



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World



Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 19, 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 78:17-20,52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34

Tuesday: Psalm 78:17-20,52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6

Wednesday: Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Mathew 6:1-6,16-21; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Thursday: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7

Friday: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17

Saturday: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Mathew 18:1-7

Sunday: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32(10); Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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 :

Angie Groom with 95 years of life! Her birthday is Thursday-send her 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, Henry Mallue, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Joe Beene, Megan Beese, Rev. Donald Blume, Bethany Brisson, John Butler, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Yvonne Destout, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggin, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Andrea Gonzalez, Mark Gulesian, Deanna Harbison, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Char Henry, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Nate Jacklin, Rev. Richard Johnson, Sandy Kellogg, Mary Kelley, The Kennedy family, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Detra Michaels, Lynn Nestrack, 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, Brody Wood, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine

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 notation is in G major, 3/4 time. The first system shows two vocal parts with lyrics. The second system continues the melody with a fermata over the final notes.

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 notation is in G major, 3/4 time. It features a variety of parts: a leader, an all, and three groups. The final part is a complex rhythmic accompaniment for three groups.

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalmody

Psalm 2



¹Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together, against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**

³“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

⁴**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing; the LORD holds them | in derision. Refrain**

⁵Then in wrath God | speaks to them, and in rage fills | them with terror.

⁶**“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for | your possession. Refrain**

⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you | kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! Refrain**

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

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 (8:30) Shine On! Matins Choir Betty Ann Ramseth

(11:00) *Go Up to the Mountain of God* Chancel Choir Michael Helman

Offertory Hymn *United at the Table* ELW 498

U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is
 joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:
 all our joy to God be - longs.
 1 We will praise God, we will sing
 2 We will praise God, we will feast
 3 We will praise God, we will play
 al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
 at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
 al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;
 we will praise God for the love
 we will praise God and give thanks
 we will praise God for the love *Refrain / Estribillo*
 that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
 for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
 that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

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.



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.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
(Stanzas 4-6)

ELW 308
Bulletin page 14&15

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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

Setting Michael Burkhardt

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

Postlude notes: This Epiphany hymn came to be known as the “Queen of Chorales” and its partner “Wake, awake, for night is flying” (ELW 436) as the “King of chorales.” Both hymns and their tunes are by Philipp Nicolai (August 10, 1556-October 26, 1608), who included them in his *Frewden-Spiegel dess ewigen Lebens* (1599) – “joyful mirror of eternal life.”...”*O Morning Star*” is based on Psalm 45, with allusions to the jewel, jasper, and pearls of Revelation 21:11, 19, and 21, and the Alpha, Omega, and Morning Star of Revelation 22:13 and 176....The hymn was widely used in Germany, not only seasonally for Epiphany but for weddings. A whole gestalt about God’s powerful action and a responsively potent Christian life is present here. The poetic shape of the poem itself suggests this. If you center its lines – in German or English – and lay them out according to their rhyme scheme, the outline of a chalice emerges.



*Pastorale on "The Morning Star"; Contributors : Daniel Pinkham
© Copyright 1963 by Highgate Press, Inc., a division of ECS Publishing Group
In you is gladness; Contributors: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi
© 1969, Concordia Publishing House.*

*Go Up to the Mountain of God; Contributors Michael Helman
Tune: © 1999 Augsburg Fortress Text: © 1999 Augsburg Fortress
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright; setting Michael Burkhardt
Copyright (c) 2009 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP), a division of MorningStar Music
Publishers.*

*One License Licensing Permission Reprinted/Streamed with permission under
One License #A721099; CCLI Permission Reprinted/Streamed with permission under CCLI
License #11256031; Permission granted, St. James Press*

*New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission.
All rights reserved.*

*Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin
Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.
Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # SB164403*



O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

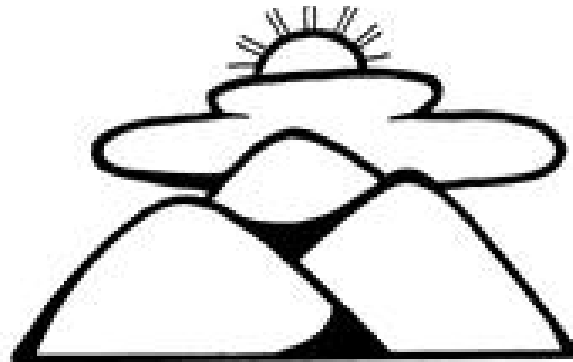


in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.



Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
 Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954
 Text © 1977, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 brings us now to sights un - seen.
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 as each life with grace is filled.
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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.

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.

The Flower Chart for 2023 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 envelope below the chart!

Health Ministry

Computer related eye strain

The average person spends seven hours a day looking at some form of electronic screen. This means our eyes are suffering. As much as 90% of these users experience what is known as Computer Vision Syndrome or CVS. Telling symptoms include decreased or blurred vision, burning eyes, sensitivity to

light, and headaches. There are some things you can do to help reduce symptoms:

- 1) Adjust the viewing angle. 20-28 inches from your eyes and 4-5 inches below eye level is best..
- 2) Reduce glare. Close blinds, use lower-watt bulbs or get a glare filter to cover your screen.
- 3) Use the 20-20-20 rule. Every 20 minutes look at an object 20 feet away for 20 seconds.
- 4) Blink often. You can remind yourself to blink and use lubricating drops periodically.
- 5) Get regular eye exams. Having vision problems that are not diagnosed can contribute to strain from electronic screens.
- 6) Limit screen time. Try to set limits on how long you spend in front of a screen especially when close to bedtime. Too much exposure can interrupt the circadian rhythm and cause lack of sleep.

You can never be too careful with your eyes. If you have any questions, let me know.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel

Parish Nurse

Parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.net

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 insert sheet if you are able to attend and if you are able to help.

Communal Life: Pub & Grub Join us on **Monday, February 27th at 7:00 PM** at Billsburg Brewery for some food, drinks and conversation! We will try to get one of the fire-pits to gather around.

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 insert sheet of your interest. Any questions concerning these activities can be addressed to Randy or Chris.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22

- **Noon:** Worship at *St. Martin's Episcopal Church* (1333 Jamestown Road), featuring the invitation to observe Lent, ashes, and Holy Communion.
- **7:00 PM:** Worship at St. Stephen, featuring the invitation to observe Lent, ashes, and Holy Communion.

Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th 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 – in person and on our YouTube channel.

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).

Deadline to register is March 1, 2023

Upcoming Commemorations

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

St. Stephen Calendar -February 19-26

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

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

MONDAY, February 20

Church Office and Preschool are **closed**

- 2:30 PM Stephen Ministries (Library/Conference Room)

TUESDAY, February 21

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)
10:00 AM Staff meeting
5:00PM-7:00PM “Pancakes and Pj’s” Shrove Tuesday (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, February 22 *Ash Wednesday*

- 6:15 PM Choir rehearsal (Worship space)
7:00 PM Worship- Distribution of Ashes & Holy Communion (Worship Space)
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, February 23

- 1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review

FRIDAY, February 24

SATURDAY, February 25

- 3:00 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal (Worship Space)
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)

SUNDAY, February 26 ~ *First Sunday in Lent*

- 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 (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) Jeffrey Berry
Altar Guild..... (8:30) Rosalie Frey and Amy Bergh
..... (11:00) Linda Vonderheide and Susan Neidlinger
Audio-Visual Team (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker..... Janice Svendsen
Cantors (8:30) Karen Shoberg (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants (8:30) Paula Agor and Rosalie Frey
..... (11:00) Julie Meeks and Jeffrey Berry
Flower Delivery.....
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors..... (8:30) Karen Nester (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison, Nelia Lamoureux, Joe Beene
Ushers..... (8:30) Brian Agor and Bill Dichtel (11:00) Art Nelsen

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

612 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

www.saintstephenlutheran.net

(757) 229-6688

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)

Doing Ministry in the World

Pastorjn@saintstephenlutheran.net

MusicDir@saintstephenlutheran.net

Office@saintstephenlutheran.net

Parishnurse@saintstephenlutheran.net

Preschool@saintstephenlutheran.net



Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church!

Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate

or give it to an usher.

February 19, 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**

_____ Yes! I/We will attend the Holden soup dinners # _____