



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023

For Your Prayers –March 27-April 1, 2023

The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday-Saturday) prepare for Sunday's readings while the days flowing out of Sunday (Monday-Wednesday) reflect back upon the Sunday readings. The complete Daily Lectionary readings can be found on page 1121 in the back of the ELW.

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-17; 2 John 1-13

Tuesday: Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-4; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wednesday: Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31,37-39

Thursday: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23(5); Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **George Bass, Jo Beene, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Karen Einarsen, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Phil Arnold, David & Roberta Barbour, Joe Beene, Megan Beese, Sally Blackburn, Mary Bloom, Rev. Donald Blume, John Butler, Ken Casilhas, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Yvonne Destout, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggin, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Joan & Frank Goodhart, Andrea Gonzalez, Mark Gulesian, Deanna Harbison, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Char Henry, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Nate Jacklin, Rev. Richard Johnson, Sandy Kellogg, The Kennedy family, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Ron Luchetti, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Detra Michaels, Lynn Nestruck, Gina Peterson, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Dustin Sullivan, Kelly Theilen, Charley Underdahl, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Caleb Winig, Brody Wood, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine

Third Sunday in Lent

I. Gathering: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Welcome

Centering Music

Lift up Your Heads

Arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Call to Worship

Come, all you who hunger. **Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.**

Come, all you who hunger and thirst for righteousness. **Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you will be filled.**

The storehouses of heaven are available to all. **God is a great provider, nourishing both our bodies and souls.**

Come to worship and be satisfied in community. **The Spirit of Christ is here, among us. Come, let us worship!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Generous God, you created a world with abundant resources to meet our needs, both physically and mentally. You blessed us with curiosity and expertise, so we find new and better ways to meet human needs through science and research. Yet, despite the bountiful life around us, we draw lines around ourselves, refusing to share.

Corporations choose patents and profits over people, withholding life-saving medication from those who need it around the world.

Food rots away in storehouses and landfills while the poor go hungry.

Apartments sit empty while families live in their cars.

Educational resources fill massive libraries while our children do not have books to read or computers to use.

Churches sit empty most of the week, while nonprofit groups, activists, and small businesses cannot find places to meet.

More and more packages are delivered to our homes daily, while the hands that make our products work in cruel conditions with little pay.

Forgive us for hoarding when we should take and use only what we need.

Forgive us for wasting when we throw away food, clothing, and other resources.

Forgive us for choosing to make more and more money instead of spreading out the blessings. And forgive us for letting some go hungry and unhoused amidst all of our wealth.

Reorient our hearts to a better way so all of humanity might thrive and be well. Amen.

Thanks be to God we are forgiven because of Jesus' saving work. Be comforted that God promises to, "satisfy every need of yours according to God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus." May our needs be met and may our hands be generous to share our abundance with others. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Lift up Your Heads*

ACS 1032
Bulletin pages 14

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

II. Word: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our

children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

“Reader: “The Word of the Lord.” Response: “Thanks be to God.”

Psalmody

Psalm 95



¹Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

²**Let us come before God’s presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker. *Refrain***

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep ¹ of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would ¹ hear God’s voice!

⁸**“Harden ¹ not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah ¹ in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors ¹ tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had ¹ seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that gener- ¹ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not ¹ know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore ¹ in my anger,
‘They shall never come ¹ to my rest.’” *Refrain*

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: “The Word of the Lord.” Response: “Thanks be to God.”

Lenten Acclamation

Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

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Gospel

John 4:5-42

Response after announcement of the Gospel: “Glory to you, O Lord.”

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have

given you living water.”¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹And many more believed because of his word.⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we

believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: “Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon

Shame

Pastor Jon Nelson

The Hymn of the Day will be announced in a few moments. First, please take time during the silence: What are your prayers in response to the sermon?

Hymn of the Day *For all the faithful Women (The Woman at The Well)* ELW 419
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Prayers

Each petition concludes, “Merciful God.” Response: “Receive our prayer.”

III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord’s Supper.

Offering of Music

Song at the Well
Matins Choir

Wayne L. Wold

As Pants the Hart
Chancel Choir

John Leavitt



Offertory Hymn

Come to the Table

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The musical score consists of six systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated but appear to be a common time signature.

Offertory Prayer

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution



The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.



O Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Setting: Thomas Keesecker

Communion Hymn *Come to the Water of Life* ACS 955
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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Sending Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ELW 611
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Blessing
God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

Dismissal
Go in Peace. Serve in Love.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Arr. Zach Unke

Please exit the worship space quietly so that others may enjoy the postlude

Postlude Notes: Pianist and composer Zach Unke has been playing piano for as long as he can remember. “Music is a part of who I am, and sharing that music is my mission in life. I can’t not do it! No matter where you find it, my music shows my love of the piano as well as my love for my Savior ”
Zach writes sheet music to be used in church, as well as recording and releasing albums of solo piano music.



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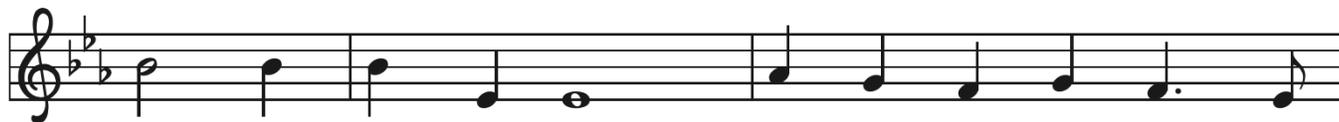
Lift Up Your Heads



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
 3 Lift up your hearts, your great Amen;
 4 Behold, the Spirit here abides,



hear the living water flow: quenching
 bold in pleading, bright with praise. Weep no
 Mercy feeds her guests again: bread e-
 bearing God's abundant life: peace be-



spring and cleansing pool, healing river, clear and
 more, your God has come; greet the wounded, risen
 nough to break and share, festive wine that scents the
 tween you, love within, grace beside you loos'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -
 One, who blesses you with
 air. Oh, taste and see what
 sin. Be - loved, Christ a -



on your face, streaming from the font of grace.
 joy complete, dwelling in the Word of peace.
 once was lost rising in this feast of love.
 mong you stands, moving through your hearts and hands.

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For All the Faithful Women

The Woman at the Well



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom our Lord con-versed:
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep - est thirst.
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
Like hers, our hearts are yearn - ing; Christ of - fers us his word.
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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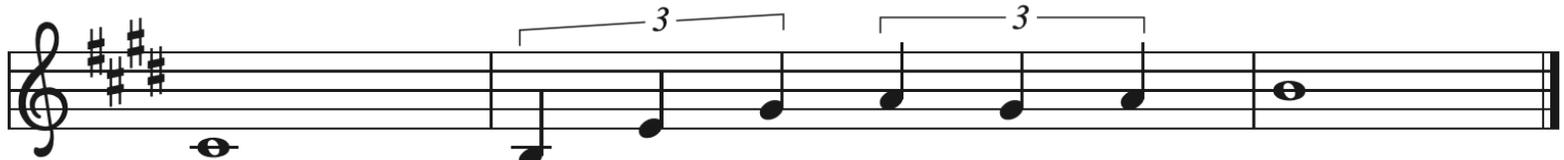
Come to the Water of Life



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever
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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

As We Gather

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.com)
- When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area with toys and books in the room right beneath the Worship Space.
- Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space – ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- **Large print** worship materials are available - ask an usher.
- **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- **If someone should need emergency medical assistance**, CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

Community transmission of COVID-19 in Williamsburg is LOW; James City County is LOW; and York County is LOW. **We strongly encourage the wearing of masks in our building** at this time, especially for those who are more vulnerable to viral illnesses. We also encourage you to monitor yourself for flu (and COVID) symptoms and stay home if you are experiencing any.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given by **Margret Steel** to the glory of God.

Education: Lenten Devotional . We have more printed copies available in the **Gathering Space**. We can also offer an electronic version of the devotional! **So if you would like a PDF version of the devotional please email either the Office or Pastor Jon** to have it emailed to you.

The Quill is going Electronic! Starting in April the Quill will go out via email, a few copies will be printed and available in the gathering space. If you still wish to receive a copy by mail please contact Hollie in the office.

Service: RIP Medical Debt.

The United States is the only developed country in the world today without a program of health care centralized by the government as a basic service to its citizens. Instead, we have maintained a sometimes chaotic marketplace of health insurance products available to our population, and this patchwork system inevitably results in overwhelming debt for many people with inadequate coverage. More than 100 million U.S. adults struggle with healthcare debt, and there is more than \$195 billion owed nationwide. Our congregation's Social Ministry Coordinating Committee would like to address this issue during Lent. We have chosen to work with and through RIP Medical Debt, an organization founded eight years ago to work to end medical debt in our country. Working with medical providers who have long-standing debt owed them by patients unable to pay it, RIPMD is able to purchase this debt at pennies on the dollar and then retire it for good. We have set a goal of collecting \$1,800 during Lent toward this end, and we ask for your help in meeting this goal. Please consider making a weekly \$5 or \$10 donation (or a one-time donation) during Lent to help us meet this goal. Be sure to note that it is for our Medical Debt initiative.

House Of Mercy. House of Mercy is running very low trying to continue their twice a week food distribution, and are asking for the communities help! If you have any items that you can bring please leave them in the gathering space and they will be collected and dropped off every Monday.

Food

Hot/cold cereal
Rice
Mashed potatoes
Canned potatoes or sweet potatoes
Stuffing
Juice
Canned Vegetables
Bags of dried beans
Canned tomatoes
Peanut butter and Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce
Mac and cheese
Pasta
Spaghetti
Canned or cups of Fruit
Cans of : Chicken, Tuna ,and Protein
Soup , Ramen
Granola Bars and Crackers

Toiletries

Diapers/Wipes
Feminine Hygiene Products
Soap
Lotion
Shampoo& Conditioner
Deodorant

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Detergent
Unscented dryer sheets
Dishwashing liquid
Sanitizing wipes
Toilet bowl cleaner

Upcoming

Communal Life & Service: Memorial Service for Jerry Trone. We will gather together on Saturday, March 18th at 2:00 PM to remember before God our brother Jerry. A light reception will follow the memorial service.

Womens Retreat Opportunity! Our wise and wonderful Music Director, Karen Ives, is extending an invitation to all retreat participants to join the choir on Sunday, March 26. The anthem is "Dem Bones", and Pastor Mary Anderson will be singing with us! We will practice for 20 minutes on Friday evening, then you can sing with the choir at the service of your choice: Matins Choir - 8:00 am, or Chancel Choir - 10:30 am. Let's make a joyful noise!

Bible study class has moved to a new date and time. Mondays at 1:30PM in the Library/Conference Room. Come and study the upcoming Sunday's text with **Rev. Jim Larsen** and the **Rev. Harvey Nelson**.

Would you like to be a Narrative reader for Palm Sunday ? We need to fill 9 speaking roles for the 8:30 AM service as well as for the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested please sign up on the insert, and indicate which service you would be reading for.

Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 15, 22, and 29th at St. Stephen:

- **6:00 PM:** Soup and Bread supper in the Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Holden Evening Prayer – in person and on our YouTube channel.

Upcoming Commemorations

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461
Friday, March 17, 2023

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

St. Stephen Calendar - March 12- 19th

*Our worship service is available on our website www.saintstephenlutheran.net,
click on "Worship with Us" and "Services."*

SUNDAY, March 12~ Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
- 9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY, March 13

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Finance committee (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, March 14

- 7:00 PM Council meeting (Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, March 15

- 6:00 PM Soup and Bread supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

THURSDAY, March 16

- 1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review

FRIDAY, March 17

SATURDAY, March 18

- 2:00PM Jerry Trone Memorial
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)

SUNDAY, March 19~ Forth Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion** (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
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- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Sandy Peterkin
..... (11:00) Alina Dabel
Altar Guild (8:30) Rita Kristiansen& Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker..... Sue Voigt
Cantors (8:30) Ursula Recktenwald (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants (8:30) Ellen Bushman and Sandy Peterkin
.....(11:00) John Harms and Lori Harms
Flower Delivery Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) Susan Kauffman
Lectors..... (8:30) Tom Peterkin (11:00) Christina Nelson
Tellers.....Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor and Russ White (11:00)



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
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Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)

Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)

Kristie Kelley – Preschool Director (229-6688)

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church!
Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.

March 12 , 2023

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

____ Member

____ First time guest

____ Regular guest

____ Guest (out of town)

____ Student at William & Mary

____ Looking for a church home

____ Desire to speak with pastor

____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

____ Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me

Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

_____ I need a **nametag!** _____

_____ Yes! I/We will attend the Holden soup dinners # of people _____

_____ I would like to be a Narrative reader for Palm Sunday April 2,2023

_____ 8:30 AM

_____ 11:00 AM