

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Acolytes This Sunday:

Emme Wolf & Mia Kenny

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Mason Wecker & Keaton Schmid


 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Dear Lord, Open our hearts and minds to receive your word, to hear your voice, and to experience your presence. 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; Kayla Vogt on her birthday 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:** July's door offering is for Faith Comes By Hearing. August door offerings will be for Lutheran Blind Ministry.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:

Today	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Voters Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sewing
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Service (HC)

Noses & Nickels Last Sunday & Wednesday Evening:

Attendance: Last Sunday: 118 Wednesday: 8

Offering: Home: \$5,569.00 Missions: \$20.00

How does Moses make coffee? Hebrews it.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING: Reminder, the quarterly voters meeting is today, Sunday, July 27th after the service in the fellowship hall. The voter packets are on the table in the fellowship hall.



CLS NEEDS YOUR HELP!: PTL Back to School - Clean the School Party! School is about to be back in session and our beloved school is in need of a good scrub. Do you have loved ones who attend? Would you like to help them come back to a school that's nice and clean? The doors will be open for you to help one hour or more - you choose! August 2nd - 9-5; August 3rd - 12-4; and August 4th - 4-8. Cleaning tools will be supplied, as well as refreshments. All you need is to show up and be ready to roll up your sleeves. Thank you in advance for all your help! Youth Groups are more than welcome, too!



WATERMELON DAY FLOAT: St. Stephen's will have a float in the Watermelon Day parade on Saturday, August 9th. 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: Mark your calendars for the Atkins Watermelon Days, August 8-9. This year, St. Stephen's will be hosting a food stand on Friday evening 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.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Lutheran Living Communities at Vinton is having an ice cream social today, Sunday, July 27 from 2:00-4:00. During the social there will be homemade pies and ice cream and other baked goods, a petting zoo, a kid's area, donation drawings, and much more! They will also be selling their drive-thru burgers and malts while supplies last. Cheeseburgers and hamburgers are \$7.00 and chocolate and vanilla malts are \$3.00. Everyone is welcome.



DISHES: There are many dishes that were left from the funeral, VBS, or picnic. Please take a look in the kitchen on the back counter to see if any of them are yours.



THANK YOU! Thank you so much to all who attended the "Good Old Days" church picnic last Sunday! Thank you for all the food that was brought to share...we had a wonderful meal.

A special thank you to all who made pies for the pie tasting contest. There were 14 pies entered and the winning pie was made by Julia Gerhold...ask her about her delicious Butterfinger pie! Another special thank you to our musical entertainment...an accordion quartet: Corrine Minkel (who organized this), Tom Lange, Jackson Stien, and Vicki Wilhelmi Gardemann, plus Catie Moritz, on the fiddle. They led us in the singing of some good old fashioned songs...it was so fun! Also, a big thank you to Lori Gerhold for providing the flowers for our table centerpieces. And a very special thank you to all the Women in Mission who helped put this together and who put in a lot of time on Saturday and Sunday setting up, working in the kitchen, helping with the games, and cleaning up. So much gratitude to all of you!



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 of the church.

Swaddling Clothes is in need of donations of school supplies. Please help out needy families by purchasing some extra school supplies as you shop!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Newhall Presbyterian Church is having an ice cream social on Sunday, 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.



YOU ARE INVITED: LCMS Missionary, Mike Paul and his wife, Irene, invite you to come spend an evening with them on Sunday, August 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew, Van Horne. They will talk about the work to spread the Gospel and training pastors that is being done in Taiwan (Republic of China/ROC). Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you then!