

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Acolytes This Sunday:

Mia Kenny & Allison Wolf

Acolytes Next Sunday:

Mason Wecker & Anthony Becker

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Dear Lord, be my leader as I wait in the lines of earthly life for Your return. Amen.

 **IN OUR PRAYERS:** Members of our congregation: Haley McNulty, Joyce Plotz, Don Waterman, Nancy Rinderknecht, Carla McLarty, Gayle Reese, LaVonne Sass, Kathryn Waterman, Doris Porazil, Denny Lohrer, Dan Voss, Laurie Davis, Ken Popenhagen, Carrie Sperfslage, and Marcey Jensen.

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

 **DOOR OFFERING:** October door offerings are for the Atkins Fire Dept.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:

Today	8:30 am	Tone Chime Meeting (multipurpose room)
	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday	7:00 pm	LifeLight Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sewing
Wednesday	8:30 am	CLS Chapel
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Fellowship
	1:00 pm	Women in Mission Meeting
	1:30 pm	Midweek class
	4:00 pm	Catechism class
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Service (HC)
		No Sunday School or Bible Study
	9:00 am-1:00 pm	CLS Brunch
	4:00-7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved



ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar have been given by Jeff & Vicki Wilharm to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for and memory of the birth and lives of Seth, Sarah, and Solomon Wilharm.



THANK YOU: Thank you to the Central Lutheran School 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders for singing for us this morning!



WOMEN IN MISSION: Women in Mission meeting is this Wednesday, October 15th at 1:00 pm. Corrine Minkel will be the devotion leader and Kristi Phipps will be the hostess.



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETINGS: Reminder, the Council meeting is this Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. The quarterly voters meeting will be Sunday, November 2nd after the service in the fellowship hall.



THANK YOU: We collected \$269.48 for the Lutheran Living Communities for our September door offerings. Thank you for your donations!



ANNUAL NUT SALE: Six more days to order nuts! The order forms are on the table in the narthex, along with a box to place your completed orders/money. Orders will be taken until October 17. The nuts will be here by mid-November. Thank you for your orders!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Save this date! Don't miss this! Our Ladies Tea, "A Morning To Give Thanks," is Saturday, November 8, 9:00-11:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Julie Lefebure, author of Right Now Matters! Please plan to join us – guests are welcome. More information to come!



AMBASSADOR: We are looking for someone to be a Lutheran Hour Ministries ambassador to promote Lutheran Hour Ministries within our congregation. For more information, please go to this link: <https://www.lhm.org/ambassador/> or talk to Pastor.



SURVEY: Just a reminder to the 7th – 12th grade parents to take the survey that is being conducted by the Concordia University System through the IDE website to examine interest for an extension campus by the Concordia University System for a two-year church worker preparation program within the Iowa District East - LCMS. To take the survey, please go to <https://lcmside.org/cus-extension-campus-survey/>



CLS BRUNCH: Next Sunday, October 19th, is the CLS Fall Brunch at Central Lutheran School from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, fruit salad, ham and sausage, and donuts. St. Stephen's Nimble Fingers Quilters have donated a quilt for a quilt raffle - \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Free will donation with supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. See you at CLS School in Newhall, 310 3rd Street.



CLS FUNDRAISER: Do you need or want new cutlery, kitchen utensils, cookie sheets or some seasonings for cheeseballs and dips? Christmas is coming! The CLS 7th and 8th graders are traveling to St. Louis in April. They are selling Rada Cutlery and other items in the catalog. See Mason Wecker after church October 12 and October 19. Students may also be available at the PTL Brunch. You may also go to: <https://fundraising.com?fsn=3077457.68d69> or search for Rada's fundraising for Central Lutheran School 7th and 8th grade. Paper orders are due on Friday, October 17 and Friday, November 14. The students earn 40%. Checks should be made payable to: Central Lutheran School 8th Grade. You may also make a 100% donation to the trip. Thank you for your support.



IOWA LUTHERAN STUDENT TUITION ORGANIZATION: Students in our Lutheran schools need your help! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is at 10% of its 2025 goal as of October 1. We know the need is becoming greater – How can you help? Do you pay \$500, \$1000 or \$10,000 in Iowa state tax? You can direct your tax dollars to benefit Lutheran school students. Remember the financial benefit to a contributor is a 75% tax credit on Iowa income taxes (which can be carried over for five years) and also a possible 25% charitable contribution on your federal form. For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.



CHICKEN & BISCUIT SUPPER: Zion Lutheran in Shellsburg invites you to their annual chicken & biscuit supper on October 16th from 5:00-7:30 pm. at their church. Dine in or carry out is available.

Noses & Nickels Last Sunday:

Attendance: Last Sunday: 108

Offering: Home: \$4,270.76 Missions: \$75.00