

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Acolytes This Sunday:

Mia Kenny & Lexi Hlas


Acolytes Next Sunday:

Mason Wecker & Allison Wolf

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Dear Lord, may Your word grow among us and in us. Amen.

 **IN OUR PRAYERS:** Members of our congregation: Nancy Rinderknecht, Carla McLarty, 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 of Peg Deklotz, who went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, September 9th; Cathy Clemensen, Kim Schroder, Kristin Simmons, Tate Stueck, and Kannon Trumbull on their birthdays today.

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

 **DOOR OFFERING:** September door offerings are for Vinton Lutheran Living Communities.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:

Today	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	2:00-6:00 pm	Peg Deklotz Visitation
Monday	11:00 am	Peg Deklotz Funeral
	6:00 pm	CLS Board Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sewing
Wednesday	8:30 am	CLS Chapel
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Fellowship starts
	1:00 pm	Women in Mission meeting
	1:30 pm	Midweek class
	4:00 pm	Catechism class
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Service (HC)
	10:15 am	Sunday School



ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are given in gratitude for our birthdays and anniversary this month. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 107:1
Mike and Pam Jennings



WELCOME!: We welcome a new family to St. Stephen's! Please welcome Tom & Audrey Roberts, and their grandson, Noah Miller. We are so glad you have joined St. Stephen's!



PORTALS OF PRAYERS: The new Portals of Prayers for October-December are on the table in the narthex. Help yourself.



LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: LifeLight Bible Study will now begin on Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday morning Adult Bible Fellowship will start this Wednesday, September 17th at 10:30 am. Anyone is welcome to join us!



WOMEN IN MISSION: Women in Mission meeting is this Wednesday, September 17th at 1:00 pm. Pastor will be the devotion leader and Marilyn Gerhold will be the hostess.



NURSERY: Just a reminder that the nursery is available for use during the worship service. While it is unstaffed, you are welcome to use the space as needed. The nursery is located to the right of the sanctuary steps as you enter.



ATKINS FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for your generous donations to the Atkins Food Pantry all year long. Now that school has started, the Food Pantry is especially in need of after school snacks and lunch items. Please keep this in mind as you grocery shop and continue to donate to the Food Pantry. It is very much appreciated. ~ Women in Mission

Noses & Nickels Last Sunday:

Attendance: Last Sunday: 135

Offering: Home: \$5,471.00 Missions: \$71.00

Exercise daily...walk with the Lord.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS:

Sunday School starts today. Class will begin at 10:15 and will consist of 15 minutes of music to start off, then 45 minutes of classroom time, concluding at 11:15.

Preschool & Kindergarten (yellow room): Kerrie Haerther, Julia Gerhold, Bri Hinrichs, & Devyn Krug

1st & 2nd (blue room): Megan Winsor & Brooke McKinstry

3rd & 4th (red room): Katie Bauder & Carolyn Schanbacher

5th-8th (green room): Brittanie Roetman & Alexis Hach

High School (back room): Miranda Schmid

Subs: Kory Winsor & Jess Fry

Adult Class (conference room): Starting October 12th



DONATIONS NEEDED: Central Lutheran 7th & 8th graders are taking another load of donations to the Orphan Grain Train on Tuesday, September 30. Please drop off any donations of gently used or new items to CLS Main Entry or Activity Entrance between now and Monday morning, September 29.

Below is a list of accepted items:

- **Cash donations to pay for shipping**
- **Infants' Supplies:** Cloth and Disposable Diapers • Layettes • Stuffed toys
- **Medical Equipment and Supplies:** Bed & bath linens • Sheets • Disposable gowns & gloves • Hospital beds (hand-crank with vinyl mattresses) • Prosthetic limbs • Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes • Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs & otoscopes •
- **Hygiene Supplies:** Sanitary products for women • Toothbrushes • Diapers-all sizes • Towels & washcloths • Bar soap • Combs
- **School Supplies:** Back-packs • New coloring books, crayons etc. • New ballpoint pens and pencils • Writing paper and notebooks • Sports equipment such as soccer balls, bats, baseballs, ball gloves & uniforms
- **Clothing (gently used or new):** Infant, children's, women's & men's clothes (no holes) • Shoes clean & wearable • Underwear (NEW only)—all ages & sizes • Socks (good used or new) Quilts, comforters, blankets, towels, washcloths • All sizes are needed. We ship quilts, blankets & comforters year-round.
- **Miscellaneous Items:** Bicycles • Sports Equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, baseball equipment, shoes, goals, etc.)

Thank you for sharing your blessings!