

## Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kathy Robinson	Sue Holster
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Lynn Deffner Linda Salzman	Sarah Lonsdorf Crystal Nielson Rhonda Will
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Ron or Dawn Felch	Darrin Koehler
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Robinson	Sarah Lonsdorf
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Phil Giese	Beth Lind
<b>Preaching/Presiding</b>	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
<b>Projection</b>	Shauna Robinson	Shauna Robinson
<b>Special Music</b>	_____	_____
<b>Usher</b>	Verlyn Oelke	Darrin Koehler
<b>Video</b>	Lydia Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble

### Staff

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

### Music Staff

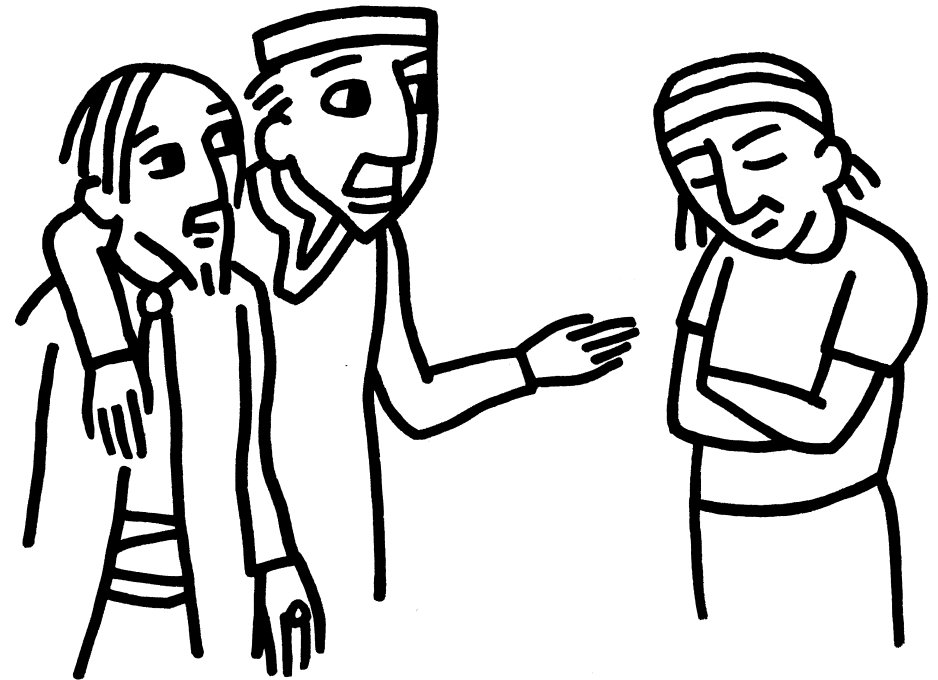
<b>Director of Music</b>	Delores Kessel
<b>Director of Combined Adult Choir</b>	Jim Lenselink
<b>Director of Bell Choir</b>	Darlene Johnson

### Executive Committee

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## St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

*Welcome to worship in Jesus' 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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. **Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #807

**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.**

**KYRIE** Hymnal pg. 138

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The congregation is **SEATED**

**FIRST LESSON** (Pew Bible pg. 171) Joshua 5:9-12

**PSALM** (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 440) Psalm 32

**SECOND LESSON** (Pew Bible pg. 940) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (please stand) Hymnal pg. 142

**GOSPEL LESSON** (Pew Bible pg. 850) Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**The April newsletter is available on the counter in the reception area** for those of you who do not receive it via email.

**The Marty Bus is in desperate need of blankets/sleeping bags, tarps, and backpacks.** If anyone has any gently used that they can donate please let Shauna Robinson know.

**The 3rd Sunday of every month we will have a NOISY OFFERING.** Please bring in your coins and let's make some noise! The Noisy Offering will go towards the Community Outreach Fund.

**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.

**A changing table has been installed** in the family restroom that is in the hallway closest to the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, March 30th	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, March 31st	3:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Bell Choir Good Stewards Committee Mtg. Grief Share Dartball
Tuesday, April 1st	10:00 am 5:15 pm 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 SSLC Task Force Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Wednesday, April 2nd	12:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Service at Good Shepherd Midweek Lenten Service at Good Shepherd Choir Practice
Thursday, April 3rd	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Quilting Al-Anon
Saturday, April 5th	9:00 am—12:00 pm	Stephen's Angels
Sunday, April 6th	9:00 am 10:15 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Trust Fund Committee Mtg. Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA

# St. Stephen Weekly

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*March 30th, 2025*

On Sunday, March 23rd, 38 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

We will be hosting Tracy Rieger, Community Outreach Specialist from the Wausau Police Department on Monday March 31st at 6pm in the Downstairs Auditorium at St. Stephen. She is coming to talk to us about her role with the Police Department and how we can help her help the unhoused clients that she works with on a regular basis within Wausau. She will do a presentation followed by a Q&A. If you have questions regarding this please reach out to Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504 or [nutband@gmail.com](mailto:nutband@gmail.com) or if you think of a question and are unable to attend please let me know and I will be sure to bring it up at the discussion and get back to you with her answer. This is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Midweek Lenten services will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 12:00pm (with soup during) and 5:30pm (with supper following) on these Wednesdays: April 2nd and April 9th.

A dramatic Easter musical, "Bow the Knee", will be presented at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau on Saturday, April 5th at 7pm and Sunday, April 6th at 2:30pm. This is a powerful and moving story of a Roman Centurion and culminates in the joyful resurrection of Jesus Christ. These annual productions have area residents playing all the parts and doing the background work. Trinity Church (on Stewart Avenue) will be the hosting church. All are welcome to attend. Free admission.

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, April 9th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church following the Midweek Lenten Service. Any women in the congregation who would like to attend are WELCOME!

Let's make some Ukrainian Easter Eggs!!! Join us at Pilgrim Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 12th at 9:30am. A centuries-old tradition called pysanky in Ukraine. Eggs are decorated with patterns and symbols using wax and dye. Materials and instructions will be available at the event, so just bring yourself, your family, and friends. Because of the use of heated wax, plastic eggs (and no wax) will be given to children. If you would like to participate, a sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the reception area. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 30th. This is a multigenerational shared ministry event of Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, and St. Stephen.

Our Annual Church Rummage Sale is fast approaching. Donations can be brought in anytime and dropped off in the basement outside the elevator doors by the steps going up to the youth room. The sale is scheduled for April 26th and 27th. We love kitchenware, linens, books, puzzles, games, craft items, small lamps, jewelry, handyman tools, and pictures. The Angels appreciate your donations. If you have questions, contact Sarah Lonsdorf.

## SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

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

Hymn of the Day: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

#608

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, "God, in your mercy," the congregational response is, "receive our prayer."

## PEACE is shared

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING (3rd Sunday of every month)

## VOLUNTARY

## OFFERTORY HYMN

#685 (verse 6 only)

## 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 (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. 146

Hymn during Communion: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* #779

*(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: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* #763

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.  
Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

**MARCH 2025 MEMORIALS**

**In loving memory of Cliff Prigge**

Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund -- \$100

Capital Campaign -- \$100

Choir Fund -- \$75

**Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund**

In loving memory of Darlene Yolitz –

Karen Prigge

**Capital Campaign**

In loving memory of my Husband, Roger –

Darleen Fust

In loving memory of Cliff Prigge –

Darleen Fust

In loving memory of Cliff Prigge, Darlene Yolitz, and Judy Spear –

Elaine Hoppe

In loving memory of Kevin Beyer –

Shirley Kasten, Sheryl Samse, and Keith, Jeffrey, Gary, and Craig Kasten

In loving memory of Darlene Yolitz –

Shirley Kasten

In loving memory of Lynn Guth –

Sarah Lonsdorf

In honor of my first Great-Grandchild, Stetson Lane Tolley, born on January 15, 2025 and in loving memory of my Father, Harold Prieve, whose Birthday Anniversary is March 23rd –

Mary Beth Tolley

In loving memory of Darlene Yolitz, Cliff Prigge, and Lynn Guth –

Mary Beth Tolley

In loving memory of the Women of the church who have passed to their eternal rest.

We miss them –

Women of St. Stephen

In loving memory of our Mother, Darlene Yolitz –

Kevin & Patti Yolitz

**Quilting Fund**

In loving memory of Darlene Yolitz –

Ruth Grell

These are the memorials received through Monday, March 24th. If you would like a memorial placed in the April bulletins and May newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, April 14th. Thank you!