

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!*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



July 2, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: 1 Kings 21:1-16 1; Thessalonians 4:9-12; Psalm 119:161-168 *Tuesday*: 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 John 4:1-6; Psalm 119:161-168 *Wednesday*: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24; Psalm 119:161-168 *Thursday:* Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6; Psalm 145:8-14 *Friday:* Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20; Psalm 145:8-14 *Saturday*: Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24; Psalm 145:8-14; *Next Sunday's Lessons:* Zechariah 9:9-12;Psalm 145:8-14 (8);Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Joe Beene, Ed Brown**, Kristin Carter, Karen Einarsen, Jack Harris, 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

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Dawn Allen, Roberta Barbour, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, Mary Bloom, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Deanna Harbison, William Harbison, Char Henry, Brian Johnson, Mason Jones, Sean Kelley, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Julia Mahony, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Laura Mcgolin, Detra Michaels, Bob Myers, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Betty Roth, Naomi Schmidt, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Marie Talmage, Charley Underdahl, Caleb Winig, Rickey Winsette, Linda Wright, The Graduating Class of 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection. Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection. God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

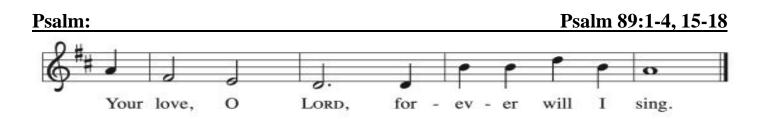
II. Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet."

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



¹Your love, O LORD, forever [|] will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro-[|] claim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab-[|]lished forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly [|] in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my [|] chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da-[|] vid my servant:

⁴**'I** will establish your [|] line forever,

and preserve your throne for all | generations.' " *Refrain*

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the [|] festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light [|] of your presence.
¹⁶They rejoice daily [|] in your name; they are jubilant [|] in your righteousness.
¹⁷For you are the glory [|] of their strength, and by your favor our might [|] is exalted.
¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs [|] to the LORD; our king to the Holy [|] One of Israel. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Sermon	

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 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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Prayers

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

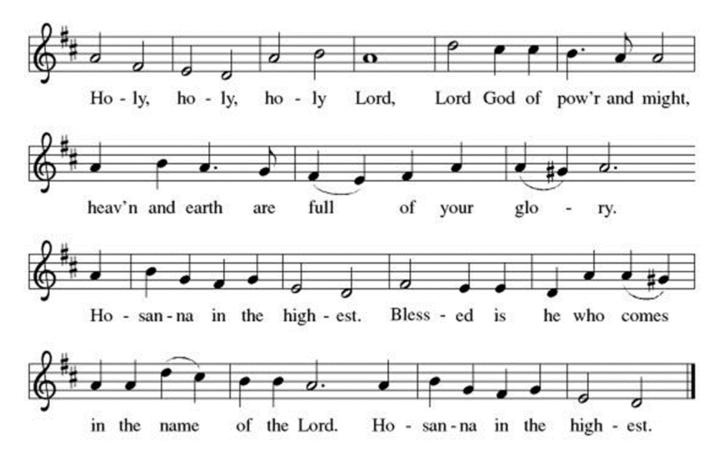
Offering of Music 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr . Kirkpatrick/ Pethel

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:

Pastor Jim Larsen

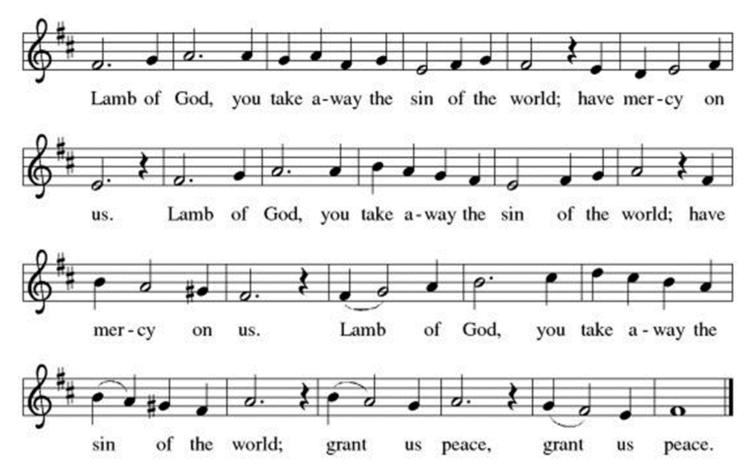


Words of Institution

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u> 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



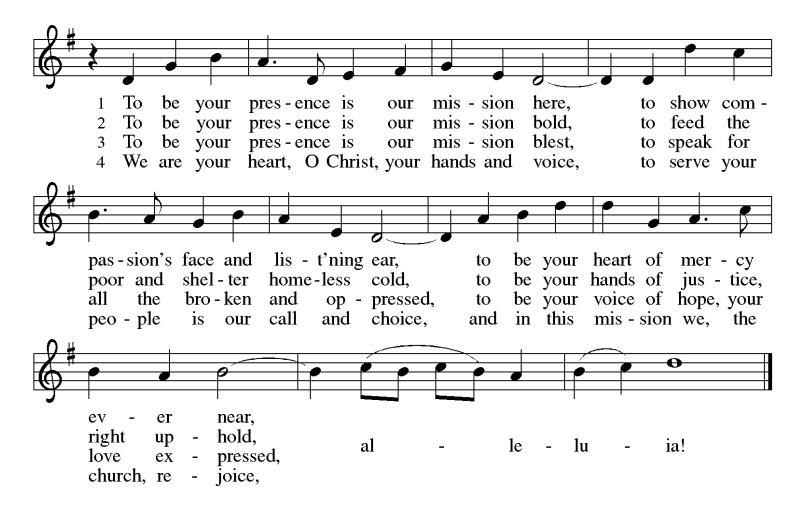
grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread. St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.

Communion MusicFairest Lord JesusArr. Willis/PethelCommunion HymnLord, Speak to Us, That We May SpeakELW 676
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Prayer after Communion

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

To Be Your Presence



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Blessing The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

America, the Beautiful

Ward/Parks

Thanks to Rich Brown for providing our special music today on French Horn.

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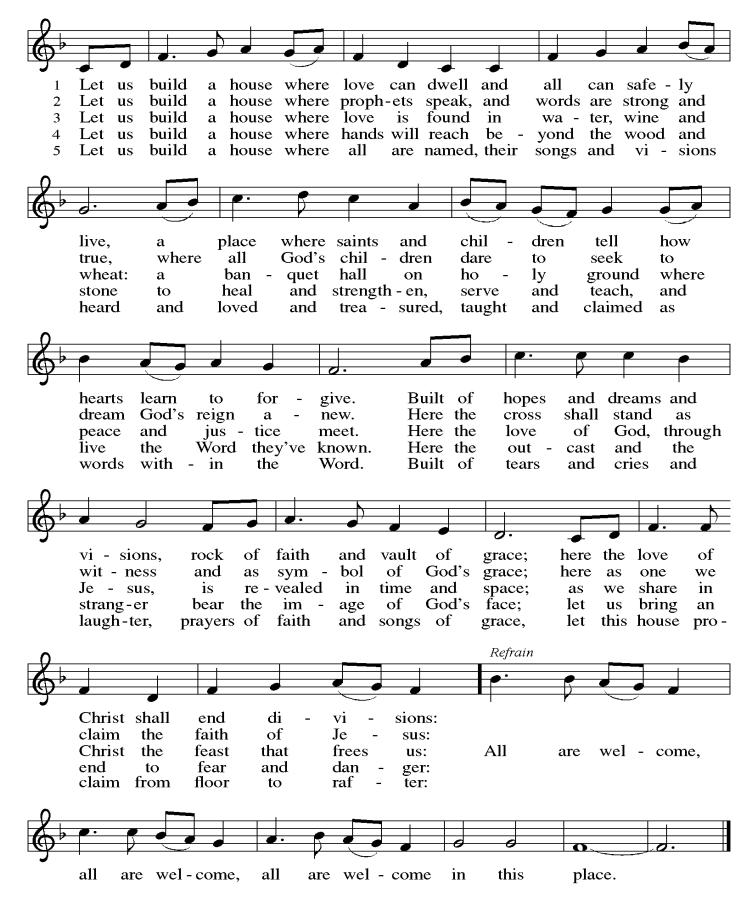
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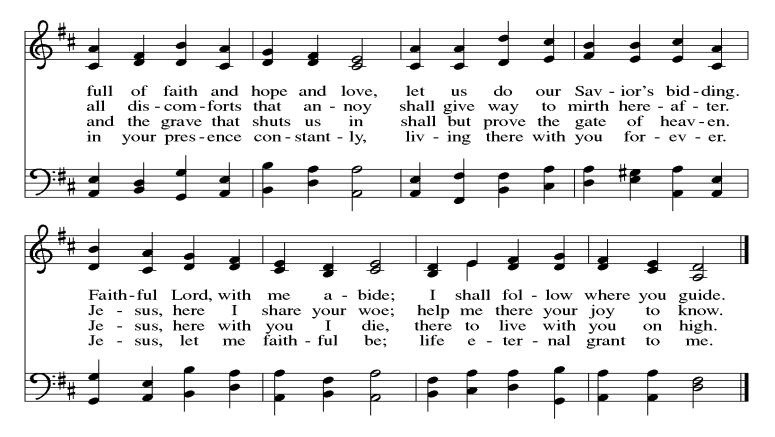


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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



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Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



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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 to the glory of god by Nelia Lamoureux.

Communal Life & Education: Church Office Closed. The church office will be closed the week of July 4th as the Preschool is closed and much of the staff will be out of town.

Communal Life: Pastor Jon on Vacation. Pastor Jon will be out of the state from June 27-July 12 for vacation. In his absence Pastor Jim Larsen will be covering June 27-July 3 and Pastor Harvey Nelson from July 4-July 12.

Upcoming

Service: Looking for Job Opportunities. The Williamsburg UMC is trying to find employment for the Rasuli-Sayeed family whom they are hosting from Afghanistan (we were hoping to host some other members of this extended family before talks between the US and Taliban broke down). Know of an opportunity? Please contact Brian Agor with info.

Service: Shoes for Grove. This is the 18th year that St. Stephen members have the purpose-filled opportunity to provide sneakers for Grove community students so they can start school this fall in style! If you like to shop, please buy GIRLS sneakers in any size from 6 to 11 or BOYS sneakers any size from 6 to 12, including half sizes for both—these are the most needed sizes but any size will do! Deliver them to the Gathering Space by Sunday, July 30 and we will take them to Grove. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with SHOES FOR GROVE on the memo line.

Communal Life: Cybersecurity Reminder. While we have not had any recent incidents, we would like to remind the congregation that no one associated with St. Stephen will ever ask you for money or a gift card or anything like that. If you received a suspicious email, text, or direct message, please feel free to call the church office directly and double check!

Habitat is coming back to James City County. The need for affordable housing has not decreased since St. Stephen's last involvement with Habitat. They have continued to build 200 homes and rehab 400 others in their history in this area. Since their latest builds were in New Kent County, it made it difficult for us to be involved. They are in the process however of securing land in James City County. The Social Ministry hopes we can again be involved in the fall of 2023. In the meantime, other opportunities to show support are available: On August 19 four sponsors are holding a 1mile fun run/5K run or walk. Registration is at www.RunSignUp.com.

Blood Pressure checks . We will begin having blood pressure checks on July 16. This particular Sunday will be during the one service time so I will be available in my office during coffee time starting at 9am. Then, in August, I will be available in my office between services on the third Sunday of the month. <u>Communal Life: Breakfasts.</u> Come to build and deepen relationships – at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Gatherings take place at 8:00 AM.

Thursday, July 6 - Men are invited to join together for breakfast **Tuesday, July 11 – Women** are invited to join together for breakfast

No Shame. Period. provides packs to area ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE schools in Hampton Roads. Each pack contains a pad, new pair of underwear, a bag for soiled underwear, a wipe and a note or item of encouragement Please join us for a packing party before and after our church service on **August 6**. Thanks to leftover supplies from the SSLC women's retreat, the MOST NEEDED are makeup bags or opaque pencil cases and new GIRL's underwear size 10-16 or WOMEN's size small. A bin for donations is in the gathering space. Consider asking friends who may have a stockpile of freebies! A card making station will be available to make short notes of encouragement to include in the packs. Questions? Contact Jeane Moore at 757-508-2050.

Heath Ministry

Healthy tips for Summer

Here are a few ideas to help you have a healthier summer. All provided by the CDC.

- 1) Move more, Sit less! Get at least 150 minutes of aerobic physical activity every week. Immediate benefits include better sleep and reduced anxiety.
- 2) Wear sunscreen and insect repellent. Seek the shade, wear widebrimmed hats, and a sunscreen with at least SPF 30. Wearing light weight long sleeves helps to prevent mosquito bites and tick bites as an added benefit to protection against sunburn.
- 3) Seek the shade. Yes, it is cooler in the shade. Drink extra water and stay hydrated.
- 4) Eat healthier foods. Summer provides a bounty of fruits and vegetables that allow us to eat the rainbow in a very delicious way.
- 5) Choose drinks with care. Water and unsweetened sparkling water are better options for hydration than sugary or alcoholic drinks. Adding fruit or herbs provides variety as well.
- 6) Don't use tobacco. Oh yeah, that is a good tip for the entire year. If you need help, let me know.

Hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse



FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AGENCIES

SATURDAY, JULY 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Drop off items at SMITH MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

6515 Richmond Road (Lightfoot Area)

FOOD

- INDIVIDUAL PORTION
- READY-TO EAT FOODS
- BAGS OF DRIED BEANS
- BOXED MASHED POTATOES BOXED - MEALS, ex.
- Hamburger helper
- **BOXED RICE** .
- BOXED SIDE DISHES
- CANNED BAKED BEANS
- CANNED BEANS
- CANNED/JAR BEETS
- CANNED CARROTS
- CANNED CORN
- CANNED GREEN BEANS CANNED MEATS - beef, tuna,
- chicken
- CANNED OR CUPS OF FRUIT
- CANNED PEAS
- **CANNED PORK & BEANS** . CANNED POTATOES OR
- SWEET POTATOES
- CANNED TOMATOES
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CANS OF PASTA MEALS •
- POP-TOP PASTA MEALS
- COFFEE
- COLD CEREAL
- CORNED BEEF HASH
- CUP O' NOODLES
- FRUIT CANNED AND CUPS
- GRANOLA/BREAKFAST BARS

- HOT CEREAL INDIVIDUAL FRUIT OR
- VEGETABLE CUPS
- INDIVIDUAL PEANUT BUTTER PACKETS
- INDIVIDUAL PORTION CEREAL BOWLS, SPOON
- READY
- JUICE Individual and larger
- containers
- LUNCHABLES SNACKS
- MAC AND CHEESE MICROWAVEABLE MACARONI AND CHEESE
- BOWLS MICROWAVEABLE OATMEAL
- BOWLS MICROWAVEABLE SOUP
- BOWLS
- **PASTA VARIOUS SHAPES**
- PASTA SAUCE
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
 - PORK AND BEANS IN POP-TOP CANS (TEENIE WEENIE
- BEANIES) PREPARED TUNA OR CHICKEN SALAD ENVELOPES
- (STARKIST)
- RAMEN
- PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS
- **SNACKS COOKIE PACKS**

- **SNACKS RICE CRISPY**
- TREATS
- SNACKS SNACK SIZE CHIPS.
- PRETZELS
- SOUP
- SPAGHETTI .
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- SPAM
- STUFFING
- TEA

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- ADULT BLADDER
- PROTECTION
- BABY WIPES
- DEODORANT **DIAPERS All but especially**
- sizes 5 and 6
- FEMININE HYGIENE
- PRODUCTS
- LOTION .
- PULL UPS All but especially-Boys 4-5T .
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER .
- SOAP
- TOOTHPASTE

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- DISHWASHING LIQUID
- ٠ LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- SANITIZING WIPES
- TOILET BOWL CLEANER
- UNSCENTED DRYER SHEETS

SNACKS - CHEESE OR

Crock Pot Ministry

In Williamsburg there are a number of families living in motels without access to a kitchen. The Crockpot Ministry assembles and delivers ingredients every week for two meals. The Social Ministry is offering us several opportunities to help.

In July and August please support the Crockpot Ministry as we feed two homeless families every Thursday. Hopefully they will receive from us two recipes suitable for preparing in a crockpot each Thursday along with the ingredients to make dinner on Thursday and Friday. Since their refrigerator space is limited, perishables will be purchased with any monetary donations received for the project or please advise that they are in the refrigerator at St. Stephen. Below are the ingredients needed at the church by July 9 for the second week. If you cannot help this week there will be eight more opportunities.

Questions can be addressed to Jane Gingerich or Susan Neidlinger and thanks for helping

Sloppy Janes

Chicken Ole

22 packages of frankfurter buns	4 packages
2 28oz cans of baked beans	2 cans of c
2 small jars of mustard	2 small sou
2 bottles chili sauce	2 packages
8 cans of Vienna sausages	2 onions
2 cans of cream of chicken soup	2 7oz cans

- es of tortillas
- cream of mushroom soup
- ur cream
- s of cheddar cheese
- s of green salsa

St. Stephen Calendar – July 2- July 9, 2023

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

SUNDAY, July 2

9:00 AMCoffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)9:45 AMWorship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

MONDAY, July 3

Office Closed

TUESDAY, July 4

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, July 5

Office Closed 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, July 6

Office Closed 8:00 AM Mens Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

FRIDAY, July 7

Office Closed

SATURDAY, July 8

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, July 9

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)

Matthew 10:40-42



Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Altar Guild Audio-Visual Team Bread Baker Cantors Communion Assistants Flower Delivery	
Greeters/Hosts	-
	JR Lyons and Russ White

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Holly Ready – Preschool Director (229-6688)	Preschool@saintstephenlutheran.net	
Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)		

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

July 2, 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 *Quill*:

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: ______

____ I/We need a name tag:_____