

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 28, 2025


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Acolytes This Sunday:

Mason Wecker & Lane Robson


Acolytes Next Sunday:

Mia Kenny & Anthony Becker

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Dear Lord, as a new year is about to begin, we come to You and ask for Your blessing. We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives. Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year, 2026. Amen.

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

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

 **DOOR OFFERINGS:** Today's door offering is for the Christmas Committee. Next Sunday the door offering will be for Lutherans For Life.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:

Today	9:00 am	Divine Service Installation of Officers
Wednesday		Pastor on Vacation through Jan. 8
Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Service with Pastor Heren Bring Mite Boxes

Noses & Nickels last Sunday & Christmas Services:

Attendance: Sunday: 137 Christmas Eve: 120
Candlelight: 69 Christmas Day: 56
Offering: Home: \$25,844.00 Missions: \$501.00

Let your new year begin with Jesus!



EMERGENCIES: Pastor will be on vacation Dec. 31 – Jan. 8. Please contact Pastor Jeff Schanbacher for any emergencies at 319-454-6941.



MITE BOXES: Just a reminder to please return mite boxes next Sunday, January 4th. Thank you!



TONE CHIMES: Tone Chimes will practice on Sunday, January 11th at 8:00 am in the Conference Room. Any new players are welcome! The more ding-a-lings the better!



FINANCIAL BOOKS: The financial books for the church will be closed on December 31st. This includes weekly offerings. Any gifts received after December 31st will be recorded as 2026.



BLOOD DRIVE: The next blood drive will be at St. Stephen's on January 22. More than 4.5 million people need blood transfusions each year and you can help. Please sign up to donate blood at our next drive on Thursday, January 22 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. Contact Pam Jennings at 319-400-4149 or call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401.



ILSTO: Time is very short – December 31 is almost here! As of December 1, the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization was at 25% of its goal of raising \$1,189,000 for tuition assistance. Many Lutheran school students need this financial assistance to attend our schools so please consider a donation to ILSTO at this time. Your donation needs to be postmarked no later than December 31. Tax credits are available as of this date, but the closer you donate to the deadline please call to make sure credits are still available. For more information call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.



CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFFING FOR 2026-2027:

CLS is looking to fill some staffing positions for the 26-27 school year. A licensed early childhood teacher. We would prefer a Synodically trained early childhood teacher, but as long as he/she has an Iowa teaching early childhood license that would be ok. A part-time Ag teacher. This teacher should have an Iowa teaching license as well as an Ag background. CLS is looking to continue our Ag/FFA chapter and need someone to teach the Ag curriculum we have as well as lead our school's FFA chapter. A part time Physical Education (PE) teacher. This teacher should have an Iowa teaching license and be able to teach K-8th grade PE. If you are interested, know of anyone that the school could ask, or need more information, please contact Mr. Parris at principal@centrallutheranschool.org.