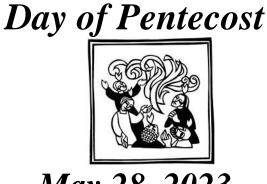


# **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

# If you are seeking God you are welcome here.

If you have been hurt in a judgmental church, here you will not be judged. Here you will be nurtured in the grace and Good News that our salvation has been accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Here you may discover that, in fact, it is God who has been seeking you!* 



May 28, 2023

# For Your Prayers –May 29- June 4, 2023

#### **Lectionary readings for this week:**

*Monday:* Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24; Psalm 104:24-34,35b *Tuesday*: Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 Romans 8:26-27 Psalm 104:24-34,35b *Wednesday*: Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39; Psalm 104:24-34,35b *Thursday:* Job 38:1-11 2 Timothy 1:8-12a Psalm 8 *Friday:* Job 38:12-21 2 Timothy 1:12b-14 Psalm 8 *Saturday*: Job 38:22-38 John 14:15-17 Psalm 8 *Next Sunday's Lessons:* Genesis 1:1–2:4a;Psalm 8 (1);2 Corinthians 13:11-13;Matthew 28:16-20

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

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: 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

<u>Pray for these loved ones of our congregation</u>: Dawn Allen, Roberta Barbour, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, Mary Bloom, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Doug Crinklaw, Mike, Katie,& Sophia Czajkowski, Don &Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Char Henry, Sue Ivey, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Detra Michaels, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Betty Roth, Joe Scheub, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Caleb Winig, Linda Wright, The Graduating Class of 2023 and The Children of the Ukraine

# Day of Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music Spirit

Chris de Silva

(8:30) Pentecost Prayer
(written by Rev. Joanna Harader, pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS.)
Flaming God of Pentecost,
Let us speak in tongues of comfort
to those weeping over the bodies of their loved ones
shot by troubled gunmen, killed in border clashes, dying from Ebola.

Let us speak in tongues of courage to those living in fear of the next shooting, the next bomb, the illness that threatens.

Let us speak in tongues of condemnation against laws and policies that promote violence, prioritizing the preferences of some over the lives of others.

Let us speak in tongues of care for the most vulnerable in our world– human beings, animals, and ecosystems.

Let us speak in tongues of love

for you and for your people, that your language might be our language.

And when our tongues are still, when we have no words to speak, let our hearts burn with your fire, let our ears hear your words in our own native tongue, let our skin feel the wind of your Spirit a mighty wind, blowing where it will. Amen

(11:00) Baptism: Coleman Beatty

Gathering Hymn Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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# 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.** 



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#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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**

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:<sup>17</sup> In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.""

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



Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (Refrain-choir) *Refrain all* 

You take back your spirit, they die, Returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth. Refrain choir (Refrain-choir) *Refrain all* 

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing, my thoughts be pleasing to God.. I find my joy in the Lord. (Refrain-choir) *Refrain all* 

# Second Reading

# 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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



## Gospel

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Sermon	Languages	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	Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading	ELW 401 Bulletin page 13			

# (11:00) Baptism & Affirmation of Baptism

#### **Prayers**

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your mercy." Response: "Hear our prayer."

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

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John 20:19-23

## 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.

<b>Offering of Music</b>	Santo Salvadoreno	Mark Sedio
	(Holy is our God, Lord of all salvation's story)	

## **Offertory Prayer**

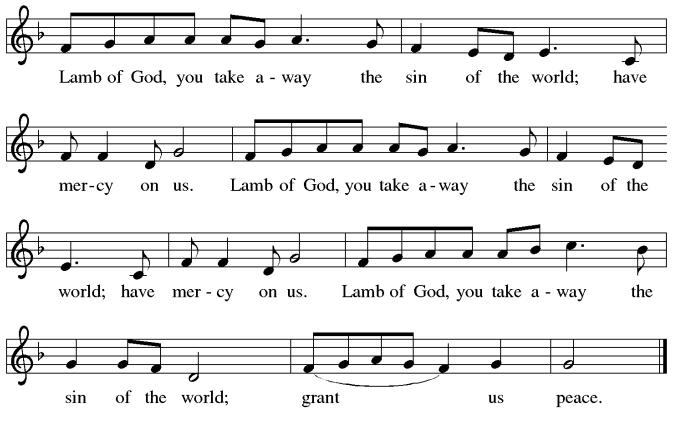
Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# **Words of Institution**

The Lord's PrayerOur Father in heaven,<br/>hallowed be your name,<br/>your kingdom come,<br/>your will be done, on earth as in heaven.<br/>Give us today our daily bread.Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.<br/>Save us from the time of trial<br/>and deliver us from evil.For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.<br/>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 Anthem God Is a Spirit

Randall Thompson

**Table Blessing** 

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

Sending Hymn	God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind	ELW 400 Bulletin page 14			
Blessing The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.					
<b>Dismissal</b> Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>					
Postlude	God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind	Marianne Kim			

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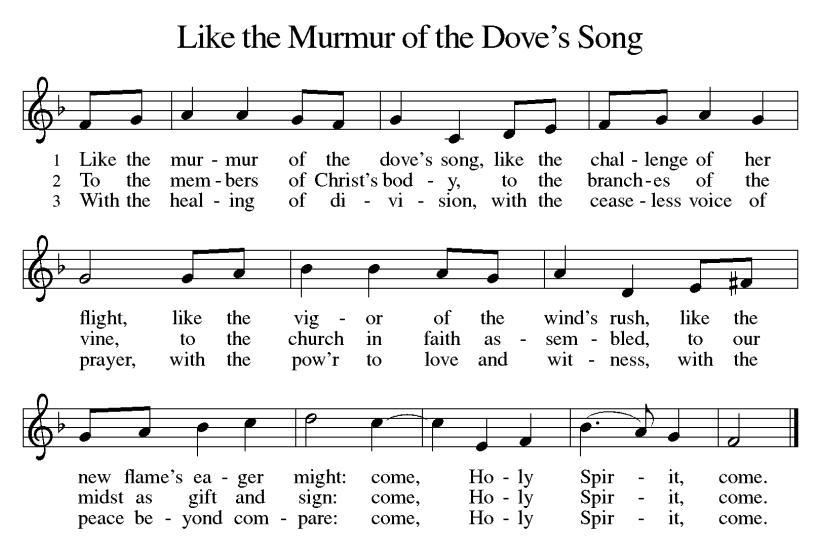
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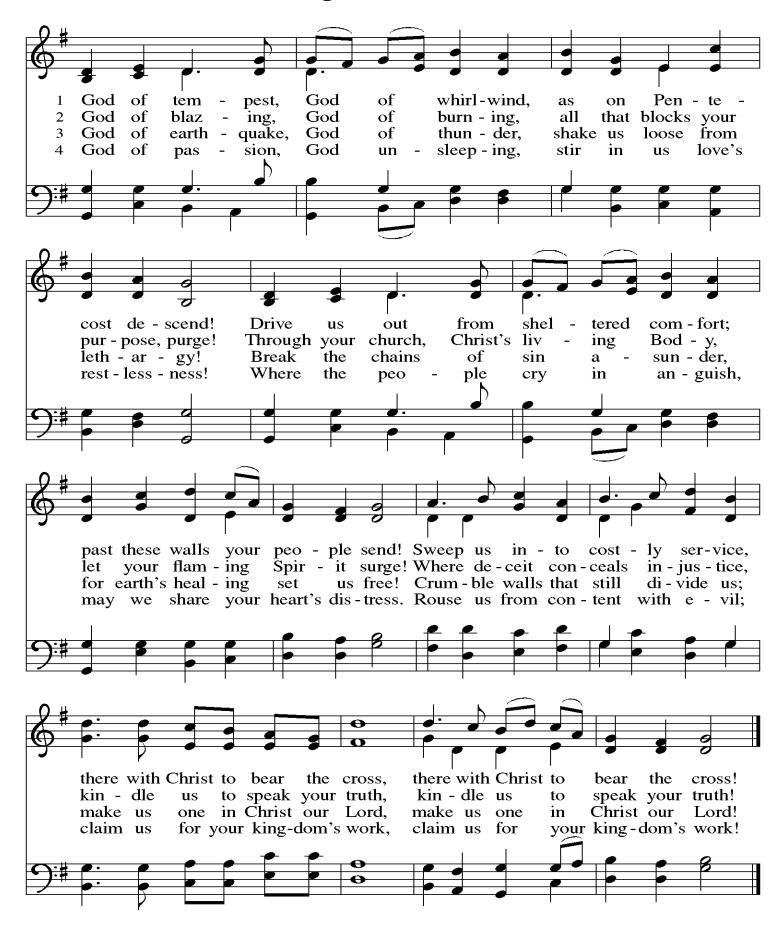


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#### Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema n Njo Ro - ho mwe-ma, M - fa - ri - ji kwe - tu, tu. 0 we \_ Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all new. 1 а teach us, 2 Come to come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ. Guide our think - ing 3 and our speak-ing done in your ho - ly name. 8 Ο - fu - ndi - she Τи ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu wa - tu wa - pya. we your lead - ing that we're need-ing, It's help fol - low us to you. Bless the faith - ful, may they flour-ish, strength-ened by grace un - priced. Mo - ti - vate all in their seek-ing, free - ing from guilt and shame. Refrain O Njo Ro - ho 0, njo 0, njo - o, mwe ma. \_ Come, come, come, Ho - $1_{\rm V}$ Spir come. it, 8 $\mathbf{\alpha}$ Njo Ro - ho 0, njo 0, njo - o, mwe ma. Come, come, Ho - ly Spir come, it, come. 8

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.

# God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



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# 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.

# Health Update:

We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

# What's Happening Today

**Flowers this morning** are given by **Randy and Chris Punchard** to the glory

of God in celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost Festival.

**<u>Baptism.</u>** We welcome **Coleman Beatty** to our community of faith in the waters of baptism today at the 11:00 AM service. Coleman is the child of Sarah Harms & Ray Beatty, and his baptismal sponsors will be Jessica Harms and Robert Heath.

**<u>Baptism.</u>** We welcome **Brett Powers** to our community of faith in the waters of baptism today at the 11:00 AM service. Brett is the child of Traci Powers & Bruce Powers, and his baptismal sponsors will be Lori Janke and Tobias Janke.

<u>Affirmation of Baptism</u>. We also look forward to witnessing two of our members, Liam Janke & Brett Powers, affirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism today at the 11:00 AM worship service.



# **Upcoming**

Service: 2023 Summer Lunch Program. Meals on Wheels has been getting many requests for summer bag lunches for children. Cathie Upton, Exec. Dir. of Meals on Wheels, estimates that there will be a need for 300 lunches each day with the total for the entire summer reaching almost 16,00 lunches. The prep. location will be the same as last year - MOW kitchen at the WISC. If you need more information please contact Hollie at the office.

**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**.

Thursday, June 1 – Men are invited to join together for breakfast

Tuesday, June 6 – Women are invited to join together for breakfast

**Pulpit Swap & Potluck Picnic:** In order to foster connections between St. Stephen and Our Saviour's we have arranged a **Pulpit Swap on June 4th**. Pastor Alex will lead worship & preach at St. Stephen and Pastor Jon will lead worship & preach at Our Saviour's. We will also hold a joint potluck picnic at Freedom Park that same Sunday (6/4) starting at 1:00 PM. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns, water, lemonade, plates, cups, and silverware will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and your own lawn chairs. **Please RSVP** so we can plan an appropriate amount of food, you can let us know you're coming (and your numbers) by either marking the bulletin sign-up sheet or contacting the SSLC office.

Let us Celebrate Pastor Jon's 15 year Ordination! on June 18th with a breakfast between services. Please bring a "Breakfast " something to share and your good wishes to share between the services.

Worship: Summer Worship Schedule. Starting Sunday, June 25th we will be moving to one worship service for eight Sundays, ending August 13th. We will have coffee at 9:00 AM and worship at 9:45 AM on these Sundays. This worship service will be live-streamed as well. We hope that this joint service will help foster connections between "8:30 folk" and "11:00 folk" as well as give our worship leaders a lighter Sunday morning for these weeks of summer

**June Congregational Meeting:** We will hold our June business meeting on **Sunday, June 25th**. Our June meeting typically includes elections, a midyear review and update, and a report from the Preschool regarding the completed program year. To that annual list we will also add voting on the agreement to share a pastor with Our Saviour's. The agenda and supporting documents for the meeting will be shared soon.

# Health Ministry

# Let's Talk Sunshine

And while we are here, let's talk sunscreen. Sunscreen filters UV rays before they reach your skin. There are two types:

1) Mineral sunscreens containing titanium dioxide and zinc oxide or

2) Chemical filters containing avobenzone, heomosalate, octocrylene, octinoxate, otisálate, or oxygen zone.

Mineral sunscreens work by reflecting or scattering UV rays before they penetrate the skin. Chemical sunscreens are partially absorbed into the skin and create a chemical reaction that helps prevent UV damage. Dermatologists will typically recommend the mineral sunscreens with titanium dioxide and zinc oxide as the safest and most effective way to protect your skin.

There are two types of rays: UVA and UVB. Broad spectrum sunscreens protect against UVA The SPF numbers tell you how much protection you get against UVB rays. Do not be skimpy when applying sunscreen. For adults, one ounce (the amount in a shot glass) is needed to protect their face, neck, arms and legs. Apply often and early to make sure your protection is maintained. Use an SPF of at least 30 as a good starting point and be sure to check the expiration date.

Need more information, give me a call.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse

# St. Stephen Calendar – May 28-June 4 , 2023

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

## SUNDAY, May 28 ~

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)

10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

**11:00** AM Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

# MONDAY, May 29

~~ Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day ~~

# TUESDAY, May 30

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

# WEDNESDAY, May 31

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

# THURSDAY, June 1

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)12:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)

# FRIDAY, June 2

# **SATURDAY, June 3**

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

# SUNDAY, June 4 ~

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

- 8:30 AM Worship Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion
- 12:30 PM Summer Celebration Potluck Picnic (Freedom Park)

# Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Audio-Visual Team	
Bread Baker	Janice Mayfield
Cantors	
Communion Assistants	
	(11:00) John Harms and Alina Dabel
Flower Delivery	Diane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Ned & Sue Neidlinger
Lectors	
Tellers	John McCurry, Carol Harman, Sandy Croushore
Ushers	(8:30) Brian Agor and John McCurry (11:00)

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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.

May 28, 2023

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
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 Qui	ll:
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I/We need a name tag:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will be attending the picnic at freedom park # \_\_\_\_\_\_ attending