



# **St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

**One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World**

## ***Baptism of Our Lord Lectionary 1***

***January 8, 2023***

## For Your Prayers – January 8 -15, 2023

### Lectionary readings for this week:

**Monday:** Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 89:5-37

**Tuesday:** Jeremiah 1:4-10 ; Acts 8:4-13; Psalm 89:5-37

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21; Psalm 89:5-37

**Thursday:** Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 40:1-11

**Friday:** Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5; Psalm 40:1-11

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11; Psalm 40:1-11

**Sunday:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**Join your prayers for healing** with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Ginny Cummings, Karen Einarsen, Marj Gottschalk-Trone, Sharon Jacobs, Evelyn Kernan, Henry Mallue, Carole Meyer, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben.**

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

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Gail & Bushmire family, Jake, Stephanie Altland, Philip A. Arnold, Jane Ayers, Gary Baumgarten, Rose Baumgarten, Susan Behrens, The Besser family, Toni Birch, Bill Blackburn & Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, John Butler, Karin Cavanaugh, Lane Clark, Bob Cummings, Emmeline Daniels, Graham Darnell, Jeris and Tony DeKievit, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggins, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Andrea Gonzalez, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Nate Jacklin, Sandy Kellogg, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Monsignor Joseph Lehman, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Barry Marten, Micah Maris-Wolf, Doug Mayes, Patrick and Kristin McGraw, Judy Murphy, Jeremy Nelson, Lori Ott, Danielle Parrish, Phil Peters, Sue Plevelich, Pearl Retchin, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, Cindy Sherwood, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Kelly Theilen, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Kinnley, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian and the people of Ukraine

# ***Baptism of Our Lord/Lectionary 1***

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

### **Welcome**

#### **Centering Music**

*Sonate in e Minor -  
Adagio ma non tanto  
Thom Recktenwald, Flute*

*J.S. Bach*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

#### **Gathering Hymn**

*Take Me to the Water*

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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.**

## Kyrie (Russian)

1. 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le i - son.

## Hymn of Praise (Peruvian) *Glory to God, Glory in the Highest*

Leader  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

All  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

Leader All  
 To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader Leader  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3  
 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

### Psalmody

**Psalm 29**



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup>LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- <sup>1</sup>ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup>due God's name;**

**worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>1</sup>ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup>glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. *Refrain***

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. *Refrain*

## **Second Reading**

## **Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

# Gospel Acclamation

## *Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased..”

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

**Sermon**

*Into The Water*

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**

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

Hymn ELW 305  
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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

*I'm Going on a Journey*

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Matins Choir/Thom Recktenwald (flute)*

*Brighter than the Sun*

Arr: John Helgen

*Chancel Choir*

## Offertory Hymn (Spanish)

### God Extends an Invitation

*Nuestro Padre nos invita*



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.



## Offertory Prayer

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**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 (Argentinian)*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

## 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.*



*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*

*ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä.*  
*have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.*

*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*

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*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*

*an - na meil-le rau - ha, an - na meil-le rau - ha ja siu - na - uk - se - si.*  
*grant . . us your peace, . . grant . . us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.*

**Communion Hymn**    *To Christ Belong, In Christ Behold*

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**Table Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

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

**Sending Hymn**            *Wade in the Water*

Hymn ELW 459  
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**Blessing**

**The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod**

**✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.**

**Amen**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**                    *Wade in the Water*

Setting, John Carter



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# Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
 2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,  
 3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,  
 4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
 I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.  
 he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.  
 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935–2009

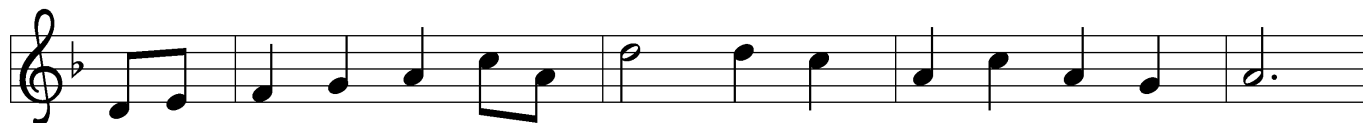
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## When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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# To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold



1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's  
2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as  
3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our



won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied  
liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all  
trea - sure and our song, in faith we



grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.  
thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with  
The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the  
In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the



Christ from death we rise, drawn through the  
veil of sin and grief, and in their  
world be - loved and whole. In love re -



night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant  
place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and  
main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -



life, in - to a - bun - dant life.  
peace, and robes of joy and peace.  
told, God's won - ders still un - told.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WONDERS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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# Wade in the Water

*Refrain*

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

*Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual



## 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 ; James City County and York County is **MEDIUM**.
- Masks are available in the Gathering Space for those who would like to use them, and are strongly encouraged.
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### Health Update

While COVID rates remain "**Medium**" in our area we find ourselves in the midst of the worst flu season in over a decade. In order to try to keep ourselves and our neighbors healthy **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 to the Glory of God by **Chris and Randy Punchard** to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for his many blessings.

**The new sound system** is ready to be installed starting on **Monday**. We will need help after the **11:00 am** service to pack up the "prayer ground" area.

## Upcoming

**Weekly Bible Study.** Come join us as we study the upcoming Sunday's texts! **Tuesday's at 10:00 AM** in the **Library/Conference Room**. It will be led by the **Rev. Jim Larsen** and the **Rev. Harvey Nelson**

**St. Stephen Preschool Registration** for the 2023-2024 year is now open to members of St. Stephen, who receive a *10 percent discount on tuition!* Please contact Preschool Administrator **Kristie Kelly** in the Preschool Office for more information.

**VA Synod Assembly Voting Members Needed.** **The 2023 VA Synod Assembly will be held in Roanoke from June 9-11.** On top of the typical business of the Synod, there will also be an election for a new Bishop. At our January meeting St. Stephen will elect two voting members to attend Synod Assembly and two alternates (we will be sending one who identifies as male, and one who identifies as female) on behalf of St. Stephen. **If you would like to be on the ballot at the January meeting for this position, please mark the White Sheet.** Expenses to attend the Assembly are covered by the church.

**"Lutherans in America"** The Rev. Dr. Harvey Nelson will be offering a five-week series on "Lutherans in America" between services (9:45-10:45 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. The first session, "Pietism and Orthodoxy" will be Sunday, January 15th and the series will continue weekly as we explore the chronological history of Lutheranism in our nation. A digital option for participation will be offered as well. If you are interested in the digital option please fill out the white sheet or call the Office.

**Our annual congregation meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12:30 PM.**

**Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool** during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.** Want to help with Winter BINGO, Ice Fishing, Winter Putt-Putt, Penguin Bowling, and more? Would you like to bake a festive cake or cookies! See the insert and mark the white sheet if you're able to help!

**Also,** Is your *Harris Teeter* card linked to St. Stephen Preschool for its "Together in Education" program? Our number is **1216**. See **Kristie Kelley** if you have any questions!

## Community of Faith Mission

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that St. Stephen will participate in the Winter Shelter Program, through the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) for those in our community who have no permanent home. The shelter houses up to 25 guests per night. Our service dates are **Wednesday, February 15**, providing dinner, and **Thursday, February 16**, providing breakfast and lunch. There are a number of ways in which we need your help:

- Pray for our efforts and for those receiving shelter and aid.
- Assist with preparing the meals we will be serving – Wednesday afternoon, and possibly Thursday very early morning.
- Assist with delivery and serving the meals at James River Baptist Church.
- Bake cookies for our dinner and lunch (50 needed for each meal). We will need these items by the morning of Wednesday, February 15
- Bring in Capri Sun, fruit cups, Clementines, Nutrigrain bars, apple juice boxes, or Belvita. We will need these items by Friday, February 10, so that we will know which items we will need to purchase.
- Write a check to St. Stephen and designate it for the Homeless Fund on the memo line.

Please mark the White Sheet, indicating any way that you can help with this ministry.

Please contact **Sandy Peterkin** (757-879-1052 or [sandypeterkin@yahoo.com](mailto:sandypeterkin@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions. A box will be in the Gathering Space to collect items contributed.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Health Ministry**

### **Call for Help**

This weeks bulletin article is a call for help. No cute antics or witty information for this week. I am asking each of you to consider helping me. My creativity is not a crafty thing. I need help decorating the bulletin board outside the Health Ministry office. I will work out with each person the best way to get information to you. The board can match the Quill article for the month or there can be room for creative expression. If you have a little extra time and a good understanding of how to put together a bulletin board, please reach out to me.

I also am looking for people who are interested in helping with home communion. The number of congregants who receive home communion varies. Time requirements are fairly minimal. Currently the home communion ministers we have are seeing people monthly. We would welcome help even if it is only every other or every third month. There is ample room for working with you to meet your needs. I would ask that you prayerfully consider these requests.

If you have questions, please call my cell phone 757-232-5924 or email me at [parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.net](mailto:parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.net)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel  
Parish Nurse

## St. Stephen Calendar – January 8-15

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

### **SUNDAY, January 8~** *Baptism of our lord*

- 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)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation –Chime Time-(Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

### **MONDAY, January 9**

- 8:30 AM – All week- Sound System Install in the Worship Space**
- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 7:00 PM Financial committee

### **TUESDAY, January 10**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

### **WEDNESDAY, January 11**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY January 12**

- 1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal( Worship Space)

### **FRIDAY January 13**

### **SATURDAY, January 14**

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **SUNDAY, January 15~** *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

- 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)
- 9:45 AM “Lutherans in America” series ( Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

## **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer..... (8:30) Theo Bergh  
.....(11:00) Pam Buckley  
Altar Guild ..... (8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel & Amy Bergh  
.....(11:00) Nancy Egloff, Karen Arledge  
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) (11:00)  
Bread Baker..... Heidi Flatin  
Cantors .....(8:30)Ellen Bushman (11:00)Jane DeSolms  
Communion Assistants .....(8:30) Amy and Brian Bergh  
..... (11:00) Cyndy Touhsaent & Pam Buckley  
Flower Delivery .....Rosemary Stimson  
Greeters/Hosts ..... (8:30) Bob & Carol Harman (11:00) Alison Carney  
Lectors..... (8:30) Ursula Recktenwald (11:00) Rosemary Stimson  
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen  
Ushers..... (8:30) (11:00) Glen Joppa

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**We gather to worship and study God's Word to deepen our faith and live our  
Christian witness and service in the community.**

*(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.***

***January 8, 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!** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will volunteer with the winter carnival

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bake/bring a festive cake, or cookies for the Winter carnival

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive the digital information for:  
"Lutherans in America"

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be put on the Ballot as the voting member for the  
**2023 VA Synod Assembly**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I can help with the **Community of Faith Mission** in February!

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we are available to help **cook** on \_\_\_ Wednesday, \_\_\_ Thursday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we are available to help **deliver and serve** meals on  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, \_\_\_ Thursday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will bake #\_\_\_\_\_ **Cookies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will **bring in** (circle one and please indicate how many) Capri Sun,  
fruit cups, Clementine's, Nutrigrain bars, apple juice boxes, Belvita.