

# Vision of St. Stephen

## August 2022

THE DAY IS YOURS,  
AND YOURS ALSO THE NIGHT;  
YOU ESTABLISHED THE SUN AND MOON.  
PSALM 74:16

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*maggie and milly and molly and may  
went down to the beach (to play one day)*

*and maggie discovered a shell that sang  
so sweetly she couldn't remember her troubles, and*

*milly befriended a stranded star  
whose rays five languid fingers were;*

*and molly was chased by a horrible thing  
which raced sideways while blowing bubbles: and*

*may came home with a smooth round stone  
as small as a world and as large as alone.*

*For whatever we lose (like a you or a me)  
it's always ourselves we find in the sea  
e.e. cummings*

At VBS, we were talking about the word “awe” and naming things we considered awesome. In these summer days, I encourage you to find a time and space to marvel at the world God has created.

Hike, bike, kayak and marvel at the beauty of water and meadows and trees. Sit and watch the hummingbirds come to the feeder or an ant walk across the sidewalk. Feel the breeze while chatting outside with friends. Wonder at the deep space images from the new Webb space telescope. Analyze how your own hand works to perform mundane tasks. Watch lightning flash across the sky.

And in all these things and countless others, give thanks and praise to our God who loves us so much and has created us in a world with amazing, awesome, marvelous diversity and complexity!

Peace,  
Pastor Beth

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# Spiritual Growth

## National ELCA Assembly

Voting members from across the country will gather in Columbus from August 8-12. During the assembly, folks will be discussing, praying about and voting on issues presented by the synod assemblies, hear reports from the various churchwide officers and units, and vote on a budget as well as worship together. Please keep these folks in your prayers as they gather.

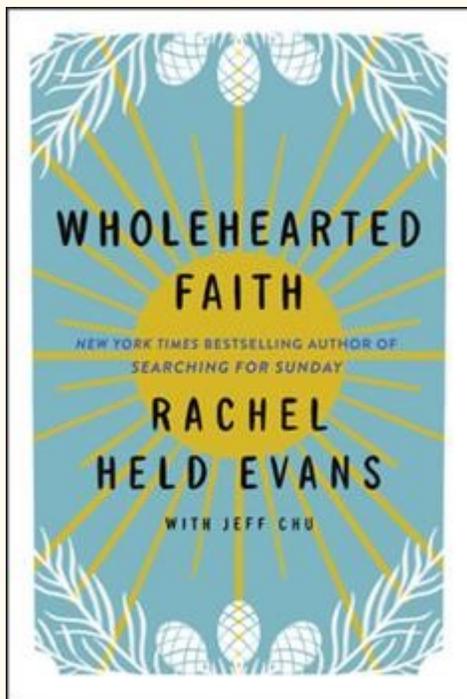


## JOY Luncheon

We'll be gathering at Julie Deangelo's home on Tuesday August 16th at 12 noon. She will be providing macaroni salad and something off the grill. You're invited to bring a fruit side dish or dessert to share. A sign up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board, but Julie also requests that you text or e-mail her to let her know you are coming as well!

## Worship Committee

Our worship committee meets on Monday, August 8th. We'll be putting together a survey that will be sent out later in August. We'll be interested in your response!



## Bible 101

We're planning to finish the book, Wholehearted Faith, as August comes to an end. We meet at 7:00 on Tuesdays (no meeting on August 2nd). Newcomers are welcome to join in! We'll be picking up with chapters 9 and 10 of Rachel Held Evan's book on August 9th.

## Save the Date

Back to Church, September 18, 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer for the Cure, September 18, in the afternoon  
Pet Blessing, October 1  
Larry Golba Art Show, November 5 and 6

# Outreach

## LWR Quilting

Attention quilters: Our workdays are from 10:00 AM to 3:00PM on August 8 (the make-up day from the cancelled July meeting) and August 24. You may come anytime 10 AM or later and plan to leave by 3, or when you get tired. A lunch break together, (11:45 AM), is included in the day! Bring a sack lunch. Thank you everyone for getting vaccinated and being careful. We hope to see you there!



## Drive-In Worship & Picnic



Be sure and come hungry to worship on August 21st! We'll be having a parking lot worship service (weather permitting). After you're invited to stay for a picnic. Our luncheon food (pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, vegan pasta salad, and ice cream sandwiches) will be served inside. You're welcome to eat in the fellowship hall or outside!

## Pasta Collection

Starting August 21st we will be collecting pasta (preferably macaroni and egg noodles) for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry! This collection will continue through September 18th, our Back to Church Sunday!



## LPGA Parking



The Dana Open golf tournament has asked to use the parking lot at St. Stephen this year from August 29-September 4. Since school will be in session, the parking lot at Highland will not be available to the golfers and we're happy to share with the community. Each day, several spaces will be reserved for St. Stephen use (and the whole parking lot will be open for us on Sunday morning). Our regularly scheduled events (Bible 101, etc) will continue that week as well.

# Church Finances



## ONLINE GIVING

For those who are comfortable using technologies to contribute, Vanco services provides us with a smart phone app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement) that we can use to make our donations. You can use this app to make a one time gift to St. Stephen or an ongoing gift. Detailed instructions can be found on the St. Stephen website!

# Administrative News



## VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

If you have ever been interested in helping out at Sunday services we have a variety of things that anyone with a quick training session would be able to do! Feel free to ask Pastor Beth if you have any questions about specific jobs listed, and just sign up on the blue and white sheet on the bulletin board!

## PASTOR BETH ON VACATION

Pastor Beth will be back from vacation and leading us in worship on Sunday, August 7th. If you are in need of pastoral care during her vacation, please contact Janell in the church office or Marilyn Scuralli to arrange a visit with a local pastor.

# In Loving Memory



## Roger Allmandinger

Roger L. Allmandinger, 74, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2022, with his family by his side. Born June 19, 1947, in Ft. Wayne, IN to Leo & Vivian Allmandinger, he was a 1965 graduate of South Side High School and a 1970 graduate of Purdue University earning a degree in Civil Engineering. He was a very proud and devoted alum - flying his Purdue flag and wearing his Boilermaker colors regularly.

As an engineer, he traveled extensively building plants for major companies. It was a career he loved. Roger loved the outdoors. He golfed whenever and wherever he could, participating in dozens of leagues over the years - in which he would more often than not place first. As the years went on, Roger also rekindled his love for fishing and brought home a fresh catch as often as he could.

Roger's true love, though, was the family he and Kathy shared. He was extremely proud of his daughters, and often bragged to others about their successes. He especially loved being a Grandpa/Papa, finding such joy in getting on the floor with his grandchildren, hiding Easter eggs, or playing hide and seek.

Roger was an extremely kind man, always willing to help a friend. He will be missed dearly by so many, but most especially, by his beloved family.



## Ron Sorensen

Ronald Louie Sorensen, born September 13, 1941 in Ludington, MI, passed away peacefully and comfortably on June 26, 2022 at Promedica Ebeid Hospice, ending his long fight with cancer.

Ron married Sharon Eileen Anderson at Normanna Lutheran Church in Dunn Center, North Dakota on April 4, 1964. He was a devoted son, brother, cousin, husband, father and grandfather. He passed away surrounded by family, fitting for a man who put his "family first" value into action every day. Ron modeled "family first" by making extra effort to be active in all of the family's ups and downs, and everything in between. No challenge could not be overcome when a family member was in need. He was especially proud of his grandchildren and all of their accomplishments, being present at numerous sporting events, recitals, academic achievements, and a wedding.

Ron researched his and his wife Sharon's family extensively, creating a very broad and deep genealogy. The documented genealogy he created has come to symbolize his love for family as he defined family very very broadly. Ron was insatiably curious and had several hobbies including: wood working, hiking/backpacking, geology, forestry, gardening, reading, and traveling.

Ron Sorensen, the epitome of a life well lived.

*\*These obituaries have been edited to fit the space.*

# Prayer

## END OF SUMMER PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer,  
the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings,  
the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.  
Thank you for days at the lake  
and evenings chasing fireflies,  
for vacations and festivals,  
picnics and cookouts,  
baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles.  
Thank you for the fireworks of thunderstorms,  
for watermelon sweetness,  
for summer's pace and summer's grace,  
for all your beauty and power, faithfulness and fecundity  
displayed in summer,  
Amen.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

*Alice—Healing & Comfort*  
*Patrick—Comfort & Healing*  
*Roger Jr.— Comfort & Healing*  
*Jill—Comfort, Strength & Peace*  
*Joe—Strength and Recovery*  
*Chelsey—Healing & Peace*  
*Those with Cancer—Healing*  
*Greg—Healing & Comfort*  
*Olivia—Healing & Comfort*  
*Roger Jr.—Pancreatic Cancer*  
*Dave—Healing & Comfort*  
*Noah—Strength and Understanding*  
*Devon—Healing & Recovery*  
*COVID Sufferers*  
*Tornado Survivors*  
*Afghanistan Refugees*  
*Ukraine*  
*Victims of Gun Violence*

# Fun

## ALL IN GOOD FUN

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

## BIBLE QUIZ

What is the only book of the Bible that does not contain the word "God"?

(Answer page 7)

- A. Song of Solomon
- B. Philippians
- C. Esther
- D. Leviticus

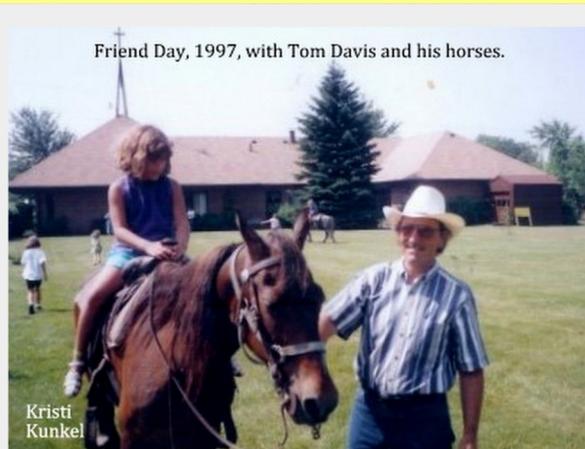
# Steve's Bulletin Board

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

As always our newsletter deadline for anything you want to be added is the 2nd Tuesday in the month. So for **September 2022** Newsletter please have all your items submitted by **August 9**.

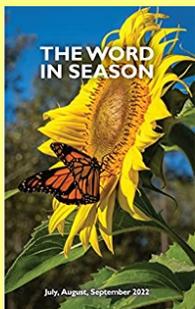
## St. Stephen Photo Throwback

Friend Day, 1997, with Tom Davis and his horses.



Kristi Kunkel

## Word in Season



The Word in Season for July, August, and September are now at the church! If you can't make it to the building to pick one up, call the office and Janell can send you one!

Bible Quiz Answer:

C. Esther

# August Celebrations

## Baptismal Birthdays

8/1 Mollie McCoy  
8/2 Kayla Kunkel  
8/7 Steve Ziegler

## Birthdays

8/2 Kristi Shepler  
8/4 Niel Johnson  
8/6 Kathie Tefft  
8/8 Carole Huffman  
8/9 Amelia Huddleston  
8/10 Marsha Grouls  
8/10 Bill Markin  
8/16 Marty McKelvey  
8/20 Eli Ballard  
8/22 Sue Marvin  
8/27 Wendy Staup  
8/28 Jalen Ballard  
8/31 Ashley Huffman

## Anniversaries

8/2 D&K Aldrich  
8/5 J&L Boldt  
8/21 D&C Haddix  
8/22 L&L Golba  
8/25 H&P Hoehing  
8/27 J&L Hopkins  
8/29 T&N Pfau

## ARE YOU OKAY?

If you find yourself in need of emergency supplies or in need of someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to call the church office and we will assist you however we can or direct you to resources that may be able to help.

# Council

## **2022 Council Members**

<i>President</i>	Marilyn Scuralli
<i>Vice President</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	Beth Madden
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Housel

## **Ministry Liaisons were established as follows:**

<i>Christian Education</i>	Pastor Beth
<i>Finance</i>	Marilyn Scuralli
<i>Prayer, Praise, Worship</i>	Pastor Beth
<i>Property</i>	Tom Schmidt
<i>Staff Support</i>	Marilyn Scuralli
<i>Stewardship/Evangelism</i>	Beth Madden
<i>Technology</i>	
<i>Youth &amp; Family Ministry</i>	Lin McKelvey
<i>Social Ministry</i>	Joan Haddox

## HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Hearing assistance equipment for up to 8 users available for anyone who needs help hearing the service better. Please ask Jeremy Hopkins or anyone who uses the equipment for assistance.

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation
Pastor Beth Vacation						
7 11AM Online/In Sanctuary Worship	8 10:00 AM LWR Quilting  7:00 PM Wor- ship Com- mittee	9 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 PM Bible 101	10	11	12	13 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation
14 11AM Online/In Sanctuary Worship	15 7:00 PM Council Meeting	16 12:30 PM JOY Club  7:00 PM Bible 101	17 5:00 PM Walk Up Communion	18	19	20 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation
21 <b>Pasta Drive Begins</b> 11AM Online/ Parking Lot Worship *Picnic following worship	22 10:00 AM LWR Quilting	23 7:00 PM Bible 101	24 6:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group	25	26	27 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation
28 11AM Online/In Sanctuary Worship	29	30 7:00 PM Bible 101	31			
LPGA Parking						