

# ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## August 3, 2025


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### Acolytes This Sunday:

Mason Wecker & Keaton Schmid


### Acolytes Next Sunday:

Sophie Philipps & Emme Wolf

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Dear God, thank You for the many blessings You give me every day. Amen.

 **IN OUR PRAYERS:** Members of our congregation: Gayle Reese, Don Waterman, LaVonne Sass, Kathryn Waterman, Doris Porazil, Denny Lohrer, Dan Voss, Joyce Plotz, Laurie Davis, Ken Popenhagen, Carrie Sperfslage, and Marcey Jensen; Paul Moritz on his birthday today; Curt & Lori Gerhold on their anniversary today.

Others: Ongoing illnesses, issues, and recoveries: Karen Smith, Molly Voss, Leslie Strottman, Holley Haerther, Lorrie Towle, Brandon Pflug, Terri, Betty, Valerie, and Jeff.

 **DOOR OFFERING:** August door offerings are for Lutheran Blind Ministry.

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:**

Today                      **9:00 am**      **Divine Service (HC)**

Monday-Friday                      Pastor on Vacation

Monday                      6:00 pm      Christ Lutheran H.S. Board Meeting

Tuesday                      9:00 am      Sewing

Wednesday                      **NO Worship Service**

Friday/Saturday                      Atkins Watermelon Days

Sunday                      **9:00 am**      **Divine Service**

### **Noses & Nickels Last Sunday & Wednesday Evening:**

Attendance: Last Sunday: 145      Wednesday: 7

Offering: Home: \$3,395.51      Missions: \$121.00

*Mosquitos also know there's power in the blood.*



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** The flowers on the altar are placed in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received in our 40 years of marriage. Thank you God! Curt & Lori Gerhold



**WATERMELON DAY FLOAT:** St. Stephen's will have a float in the Watermelon Day parade next Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will decorate the float the morning of the parade. Everyone is welcome to ride along and throw out candy! Please meet outside of the church to help decorate and ride!!



**HELP NEEDED FOR WATERMELON DAYS:** St. Stephen's will be hosting a food stand on Friday evening, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the park pavilion. Help us support this wonderful community event by providing bars or by helping to serve. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Talk to Kathy Jacobsen, Claudia Byre, or Pam Jennings.



### **DONATION DRIVE:**

Who: St. John, Keystone, Swaddling Clothes

What: Donation drive for school supplies

When: July 27-August 7 (a short amount of time)

Where: Here at church...please drop off donations in the narthex. Swaddling Clothes is in need of donations of school supplies.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School is looking for volunteers to co-teach in our classrooms. Little to no lesson preparation is required and all materials are provided. Additionally, we are looking for one member to serve on Parish Education beginning January 2026. Responsibilities include planning and organizing Sunday School and related activities. Please reach out to Megan Winsor if you are interested or have any questions!



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Newhall Presbyterian Church ice cream social is today, August 3 from 11:00-2:00 pm. It will be held at the Newhall main park pavilion. Maidrites, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, pie, and lemonade will be served. Free will offering.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Luzerne, is having an ice cream social on next Sunday, August 10 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Homemade ice cream, sandwiches and desserts will be served. Free will offering.



**YOU ARE INVITED:** LCMS Missionary, Mike Paul and his wife, Irene, invite you tonight, Sunday, August 3 at 7:00 pm to St. Andrew, Van Horne. Light Refreshments will be served.