

## Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kathy Robinson	_____
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Combined Choir Worship Committee	_____
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Jim Von Rueden	Gail Wolfe Lloyd Zimmer
<b>Lector</b>	Pam Hackbart, Verlyn Oelke Kathy Robinson, Rachel Tordsen	_____
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dan Larson	Carmen Zuelsdorff
<b>Preaching/Presiding</b>	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
<b>Projection</b>	Jeff Blomquist	Jeff Blomquist
<b>Special Music</b>	_____	_____
<b>Usher</b>	Verlyn Oelke	Darrin Koehler
<b>Video</b>	Jeff Blomquist	Jeff Blomquist

### Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	Karoline Schwantes
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Nancy Henke
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Bill Dunker
<b>Worship Service Custodian</b>	Dave Skola
<b>Worship Service Custodian</b>	Mary Beth Tolley
<b>Cleaning Custodian</b>	Michelle Pregont
<b>Maintenance Custodian</b>	Cecil Wold

### Music Staff

<b>Director of Music</b>	Delores Kessel
<b>Head Organist</b>	Beth Lind
<b>Director of Combined Adult Choir</b>	Jim Lenselink
<b>Director of Bell Choir</b>	Darlene Johnson

### Executive Committee

<b>Pastor</b>	Karoline Schwantes: prkaroline@sslclwausau.com
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# ADVENT CHORAL SERVICE

*Presented by the  
Bell Choir and Combined Vocal Choir*

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**  
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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



The Prelude

**RINGING of the BELLS**

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN**

Processional Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #254

Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH**

PASTOR: Holy are you, God of power and glory; you promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people.

As we light this candle, open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come and save us.

CONGREGATION: **Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen.**

Hymn: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* #240 (verses 1-3)

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 555) *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

**VOCAL CHOIR** *There Is a Light*

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 554) *Isaiah 7:14*

**PASTOR’S REFLECTION** *God in the Darkness*

**VOCAL CHOIR** *Will We Know Him*

**VOCAL CHOIR** *Come Emmanuel*

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 831) *Luke 1:5-8, 10-14*

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 831) *Luke 1:26-35, 37-38*

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 783) *Matthew 1:18-24*

**VOCAL CHOIR** *Angels Are Making Their Rounds*

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 832) *Luke 2:1-5*

**PASTOR’S REFLECTION**

**DUET by PAT ERDMAN & JEAN TREMPÉ** *Breath of Heaven*

**READING** (Pew Bible pg. 832) *Luke 2:6-7*

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH**

Sunday, December11th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Worship Telecast on Channel 980 AA
Advent Choral Service		
Monday, December 12th	3:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Telecast on Channel 980 Bell Choir Dartball
Tuesday, December 13th	10:00 am 5:30 pm 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Channel 980 Congregation Council Mtg. Worship Telecast on Channel 980
Wednesday, December 14th	11:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Women’s Bible Study Lunch at 2510 Women’s Bible Study Combined Choir Practice
Thursday, December 15th	8:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Quilting Al-Anon Special Olympics Little Scholars Christmas Program  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sunday, December18th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Worship Telecast on Channel 980 AA

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# St. Stephen Weekly

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 11th, 2022*

**On Sunday, December 4th**, 55 people attended the 9:00 am Worship Service.

**Our sincere sympathy to the family of Arnie Lange**, whose funeral service was held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 8th.

**On November 27th, St. Stephen hosted a Community Dinner** at First Presbyterian Church. We served 100 meals! All dinner guests picked up their meals to go which consisted of one ham and one egg salad sandwich, a bottle of water, an apple, a bag of potato chips, cookies, a rice crispy treat, and chocolate. The Good Stewards Committee organized this event and would like to thank those who donated purchased or homemade cookies; these are always a hit with the dinner guests. We would also like to thank those who donated money during the coffee hour that Sunday as proceeds went to support this dinner. Thank you to those who helped transport the items for the meals and the 12 members from St. Stephen who prepared sandwiches and packed and handed out the meals. Thanks to all who contributed financially, and a special thank you to the Trust Fund Committee for their generous financial support.

**Thank you to everyone at St. Stephen** who contributed winter apparel or donated money to our annual Coats for Kids Drive. This year we collected 23 coats, 30 hats, mittens, and scarves, and 3 pairs of snow pants. Thank you for helping keep area kids warm this winter and a special thank you to Linda Salzman for organizing the drive this year.

**We are looking for an additional Sunday Custodian, 2 to 3 hours per Sunday.** Duties include: opening up the church, lighting candles, turning on lights, and turning on and monitoring the sound board. And at the end of the service: turning off the equipment, extinguishing candles, turning off lights, and insuring all doors are locked up. This would be once every 2 to 3 weeks part time. In addition, if available, would be able to do that same process for funerals or special services on other days of the week.

**DECEMBER MEMORIALS**—If you would like a memorial in the December 25th bulletin, it needs to be to the church office by 8am on Monday, December 12th. Thank you! Poinsettia memorials will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**The office will be closed starting Friday, December 16th until Wednesday, January 4th** as Nancy Henke will be on vacation. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Pastor Karoline Schwantes at 715-370-5514.

**On Wednesday, December 14th, the Women’s Bible Study group will meet** at 2510 Restaurant at 11:30 am for a Christmas celebration. Each person will order off of the menu, and pay their own way. If you wish to attend, please let Jane Seubert know so she can make reservations. Following lunch, we will have at Bible Study at church in the Conference Room. Any women in the congregation who would like to attend are WELCOME!

## PASTOR’S REFLECTION

*The Choir will sing one verse of Night of Silence.  
The high voices of the Choir will then sing Night of Silence  
as the low voices lead the Congregation in verses 1-3 of Silent Night.  
The entire Combined Choir and the Congregation will then sing  
Silent Night in German (as printed in the hymnal).*

## VOCAL CHOIR/CONGREGATION

*Night of Silence/Silent Night #281*

## PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, “God, in your mercy,”  
the congregational response is, “**hear our prayer.**”

## PEACE is shared

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

## BELL CHOIR

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## SUNG WORDS OF INSTITUTION (to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)

*(proceed to center aisle for communion)*

The God of grace be here with you.  
**The God of grace be also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in thanks and praise.  
**Our hearts and hopes to God we raise.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! For holy is the Lord,  
On earth and in the heav’nly heights adored.**

When Jesus sat at table with his friends,  
He took the bread, and blessing it, he said:  
“This is my body, offered for you;  
Take, eat, this meal of grace and truth.”  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this living bread,  
And seek a day when all shall be fed.**

When supper ended, Jesus took the cup.  
He blessed it and he raised it up.  
“This cup is life poured out for you.  
My promise to make all things new.”  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! We share the cup of peace  
With those who thirst for justice and release.**

O Spirit, fire of hope sent from above  
Unite us in salvation and love.



Bless these, your gifts of bread and wine  
And fill us with your joy divine.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this meal  
And bless our God, who feeds and heals.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy 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;  
and 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.**

Hymn during Communion: *What Child Is This*

**#296**

(Eucharistic Ministers may come forward for a communion kit at this time.)

**BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BELL CHOIR**

*It Came upon a Midnight Clear*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Blessing of Aaron*

Recessional Hymn: *Joy to the World*

**#267**

**DISMISSAL**

We are sent in God's promise.  
**God's promises are fulfilled.**

The Postlude

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*Please join us at these upcoming events!*





**Bell Choir**

Sarah Lonsdorf  
Crystal Nielson  
Kathy Robinson  
Ryan Schwantes  
Jean Trempe  
Rhonda Will  
Janet Williams

**Vocal Choir**

Tom Brown  
Charlene Buttner  
Dale Clark  
Pat Erdman  
Charlie Freiberg  
Dawn Felch  
Pam Hackbart  
Jeffrey Kessel  
Frank Koerten  
Karen Larson  
Verlyn Oelke  
Kay Preller  
Kathy Robinson  
David Skola  
Jean Trempe  
Rachel Tordsen  
Jerelyn Weinke



*The Bell Choir and Combined Vocal Choir  
would like to wish everyone a*

**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

**Director of Music/Accompanist**

*Delores Kessel*

**Bell Choir Director**

*Darlene Johnson*

**Vocal Choir Director**

*Jim Lenselink*

**Organist**

*Dan Larson*

