



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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***Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Lectionary 6***

February 12, 2023

For Your Prayers –February 12-19, 2023

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

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8

Tuesday: Psalm 119: 9-16 Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4,10-15; James 2:1-13

Wednesday: Psalm 119: 9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Mathew 19:1-12

Thursday: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7

Friday: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28

Saturday: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13

Sunday: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2(7); 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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

God has blessed :

Bob Cummings with 91 years of life! His birthday is Tomorrow-send him a card!

Harlan Schone with 91 years of life! His birthday is Tuesday – send him a card!

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, and Kay Wasaff**

May God's presence bring comfort to those in Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes. May God be with those who lost loved ones, guide first responders and ease the fears of all.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:

Rev. Donald Blume, Bethany Brisson, John Butler, Rochelle Connor, Yvonne Destout, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggins, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Andrea Gonzalez, Deanna Harbison, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Char Henry, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Nate Jacklin, Rev. Richard Johnson, Sandy Kellogg, The Kennedy family, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Monsignor Joseph Lehman, Margaret Lewis, Detra Michaels, Jackie Locke, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Kelly Theilen, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Caleb Winig, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Ukraine

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany/Lectioary 6

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Healer of Our Every Ill

Setting Ann Krentz Organ

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

Come, All You People

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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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with a prominent dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics are in Russian and are repeated twice. A circled section of the melody is shown in the second system, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.' and 'Chris - te e - le i - son.' written below it.

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!

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with a prominent dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics are in English and are repeated multiple times. The score is divided into sections for Leader, All, and various groups (Group 1, Group 1, 2, Group 1, 2, 3). The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!', 'To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!', and 'Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!'.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

Psalmody

Psalm 119:1-8



¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,**

that we should ¹ fully keep them. *Refrain*

⁵Oh, that my ways were made ¹ so direct
that I might ¹ keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be ¹ put to shame,
when I regard all ¹ your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with ¹ a true heart,
when I have learned your ¹ righteous judgments.

⁸I will ¹ keep your statutes;
do not utter- ¹ ly forsake me. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff begins with a quarter note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note G4. The second staff begins with a quarter note A4, followed by a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note D5. The melody continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests, ending with a double bar line.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

Sermon

Radical Community Y’All

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

God, We Gather as Your People

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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

An Instrument of Thy Peace
Matins choir -Women

Debra Scroggins

God Be in My Head
Chancel Choir

K.Lee Scott

Offertory Hymn

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

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.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Words of Institution



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

Holy Communion

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



O Lamb of God (Finnish)

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; . . .

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; . . .

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.

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Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn

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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

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Setting Johann Krebs

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

Postlude notes: Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 556, from the "8 Short Preludes and Fugues" formerly attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach but probably composed by one of his pupils, Johann Tobias Krebs or his son Johann Ludwig Krebs.



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Come, All You People

Uyaimose

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

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God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen
 wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-ry-one in - side.
 For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
 long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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Healer of Our Every Ill

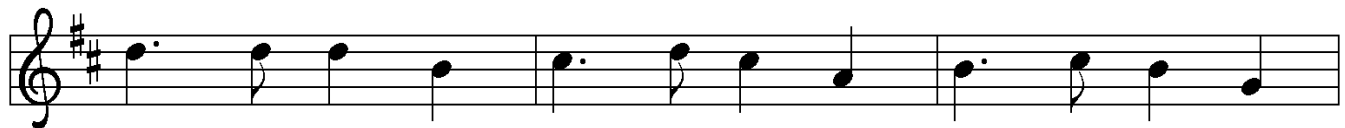
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.



As We Gather

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

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

Assistance is Available for You:

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

COVID-19 Guidelines:

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

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by **Bob and Carol Harmon**.

"Lutherans in America" The Rev. Dr. Harvey Nelson is completing his five-week series on "Lutherans in America" between services (9:45-10:45 AM) in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you enjoy coffee and fellowship on Sunday mornings? Please consider donating to the coffee fund, simply place a dollar or so in the cup on top of the Keurig this will help us stay within budget!

2022 Giving Statements are available in the gathering space. Please remember to pick yours up before you leave.

Are the symptoms of heart attack different in women?

Classic symptoms of a heart attack are pain and pressure, not usually associated with physical exertion.

The pain can wake you up at night. 70% of women will experience the same symptoms as men. That leaves about 30% who will have atypical symptoms. There are three primary atypical symptoms women may experience:

- 1) Extreme fatigue unlike usual end-of-day or after-workout fatigue. This is when you would normally walk up a couple of flights of stairs and now can't even walk up one flight without feeling severe fatigue. Watch for "heavy" chest when doing simple activities such as making the bed or walking to the bathroom.
- 2) Shortness of breath that you experience from a casual walk such as walking to your car. If it worsens when you lie down and improves when you sit up, it could be a sign of heart failure. Also feeling short of breath without exertion can mean heart failure.
- 3) Inability to do what you normally do such as not being able to walk 10 minutes on the treadmill when you are usually able to able 20 minutes with no problem.

Other signs to look for are neck, jaw, arm and back pain. This is especially true when you can't pinpoint the origin of the pain or attribute it to a specific muscle or joint. Unexpected sweating associated with nausea or chest pressure or even stress sweating which is associated with shortness of breath and no real cause. If any of these symptoms start suddenly without a reasonable cause, you should call 911. Any symptoms that last longer than 5 minutes like sudden shortness of breath, pain in the upper body, cold sweats, fullness or heartburn should also warrant a call to 911. If you think you have experienced any of these at some time in the past, discuss this with your primary care physician.

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EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in Turkey are growing every hour. Lutheran World Relief is already working with their trusted local partners to reach children, women and men in desperate need.

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief's emergency response fund will deliver urgently needed support and care, like:

- Food, water and other critically needed items
- Temporary shelter
- Medicine and supplies for clinics

At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist our neighbors who are injured, hungry and displaced from multiple earthquakes.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/quake or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "**QUAKE**" in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write "QUAKE" in the memo line and we will rush a check from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.



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Upcoming

Support our St. Stephen Preschool Scholarship fund at our Shrove Tuesday PJs & Pancakes Supper Tuesday, February 21st from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and a max of \$30 per family(children 5 and under are free). Our Preschoolers invite you to join in their fun as they wear their PJs to have dinner! Can you help in the kitchen or with ticket sales? Please mark the green sheet if you are able to attend and if you are able to help.

Communal Life: Board Game Night Join us on **Saturday, February 18th at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a board game night! Learn a new game or bring an old favorite. **Please bring a dish or snack to share**, water and lemonade will be provided.

Communal Life & Service: LSA Sunday Dinners Our LSA members are back from winter break! Sign up to host a meal for LSA on the chart in the Gathering Space. If you haven't hosted before, instructions are available by the sign up chart

Mowers and Gardeners needed for the upcoming season! While it may seem a little early with cold weather outside our doors, we are starting to put lists together for mowers and gardeners who can help us through the warmer months. If you would like to volunteer your talents to either mow our church yard or help to garden, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. For the mowers, please contact Randy Punchard (757-870-8410), randy4golf@aol.com. For the gardening folks, please contact Chris Punchard (757-880-3347), mrschris16@aol.com. Or just note the green sheet of your interest. Any questions concerning these activities can be addressed to Randy or Chris.

Faithful Advocacy Prophetic and Pragmatic Engagement Toward Peace in the Middle East:

Thursday, February 16, 6-7:30 p.m. at Williamsburg United Methodist Church Join Williamsburg United Methodist Church and Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) for a talk on the role of Christian peacebuilding and advocacy in the Middle East. CMEP's executive director Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon will speak about prophetic and pragmatic resources we can utilize to advocate for equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East. Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon is the executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace and an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC).

St. Stephen Lutheran Women's Retreat – 2023; Sewing New Wineskins to Fit a New Generation

We are excited to announce that **The Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson**, an Interim Pastor of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, will lead our 2023 retreat. The committee has developed the following schedule –

- **Friday, March 24.** Join us for pizza and an overview of Saturday's events! All are welcome (even if you cannot make it on Saturday!) for this gathering from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Childcare will be provided.
- **Saturday, March 25.** We will enjoy two extended sessions with Rev. Anderson as well as the opportunity to attend a breakout session in the morning and in the afternoon.
- **Sunday, March 26,** Rev Anderson will preach at both services, as well as lead an informal discussion between.

Our social ministry project is in support of NO SHAME. PERIOD. Many young girls begin menstruation at school or have irregular menstrual cycles. This organization helps by sending school nurses “period packs” to dispense as needed. We will be collecting the specific items needed for these packs and putting them together during our retreat. All are welcome to contribute! Details on items needed will be in your registration packet and available in the Gathering Space. For more information on this project, contact **Pam Buckley** (757-869-3373 or guammom16@aol.com).

It's been three years since our last Women's Retreat! Come join us for three days of learning, sharing, and meeting new friends! Look for your registration letter and packet coming soon!

Upcoming Commemorations

Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs Tuesday, February 14, 2023

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546 Saturday, February 18, 2023

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

St. Stephen Calendar -February 12- 19

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

SUNDAY, February 12 ~ *Fifth 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” session #5 (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation Chime Time & Music (Worship Space and Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY, February 13

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

TUESDAY, February 14

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

WEDNESDAY, February 15

- 2:00 PM Community of Faith Volunteers (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, February 16

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

FRIDAY, February 17

SATURDAY, February 18

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, February 19 ~ *Transfiguration 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 Life Story (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) John McCurry
.....(11:00) David Nelson
Altar Guild.....(8:30) Rita Kristiansen and Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Nancy Egloff and Karen Arledge
Audio-Visual Team (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00) Doug Moore
Bread Baker.....Ned Neidlinger
Cantors(8:30)Randy Punchard (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants.....(8:30) Susan Bosworth and Diane McCurry
.....(11:00)Steve Jacobs and Heidi Flatin
Flower Delivery..... Diane McCurry
Greeters/Hosts(8:30) Bob & Carol Harman (11:00) Alison Carney
Lectors.....(8:30) John McCurry (11:00) Mia Ryan
Tellers..... Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers..... (8:30) JR Lyons and Russ White (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.

February 12, 2023

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

____ Member

____ First time guest

____ Regular guest

____ Guest (out of town)

____ Student at William & Mary

____ Looking for a church home

____ Desire to speak with pastor

____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

____ Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me

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

Prayer Requests

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

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

_____ I need a **nametag!** _____

_____ Yes! I can help with the **Shrove Tuesday PJ & Pancakes** in February!

_____ I /We will be attending _____ # of attendees

_____ I /We can help in the kitchen

_____ I/We can help sell tickets

_____ Yes! I/We will help with _____ **Mowing** _____ **Gardening**
