

Worship Assistants

| | <u><i>This Week</i></u> | <u><i>Next Week</i></u> |
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| Assisting Minister | Kathy Robinson | _____ |
| Coffee Hour | Council | _____ |
| Communion Asst. | Sarah Lonsdorf | Verlyn Oelke |
| Lector | Sarah Lonsdorf | Verlyn Oelke |
| Organist/Pianist | Phil Giese | Kay Pope |
| Preaching/Presiding | Pastor Karoline Schwantes | Pastor Karoline Schwantes |
| Projection | Shauna Robinson | Arianna Andersen |
| Special Music | _____ | _____ |
| Usher | Verlyn Oelke | Darrin Koehler |
| Video | Lydia Lenoble | Samantha Andersen |

Staff

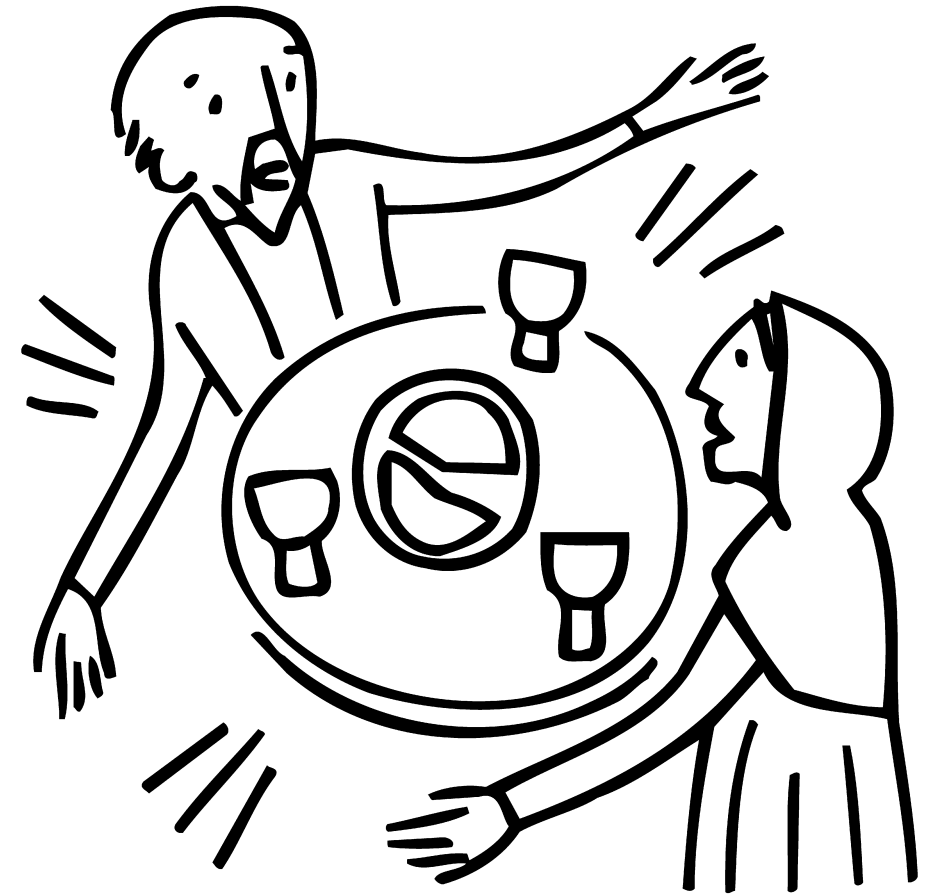
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| Pastor | Karoline Schwantes |
| Administrative Assistant | Nancy Henke |
| Assistant Treasurer | Bill Dunker |
| Worship Service Custodian | Dave Skola |
| Worship Service Custodian | Gail Wolfe |
| Cleaning Custodian | Michelle Pregont |
| Maintenance Custodian | Cecil Wold |

Music Staff

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| Director of Music | Delores Kessel |
| Head Organist | Beth Lind |
| Director of Combined Adult Choir | Jim Lenselink |
| Director of Bell Choir | Darlene Johnson |

Executive Committee

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| Pastor | Karoline Schwantes: prkaroline@sslcwausau.com |
| Past President | Lloyd Zimmel: wlzimmel@gmail.com |
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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Welcome to worship in Jesus's name! We hope that you will hear a word of encouragement during this service which will convey the fullness of God's love for you.

At St. Stephen, all are welcome at the Lord's Table! Ushers will lead you forward for communion at the rail. Grape juice is offered in the center ring of the tray at the rail, and gluten free wafers are also available at the rail if you desire that option.

The Prelude

RINGING of the BELLS

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

Processional Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table* #522

Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

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| Sunday, April 23rd | 9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm | Worship Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA |
| Monday, April 24th | 3:00 pm 5:30 pm | Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Bell Choir |
| Tuesday, April 25th | 10:00 am 10:30 pm | Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 |
| Wednesday, April 26th | 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | Confirmation Combined Choir Practice |
| Thursday, April 27th | 8:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm | Quilting Worship Committee Mtg. Al-Anon |
| Saturday, April 29th | 8:00 am—3:00 pm | Rummage Sale |
| Sunday, April 30th | 8:00 am—11:00 am 9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm | Rummage Sale Worship Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA |

St. Stephen Weekly

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 23rd, 2023

On Sunday, April 16th, 65 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

The Good Stewards Committee is busy planning the next Community Dinner which will be held on Sunday, April 23rd. We are asking congregation members to help out by either baking or buying cookies for us to include with the meals. Please bring the cookies to church with you on Sunday, April 23rd. We will have a place in the back of the Sanctuary for you to leave the cookies. If you have any questions, please contact Shauna Robinson. Thanks!

Next weekend is the Annual Church Rummage Sale. Have you had a chance to bring us some items? There is still time, but please do not bring items to us on the day of the sale. We are looking for more puzzles and games if you have any. Stop in next weekend and see what is available for sale. The Angels have also decided to include a Bake Sale as part of the Rummage Sale on April 29th and 30th. If you would like to donate baked goods, please have them to church on Friday, April 28th by 5 pm. If you are unable to make this timeframe (but want to donate), please let us know and we can work out a time. Please put the baked goods in the conference room. The Angels will bag and price them on Friday. Thank you for your support!

If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour (or just bringing in treats) there is a sign-up sheet is on the table in the lounge.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE/This is the feast of victory for our God

Hymnal pg. 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is SEATED

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 885*)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

PSALM (*read responsively*) (*Pew Bible pg. 430*)

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 983*)

1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)

Hymnal pg. 142

GOSPEL LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 883*)

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN** of the **DAY**

Hymn of the Day: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

#377

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL/TRUST FUND

PASTOR: The following persons,
elected by the congregation to positions of leadership,
are asked to come forward as their names and offices are read:

Kathy Robinson, President;
Lloyd Zimmel, Past President;
Sue Holster, Vice President;
Verlyn Oelke, Treasurer;
Vicki Romang, Secretary;

Shauna Robinson, Good Stewards;
Jim Von Rueden, Property;
Sarah Lonsdorf, Worship;
Jeff Blomquist, Deb Gleason, Darrin Koehler, Linda Salzman,
and Randy Van Natta, Trust Fund;
Lynn Deffner, Member at Large;
Pam Hackbart, Member at Large;
and Jacque Schremp, Member at Large.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death
and made you members of his Church.

Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith.
I ask you, together with all who are here gathered,
to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PASTOR: St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.

There are different abilities to perform service,
but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.
(1 Cor. 12: 4- 7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith
reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see
that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation,
and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving,
that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out
the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

LEADERS: Yes, by the help of God.

APRIL 2023 MEMORIALS

Building Improvement/Maintenance Fund

In memory of loved ones –
Charlie & Joyce Fromfeld

In loving memory of my Brother, Donald Seymour, who would have been 100 years old on
April 15th –
Darleen Fust

In loving memory of Bea Reichl –
Kathy Oakland

In loving memory of my Nephew, Kevin Prieve –
Mary Beth Tolley

Current Expenses

In loving memory of Raymond Ament –
Phyliss Ament

Library Fund

In loving memory of Merlin Ninnemann –
Tim Gritzmacher

Seidel-Meyer Pastoral Ministry Fund

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

These are memorials received through Monday, April 17th

If you would like a memorial placed in the May bulletins and June newsletter, it needs to be to
the office by Monday, May 15th. Thank you!

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Hymnal pg. 146

Hymn during Communion: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

#325

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

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#674

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen one.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

PASTOR: People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your elected leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all the baptized?

CONGREGATION: Yes, by the help of God.

PASTOR: I now declare you installed as Council members and Trust Fund members of this congregation.

God bless you with his Holy Spirit,
that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, "Hear us, O God."
the congregational response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

PEACE is shared

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

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

#885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 144

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Hymnal pg. 144

COMMUNION

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.**