

Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Assisting Minister	Mary Beth Tolley	Sue Holster
Coffee Hour	Confirmation Cake	
Communion Asst.	Verlyn Oelke	Vicki Romang
Lector	Verlyn Oelke	Dick Holster
Organist/Pianist	Sharon Hopp	Delores Kessel
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection	Lydia Lenoble	Shauna Robinson
Special Music		
Usher	Verlyn Oelke	Darrin Koehler
Video	Elizabeth Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble

Staff

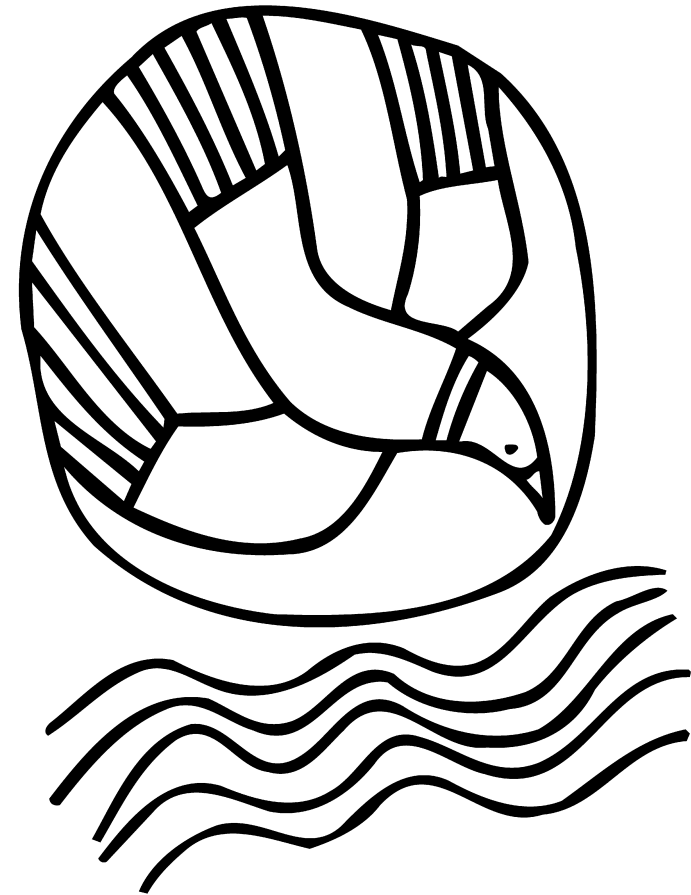
Pastor	Karoline Schwantes
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Henke
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Beth Tolley
Worship Service Custodian	Dave Skola
Worship Service Custodian	Gail Wolfe
Maintenance Custodian	Cecil Wold

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 Day of Pentecost

June 8, 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

*The **RINGING** of the **BELLS***

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: *O Day Full of Grace* #627

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. 885) Acts 2:1-21

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 483) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

A Community Polka Service will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Avenue, Wausau, on Sunday, June 22nd at 9:30am led by The Celebration Brass Quintet. Music, food, and fun after worship. Polka dancing with DJ, German style street food lunch, face painting, and fellowship. Lunch donations will go towards our local Alzheimer's chapter in recognition that June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month. There will NOT be worship at St. Stephen on this Sunday.

The Marty Bus is in need of a few items. They are requesting assistance with: 5X and 6X men's t-shirts, tank tops, shorts for men in size 38, 40, and 42, umbrellas, ponchos, sunglasses, bike lights, and sunscreen as well as a car battery for a 1986 Toyota Camry (if you can help with this please contact me before purchasing to verify it hasn't already been received). These items can be new or gently used/clean. If you have any of these items please label them and drop them off at the church when you are able or at the Marty Bus on Wednesday and Friday from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please contact Shauna Robinson with questions at 608-514-4504.

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.

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, June 8th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship/Confirmation Recognition Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA
Day of Pentecost		
Monday, June 9th	11:00 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Staff Mtg. St. Stephen Grief Group Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980
Tuesday, June 10th	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, June 12th	6:00 pm	Al-Anon
Sunday, June 15th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship/Hymn Sing Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA
Father's Day		

St. Stephen Weekly

The Day of Pentecost

June 8th, 2025

On Sunday, June 1st, 54 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

Altar flowers have been placed today in honor of Schmidty & Bev's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 31st. CONGRATULATIONS SCHMIDTY & BEV!!!

The First Presbyterian Food Pantry needs empty egg cartons. There is a collection box under the coat rack across from the elevator. Thanks for your help!

The office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays during the months of June through August. Nancy Henke will be working from home on Wednesdays and checking the church voicemail and her email. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Pastor Karoline Schwantes at 715-370-5514. Nancy will also be working from home the week of June 15th as there will not be a service at St. Stephen on Sunday, June 22nd due to the Polka Service at Pilgrim.

We will be having a slide show honoring fathers on Father's Day which is Sunday, June 15th, during the announcements. Please submit your favorite photo of you and your father and/or a photo of you and your children/grandchildren. Please, no more than one photo from each category. All photos (submitted electronically) must be to Nancy Henke by Wednesday, June 11th. If you would like to submit a photo electronically, email to nhenke@sslcwausau.com. It would be preferable to have electronic submissions in a jpg. format. Please include the names of the people in the photos with your submissions. **IF YOU SUBMITTED A PHOTO LAST YEAR, THAT PHOTO WILL BE USED.** If you have questions, contact Nancy at 715-845-7858.

THANK YOU to those who have helped with donations to the WMC Shelter thus far as well as volunteering there on the 1st and 3rd Monday (sign-up sheet outside church office on the board). This would not be possible without your assistance. The current needs of the shelter are cases of bottled water, lotion, men's boxer underwear, women's underwear, and disposable coffee cups as well as sugar and creamer for coffee. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them to church. If you'd prefer to do a monetary donation please make a memo on your check or a note that states it's for WMC supplies. If you have any questions please contact Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504. Also, we are looking for someone to make sweet treats on June 16th for approximately 60 people. If you are interested in making a sweet treat for the WMC shelter please sign up on the board outside the office. You can bring them to church on the 15th and I can take them over on the 16th.

A Saturday "Crafterday" will be held from 9am until 4pm on Saturday, June 21st. Come for the morning, the afternoon, or both!

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 919)

Romans 8:14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

Hymnal pg. 205

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 877)

John 14:8-17

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

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

Hymn of the Day: *Spirit of Gentleness*

#396

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, "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/NOISY OFFERING (3rd Sunday of every month)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

#885

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 206

<p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	
<i>SANCTUS</i>	Hymnal pg. 207
<i>COMMUNION</i>	
<i>LORD’S PRAYER</i>	
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.	
<p>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.</p>	
<i>LAMB OF GOD</i>	Hymnal pg. 208
Hymn during Communion: <i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	
	#800
(Eucharistic Ministers may come forward for a communion kit at this time.)	
<i>BLESSING</i>	
<i>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</i>	
<i>BENEDICTION</i>	
<i>Announcement of</i> <i>MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES</i>	
<i>Please</i> <i>STAND</i> for the <i>HYMN</i>	
Hymn: <i>God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind</i>	
	#400
<i>DISMISSAL</i>	
<p>Alleluia! Christ is risen.</p> <p>Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!</p> <p>Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!</p>	
The Postlude	

<u>JUNE 2025 MEMORIALS</u>	
<p>In loving memory of Ruth Grell Capital Campaign -- \$70</p>	
Capital Campaign	
In loving memory of my Father, Merritt Gleason, whose Birthday Anniversary is June 6th – Deb Gleason	
In loving memory of Ruth Grell – Sarah Lonsdorf	
In loving memory of my Brother-in-law, Merritt Gleason; Stepfather, Orville Lodholz; and Nephews, Brian Gleason and Andy Prieve – Mary Beth Tolley	
In loving memory of Ruth Grell – Mary Beth Tolley	
In loving memory of Ali Will – Jeff & Rhonda Will	
<p>These are the memorials received through Monday, June 2nd. If you would like a memorial placed in the June bulletins and July newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, June 23rd. Thank you!</p>	