



# **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

**Love God, Love People, Form Faith.**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Palm/Passion Sunday***

***April 2, 2023***

## For Your Prayers – April 3-9, 2022

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11 (7); Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14 (6); 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70 (1); Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

**Maundy Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Good Friday:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1—19:42

**Holy Saturday:** Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Jonah 1:1—2:1, Daniel 3:1-29; Romans 6:3-11, John 20:1-18

**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1

**Join your prayers for healing :** George Bass, Joe 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, 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:** : Dawn Allen, Roberta Barbour, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Mary Bloom, Ken Casilhas, Jerris & Tony DeKievit, Joan & Frank Goodhart, Sue Ivey, Hilda Janke, Ron Luchetti, Doug Mayes, Dietra Michaels, Gina Peterson, David Shoberg, and Charley Underdahl.

# *Palm/Passion Sunday*

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

*We gather in the Forecourt with palm branches.*

### **Call to Worship**

Greetings to the joyful, the content, the hopeful, and the cheerful. **Bring your laughter, your celebrations, and your delight to worship.**

Welcome to the mournful, the anxious, the overwhelmed, and the afraid.

**Bring your thoughts, your worries, your concerns, and your fears to worship.**

We all come from different places, with different experiences, and with different expectations. **God alone knows our inner thoughts and looks upon us with compassion.**

Come as you are. Come with all your feelings. **God will help us process and transform our feelings into faithful action.**

Come as you are. Come with all your feelings. **Come, let us worship together in unity.**

### **Palm Sunday Confession**

Let us confess the ways in which we have treated ourselves with judgment and cruelty. Compassionate God, you love us and treat us tenderly, even when we are struggling to do what is right. In spite of your patience with us, we condemn ourselves, judge ourselves, and tell ourselves lies. We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities.

**We confess we treat ourselves harshly, condemn our own mistakes, and punish ourselves when we fail. We confess we call ourselves names, can be our own worst bullies, and look in the mirror without love for our faces. We confess we give up on ourselves, treat ourselves with unkindness, and withhold good things from our lives. We confess we choose the well-being of others over ourselves when we really need to rest and recover. We confess we believe negative things others say about us and deny words spoken which bless us. We confess we confuse confidence for arrogance and self-love for indulgence.**

For you, God, adore us. You are kind to us, forgiving us when we fail. Show each of us how we might love ourselves, not from a place of self-absorption or narcissism, but in the knowledge that you made us, and we belong to you. **Amen.**

Let love and forgiveness banish all shame, for we are made whole in Christ when we confess our shortcomings. Be free to love yourself and all the traits God gave you.

**Amen.**

### **Acclamation**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Blessing of Palms**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Procession**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Processional Hymn** (*we'll begin singing once all are inside*)

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Hymn 344

### **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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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***



## 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 *Fanfare for Palm Sunday*

Katherine K Davis

#### Offertory Prayer

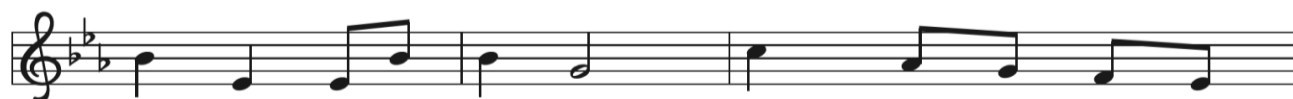
#### The Great Thanksgiving

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:



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.*

**Communion Music**    *My Song Is Love Unknown*

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### Table Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

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

**Hymn**                    *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

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### The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew

**Sending Anthem**        *What Have We Done(Senzi ni na)*  
                                  *"Based on a traditional South African song"*  
                                  Christina Nelson- Soloist

Hal H Hopson

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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635



## Pave the Way with Branches

\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es."

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures, with a '1' above it, and a second ending bracket over the final two measures, with a '2' above it. The lower staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na."

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff begins with a repeat sign. The lower staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -"

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures, with a '1' above it, and a second ending bracket over the final two measures, with a '2' above it. The lower staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are: "san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace."

*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*  
Release for the captives . . .  
Hope for the downtrod . . .  
Land for the landless . . .  
Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957  
Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla  
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# My Song Is Love Unknown

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that  
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my  
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is  
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!  
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.  
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

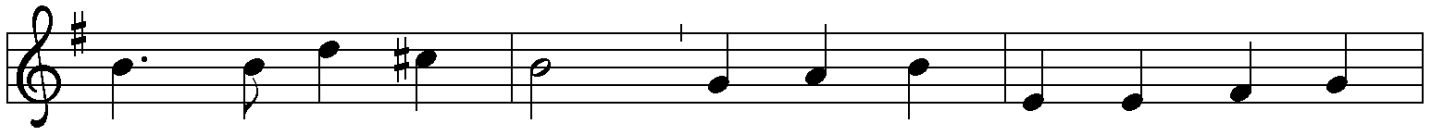
5 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

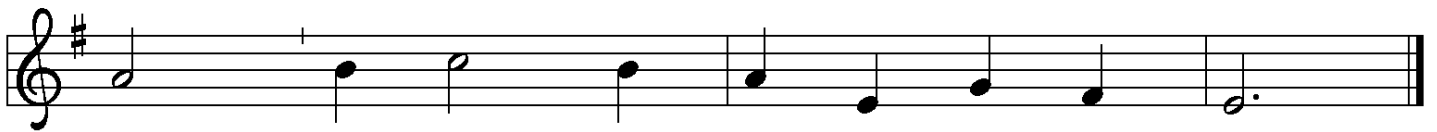
# Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.  
 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993  
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## Eco-Palms – Social and Environmental Justice

### Why Eco-Palms?

- Eco-Palms preserve the vitality of the communities and forests for years to come.
- Community groups receive five to six times the normal payment per frond.
- Eco-Palms are purchased directly from the communities, which lessens the impact of the fluctuating market and allows value-added processing to take place within the community.
- A typical Eco-Palm is harvested in the forest by men and processed by the women of the community. This increases employment opportunities for women in the community and helps them contribute to their family's financial stability.
- Continue to buy palms for Easter – without a market for the palms, the forests are at risk of being converted to agricultural fields.

### Health

#### What is Fibromyalgia

Fibromyalgia is a long-lasting disorder that causes pain and tenderness throughout the body. It can cause you to feel overly fatigued and have trouble sleeping. People who have fibromyalgia are more sensitive to pain. It affects more women than men and can affect any age range, but typically starts in middle age. You may be more prone to having fibromyalgia if you are diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus, Osteoarthritis, Ankylosing spondylitis, chronic back pain, depression or irritable bowel syndrome.

Symptoms are widespread pain throughout the body and may be described as aching, burning, or throbbing. It can cause trouble sleeping. It can also cause muscle and joint stiffness, numbness and tingling, difficulty concentrating and sensitivity to light, noise, odors and temperature – just to name a few. The cause is unknown and diagnosis is usually made by ruling out other causes for the pain.

Treatment is focused on relieving symptoms with medication, therapy and physical movement such as yoga or tai chi.

Let me know if you have more questions.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel

Parish Nurse

<https://www.niams.nih.gov/health-topics/fibromyalgia>

## 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 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 to the Glory of God by **Karen Chenault** in loving memory of Lea Ellen Chenault.

### **Upcoming**

**Pot Luck Easter Breakfast** between services in the fellowship hall. Bring something to share (fruit, casserole, favorite Easter breakfast cake) and enjoy the morning with the church community. Contact Chris Punchard (757-880-3347 or [christinepunchard@gmail.com](mailto:christinepunchard@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Communal Life: Breakfasts.** Come to build and deepen relationships – at the **Colonial Pancake House**, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Both gatherings take place at **8:00 AM**.

**Tuesday, April 4 – Women** are invited to join together for breakfast.

**Thursday, April 6 – Men** are invited to join together for breakfast.



## Holy Week Worship

### **April 6, Maundy Thursday at St. Stephen**

**7:00 PM** – During this Holy Communion service, those who are interested will be invited to give and receive foot washing. We will recall the story in John’s gospel - of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, remembering that we are also to serve each other as the Body of Christ. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

- We celebrate “Called to Common Mission,” our Full Communion with the Episcopal Church, On this night, St. Martin’s Deacon, the Rev. Darlene Jackson, will preach at St. Stephen.

### **April 7, Good Friday *worship at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church***

- **7:00 PM** – Our worship is rooted in the cross: a full reading of the passion and its preached interpretation; intercessions that extend to all the needy creation; worship of the Crucified One at the throne of grace, the cross upon which he is lifted.
- We celebrate “Called to Common Mission,” our Full Communion with the Episcopal Church, as St. Stephen Pastor Jon Nelson will preach at St. Martin’s

### **April 8, the Easter Vigil at St. Stephen**

- **8:00 PM** – “The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!” This most dramatic worship service begins in darkness. With hand-held candles, we enter into an ancient chant. In half-light we hear Scripture readings of God’s salvation history, and we return to our baptisms. We end in full light, with the first Holy Communion of Easter – followed by chocolate, strawberries, sparkling cider, and champagne!

### **April 9, Easter Sunday**

- **8:30 AM, 11:00 AM** – Festival Easter worship



**St. Stephen Calendar – April 2-9, 2023**

***Our worship service is available on our website [www.saintstephenlutheran.net](http://www.saintstephenlutheran.net), click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”***

**SUNDAY, April 2 ~ Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
**8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion ~ *We start on the Forecourt!***  
*(livestreamed on our YouTube channel)*  
9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)  
10:00 AM Faith Formation Chime Time (Worship Space)  
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)  
**11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion ~ *We start on the Forecourt!***

**MONDAY, April 3**

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor’s Office)  
1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

**TUESDAY, April 4**

- 8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

**WEDNESDAY, April 5**

- 6:00 PM St. Stephen Handbell Rehearsal (Worship space)  
7:00 PM St. Stephen Choirs’ Joint Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**THURSDAY, April 6 ~ Maundy Thursday**

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)  
12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)  
6:00 PM St. Stephen Ringers  
**7:00 PM Worship – Holy Communion**

**FRIDAY, April 7 ~ Good Friday**

- 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship (St. Martin’s Episcopal Church)**

**SATURDAY, April 8**

- 1PM-4PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
**8:00 PM Worship – Holy Communion ~ *We start on the Forecourt!***

**SUNDAY, April 9 ~ Easter Sunday**

- 7:30 AM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
7:50 AM St. Stephen Choirs’ Joint Rehearsal (Worship Space)  
**8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**  
**11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

## Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Theo Bergh  
(11:00) Vee Nelson  
Altar Guild .....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel  
(11:00) Heidi Flatin  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Doug Moore  
Bread Baker.....Carol Wiers  
Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Amy & Brian Bergh  
(11:00) Heidi Flatin and Vee Nelson  
Flower Delivery ..... Karen Nester  
Greeters/Host.....(8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Ned & Sue Neidlinger  
Lectors.....(8:30) Randy Punchard (11:00) Hans Tiefel  
Passion Readers.....(8:30)George Martin, Randy Punchard, Jeanne Garrison,  
Lou Rossiter, Ellen Bushman, Diana Tiller-Dichtel, Jim Larsen & Paula Agor  
.....(11:00) Erika Cave ,Sandy Croushore, Harvey Nelson, Ward  
Bourn, Alison Carney, Jane DeSolms ,Barb Youngk ,Keith Egloff & Marie Nelson  
Tellers..... Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, & Russ White  
Ushers..... (8:30) Reed & Karen Nester (11:00) Art Nelsen

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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.***

***April 2, 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!** \_\_\_\_\_