



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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We believe that community is *beautiful* and *messy* and *fulfilling* and *conflicted* and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not. ***You are welcome here!*** We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.



February 18, 2024 ~ First Sunday in Lent

For Your Prayers – February 18-25 , 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Job 4:1-21 Ephesians 2:1-10 Psalm 77

Tuesday: Job 5:8-27 1 Peter 3:8-18a Psalm 77

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:1-9 Matthew 4:1-11 Psalm 77

Thursday: Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31 Psalm 22:23-31

Friday: Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12 Psalm 22:23-31

Saturday: Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30 Psalm 22:23-31

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 (27) Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Aaren Battle, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Martha Reier, and Linda Reuben.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: John, Marty, Benita, Paula Battle, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Ann Bunn, Amy Carl, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Ginny Mauney Fox, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Laura & Fred Kienle, Marnah Lund, David Maris, Laura Margolin, Doug Mayes, Jack Mayfield, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, John and Pollie Morison, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Lori Ogborn, Shary Raske, Paula Rega, Mark Punchard, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Karen Smith and Family, Vasili Soutoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.



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

Welcome

Centering Music

As Your Spirit in the Desert

Setting, Paul Weber

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

As Your Spirit in the Desert

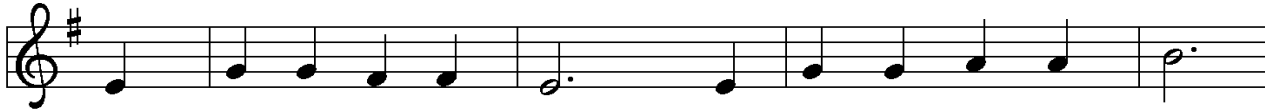
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Greeting

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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



Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithful-ness.

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths. Refrain**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,

O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way. Refrain**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Lenten Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God’s reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

Sermon

Again and Again, God Meets Us
Silence for reflection and prayer.

Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt

Hymn of the Day

When We Are Tested

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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

An offering is 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

(8:30)

Lord, Above All Other Treasures
Matins Choir

J. S. Bach/ arr. by Roberta Bitgood

(11:00)

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in your Word
Chancel Choir; Terri Larsen-solo

David Hogan

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution



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

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail. The 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.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Table Blessing**Prayer after Communion**

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world***Sending Hymn***The Glory of These Forty Days*ELW 320
Bulletin Page 13**Blessing**

**Beloved, we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Setting, John Carter

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As Your Spirit in the Desert



1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to
 2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to
 3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may
 4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's
 5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to
 Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your
 sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing
 pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the
 jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the
 man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the
 for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the
 thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the
 ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the



wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.
 wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.
 wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.
 wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.
 wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn.

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 Music: ROSEVILLE, Michael D. Costello, b. 1979
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When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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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 are given to the honor and the glory of God.

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! Don't have a dollar scan the QR code by the coffee pot or here in the bulletin.

2023 Giving Statements are available in the gathering space. Please remember to pick yours up before you leave.

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted in the display area of the Gathering Space. Please mark the date for which you would like to sponsor flowers! Sponsor sheets are in the tray below the chart!

Upcoming

Wednesday evenings in Lent, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20th at St. Stephen:

- **6:00 PM** – Soup and Bread supper in the Fellowship Hall
 - **Sign up** to bring soup and/or bread on the poster in the Gathering Space!
 - **Sign up** on the insert sheet if you plan to attend
- **7:00 PM:** Holden Evening Prayer.

Communal Life: Church Office & Preschool Closed. Both the Church Office and Preschool will be closed on February 19th in observance of President's Day.

Education: The St. Stephen Lutheran 2024 Theologian in Residence is the Rev. James G. Cobb, who will be joining us on **March 2 and 3, 2024**. Pastor Cobb, a former member of SSLC, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination and has held many prominent appointments at the ELCA and LWF. He is also the author of 5 books. His topic will be "Christian Nationalism & A Lutheran Perspective." The **Saturday, March 2** session starts at **9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall and will end at 1:30pm (potluck lunch at noon). The Theologian in Residence will be the preacher at both services on Sunday, March 3.

Support: RIP Medical Debt. Once again our SMCC would like to invite the congregation to support **RIP Medical Debt** during this season of Lent. If you would like to help relieve medical debt you can send a donation to the church marked "RIP Medical Debt." Last Lent we raised a little over \$5,000 which led to the forgiveness of ~\$500,000 in medical debt. Can we beat our previous fundraising total?

Service: Mowers and Gardeners needed for the upcoming season! As we get closer to the warmer weather of Spring, we will need to start our mowing, trimming and gardening routine for the church grounds. So if anyone would like to help us do the mowing activity, please add your name to the bulletin insert or contact Randy Punchedard (randy4golf@aol.com, 757-870-8410). For the gardening helpers for planting new flowers and basic gardening maintenance, please contact Chris Punchedard (mrschris16@aol.com, 757-880-3347). Our church gets a lot of visibility from the walkers on Jamestown Road and visitors who attend various services. Last year our church won the beautification award for Williamsburg. We would like to do that again. All helping hands are welcome!

Communal Life: Lenten Midweek Soup Suppers. Look for a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space soon for Lenten Soup Suppers. We look for 2-3 crocks of soup and bread/rolls prior to our Lenten Wednesday services (starting February 21). Look for more info to come!

Education: Bible Study. We have our weekly Bible Study on **Mondays** at **1:30 PM** in the Library/Conference Room. You are welcome to join us as we look ahead at the upcoming Sunday's appointed texts.

Communal Life: Pastor Jon on Vacation. Pastor Jon will be out of the state from **February 15th – 20th** for vacation. In his absence please reach out to Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt or Pastor Harvey Nelson.

Health Ministries

Heart Attack or Panic Attack?

There are some differences between a heart attack and a panic attack. If you have a history of heart disease in your family or a history of anxiety, you need to know the difference. A heart attack is when a part of your heart does not get enough blood. It usually occurs from a blocked artery on the heart. A panic attack is a sudden feeling of overwhelming fear or anxiety triggered by the “fight or flight” response of the body. While they are not life threatening, they can interfere with the mental well-being and quality of life.

A heart attack is usually described as chest pressure, squeezing, or burning sensation. It can radiate to the arms or into the jaw. A panic attack often causes a sharp or stabbing pain, racing heart, or a discomfort that is hard to describe. The pain does not usually radiate from the chest. There are many other symptoms and while they share some like symptoms, some differences exist. Heart attacks tend to happen after physical exertion or strain while panic attacks usually occur after emotional stress.

The bottom line is that if you have any doubt, go to a local urgent care or ER and have yourself checked out. It is always better to err on the side of caution.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar: February 18-25, 2024

SUNDAY, February 18 ~ *First Sunday in Lent*

- 8:30 AM** Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed 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: Lesson (Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** Worship – Holy Communion

MONDAY, February 19

Preschool and Church Offices are CLOSED

- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, February 20

- 11:30 AM** Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 1:30 PM Book Study (Library/Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, February 21

- 11:30 AM** Preschool Chapel (Worship Space)
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM** Holden Evening Prayer (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

THURSDAY, February 22

- 12:30 PM Staff Bulletin Review (Library/Conference Room)
- 1:30 PM Banner committee meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM SMCC Meeting (Library)

FRIDAY, February 23

SATURDAY, February 24

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/ Conference Room)

SUNDAY, February 25 ~ *Second Sunday in Lent*

- 8:30 AM** Worship – Holy Communion (live-streamed 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: Music (Worship Space/ Preschool Room)
- 11:00 AM** Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) Sonja Cave
Altar Guild (8:30) Rosalie Frey and Amy Bergh
..... (11:00) Linda Vonderheide and Heidi Flatin
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker Paul Kristiansen
Cantors (8:30) Patty Ballentine(11:00) Erika Cave
Communion Assistants(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel and Rosalie Frey
..... (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone and Emily Rossiter
Flower Delivery Carol Wiers
Greeters/Hosts.....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Jane deSolms
Preacher & PresiderPastor Alex Sheppard-Witt
Tellers Jeanne Garrison, Linda Vonderheide
Ushers (8:30) Brian Agor and Bill Dichtel (11:00) Art Nelsen and Glenn Joppa

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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)

Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt (717-434-5037)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (757-229-6688)

Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)

Holly Ready – 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 18, 2024

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*:

(please note all names will be removed at the end of the following month, if you wish for someone to be added back on to the prayer list please resubmit their names here)

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

_____ I need a name tag

_____ I/ We would like to help with Mowing or Gardening

_____ I/ We plan to attend the Theologian in Residence presentation on March 2

_____ I/We wish to order # _____ Easter Lilies to decorate St. Stephen (\$21.00 each).

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Thanks for: _____

No Dedication _____

_____ I/We wish to support the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund - to help fund unbudgeted social ministries.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In thanks for: _____

No Dedication _____

Please make checks payable to St. Stephen and designate *Easter Lilies* or *Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund* in the memo line

