

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 13, 2025


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Acolytes This Sunday:

Mia Kenny & Sophie Philipps

Acolytes Next Sunday:

Keaton Schmid & Mason Wecker

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Thank you, Jesus, for Your eyes of love, hands of healing, and heart of forgiveness. 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; The family and friends of Roger Haerther, who went home to be with Jesus on July 7; Michael & Jess Fry 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.

Family and friends of the dearly departed: Lois Wessling, Tom Wessling's mother, on July 10; Bill Williams on July 3; Mary Therese McGreal on July 9.

 **DOOR OFFERING:** July's door offering is for Faith Comes By Hearing.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:

Today	9:00 am	Divine Service
	2:00-5:00 pm	Roger Haerther Funeral Visitation (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	10:30 am	Roger Haerther Funeral
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sewing
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Women in Mission Meeting
	7:00 pm	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Service (HC)
	11:00 am	Church Picnic in the fellowship hall

Noses & Nickels Last Sunday & Wednesday Evening:

Attendance: Last Sunday: 101 Wednesday: No Service (VBS)
Offering: Home: \$3,454.27 Missions: \$0 (one district not reported)



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: We want to give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior for all He has done for us as we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We have been beyond blessed with love, laughter, health, family, and friends. We are, also, especially thankful for our children and grandchildren who have added great joy to our life together. All thanks be to God, now and always. In faith, Tom & Sara Wessling



FUNERAL LUNCHEON: We are needing salads and desserts for Roger Haerther's funeral on Monday. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you can bring a salad or dessert.



WOMEN IN MISSION MEETING: The Women in Mission meeting is this Wednesday, July 16th at 1:00 pm.



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETINGS: Reminder, the Council meeting is this Wednesday, July 16th at 7:30 pm. The quarterly voters meeting will be Sunday, July 27th after the service in the fellowship hall.



FUNERAL: Bill Williams (73) went home to be with Jesus on July 3rd. He was the son of Doris and the late Wendell Williams. Funeral services were held on July 10th in Albert Lea, Minnesota.



PRAYERS: Prayers are requested for the family of Rachel & Joe McGreal whose infant daughter, Mary Therese was stillborn on July 9th. Rachel is the granddaughter of Kathryn Waterman.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Today we send our participants, Laura Junge, Jacob Junge, Madelyn Kenny, Mallory Kenny, Jed Schanbacher, Keaton Schmid, and Paul Moritz to the LCMS National Youth Gathering. The gathering is in New Orleans July 19-23. Kenzie Woltemath wrote the skit for the mass event that will be on Sunday, July 20th. She chose the music with her team. If you would like to participate virtually, you can go lcmsgathering.com God's blessings on their trip!

Every path has a few puddles.



MARK THIS DATE! DON'T MISS IT!
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
PLAN ON COMING!

“GOOD OLD DAYS” CHURCH PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, July 20

WHERE: Church Fellowship Hall
(Some games will be held outside)

TIME: Immediately following church: Fellowship, a
Devotion, and Pie Tasting Contest

11:00: Food will be served.

Games will follow the picnic lunch....for both adults
and children!

DETAILS: Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, ice cream,
and tableware will be provided!

Please bring a side dish, bars, or cookies to share.

SPECIAL EVENT: PIE TASTING CONTEST

Make your favorite pie/pies and enter it/them in the
pie tasting contest. The pies will be judged by a fair
and impartial panel of judges! There are prizes! The
top three pie bakers will win a gift card!

IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL TIME FOR FUN,
FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!!

Church Picnic



IED LWML RETREAT: The IED LWML Retreat will be July 18-19
at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Register at campiodiseca.org/ied-lwml-retreat



CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA: Youth who are going into grades 5-8 are
invited to attend the Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer Camp at
Io-Dis-E-Ca on July 29-August 1. More information about this camp is
on the bulletin board in the narthex.



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.



THANK YOU!: Thank you to the parents who brought their
children to Vacation Bible School this past week, the
volunteers who helped, everyone who donated food and served the
meals, the monetary donations, Thrivent Action Team dollars, St.
John, Newhall for the props and decorations, and CR Signs,
Inc./Matthew Schulte for the VBS Banner. Thank you also to the
Atkins Fire Department/EMS Fire Chief Dan Rammelsberg, Ben
Kurka, EMS Chief/Paramedic for bringing the fire truck for everyone
to look at and climb on. They spoke about some of their medical
equipment they presented to everyone.

There were 77 kids who attended Vacation Bible School this year with
the help of 35 volunteers. We had offering donations of \$612.60 that
will go towards the Atkins Fire Department for a Carbon Monoxide
(CO) Detector. One detector has a retail price of approximately \$400.
We surpassed our goal of \$400.00!! We also collected 154 items of
food and non-food items for the Atkins food pantry. Generous
donations of \$293.00 will go towards our Vacation Bible School
program that was collected by the families.

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS possible!

