

Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Assisting Minister	Sue Holster	Mary Beth Tolley
Coffee Hour	Darleen Fust, Sharon Hopp, and Shirley Kasten	_____
Communion Asst.	Ron & Dawn Felch	Chuck Johnson
Lector	Dick Holster	Mary Beth Tolley
Organist/Pianist	Beth Lind	Delores Kessel
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection	Lydia Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble
Special Music	_____	_____
Usher	Lloyd Zimmel	Verlyn Oelke
Video	Elizabeth Lenoble	Elizabeth Lenoble

Staff

Pastor	Karoline Schwantes
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Henke
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Beth Tolley
Worship Service Custodian	Dave Skola
Worship Service Custodian	Gail Wolfe
Maintenance Custodian	Cecil Wold

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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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.

Hearing assistance (via our Loop system) is available for those with hearing aids. Headphones are located in the back of the church.

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 & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

#579

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 Be To God

Hymnal pg. 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is **SEATED**

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 673)

Ezekiel 2:1-5

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 498)

Psalms 123

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 943)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

Hymnal pg. 205

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 817)

Mark 6:1-13

Pilgrim Lutheran Church is hosting a collection drive for The Marty Bus on July 28th, 2024. We are looking for donations of the following items: Large containers of lemonade mix, individual drink mixes, snacks, NEW men's and women's underwear, men's jeans (32x32, 34x34, and 32,34,36x30) these can be gently used, ankle socks, deodorant, razors, travel size shampoo/conditioner, tents, tarps, and regular size backpacks. If you would prefer to do a monetary donation we will be collecting that the same day as well. There is also a waiting list for adult bikes. If you have any bikes you'd like to donate, please reach out to Shauna at 608-514-4504. This is not an all-inclusive list; these are just highly requested items or items that are running low on the bus to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We will be delivering the items to the bus the week of July 29th.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church is hosting a Community Baby Shower on August 11th. We are looking for donations of the following items: hygiene items (diaper cream, body wash, lotion, shampoo, etc.), diapers or Pull-Ups (larger sizes are greatly needed), sippy cups, bottles, pacifiers, bibs, food (baby formula Blue Similac is most requested, baby foods, teething snacks). All items need to be new/unused condition. All donations will be going to The Babies Place the week of August 12th. They have requested no clothing items. An interesting fact for The Babies Place is they have no budget for hygiene items so they rely solely on donations.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, July 7th	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, July 8th	11:00 am 3:00 pm	Staff Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 MEMORIAL DEADLINE FOR JULY
Tuesday, July 9th	10:00 am 5:30 pm 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Congregation Council Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Thursday, July 11th	6:00 pm	Al-Anon
Sunday, July 14th	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

St. Stephen Weekly

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On Sunday, June 30th, 47 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

The Good Stewards Committee is asking for food donations for the little free 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!

It's time to start thinking about Lutheran World Relief Kits! Our goal is to assemble 75 Personal Care Kits and 70 School Kits. You can help by donating the following items: bath towels (dark colors), bar soap (4oz. bars), 70-80 page spiral notebooks wide or college ruled (no loose-leaf paper), black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), nail clippers, pencil sharpeners, unsharpened pencils, and crayons (24 count). We will be assembling the kits on Thursday, September 26th beginning at 8:30am. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to come and help us assemble the kits, pack them, and get them ready for shipping. Donated items can be placed in the Quilting Room/Nursery or under the coat rack across from the elevator on the first floor. If you have any questions, please talk to any of the quilters. Thank you!

A Personal Hygiene Drive will be held July 1st through August 25th. We are asking for feminine hygiene items such as deodorant, pads, tampons, etc. to donate to the local schools to provide kids with needed items who may not otherwise have access to these items. Donations will be going to DC Everest School District as well as the Wausau School District.

REMINDER: You are all invited to join three other churches for a celebration of Lutheran worship. On Sunday, July 21st (not next Sunday, but the Sunday after that) please attend worship at Good Shepherd along with Immanuel and Pilgrim church-goers. The service is at 9 am (no change for us). Even though we will not be having church in our building, we will be celebrating in fellowship with other nearby Lutheran churches. To get to Good Shepherd, drive north on 6th Street (past BB Jacks) but before Restlawn Memorial Park. Turn right onto Edgewood Road. On Sunday, July 28th we will be worshipping at Pilgrim (drive south on Grand Avenue and turn right on the block before News 9 WAOW-TV building onto Weston Avenue). On Sunday, August 4th we will be worshipping at Immanuel (drive north on 6th Street and after Sweet Lola's, turn right onto Adams Street). On Sunday, August 11th we will be here at St Stephen.

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.

Our 2 family restrooms are located in the hallway by the church office.

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

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

Hymn of the Day: *Listen, God Is Calling*

#513

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, "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

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

#186

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 206

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. 207

COMMUNION (*If you would prefer communion in the pew, please let an usher know.*)

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. 208

Hymn during Communion: *Spirit of Gentleness* #396

(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: *We All Are One in Mission* #576

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

JULY 2024 MEMORIALS

Capital Campaign

In loving memory of departed family and friends –
Kelly Brown

In loving memory of Elaine E. Hoppe –
Kelly Brown

In loving memory of Ali Will –
Jeff & Rhonda Will

Library Fund

In loving memory of Lillian Gritzmacher –
Tim Gritzmacher

Quilting Fund

In loving memory of Phyliss Ament –
Kelly Brown

Seidel Meyer Pastoral Ministry Fund

In loving memory of Sue Kratwell and Sadie Borth –
Sandy & Ron Borth and Family

These are memorials received through Monday, July 1st. If you would like a memorial placed in the July bulletins and August newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, July 8th. Thank you!