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2025

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Sam Salo
 graduated from
 Carney-Nadeau
 schools and is
 headed to Alpena
 Community
 College in Lower
 Michigan where
 he will pursue an
 Electrical
 Apprentice
 Certificate.
 Godspeed, Sam!



On June 18, we gathered to enjoy our visit
 to **Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!**

The Annual Time Swap begins ON September 7, 2025
Worship at St. St. will be at 10:30a for the next year.



- 5 Jane Christenson
- 16 Bruce Bergquist
- 18 Madison Bergquist
- 19 Tom Dutkavich, Jr
- 21 Alvin Etelamaki
- Judy Stone
- 22 John Starzynski
- 23 Wendy Majkrzak
- 26 Gary Hess
- 29 Wayne Salo



- 2 Wayne + Janet Salo
- 8 Keith + Crystal Salo
- 18 John + Pattie Starzynski
- 22 Bob + Judy Stone



***We continue to hold
our military members
in our prayers:
Jordan Baril,
Jay Chapple, Ken
Dams, Trish Dams,
Toby Irish,
Brent Jurmu***



- 1 Jim Francour
Kawaunee Hofer
Dalton Wagner
- 2 Janet Salo
- 3 Lynda Keller
- 12 Bob Stone
- 13 Sharon Etelamaki
- 16 Berkley Norton
- 30 Carla Dutkavich



- 1 Bill + Karen Grundstrom
- 5 Paul + Kelly Francour
- 27 Roy + Tammy Parrett

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 6, 13, 20, 27 Worship, 9a

Aug. 3 Worship, 9a

Aug 10 Church Picnic: Worship, 10:30a (Mellen Township Park, Wallace)

Aug. 17, 24 Worship, 9a

Aug. 31 5th Sunday Joint Worship, 10:30a at Gethsemane

September 7 Worship officially **switches** to **10:30a**

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Sept. 14, 21, 29 Worship, 10:30a



St. Stephen's Celebrates 80 Years of Ministry!

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:30a Celebratory Worship



12:00p Banquet + Open House

80th Anniversary Theme: *The Burning Bush, Exodus 3*

God appears to 80-year old Moses in flames of fire within a bush that is not consumed. This encounter marks a pivotal moment in Moses' life and in the Israelites' history, and serves as the inspiration for our 80th Anniversary here at St. Stephen's. As we embark upon the NEXT 80 years of ministry in our congregation and community, we ponder the following:



Moses finds himself in the presence of the Lord.

What does the presence of the Lord look like at St. Stephen's?

When God called out to Moses, he answered: "Here I am!"

How is God calling out to the people of St. Stephen's?



God commands Moses to remove his sandals, as he is on holy ground.

What holy ground is God calling St. Stephen's to step upon?

Moses is called to lead the people into the promise land.

How are the people of St. Stephen's called to lead into the next 80 years?

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please **pray** over the areas in which **YOU** might feel called to participate, and then **SIGN-UP** in the Fellowship Hall **ASAP!**

- 🔥 Banquet Menu
- 🔥 Contacting Local Newspapers
- 🔥 Decorations for the Big Day
- 🔥 Find ways for Children to Participate
- 🔥 Hanging Posters around Town
- 🔥 Historical Document Display

- 🔥 Sending Invitations
- 🔥 Musical Offerings
- 🔥 Photo Displays (pics at St.)
- 🔥 Planning Worship with Pr B
- 🔥 Taking Photos 10/26/25
- 🔥something we haven't thought of!

We continue to hold the following in prayer:
**Alicia Renforth, Jenny Numikowski, Jim, Paisley Aretz,
Pearl Christenson, Rob Boe, Tracy Klatt**

May the comfort and hope of the Resurrection be with the friends and families of



**+Johnny
Felch+**
Gethsemane
Brother
of Duane



**+Marty
Grinsteiner+**
St. Stephen's
Brother of Roger



**+Greg
Majkrzak+**
St. Stephen's
Majkrzak Family



**+Jan
Djupstrom+**
St. Stephen's
DIL of +Linda
Djupstrom+



**+Peanut
Gustafson+**
Gethsemane
Grandma of
Kaylyn Parker



**+Jimmy
Tickler+**
St. Stephen's
Brother
of Steve



**+Dodo
Rye+**
Gethsemane
Grandma of
Karlie Wagner



**+Arthur
Bergren+**
Rice Lake, WI
Friend of
Pr Brenda



**+Bud
Light+**
St. Stephen's
Former Member
of St. Stephen's

***Thank you for holding the family and friends of these Congregants
in your prayers. Please contact the Office with any corrections.***

Planning way, Way, WAY Ahead!



Along with delightful temperatures, the summer months also bring us lots of **“Back to School” sales!** Take advantage of the great deals, and stock-up on the supplies we’ll need to pack-up a ton of **SCHOOL KITS.**

While we gather the supplies in **SUMMER**, the School Kits themselves will be assembled following worship on **Sunday, September 7**, known as **“God’s Work, Our Hands”** Sunday.



These **kits** will be loaded into a giant **BOXCAR** in mid-October, and sent to a warehouse in Delaware where **Lutheran World Relief** sorts and ships these items to those in need around the globe.

Please pay **SPECIAL** attention to the **list** below, getting **EXACTLY** what is written.

*We **can’t** use sharpened pencils, we **can’t** send SHARP scissors, etc.*

*Just follow the details below, and we’ll be on our way to some **AMAZING** kits!*

- ☐ **Notebooks** Wide/College Ruled. 70-sheets. 8x10.5 in.
NO loose-leaf. NO Composition Notebooks
- ☐ **Ruler** Inches/Centimeters
- ☐ **Pencil Sharpener** Any color
- ☐ **Blunt Scissors.** **BLUNT** Safety scissors
- ☐ **Crayons.** Box of 16 or 24
- ☐ **Pencils** #2, **UN**sharpened. **UN.**
- ☐ **Black or Blue Pens** . . . Ballpoint. **NO gel.**
- ☐ **Eraser** 2.5 inches



Where do I put all the stuff I purchased?!

Bring to the **Table** by the Office in the Fellowship Hall by

**** SUNDAY, August 24, 2025 ****

Thank you for doing **GOD’s** work with **YOUR** hands!

"Realtest Job on the Planet!"

Rev. Brenda L. Greenwald

Dear Church, In a matter of just 7 days in mid-June, my role as both your Pastor and as Chaplain of the Mid-County Rescue Squad had me witnessing 3, major events:

1. A squad call where a vehicle was hit by a **TRAIN** they didn't hear coming,
2. A dear colleague, congregant, and friend **COLLAPSING** in worship, and
3. A major **COLLISION** involving a moving truck and small car on M-35.

Funny enough, the **TRAIN** incident was the **LEAST** dramatic, as I arrived on scene **AFTER** the event had occurred. Both drivers - the car *and* the train - were clearly shaken, and it was an absolute miracle they could both walk away, with only an elevated blood pressure and some next-day soreness. **YOUR** response during worship helped minimize the panic during the second incident, as you all quietly and quickly exited the Sanctuary. Those who were of nursing background stayed behind to help, those who could open doors guided the Rescue Squad into place, and those of you who could pray...PRAYED! Yet ANOTHER instance where, after some time under medical care, life returned to (somewhat) normal.

It was this **final** event that really had my head shaking, and why I even pen this article in the first place: the collision occurred on what was supposed to be a restful, Beach Day with my nephew and godson, **Colton**. Watching a 7 year old splash in the waters of Lake Michigan was relaxing....right up until we heard THE loudest **SCREECHING** and **SCRAPING**, followed by **QUITE** the **BOOM**. Oh boy...this was going to be bad. I had my friend watch Colton, and I quickly grabbed my keys to drive to the road (M-35).

*(Now, what I **SHOULD** have grabbed were my **CLOTHES**,
as I was only wearing my swimsuit and flip-flops at this point....
but we'll get back to that...!)*

I reached the highway and came eye-to-eye with **TWO**, demolished vehicles: the box truck that tried to avoid a passing car, and the car that got squished in the process. *(The passing car was never seen again...)* With airbags blown out on the car and the truck on its side, everyone who had stopped to help quickly **shouted** out their roles: "I'm a nurse!" "I was a cop!" "Rescue Squad!" I told the retired Police Officer to put me where I could do the most good, and he assigned me the job of **stopping** southbound **traffic**.



*(Might be a good time to remind you...I'm **STILL** only wearing my swimsuit at this point.
I **DID** put on my neon, yellow **hoodie** - complete with reflective sleeves - so vehicles wouldn't run me over,
but that only covered my **top** half. Good grief. **STOP TRAFFIC?** Yeah....not a problem!)*

Long story short? Eventually, the Sheriff and Police Departments arrived on scene, the drivers of both vehicles were checked out by the EMTs, traffic was re-routed, and I returned to the beach. **Why have I told you all of this?** Well, for one to paint the picture of what just **ONE**, particular week of ministry looks like, but ultimately, to share my nephew's honest reaction to it all. While he **DIDN'T** witness the Train incident, he **WAS** in worship during the collapse, and **WAS** on the beach during those horrific noises and the sirens that followed. When **debriefing** all of this with Colton, he earnestly looked at me and said:

"Aunt B, you have the REALEST job on the PLANET!"

Yes, little one, I would have to agree: **SO real**, it brings me face to face with miracles. **SO real**, it has me watching Church in action. **SO real**, it stops ME in my tracks *(and not just traffic!)* We talked together about how God had been **with** the upset Train conductor, and with the neighbor who helped. We reflected on how nice it was to be together as the **Body** of Christ during the medical emergency, and how everyone leaned into one another. And we certainly thought it was pretty amazing of God to **bring** all sorts of people to the beach area when such a scary accident occurred. To Colton, these weren't just **STORIES** - he was watching **faith in ACTION**. Faith in miracles, faith in people, faith in God.

SO, yes, little one, I **DO** have the **REALEST** job on the planet, and the **REALEST** God to walk alongside!

*PS: ALWAYS grab your clothes **FIRST** in an emergency. Just trust me on this one!*

Brenda

Northern Great Lakes Synod: Lifelong Faith Formation Fall Classes

Visit bit.ly/Fall25Classes to register and receive further information about these amazing classes being taught right here in the Northern Great Lakes Synod!



Caring for Creation

Instructor: Chuck Thomas, NGL Synod Vice President

This class will use an ELCA provided study guide and other materials introduced by the class facilitator as we explore the ELCA teaching, Caring for Creation; what it says and why. The class will dive into the scriptural texts that form the social teaching's foundation, discuss why we should care for God's creation, and how we can individually and collectively do so. **Wednesday Evenings , 6-7p CST, for 6 weeks: Sept 24-Oct 29**



Feeding your Soul - Practicing Spiritual Practices

Instructors: Pastors Terry Cathcart,

Terry Frankenstein, Lee Goodwin, Grant Van Lishout, Deacons D'Etta Broam, Noreen Stevens

In the busy of our days, this class will provide space to engage in practices that call you to take an intentional pause – breathing in God's presence and listening to the movement of the Spirit. Each week the class will be led by a different Spiritual Director who will invite us to learn and practice one of many spiritual practices. Practices will include Qigong (body prayer,) centering prayer, mindfulness, journaling, Ignatian Spirituality, Breathing with Yoga, and Using our Heart Lens. **Monday Evenings, 6-7p CST, for 7 weeks: Sept 15-Oct 6, Nov 3-17**



In the Beginning: The first 11 Chapters of Genesis

Instructor: Pastor Tommy Wimsae

Where should we begin? The first 11 chapters of Genesis are full of beginnings and beginnings again. There are two different creation stories, the flood narrative which resets everything a third time, and finally the tower of Babel which begins some more troubles. Join Pastor Tommy as the class looks at these well-travelled stories and we begin to separate the waters above from the waters below. The class will help participants see the stories with fresh eyes, as if from the beginning. **Thursday Evenings, 6-7p CST for 10 weeks: Sept 18-Nov 20**



Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Instructor: Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn

Have you ever heard your pastor say, "In Hebrew, this word means..."? This class will be an experimental way of learning to engage with the Hebrew, even if learning a whole new language seems intimidating. **Sunday Evenings, 6-7p CST beginning Sept 21 with end date TBD**



Recognizing, Responding, and Re-Visioning Discipleship in an age of Christian Nationalism

Instructor: Pr David Van Kley

During the course of four weeks, the class will explore the history of Christian Nationalism in the United States, with particular focus on its re-emergence from the 70's to the present, discuss ways to respond as Lutheran Christians to the threat it represents to the integrity of the gospel witness and to a democratic form of government, and identify specific goals/strategies to do so, as individuals within our congregations and communities. **Tuesdays , 6-7p CST, for 4 weeks, October 7-29**

Daily Bible Readings: July 2025

Tue – Jul 1	Jeremiah 3:15-18	Ephesians 5:6-20	Psalm 140
Wed – Jul 2	Jeremiah 23:16-22	Matthew 10:16-25	Psalm 140
Thu – Jul 3	2 Kings 21:1-15	Romans 7:14-25	Psalm 66:1-9
Fri – Jul 4	Jeremiah 51:47-58	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Psalm 66:1-9
Sat – Jul 5	Zechariah 14:10-21	Luke 9:1-6	Psalm 66:1-9



Sun. July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 66:10-14 | Ps 66:1-9 | Gal 6:7-16 | Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

Prayer of the Day: *O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Jul 7	Jeremiah 6:10-19	Acts 19:21-27	Psalm 119:73-80
Tue – Jul 8	Jeremiah 8:4-13	Acts 19:28-41	Psalm 119:73-80
Wed – Jul 9	Joshua 23:1-16	Luke 10:13-16	Psalm 119:73-80
Thu – Jul 10	Genesis 41:14-36	James 2:14-26	Psalm 25:1-10
Fri – Jul 11	Genesis 41:37-49	Acts 7:9-16	Psalm 25:1-10
Sat – Jul 12	Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37	John 3:16-21	Psalm 25:1-10

Sun. July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost Deut 30:9-14 | Ps 25:1-10 | Col 1:1-14 | Lk 10:25-37

Prayer of the Day: *O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Jul 14	Job 24:1-8	James 2:1-7	Psalm 25:11-20
Tue – Jul 15	Proverbs 19:1-17	1 John 3:11-17	Psalm 25:11-20
Wed – Jul 16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-18	Matthew 25:31-46	Psalm 25:11-20
Thu – Jul 17	Genesis 12:10-20	Hebrews 5:1-6	Psalm 15
Fri – Jul 18	Genesis 13:1-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalm 15
Sat – Jul 19	Genesis 14:1-16	Luke 8:4-10	Psalm 15

Sun. July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 18:1-10a | Ps 15 | Col 1:15-28 | Lk 10:38-42

Prayer of the Day: *Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*



Mon – Jul 21	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 1:27–2:7	Psalm 119:97-104
Tue – Jul 22	Proverbs 9:1-18	1 John 2:1-6	Psalm 119:97-104
Wed – Jul 23	Deut. 12:1-12	John 6:41-51	Psalm 119:97-10
Thu – Jul 24	Esther 2:19–3:6	Acts 1:15-20	Psalm 138
Fri – Jul 25	Esther 3:7-15	Acts 2:22-36	Psalm 138
Sat – Jul 26	Esther 4:1-17	Luke 8:22-25	Psalm 138

Sun. July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 18:20-32 | Ps 138 | Col 2:6-15 | Lk 11:1-13

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

Mon – Jul 28	Esther 5:1-14	Colossians 2:16—3:1	Psalms 55:16-23
Tue – Jul 29	Esther 6:1—7:6	Romans 9:30 —10:4	Psalms 55:16-23
Wed – Jul 30	Esther 7:7—8:17	Matthew 5:43-48	Psalms 55:16-23
Thu – Jul 31	Proverbs 23:1-11	Romans 11:33-36	Psalms 49:1-12



Daily Bible Readings: August 2025

Fri – Aug 1	Proverbs 24:1-12	Ephesians 4:17-24	Psalms 49:1-12
Sat – Aug 2	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	Mark 10:17-22	Psalms 49:1-12

Sun. Aug. 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Eccl 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 | Ps 49:1-12 | Col 3:1-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Prayer of the Day: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

Mon – Aug. 4	Ecclesiastes 2:1-17	Colossians 3:18— 4:1	Psalms 127
Tue – Aug. 5	Ecclesiastes 3:16— 4:8	Colossians 4:2-6	Psalms 127
Wed – Aug. 6	Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14	Luke 12:22-31	Psalms 127
Thu – Aug. 7	Job 21:1-16	Romans 9:1-9	Psalms 33:12-22
Fri – Aug. 8	Ecclesiastes 6:1-6	Acts 7:1-8	Psalms 33:12-22
Sat – Aug. 9	Genesis 11:27-32	Matthew 6:19-24	Psalms 33:12-22

Sun. Aug. 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 15:1-6 | Ps 33:12-22 | Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 | Lk 12:32-40

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

Mon – Aug. 11	2 Ch 33:1-17	Heb 11:1-7	Ps 89:1-18
Tue – Aug. 12	2 Ch 34:22-33	Heb 11:17-28	Ps 89:1-18
Wed – Aug 13	Jer 33:14-26	Lk 12:41-48	Ps 89:1-18
Thu – Aug. 14	Josh 7:1, 10-26	Heb 10:26-31	Ps 82
Fri – Aug. 15	1 Sa 5:1-12	Heb 10:32-39	Ps 82
Sat – Aug. 16	1 Sa 6:1-16	Mat 24:15-27	Ps 82



Lily and Colton (Pr B's nephew) enjoy Fellowship Time after worship!

Sun. Aug. 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 23:23-29 | Ps 82 | Heb 11:29—12:2 | Lk 12:49-56

Prayer of the Day: *O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Aug. 18	Jer 23:30-40	1 John 4:1-6	Ps 32
Tue – Aug. 19	Jer 25:15-29	Acts 7:44-53	Ps 32
Wed – Aug. 20	Jer 25:30-38	Luke 19:45-48	Ps 32
Thu – Aug. 21	Nun 15:32-41	Hebrews 12:3-17	Ps 103:1-8
Fri – Aug. 22	2 Ch 8:12-15	Acts 17:1-9	Ps 103:1-8
Sat – Aug. 23	Neh 13:15-22	Luke 6:1-5	Ps 103:1-8



Sun. Aug. 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 58:9b-14 | Ps 103:1-8 | Heb 12:18-29 | Lk 13:10-17

Prayer of the Day: *O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Aug. 25	Ezekiel 20:1-17	Hebrews 3:7— 4:11	Psalms 109:21-31
Tue – Aug. 26	Ezekiel 20:18-32	Revelation 3:7-13	Psalms 109:21-31
Wed – Aug. 27	Ezekiel 20:33-44	Luke 6:6-11	Psalms 109:21-31
Thu – Aug. 28	Proverbs 15:13-17	1 Peter 3:8-12	Psalms 112
Fri – Aug. 29	Proverbs 18:6-12	1 Peter 4:7-11	Psalms 112
Sat – Aug. 30	Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26	Matthew 20:20-28	Psalms 112

Remember: **CAMP** is for ALL ages, even **THESE** youngsters! (**Nick + Harry**)

Sun. Aug. 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prv 25:6-7 | Ps 112 | Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 | Lk 14:1, 7-14

Prayer of the Day: *O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*



Bethesda Cemetery Sexton **Wally** Majkrzak and Bethesda Board Member **Keith** Olson made sure that the dead trees were down, moved out of the way, and that the stumps were ground into mulch!



Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 2025



Present: Cheri Leiphart, Kami Salo, John Starzynski, Donna Tennessen, Pr Brenda

Excused: Donna Thonne

Meeting called to **order:** 2:34p

Devotions: John

HAD A GOOD DISCUSSION ABOUT EMPATHY

AGENDA APPROVAL **Motion** to Accept Agenda: Pr B **Second:** Donna Te **FAVOR**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Motion** to Accept May Minutes: Cheri **Second:** Kami **FAVOR**

PASTOR'S REPORT: May 1 - 20, 2025

☐ Baptisms	6/16/25	Eli Beardsley	Gethsemane
☐ Funerals/Deaths	(5/5/25)	+Al Roberts+	Burial - Mellen
	6/5/25	+Jan Djupstrom+	(Pr Tim Gunderson)
☐ Weddings	7/26/25	Lexy Hornick + Austin Berger	Gethsemane
☐ Worship	6/1/25	Special Joint Worship	AT St - 9:00a
		(Parking lot - G)	
☐ Community	Paisley Benefit (5/10/25), Blood Drive (5/6/25), Homemakers at St.		
☐ Concerns	(to be shared verbally at meeting)		
☐ Digital Ministry	Installation continues - Official quote to come this week.		
☐ Faith Formation	Confirmation: Serious questions about continuing		
☐ Fortune Lake	Congregational Day Visit: JUNE 18		
☐ Ministerium	Departure of Father Ben. Methodist Closure?		
☐ NGL Synod	Assembly - Concluded Council. Assist. in Worship (Water, Music)		
	Conference Meeting: Good Shep + Our Savior's Plan		
☐ Nursing Homes	Harbors: Jack Wittgren - 4 th Tuesday of each month		
	Menominee Health: Worship - 4 th Tuesday of each month		
	Roubal's: Worship in May		
☐ Safety	Team preparing a Class at G, then St.		
☐ Visits	Homes: 1	Hospital: 4	Retire. Home: 2 Office: 9
	Phone: DAILY	Text: CONSTANT	Squad Calls: 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report was unavailable at time of Council Meeting

BRIEF MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

Bethesda (Pr B)	Faith Formation (Kami)	Fellowship (Cheri)
CLEAN UP OF CEMETERY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. KEITH OLSON IS BUSY PLANTING TREES.	PASTOR BRENDA BOUGHT A NEW HIGH-CHAIR FOR THE LITTLE ONES. THERE WILL BE A DIAPER CHANGING STATION AND EMERGENCY DIAPERS.	FELLOWSHIP IS GOING WELL! THE BOARD FOR COFFEE TIME IS FILLING UP NICELY.
Living Trust (Pr B)	Memorial (John)	Property (John)
JOHN IS WORKING ON THE ELECTRICAL ASPECT OF OUR NEW STREAMING AND SOUND SYSTEM.	MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR +SANDY BAUMLER+ AND +JIM VOSS+	SPRING CLEAN UP WENT WELL, MULCH WAS DONATED BY DON MACHALK FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CEMETARY. NICK DIEHM PROCURED A COFFEE MAKER FOR THE KITCHEN
Social Ministry (Donna Th)	WELCA (Donna Ten)	Worship/Music (Cheri)
	MEETING HELD MAY 4TH. 11 LADIES ATTENDED. A FUNDRAISER WAS DISCUSSED TO PAY FOR HAVING THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOMS PAINTED. (THE POSSIBILITY WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS TO DO THE PAINTING) MAY 18TH. WELCA HONORED SAM SALO WITH GIFTS AND A CAKE FOR HIS GRADUATION. PASTOR B PROVIDED PICS OF SAM TO DÉCORATE THE LUNCHEON AREA.	THE CONGREGATION IS ENJOYING THE VARIETY OF MUSIC PASTOR BRENDA SELECTS.

Motion to Accept ALL Updates: Cheri

Second: Kami

FAVOR

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. 80th Anniversary Team Update

- Sunday October 26, 10:30a service with *Bishop followed by a Celebration Luncheon.
- The Theme and Bible Passage: MOSES at 80 and EXODUS: BURNING BUSH.
- Teams will need to be formed for the various parts of the celebration: BANQUET MENU, DECORATIONS, CHILDREN, WORSHIP, DISPLAYS & PHOTOS, FUN!

NEXT STEPS

1. **Next** Council Meetings: August 27 - **Joint** Meeting at St 6p
September 10 - **St. Stephen's** Council at 2:15p
2. **Devotions** for SEPT : **Pastor Brenda**
3. **Motion** to Adjourn: Pr Brenda **Time:** 3:27p

Meeting Concluded with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Donna Tennesen, Council Secretary



Sprucing up
the place on
our **Annual
Spring
Clean-Up
Day!**
May 11, 2025



Faith Formation is **FUN**,
whether it's at **CAMP**
(a grinning **Taylor**
and a camp buddy), at the
BRAT FRY (**Ashlyn**
looking for the desserts),
or during **GAME TIME**
(**Asher** running away
with the rope at camp!)



MidCounty Ministerium
**Food
Pantry**

Fighting Hunger. Giving hope.

The theme of this year's **Synod Assembly** was based on the second section of 1 Corinthians 3:6: *I planted the seed. **Apollos watered**, but God has been making it grow.* Alvin + Sharon Etelamaki and Sue Skowronski joined Pr Brenda in Marquette.

Drop off your donations
on Saturdays, between
9am and Noon, or Call
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