

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Acolytes This Sunday:

Mason Wecker & Lexi Hlas


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Mia Kenny & Allison Wolf

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Dear Lord, I am so grateful to be Your child. Teach me to follow Your ways. 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 Sperflage, and Marcey Jensen; Tom Koopman, Kathy Lange, and Koehyn Trumbull on their birthdays today.

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:

Today	9:00 am	Divine Service (HC)
	10:15 am	LWML Sunday Sunday School
Monday	7:00 pm	IDE Pastors' Conference LifeLight Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 am	IDE Pastors' Conference Sewing
Wednesday	8:30 am	CLS Chapel
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Fellowship
	1:30 pm	Midweek class
	4:00 pm	Catechism class
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 am	Tone Chime Meeting (multipurpose room)
	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Bible Study starts



ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God by Dave & Kris Carte as they thank the Lord for His continued love and blessings to them as they celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on October 9th.



LWML SUNDAY: Today is LWML Sunday, when we celebrate all Lutheran Women in Mission all over the world. Please come to the fellowship hall and have some "Mite"y muffins and donuts in celebration of this day.



THANK YOU: Thank you for all of the cards, prayers, phone calls, messages, and memorials. Thank you to the ladies who served the luncheon, and for the salads and desserts that were donated. A special thank you to Pastor Woltemath for the visits and phone calls. God bless you all, The Family of Peg Deklotz



ANNUAL NUT SALE: The Annual Nut Sale is here!! 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.



STONE CHIMES: Interested in Playing Tone Chimes? Let's Talk! We're planning to bring back the Tone Chime Choir and would love for you to be part of it! Join us for a quick meeting on Sunday, October 12 at 8:30 am in the multipurpose room (before the service). We'll chat about:

- Who wants to play (regularly or maybe be a substitute) and/or lead the group
- When practice times work best for everyone
- When we'll start rehearsing

No experience? No problem! Just bring your interest and willingness to make a joyful noise! Hope to see you there.



FALL FESTIVAL HELP: The St. Stephen's Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 26th. Jess Fry is looking for someone who would be interested in helping to organize our annual event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jess. Thank you!



MEAL SIGN-UP: We are looking for volunteers to help bring food for the fall festival on October 26th. We will have a sign-up by the snacks in the fellowship hall.

Noses & Nickels Last Sunday & Wednesday:

Attendance: Last Sunday: 119 Wednesday evening: 10

Offering: Home: \$3,048.30 Missions: \$91.00



OCTOBER SENIOR & JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY: Inviting all high school senior youth (9th–12th grade) and junior youth (6th-8th grade) of the congregation. There are other congregations' youth invited as well and you can bring a friend too! They will have a bonfire, a hayrack ride, along with food and time in God's word. This is the first St. John youth event of the new school year and is happening **on Sunday, October 19th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Scott & Becky Thompson's farm at 2469 - 71st St., Newhall.** Dress for the weather and bring along one thing that tells us something unique about you. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Brad or Stephanie Williamson (614-257-7992).



CLS BRUNCH: Mark your calendars for the annual Central Lutheran School PTL Fall brunch on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Come and enjoy pancakes, eggs, fruit salad, ham and sausage and donuts. Free will donation. St. Stephens Nimble Fingers Quilters have donated a quilt for a raffle - \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. See you at CLS School, 310 3rd Street. CLS is in need of rolls, quick breads, and large muffins. If you would like to donate, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAEAD2EA13-51789313-brunch#/>



IOWA LUTHERAN STUDENT TUITION ORGANIZATION: ILSTO is an excellent way to help make Lutheran Education possible for more children in Iowa. By giving to ILSTO, you help families who otherwise couldn't afford tuition send their children to Christ-centered school. Beyond the benefit of knowing your gift is growing the faith of youth in Iowa-you'll receive a 75% Iowa state income tax credit for your gift. Additionally, grain and stock donations are included in the program. That means your generosity has a huge impact for students and families, while also being a wise use of your resources.



YOU ARE INVITED: October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. You are invited to a service at St. John Lutheran Church in Keystone on Monday, October 20th at 6:00 pm. We will turn to God's Word for comfort as we do a rite of remembrance for all who mourn



YOU ARE INVITED: Newhall American Legion Auxiliary is having a roast beef and ham luncheon on Sunday, October 12th from 11:00-1:00 at the Newhall Legion Hall. All are welcome!