

**2 Chronicles 24:17–22**

Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention. Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God, ‘Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.’” But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, “May the LORD see and avenge!”

**Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51–60**

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**Matthew 23:34–39**

[Jesus said:] “Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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December 26, 2021

St. Stephen, Martyr - C

**WELCOME** to where God gives us His abundant Grace in Christ! Others have rejected, but now it is given to you! If you are desiring to commune this week, prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to one of the pastors before the service concerning your intentions to accept the privilege of communing.

**WORSHIP PRAYER** Heavenly Father, in the midst of our sufferings for the sake of Christ grant us grace to follow the example of the first martyr, Stephen, that we also may look to the One who suffered and was crucified on our behalf and pray for those who do us wrong; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Chronicles 24:17-22** *Joash commands the people of Judah to stone Zechariah to death.*

**EPISTLE: Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60** *Stephen is stoned to death.*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 23:34-39** *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!”*

**CATECHETICAL LESSON** *Table of Duties: To Wives-* Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are his daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

## OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(Dec. 26-Jan. 2)

Sun/Dec 26 **St. Stephen, Martyr**  
Worship w/Holy Communion, **10am**  
Mon/Dec 27 Office Closed  
Tues/Dec 28 Office Closed  
Wed/Dec 29 No Confirmation  
Thur/Dec 30  
Fri/Dec 31 Office Closed  
New Year’s Eve Service @ Immanuel, 7pm  
Sat/Jan 1  
Sun/Jan 2 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
Worship w/Holy Communion, **10am**

**NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE** Immanuel Lutheran Church (1258 Broadway N, Fargo) will be hosting the area-LCMS churches' New Year's Eve service, which will be held at 7 pm on Friday, December 31st. Pastor Brian Shane will be preaching, and Pastor Bernie Worrall will be the liturgist.

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week:

Christina Maynard, Cybil Johnson, Alexander Spacek, Tom Moltzan, Paul Klemz, Madeline Cossette, Bently Williams, Amy Deng, Bai Pyne, Violet Abraham, Julie Glanzer, Gerald Ramberg, TessAnna Rossow, Gary Lura, Margaret Burkhardtmeier, Gregory Else, Caleb Rossow, Andrew Skalicky

### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week:

Ernie & Donna Feland, Gary & Kristy Dillard, Margaret & Jeremiah Livingston, Craig & Rose Abraham, Arthur & Cari Weidner, Marco & Jennifer Weil

**CALENDAR** Have you checked out yearly church calendar on the bulletin board in the welcome area? Take a look today and see what events and activities are coming up! Have a church event or activity that you think should be added? Contact Mary in the office.

## St. Stephen, Martyr - C December 26, 2021

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**-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-  
USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:**

for last Sunday Services: 91 + 69 + 50ca (Advent) = 210ca

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 12,021.68	\$ 10,642.47
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 468.41	\$ 1,350.49

<u>THROUGH NOVEMBER:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 30,381.33	\$ 373,224.95
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 44,380.59	\$ 418,372.61
	\$-13,999.26	\$ -45,147.66

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,466.16	\$ 69,708.66
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 70,246.06
Net	\$ 919.84	\$ -537.40

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (1/2)**

ELDERS:	Sun 10am: Robert Eidbo
AV:	Sun 10am: Larry Weil/Isaac Berg
USHERS:	Sun 10am: *Curtis Fickes Paulette & Jack Franklin
ACOLYTES:	Sun 10am: Elizabeth Geist
MUSICIANS:	Sun 10am: Susan Jahnke
ALTAR GUILD	Donna & Ernie Feland

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**COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:**

**OUR WEB SITE:** [www.standrewlcms.org](http://www.standrewlcms.org)

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am and on KFNW AM 1200 and 102.5 FM at 8am.

Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board.  
[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**"CHRIST THE WAY"** a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

**OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION:** [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)

**DAILY DEVOTIONS** by Pastor Klaus at [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)

**MEN NETWORK:** [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com)

**ISSUES, ETC:** Current events from a Lutheran view. [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

**MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM** Jan 2: **Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND**, presents the message: "The Little Solomon in Us All," based on I Kings 3:4-15. Lutheran Television Special: "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way. MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1 AND 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3, and archived on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL** needed. If interested, please contact Laura Kitzen at (218) 791-7404.

**YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX**, please check it each time you are here.

**2022 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS** are once again available from our youth group. A sample can be viewed on the table in the information center, and a sign up sheet is there as well. Please write your name and the number of calendars you would like. The cost is \$10 each. Checks can be made to St. Andrew LYF, and payment made to Pastor Harvala. Thanks for your abundant and ongoing support of our youth!

**YOUTH EVENTS IN JANUARY** Friday Fun Nights are back! They will be held from 6-8pm, on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> for youth in grades 3-5, and on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for youth in grades 6-8. This will be the pattern going forward, the second and third Fridays of each month. The senior high youth will also gather for food, fun, and fellowship on the third Sunday of every month, also from 6-8pm, beginning Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. For our first outing, we'll be going bowling (please bring money for shoe rental and food). Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

**BOSTON'S PIZZA & POP FUND RAISER** 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering participants will be selling vouchers for a Pizza & Pop fund raiser at Boston's Pizza beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The vouchers are good for one indy-size pizza and a fountain beverage, and the cost is \$10 each. That's about a \$15 value, resulting in a \$5 savings for the buyer. The vouchers must be redeemed on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> (at any time that day), and for each redeemed voucher our group receives \$4 back. Come enjoy some delicious pizza, at a great price, and continue to support our youth!

**2022 ND MEN'S RETREAT** is January 14-15, 2022 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will be presenting on Christian Hope. One doesn't have to look far to see the effects of sin on our fallen world - just turn on the nightly news. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® and author of Christian Hope Among Rivals, will encourage men to find hope in a hopeless world. Begins with a meal Friday at 6pm and ends 2pm on Saturday. Cost is \$100. RSVP to Corey Isaak at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org or 701-281-0240

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**AS OF 12/19/21**  
**THANK YOU!**

**Thank you and God's Blessings in Christ as we move  
Faithfully Forward Together.**

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They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of  
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