

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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# Third Sunday after Epiphany Lectionary 3

January 22, 2023

#### For Your Prayers – January 22-29, 2023

#### **Lectionary readings for this week:**

*Monday*: Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14; Psalm 27:7-14 *Tuesday*: Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27:7-14

Wednesday: Genesis 49:10-,8-13,21-26;Luke 1:67-79; Psalm 27:7-14

*Thursday:* Deuteronomy16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12; Psalm 15 *Friday:* Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24; Psalm 15

Saturday: Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35; Psalm 15

Sunday: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

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

### Third Sunday after Epiphany/Lectionary 3

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

#### Welcome

**Centering Music** Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun Arr. Jacob B Weber

St. Stephen Ringers

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  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.

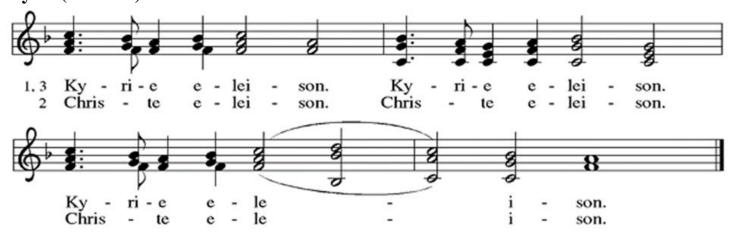
**Gathering Hymn** Shine, Jesus Shine

**ELW671** 

#### 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)



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



#### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

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

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalmody Psalm 27:1,4-9



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>|</sup> shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>|</sup> be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

 $^6\mbox{Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies}\ ^{|}$  who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD. *Refrain* 

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>|</sup> when I call; have mercy on me and <sup>|</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation. *Refrain* 

#### **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18** 

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia le le Al lu ia, al lu ia. Al le lu ia, al le lu ia.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

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

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—16the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon Repentance

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn ELW 798 Bulletin page 13

ELW pages 235 & 237

New Member Welcome
Jeff & Lisa Bushmire
Bob & Ginny Cummings
Dan, Sarah & John Jo Shoenfelt
Tom & Sandy Witt

#### **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

Jesus Calls Us

St. Stephen Choirs

arr. K. Lee Scott



#### **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

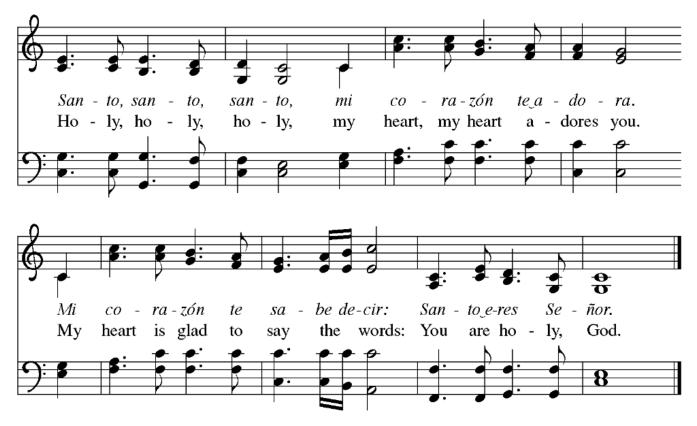
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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)



#### **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)



**Communion Music** Prelude on Kelvingrove – Traditional Scottish melody

St. Stephen Ringers Arr. Sandra Eithun

**Communion Hymn** I Love to Tell The Story ELW 661

Bulletin page 14& 15

**Table Blessing** 

**Prayer after Communion** 

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

**Sending Hymn** We Are Marching in the Light Hymn ELW 866

Bulletin pages 16& 17

**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 Siyahamba Setting, Anna Laura Page

St. Stephen Ringers

#### Postlude notes:

Siyahamba (written down by Andries Van Tonder, and possibly composed by him, or possibly a Zulu folk song) is a South African hymn that became popular in North American churches in the 1990's. The title means "We Are Marching" or "We are Walking" in the Zulu language. Anna Laura Page received a B.M. degree in vocal music education with a concentration in piano and a M.M. in music theory with a concentration in organ from the University of Kentucky.

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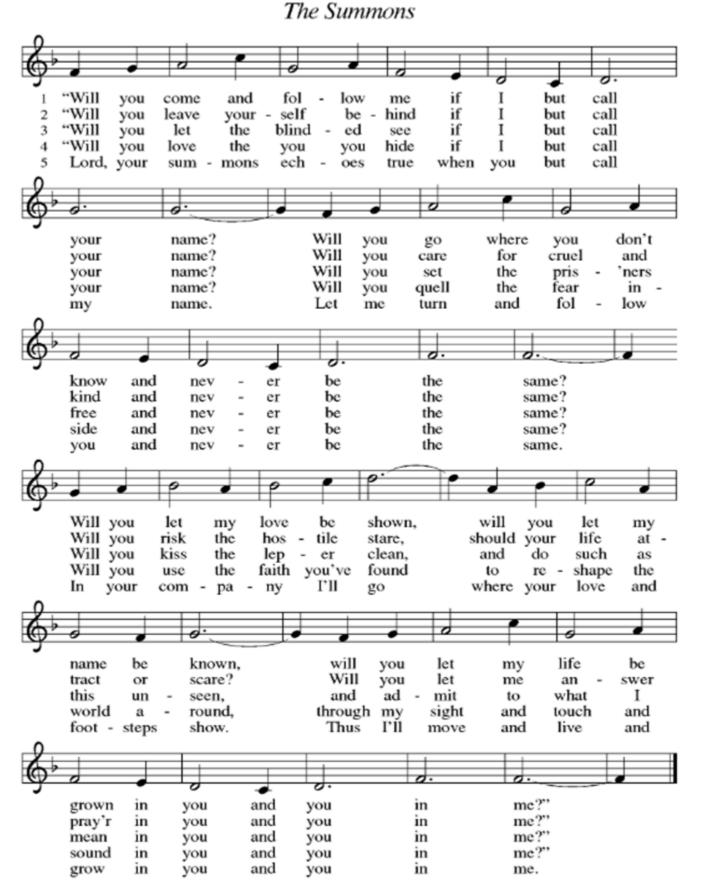
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# Will You Come and Follow Me



# I Love to Tell the Story





#### We Are Marching in the Light of God Siyahamba





#### 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 MEDIUM; James City County is MEDIUM; and York County is MEDIUM. **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**

<u>Let them eat cake!</u> Please join us after second service to welcome our newest members with cake and coffee in the fellowship hall.

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given to the Glory of God by <u>Edith Haecker and Family</u> to the Glory of God, in memory of Fred William Haecker.

<u>"Lutherans in America"</u> The Rev. Dr. Harvey Nelson will be offering a five-week series on "Lutherans in America" between services (9:45-10:45 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. The Second session starts today.

<u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.</u> January 18-25 marks the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. But if you would like more information, including a daily bible study for that week, go to: <a href="https://www.oikoumene.org">www.oikoumene.org</a>

<u>Congregational Meeting.</u> Our annual congregation meeting will be held at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Health Ministry**

#### Is it Winter Blues or "SAD"

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is recognized by having more than two weeks of depressed mood. You may experience sleep disturbances, lack of interest, low energy, lack of motivation or increased appetite. You will likely tend to withdraw socially and even feel hopeless. It affects women more than men according to research and it usually occurs between the ages of 18 and 30 most often. SAD is attributed to shorter days and less exposure to sunlight which can lead to an over-production of melatonin. People who experience this are likely to have trouble regulating serotonin the brain chemical responsible for balancing mood.

If you feel you are experiencing these symptoms or having difficulty with enjoying life during the winter months, be sure to talk to your physician or seek the help of a mental health professional.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse

#### **Upcoming**

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

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

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

#### **Community of Faith Mission**

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that St. Stephen will participate in the Winter Shelter Program, through the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) for those in our community who have no permanent home. The shelter houses up to 25 guests per night. Our service dates are **Wednesday**, **February 15**, providing dinner, and **Thursday**, **February 16**, providing breakfast and lunch. We will be preparing and delivering on **Wednesday**, **February 15**. Please sign up on the green sheet.

<u>The Flower Chart for 2023</u> 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!

#### St. Stephen Calendar – January 22-29

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

#### SUNDAY, January 22~ Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

9:45 AM "Lutherans in America" series 2 (Fellowship Hall)

9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class (Library/Conference Room)

10:00 AM Faith Formation (Undercroft/Preschool Room)

10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

12:30 PM Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

#### MONDAY, January 23

10:00 AM Staff meeting

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

#### TUESDAY, January 24

10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

#### WEDNESDAY, January 25

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

#### **THURSDAY January 26**

1:00 PM Staff Bulletin Review

5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers Rehearsal( Worship Space)

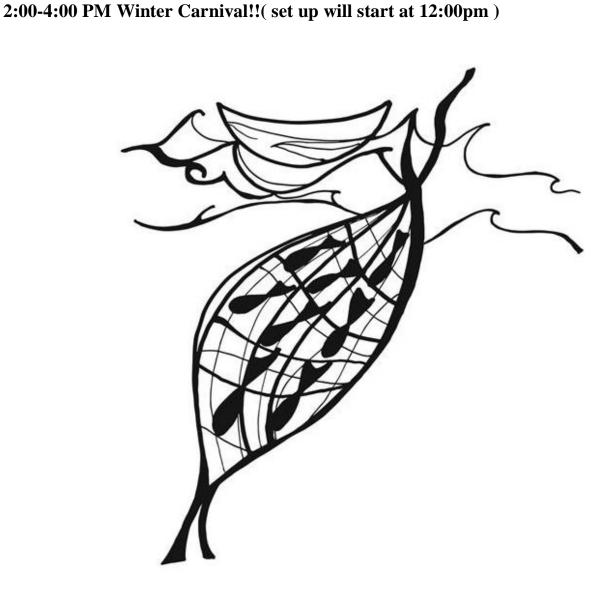
7:00 PM SMCC (Library/Conference Room)

#### FRIDAY January 27

#### **SATURDAY, January 28**

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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# **Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today**

Acolyte/Crucifer	(8:30) Stan York
	(11:00) Sonja Cave
	(8:30) Amy Bergh and Carol Wiers
	(11:00) Susan Neidlinger and Linda Vonderheide
Audio-Visual Team	
Bread Baker	Amy Bergh
Cantors	(8:30)Ursula Recktenwald (11:00) Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants	(8:30) Carol Wiers and Karen Sanderlin
	(11:00) Heidi Flatin and George Bass
Flower Delivery	Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts	(8:30) J.R. & Diana Lyons (11:00) Susan & Ned Neidlinger
Lectors	(8:30) Thom Recktenwald (11:00) Russ Dabel
Tellers	John McCurry, Carol Harman, Sandy Croushore
Ushers	(8:30) Bob Achenbach and Bob Harman (11:00) Glenn Joppa

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

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

**Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center** (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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)

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

# January 22, 2023

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
Telephone #
E-Mail Address
Guests Only: I belong to
Church Address
Please check as many as pertain:  Member First time guest Regular guest
Guest (out of town) Student at William & Mary Looking for a church home Desire to speak with pastor
<ul> <li>Would like more information about Stephen Ministry</li> <li>Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me</li> </ul>
Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, i necessary.

# **Prayer Requests**

Please <b>add</b> to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's <i>Quill</i> :			
	Name:		
	Please <b>remove</b> from prayer concerns:		
	Name:		
	I need a nametag!		
	I will volunteer with the winter carnival		
	I will bake/bring a festive cake, or cookies for the Winter carnival		
	Yes! I can help with the <b>Community of Faith Mission</b> in February!		
	I/we are available to help <b>cook</b> on Wednesday		
	I/we are available to help <b>deliver and serve</b> meals on Wednesday		
	I/we will <b>bring in</b> (circle one and please indicate how many) fruit cups, Clementine's, Paper towels or large brown paper lunch bags.		
	I/we can drop off coolers/ ice box's to use to transport food		