

## **Worship Assistants**

	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sue Holster	Vicki Romang
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Vicki Romang	Verlyn Oelke
<b>Lector</b>	Chuck Johnson	Sarah Lonsdorf
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Sharon Hopp	Roxie Kenitzer
<b>Preaching/Presiding</b>	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
<b>Projection</b>	Lydia Lenoble	Shauna Robinson
<b>Special Music</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	Darrin Koehler	Lloyd Zimmer
<b>Video</b>	Elizabeth Lenoble	Lydia Lenoble

### **Staff**

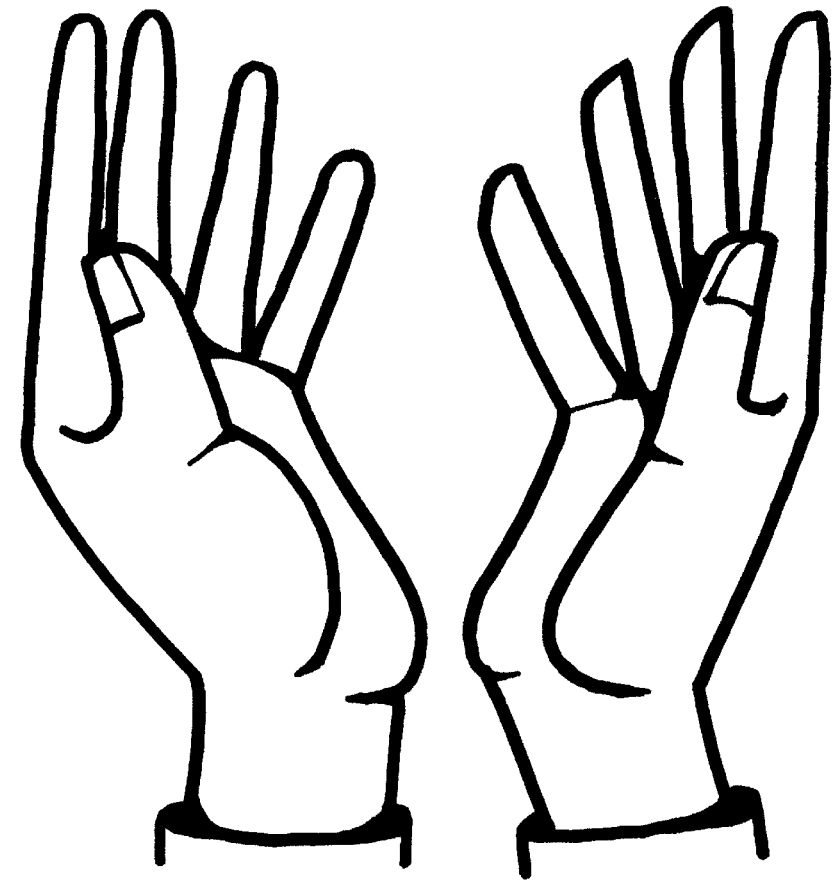
<b>Pastor</b>	Karoline Schwantes
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Nancy Henke
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Mary Beth Tolley
<b>Worship Service Custodian</b>	Dave Skola
<b>Worship Service Custodian</b>	Gail Wolfe
<b>Maintenance Custodian</b>	Cecil Wold

### **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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken*

**#556**

**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. 601)

*Isaiah 58:9b-14*

**PSALM** (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 482)

*Psalms 103:1-8*

**SECOND LESSON** (Pew Bible pg. 979)

*Hebrews 12:18-29*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (please stand)

**Hymnal pg. 205**

**GOSPEL LESSON** (Pew Bible pg. 848)

*Luke 13:10-17*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Karoline Schwantes*

**Here is Kathy Robinson's address** if you would like to send her a card or letter while she is doing her internship in Michigan: 3525 Austrian Pine Way, Apt. #13A, Portage, MI 49024

**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.

**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!

**Lay School registration is OPEN!!!** Don't miss your chance to deepen your faith and understanding. Registration for Lay School classes is officially open. You can find detailed class descriptions and register directly on the Lay School website: [www.layschool.ecsw.org](http://www.layschool.ecsw.org) Important note: classes are capped at 25 participants, so you are encouraged to register early to ensure your spot.

**The Marty Bus is in need of the following items:** rain ponchos, backpacks (not the draw string ones), men's underwear sizes medium thru 4XL, women's underwear sizes 6-9, basic cleaning supplies for those newly housed, and we are starting to collect money to purchase a couple plus size winter coats this year. If interested in contributing, please contact Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504.

**We are in need of volunteers at the WMC Shelter.** Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the office if you are able to help. The current needs of the shelter are: shampoo, conditioner, body was, sanitizer wipes, coffee, creamer, sugar, cases of water, aloe vera, band-aids, medical tape/co-band, instant ice packs, and size small (5/6) women's underwear. 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. We are also looking for someone to prepare a meal for the shelter on the first Monday of the month. The next Monday we need help is September 1st. Can you help cook a meal? This is a way for you to volunteer without having to be there in the evening. If you have any questions please contact Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504.

**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.

# St. Stephen Weekly

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 24th, 2025*

**On Sunday, August 17th,** 47 people attended the 9am Worship Service.

**The office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays during the month of 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 at 715-370-5514.

**There is a greeting card exchange located in the Library.** Please feel free to add cards or take cards whenever it is convenient for you.

**Lutheran World Relief Update:** Thank you for all of your donations. We are still in need of lightweight bath towels (20"x40" to 52"x27") and spiral notebooks (70-80 sheet). We will be meeting to assemble kits on Thursday, September 25th at 8:30am. Feel free to come and help. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others.

**On Sunday, August 31st a table will be set up in our coffee hour area for Coats for Kids.** You can start bringing in items from then until Wednesday, October, 29th. Nancy Prigge will get these items to the Wausau School District for them to distribute to schools/individuals in need. Gently used or new, kids to adult, all sizes are needed. Coats, jackets, sweatpants, snow pants, hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, socks and underwear (must be new in package). Email [nancyprigge@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyprigge@yahoo.com) or call 715-432-6893 if you have any questions.

**GRIEF SHARE**—Grief Share is a 13 week DVD-based course designed to support and help move people through the grief process. A new session will be starting on Mondays from 6:30 until 8:30pm in the St. Stephen conference room facilitated by Shirley Ostrem and Lynn Deffner. This session will run from September 8th through December 1st. There is no cost to participate and you are welcome to join at any time during the season. For more information, please contact Shirley Ostrem at 715-359-5531 or email: [sjostrem2113@outlook.com](mailto:sjostrem2113@outlook.com) or visit [www.griefshare.org/groups/265484](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/265484)

**God's Work Our Hands is going to be Sunday, September 14th** at the Marty Bus. We will be providing a meal for those who are less fortunate than us. We are looking for donations of individual bags of chips, wrapped individual sweet treats, cans of baked beans, water flavoring packets, onions, pickles, and buns! We are anticipating a high turn out and whatever is leftover we will be taking to the WMC Shelter for dinner that evening! There will be a sign-up outside the office. If you are able to help that would be greatly appreciated. All items should be to church by Sunday, September 7th, or talk to Shauna Robinson as items that are not donated will need to be picked up the week before the event.

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

Hymn of the Day: *As Rain from the Clouds*

#508

## **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

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.**

**Hymnal pg. 207**

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.**

**Hymnal pg. 208**

Hymn during Communion: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## #886

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

## Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## #858

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Postlude

## Capital Campaign

In loving memory of Natalie Streveler – Kelly Brown

In loving memory of Ruth Grell and Charlie Fromfeld – Susan & Chuck Johnson

In loving memory of Richard Kasten who passed away on August 13, 2013 – Shirley Kasten

In loving memory of my Mother, Loretta Lodholz and Brother, Patrick Prieve in celebration of their Birthday Anniversaries on August 3rd and August 26th – Mary Beth Tolley

## Current Expenses

In memory of loved ones –  
Kay Preller

## Sustainability Trust Fund

In grateful thanks for the blessings we have received in the first 50 years of our marriage –  
Verlyn & Kathy Oelke

These are the memorials received through Monday, August 18th. If you would like a memorial placed in the September bulletins and October newsletter, it needs to be to the office by Monday, September 15th. Thank you!

<b>Sunday, August 24th</b>	<b>9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA</b>
<b>Monday, August 25th</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 26th</b>	<b>10:00 am 10:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 27th</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday, August 28th</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon</b>
<b>Sunday, August 31st</b>	<b>9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Worship Telecast on Spectrum Channel 980 Worship Telecast on TDS Channel 14 AA</b>