

Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Assisting Minister	Kathy Robinson	Sue Holster
Coffee Hour	Sharon Hopp & Kari Van Natta	Stephen's Angels
Communion Asst.	Gail Wolfe	Lloyd Zimmel
Lector	Kathy Robinson	Dick Holster
Organist/Pianist	Phil Giese	Beth Lind
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection	Shauna Robinson	Shauna Robinson
Special Music	_____	Bell Choir
Usher	Verlyn Oelke	Darrin Koehler
Video	Lydia Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble

Staff

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

Music Staff

Director of Music	Delores Kessel
Director of Combined Adult Choir	Jim Lenselink
Director of Bell Choir	Darlene Johnson

Executive Committee

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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

#617

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/Glory to God in the Highest

Hymnal pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is **SEATED**

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 582)

Isaiah 40:21-31

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 507)

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 931)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

Hymnal pg. 124

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 813)

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, February 4th	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, February 5th	11:00 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Bell Choir Dartball
Tuesday, February 6th	10:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Executive Committee Mtg. Task Force Committee Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Wednesday, February 7th	6:30 pm	Combined Choir Practice
Thursday, February 8th	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Quilting Al-Anon
Sunday, February 11th	9:00 am 10:15 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Annual Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA

St. Stephen Weekly

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4th, 2024

On Sunday, January 28th 57 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

The Annual Meeting of St. Stephen Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 11th, 2024, immediately following worship. Reports are available in the back of the church.

The Good Stewards Committee is asking for food donations for the free little pantry outside of the church. We can use things like canned meat, peanut butter, pasta, hamburger helper, cereal, etc. We just ask that it not be in a glass container or contain carbonation. There are two plastic containers in the chapel area labeled for food donations. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Shauna Robinson or anyone else on the Good Stewards Committee. Thank you!

For the month of February, the Angels will be holding a Food Drive to help the Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church (a couple blocks north of us). This pantry helps 70-80 family units a month. They are open 2 times during the week. Items most needed include: cans of spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) and any type of pasta, 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, boxes of tuna helper, cans of fruits and vegetables, and 15 oz. cans of baked beans. You can place your donations on the table by the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for your support to help our neighbors who are struggling.

Saturday “Crafternoons” will be held from 9am until 4pm on the following dates: February 17th (with a Gelliprinting tutorial beginning at 1pm), March 9th, and April 13th. Come for the morning, the afternoon, or both!

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION: 2023 Contribution Statements are still available. You can receive one by completing a form, available in the back of the church and on the counter by the church office. Completed forms can be mailed in, dropped off at the office, or put in with the offering. Tax statements will be mailed to you. If you prefer, you can call the church office at 715-845-7858 to request one.

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.

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

Hymn of the Day: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, “God of grace,” the congregational response is, “**receive our prayer.**”

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. 129

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. 130

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.**

**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. 135

Hymn during Communion: *On Eagle's Wings*

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

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

FEBRUARY 2024 MEMORIALS

Current Expense Fund

In loving memory of Jerry Preller –
Kay Preller

In loving memory of Butch Bliese on his February 14th Birthday Anniversary –
Mary Beth Tolley

In loving memory of our departed members with thankfulness for their faith –
The Women of the Church

If you would like a memorial placed in the February bulletins and March newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, February 12th. Thank you!