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(this is the previous Sundays' service),
Mondays at 3pm, and Tuesdays at
10am and 10:30pm.



Father's Day Slide Show

We will be having a slide show honoring fathers on Father's Day which is Sunday, June 19th, during the announcements. Please submit your favorite photo of you and your father 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, June 15th. 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.

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

For many of us it felt like spring was slow to get here. Regardless of the weather, the work at SSLC moves forward. It is great to have a choir once again fill our sanctuary with beautiful music. The collaboration with Pilgrim's choir will continue in the fall. Thanks to all that are taking part and keeping this important ministry alive. The quilters continue their ministry by using their talents to bring warmth to folks around the world. The Good Stewards Committee, with the help of member's donations of cookies, hosted a Community Dinner at First Presbyterian helping those in need in our community. The Angels once again held a successful rummage sale, raising money used to support various missions. Facility improvements go on with the efforts of members, staff, and contractors. Kathy Seidel has continued the Seidel family tradition of donating flowers in front of church. They will be planted and cared for by volunteers and staff.

Weekly services continue with the new normal format. With COVID numbers still a bit unstable we will be leaving the distribution of communion as is for now without communing at the rail. Collection will remain at the rear of the Sanctuary. Since many of you place your offering in the plates prior to the service, we will be bringing the offering forward during the offertory beginning in June. If you did not place your offering in the plates prior to the service, there will be plates out at the end of service as well. Thank you for your continued financial support.

At the time of this writing, the Call Committee will have completed the interview process with a candidate to become our next Pastor. The wheels are in motion as far as the call process is concerned. We will keep you updated as the protocol allows. Be watching in the upcoming weeks for the official notice for a special congregational meeting regarding the call. Many thanks to those members who serve on the Call Committee, once again showing your commitment to the spiritual health and wellbeing of SSLC. Members include: Randy Van Natta (chair) Rachel Tordsen, Deb Gleason, Kathy Robinson, Shauna Robinson, Jeff Blomquist, Pam Hackbart, Jacque Schremp, and Everett Schmidt. With God's guidance we hope to have our new spiritual leader in place in the next several months. Your continued prayers and patience are appreciated.

As we celebrated God's greatest gift to us as Christians, we are reminded how truly fortunate we are to live in a country that allows us the freedoms to choose. We continue to pray for those who are less fortunate and for those being persecuted around the world. We also ask that God brings rain to regions of drought and wild fires as well seasonal rain to the farmlands and gardens that feed us.

God's peace,

Lloyd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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St. Stephen Calendar of Events						June 2022	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2 6:00 Al-Anon	3	4	
5 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	6 10:00 Staff Mtg. 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	7 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 4:30 Executive Comm. Mtg. 6:00 Trust Fund Comm. Mtg. 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	8	9 6:00 Al-Anon	10	11	
12 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	13 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	14 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 5:30 Congregation Council Mtg. 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	15 PHOTOS DUE FOR FATHER'S DAY SLIDE SHOW	16 6:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Special Olympics NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17	18	
19 Father's Day 9:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 7:00 AA	20 3:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	21 10:00 Worship Tele. Ch. 980 10:30 Worship Tele. Ch. 980	22	23 6:00 Al-Anon	24 NANCY HENKE	25 ON VACATION	
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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Birthday Blessings

The following people are celebrating June Birthdays.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

June 1st

Stuart Kuehl

June 2nd

Raymond Pasholk Jr.

Darlene Simmerman

June 3rd

Gerry Schlamp

June 4th

Deidre Kroeplin

June 7th

Faye Blarek

June 10th

Andrew Ralph

June 12th

Abby Noschese

Jane Stotmeister

June 14th

Dawn Krueger

Nate Schmidt

June 15th

Wallace Lewitzke

Carolyn Schirmer

June 16th

Gary Froseth

Cayden Kershaw

Thomas Kole

Maegan Matter

Julie Post

June 18th

Amanda Woller

June 19th

Karen Kromrei

Kenneth Mylly

June 20th

Darcy Jensen

June 21st

Scott Romang

Ray Stotmeister

June 23rd

Bert Ruechel

Roger Zweck

June 24th

Bill Lonsdorf Jr.

Katie Wiskow

June 25th

Vicki Romang

June 26th

Doris Peterson

June 27th

Crystal Zernicke

June 30th

Arlene Loeffel

Eric Van Natta



Anniversaries

The following couples are celebrating their June Wedding Anniversaries.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

June 4th

Charles & Joyce Fromfeld

June 5th

Stuart & Caroline Kuehl

June 7th

Dick & Sue Holster

June 11th

Nathaniel & Ashley Lenoble

June 13th

Kevin & Jessica Fischer

Edward & Jane Schwede

June 17th

Harold & Betty Lou Peterson

Thomas & Amy Robinson

June 18th

Mike & Amy Korpela

June 19th

Don & Karen Kromrei

Noel & Rachel Torsen

June 20th

Ben & Jenah Kasten

June 30th

John & Holly Jorgensen

Bill & Pat Lonsdorf



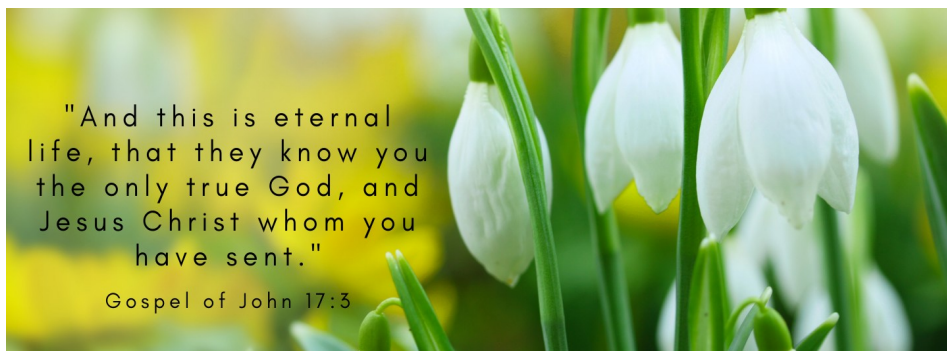
Funeral

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

Richard Lind
May 16, 2022



BE STRONG
in the Lord
AND IN THE
Strength
OF HIS
MIGHT
EPHESIANS 6:10



Email Scams

Scammers are again hitting church related emails to try to trick people out of money. In the past it was the Pastor's email, recently it has seemed like Lloyd Zimmer is asking for people to help him provide assistance for a member. The email address is similar to a familiar one, but it is not legitimate. ST. STEPHEN WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO FORWARD FUNDS OR BUY GIFTS CARDS ON OUR BEHALF. These emails are scams. Please delete and ignore them.

Office Closed

The office will be closed the week of June 27th as Nancy Henke will be on vacation. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Pat Erdman at 715-845-1268 and she will contact a pastor for you.

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!

Thank You

The Angels would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's church rummage sale. A big shout out goes to those of you who came to help us take boxes full of treasures from the upper basement to the auditorium the Wednesday before the sale. And also to those of you who came on Sunday and helped us pack up the items and load them into the three different vehicles. We distributed our leftovers to the two Goodwill stores and also to St. Vincent's. Thank you to all of you who brought in your treasures for the sale. Without those donations, there would not be a sale. This year we donated money to Faith in Action, St. Stephen's Current Expense Fund, the purchase of LWR supplies, ELCA Good Gifts for school uniforms/kits for young girls in Africa, and also our fish tank custodian (who offers his services at no charge). God's Blessings to all of you from the St. Stephen Angels.

Benevolence

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

ELCA National & Synod Support \$563

This is the second 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 \$11,973 for April.

St. Stephen Family Checkbook

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

April 1—30, 2022

What we received.....	\$19,291.
What we spent.....	(\$15,963.)
Our balance.....	\$ 3,328.

January 1— April 30, 2022

What we received.....	\$71,077.
What we spent.....	(\$67,280.)
Our balance.....	\$ 3,797.

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.

COMBINED CHOIR PICTURES



COUNCIL MINUTES ~ MAY 10, 2022

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The meeting opened at 5:35 pm with a devotion provided by Lloyd.

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

A motion was made and passed to accept the April 12, 2022 Council minutes.

Pastor's Report: No report was provided.

President's Report: A written report was provided. Lloyd recapped some of the church events from the past month.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was provided. We have \$25,702 in our General Fund.

A motion was made and carried to accept these two reports.

Committee Reports:

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

Good Stewards: No written report was provided.

Property: A written report was provided. Jim Von Rueden and Roger Hackbart continue to work with Cecil doing repairs to the church. They are working to make the main bathrooms handicap accessible.

Worship: A written report was provided. Discussion took place about scheduling times for future services, we will keep exploring this as we get a new pastor.

Trust Fund: No written report was provided. They haven't met yet 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 still 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 have 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 have had a second interview with our candidate.
- The Good Neighbor Fund disbursement policy was approved via email vote on 5/11/2022.
- We tabled the discussion on our Wedding Policy updates.
- The Parsonage lease extension is pending. No decision has been made. The renters have requested doing electronic transfer; we will set up a Venmo account as long as they are willing to pay any fees.
- Little Scholars is looking to extend their contract with us. We will work with them to figure out terms. They are currently up to date on their rent.
- We continued our discussion on how to proceed doing nominations as a Council in the coming year.

New Business:

- **A motion was made and carried** to approve April bills.
- Our Sunday custodian has resigned. We placed an ad for a replacement, Mary Beth Tolley has accepted the position as a Sunday Custodian.
- 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.
- 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.
- We are continuing our search for Music Ministry personnel.
- The Personnel Committee updated our 2014 job description for the pastor. We have shared it with the Synod. **The Council has approved their updates via motion and vote.**
- Discussion took place on our current Covid Policy as far as funeral restrictions for meals. We agree it is possible again to hold meals here at church as long as the meal is fully catered. We will check with the committee who has historically done the funeral meals to make sure they have input. **A motion was made and approved to go forward with this.**
- We are going to look for replacements for our current video system operator before he leaves for college in the fall.
- Patty Pippenger has volunteered to do exterior flowers this summer; Kathy Seidel has generously donated funds for this and we will continue to ask for donations for this.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 5:30 pm with Chuck providing devotions.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Erdman, Council Secretary

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