lodholz, and Stepfather, Orville Lodholz –
Mary Beth Tolley

In loving memory of my Brother-in-law, Merritt Gleason, Niece, Melissa Fleming, and Nephews, Andy Prieve, Kevin Prieve, and Brian Gleason –
Mary Beth Tolley

In loving memory of Ben Yunek –
Jim Yunek

What's Inside...

Council Minutes.....	2
Calendar of Events.....	3
Anniversaries & Birthdays.....	4
Congregation Notes.....	5
February Memorials.....	6
March/April Memorials.....	7



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Wausau, WI
54403-4882
Permit No. 398

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
512 McClellan Street
Wausau, WI 54403-4882
Return Service Requested