

# ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## November 30, 2025


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### Acolytes This Sunday:

Mia Kenny & Lane Robson

### Acolytes Next Sunday:

Mason Wecker & Anthony Becker

 **PRAYER UPON ENTERING:** Almighty God, hold us in Your loving hands, that we may see Your enduring work through all tribulations. 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, Allan Schanbacher, Laurie Davis, Ken Popenhagen, Carrie Sperfslage, and Marcey Jensen; Jim Kreutner recovering from a successful total knee replacement; Derek & Baylee Hammes on their anniversary today.

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 LWML Mites.

Dec. 7 - College students Christmas gift door offering

Dec. 14 - Choir door offering

Dec. 21 & 28 - Christmas Committee door offering

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S:**

Today	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Christmas Committee Decorate
Wednesday	8:30 am	CLS Chapel
	1:30 pm	Midweek Class
	4:00 pm	Catechism Class
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Advent Communion Service</b>
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday		Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Service (HC)</b>
		Hayden Yates Baptism
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** The altar flowers are lovingly placed in celebration of Baylee and Derek Hammes' first wedding anniversary. We thank God for their first year of marriage and pray for many blessed years ahead.



**ADVENT SERVICE:** Join us for the Advent Communion Service this Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who filled a Samaritan's Christmas Child shoebox. There were 31 boxes that were filled and that will be enjoyed by less fortunate children! Thank you!



**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2026 offering envelopes are ready for pickup on the table in the narthex. If we inadvertently missed someone, please let us or the office know. Finance Officers: Kerry Beatty, Bonnie Thompson, and Mike Deklotz



**LAST CHANCE:** There are 2025 Thrivent t-shirts available in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself!



**NUTS FOR SALE:** There are extra nuts available in the fellowship hall for purchase. They make good Christmas gifts!



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** The children's Sunday School Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm with pre-service music. Any Sunday School children interested in playing the piano, instrument, or singing during pre-service, please sign up on the table in the narthex.



**OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:** We are still looking to fill 2 open board positions...Outreach and Youth. If you have any questions about these boards, please talk to an Elder, Brian Wells, or Pastor. The terms begin January 1, 2026 and are a 3 year term.



**ILSTO:** This is the program whereby you can in effect send your tax dollars to benefit families wanting to send their children to Lutheran elementary & secondary schools in Iowa. The benefits you receive are two-fold: 1) You get to see more children experiencing the love of God every day, and 2) You will receive a 75% tax credit on your Iowa state income taxes and a charitable deduction on your Federal return. Families need your help. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You may also check the website [www.iowalutheransto.com](http://www.iowalutheransto.com)

### **Noses & Nickels Last Sunday:**

Attendance: Last Sunday: 119    Offering: Home: \$3,996.00    Missions: \$21.00