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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE

We've been reading a lot of Romans lately, though I have not been focusing much on the Epistles in my preaching. So I thought I might take a look at one of the concepts Paul uses quite a bit in his letters (and quite a lot in his letter to the church in Rome!). Of all the New Testament writers, Paul uses the word *charis* the most often. He uses the word twice as much as all of the other authors combined. Paul also maintains a strong consistency with his usage of the word we often translate as "grace." Paul's use of the word mainly refers to the "state of grace" or being recipients of God's grace. His usage is far less adjectival and more of an existential one.

Before offering my own take on Paul and "grace," I thought I would offer the opinions of other, far more experienced and veteran theologians than myself:

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia has a long exposition on Paul's sense of grace, "... [grace] has abundant use in secular Greek in the sense of unmerited favor, and Paul seized on this meaning of the word to express a fundamental characteristic of Christianity. The basic passage is Romans 11:5-6, where as a definition is given, 'If it is by grace, it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace.' That the word is used in other senses could have caused no 1st-century reader to miss the meaning, which, indeed, is unmistakable. 'Grace' in this sense is an attitude on God's part that proceeds entirely from within Himself, and that is conditioned in no way by anything in the objects of His favor." (Orr, James, M.A., D.D. General Editor. "Entry for 'GRACE'"; "International Standard Bible Encyclopedia". 1915.)

The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament states, "Distinctively *charis* in Paul expounds the structure of the salvation event. The basic thought is that of free giving. In view is not just a quality in God but its actualization at the cross (Gal. 2:21) and its proclamation in the Gospel. We are saved by grace alone. It is shown to sinners (Rom. 3:23-24), and it is the totality of salvation (2 Cor. 6:1) that all believers have (1 Cor. 1:4). To the 'grace alone' embodied in Christ corresponds the 'faith alone' of believers (Rom. 3:24ff) that rules out the law as a way of salvation (4:16). *Charis* (grace) and *pistis* (faith) together are in antithesis to *nomos* (law). Grace is the basis of justification and is also manifested in it (5:20-21). Hence grace is in some sense a state (5:2), although one is always called into it (Gal. 1:6), and it is always a gift on which one has no claim." (Kettel & Friedrich, Editors. "Entry for 'GRACE' D2b". "Theological Dictionary of the New Testament". 1985.)

Now I know full well that I cannot better articulate Paul's sense of grace than the two quotes above. However, I may be able to offer some clarification on the very academic language being used by both sources. First and foremost, for Paul, grace comes entirely from God; it does not come from humanity. The only source of grace is God. Secondly, grace is shown to those who do not deserve it; us sinners. Third, it is closely linked to faith. One cannot experience God's grace without faith and vice versa. Fourth, God's grace and faith in/of Christ are the answer to (fulfillment of?) the Law. Finally, it is through God's grace and faith in/of Christ that we are justified...sanctified... brought into right relationship with God.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon

CONGREGATION COUNCIL



Our September meeting was held on September 12, 2023.

In attendance: Pastor Nelson, Pastor Sheppard-Witt, Sandy Croushore, Julie Meeks, Jeffery Berry, Susan Kauffman, Pam Buckley, Paul Reier, J.R. Lyons, Corey Knestrick, Brandon Cave, Roberta Sulouff, Nancy Egloff, Alison Carney.

- George Vonderheide provided an update about our HVAC system replacement options. He will continue to pursue additional information about possibilities.
- Shared ministry with Our Saviour Lutheran Church is proceeding well. Pastor Sheppard-Witt is focusing on LSA. A schedule of her days and times at St. Stephen is being worked out and will be announced.
- Council voted to unanimously approve a Constitutional amendment, proposed by Jeffery Berry, which would extend the term limit of Council Youth Representatives from one year to two years. The amendment also will add grade 9 to the provision that a Youth Representative shall be in grades 10, 11, or 12. These potential changes will allow time for our Youth Representatives to foster and increase the understanding of Council works and processes, and provide stability in and continuity of the position. The congregation will vote on this amendment in January.
- Several technology issues were discussed and are being shared with the Technology Committee.
- We will be getting a new church pictorial directory; the last one was in 2015. Initial plans are for photos to be taken in December, with ordered prints in hand by Easter.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 10.

Alison Carney, Secretary, Congregation Council

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thomas Keesecker Concert. Join us between services on Sunday, **October 15** for a concert by Thomas Keesecker. Thomas retired in 2019 after serving as a church musician for over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. In his retirement he travels the country sharing his piano collections in informal recitals which incorporate hymn singing, readings, and poetry. More information on page 6.

Explore Spiritual Practices. Starting **October 22**, Christina Nelson will lead an exploration of various spiritual practices for four weeks between services. Come to learn more about how to develop and/or deepen your faith practices. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with a Zoom option as well.



MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS

- **October 3** – Women are invited to join together for breakfast the first **Tuesday** of this month.
- **October 5** – Men are invited to join together for breakfast the first **Thursday** of this month.

Both gatherings take place at **8:00 AM** at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road, Williamsburg, VA. The get-togethers promote conversation and friendship in a casual setting.



Hank Mallue

Susan Britcher (Endowment Fund)

Jane deSolms (Endowment Fund)

Jean Holley (Memorial Fund)



MUSIC NOTES

REFORMATION ORCHABAND

Dust off your old saxophone keys or viola strings, and let's play some music together. What exactly is an Orchaband? I stole the name from a music colleague at Lutheridge, a Camp and Conference Center in Arden, NC. Anyone who played an instrument was invited to bring that instrument to Music Week camp and join the Orchaband. We had flutes, clarinets, saxophones, English horn, French horn, oboe, trumpets, trombones, violins, violas, cellos, and even euphoniums. Plus, probably other instruments I can't think of right now.

Young and old, teacher and student, mentor and friend, mother and daughter, grandparent and child – all are invited to join us Reformation Sunday (October 29) to play in the Orchaband. You will be accompanying the congregation's song – *"A Mighty Fortress," "Built on a Rock,"* and *"The Church's One Foundation."* You cannot mess up because others will be playing the same part, and I will be trying to drown you out on the organ. If you are just a beginner and know only a few notes on your instrument, that's okay, too, because hymn tunes actually do not a huge range of notes – play what you know. We will have a couple of rehearsals in October – and you **will have fun!** I have the music for you to peruse and practice ahead of time. Who knows? This could become "a thing" twice a year or festival Sundays or once a month!

Coming soon will be a sign-up in the bulletin inserts – or sign up at the ministry fair on October 1. We'll need to know how many music stands and how much music to provide.

Come join the fun and really "toot your own horn!"

Karen Ives, Music Director



THANK YOU



Thank you for your recent gift to the Williamsburg House of Mercy - I'm so very grateful for it and for your support of our mission.

Our weekly food distribution is still averaging close to 300 families served a week. Children being home from school ups the number we serve. While children are still enjoying their summers, we're looking ahead to the beginning of the school year and have started our Back-to-School Supplies drive, which benefits the children of our clients. If you're able to help, please consider making a donation of school supplies or donating directly to the Back-to-School campaign on our website. Mid-August we will be distributing backpacks with all the supplies in an effort to start the school year right!

Our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament benefiting our Thanksgiving Mission will be held on Tuesday, October 31. Registration will be available in early September with early-bird registration available to players from the last tournament in mid-August. Get in touch with us if you're interested in participating in this fun event for a good cause!

Thank you for remembering the Williamsburg House of Mercy through your contribution,

Liz Buekley
Interim Executive Director



As I begin my ministry as the Bishop, I want to thank you for your continued generosity and partnership in the Virginia Synod. St. Stephen's mission support gift helps the Virginia Synod serve as a connecting point between congregations and as a resource to assist congregations as they seek to do God's work in their communities.

Thank you for helping the Synod walk together in ministry. Blessings,

Bishop Phyllis Blair Milton, Virginia Synod, ELCA



STEWARDSHIP ESSENTIALS

Well, once again, my brothers and sisters in Christ, the calendar has come again to the fall of the year. It's the time of year when Christian congregations traditionally hold their Stewardship programs to encourage their members to support the church's financial needs for another year.

As you know by now, I believe that the church has done a great disservice by narrowing down the topic of stewardship to a focus on money. Our tunnel vision has robbed this rich term of much of the richness it can add to our life of faith. But even so, there is an appropriate way to include our financial response to God in our broader exploration of stewardship. And the fall is as good a time as any to do so.

Once again, our financial response focus will take place during October. We will kick things off on October 1 in conjunction with our Ministry Fair. That just feels right to me, given that every ministry that we celebrate that day is an expression of Stewardship. Do you recall my favorite definition of stewardship? This is it: stewardship is everything we say and do once we have said "I believe." If we truly believe what we confess about God's love for us expressed in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, then we have an inner compulsion to express our thanksgiving in the way we live our lives. As Paul states in Galatians 2:20, "... it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." This, for me, is stewardship – living all of life in the spirit of Christ within me.

Having said all of that, there are two things about the financial aspect of stewardship that I wish to lift up for our consideration. The first is to note that in the last three years while our attention has so much been

focused on the intrusion of COVID-19 into our lives, inflation has risen by 18% (July 2020 to July 2023). This is much faster than we have become accustomed to. If your financial support of St. Stephen's ministries has not kept pace with inflation, I would ask you to bump your giving a bit this year if you can manage to do so.

The second thing I wish to lift up is the need of the Christian to give of his/her finances. This is especially true in our capitalist society where wealth so easily becomes society's god – something to be worshipped; something that commands our loyalty; something that sets our priorities. Christians have only one God, who is best known in and through Jesus Christ. Capitalism, while understood to be better than competing economic systems, is only that – an economic system. Every dollar we give to help support Christ's mission to heal the world and reveal the love of God, helps to refocus on God and on God's priority in our lives. This is why we need to give generously of our wealth, whether it is large or small. Not only does it help build the Kingdom of God around us, but it reminds of whose we are. We are Christ's, thanks be to God!

Your brother in Christ,
Jim Larsen

ST. STEPHEN, GROVE, SNEAKERS, AND BACK-TO- SCHOOL



The Grove Christian Outreach Center's mission is to foster relationships through Love and Grace in order to improve the overall health of the

Grove community with a vision to extend the Kingdom of God by building relationships within the community by being involved in all aspects of community life; showing the love of Christ in meeting practical, everyday needs of those in the Grove community. The evolution of the Grove Christian Outreach Center is significant in meeting the special needs of this historic community.

St. Stephen members have been involved as a part of this purpose-filled ministry by providing back-to-school sneakers for Grove community students for 18 years. This year with year-round donations and the special efforts in July, cash donations were \$3,430.00, plus 71 pairs of new sneakers. In total Grove was able to provide 223 pairs of shoes to the children in the Grove community through this blessed ministry.

Our Social Ministry Coordinating Committee (SMCC) Grove Shoes project coordinator **Marilyn Johnson** and our SMCC Secretary **Nancy Egloff** delivered the final check and all 71 pairs of sneakers to Grove Executive Director Katie Patrick on August 2. Marilyn has coordinated this project for all 18 of those years since its inception at St. Stephen. She leads this project with faith, dedication, and passion, and, as always, doing an enviable job.

Another opportunity arose at Grove this year. We received a note from Grove Development Manager, Robin Jester Wootton, that they had received a short-notice cancellation from a group of Back-to-School volunteers and was wondering if St. Stephen would be interested in furnishing three volunteers to help with the event. On August 23, three St. Stephen volunteers showed up at 2:00 PM for short training, sorting and racking Sneakers, and at 3:00 PM began distributing Sneakers, handing out School Supplies, School Uniforms, and School Backpacks at pre-assigned times. A special Fun Fair kept students and family busy until it was their turn. It was “organized chaos,” but all went well that Wednesday, with only a few not getting their shoes or uniforms (due to sizes), any exchanges or unavailable items were available by Friday. With the Grove staff, a few other volunteers, everything got done and most shelves were empty! We were out shortly after 6:00 PM. What a joyous occasion for the St. Stephen rookie “Grove Back-to-School” volunteers.

Jim Ivey, Social Ministry Coordinating Committee



Marilyn Johnson and Executive Director Katie Patrick



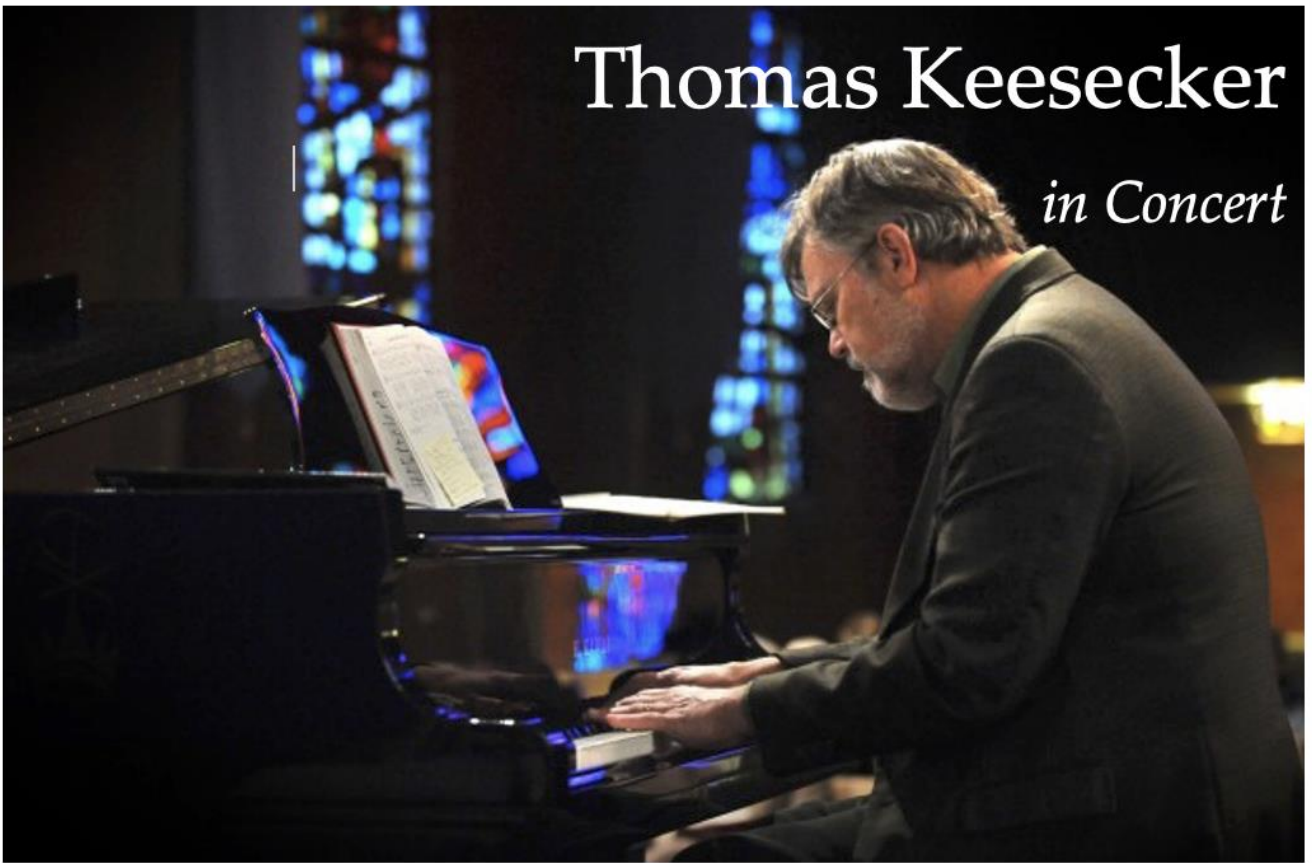
Lined up for sneakers and school supplies



St. Stephen Volunteers Virginia Ivey and Terri Larsen

Thomas Keesecker

in Concert



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:45 AM

Composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker will lead us in an hour of piano music, reflection, poetry, laughter, and hymn singing, featuring his best-selling piano music. Keesecker is known around the country for his sensitive, delightful, and meditative piano arrangements of hymns. At this concert, we will be able to sing some of them together, as well as listen to his interpretations. The hymns will be interspersed with poetry by Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry, two of the most beloved and profound poets of the 20th and 21st centuries. Tom's informal programs have been compared to a show featuring Garrison Keillor and George Winston. You can find his music on Amazon Music and YouTube.

Biography -- Tom retired in 2019 after serving as a church musician for over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress, Choristers Guild, Concordia, and GIA publish his sacred music. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixed classical technique and jazz improvisation. He also incorporates Celtic and folk music influences in his arrangements. Besides composing and playing the piano, he and his wife enjoy being new grandparents.



ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



St. Stephen Preschool Teachers. L to R standing: Holly Ready, Lindsey Napier, Kelly Ann Kelly, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Melissa Reeves, Anthony Williams. L to R sitting: Rachel Maris-Wolf, Susan Berry-Ruane.



Preschool Teacher Installation by Pastor Jon



Students enjoying snack time in the Prayer Garden



Chapel with Pastor Jon and Mr. Anthony



Yoga Wednesday

LSA NEWS



The Lutheran Student Association (LSA) is off and running for the fall semester. We've had a good group of students for the dinners and LSA events thus far. To give you an idea of what we're up to this semester, check out the calendar of events below.

Please consider signing up for one of the remaining LSA dinner spots (**October 8** and **December 10**). We hope you'll join us for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest (**October 29** - before/ after worship) and the Game Night (**November 10, 5:00 PM**). Adoptive families, please mark your calendars for the ice cream social on **November 12** following the LSA dinner.

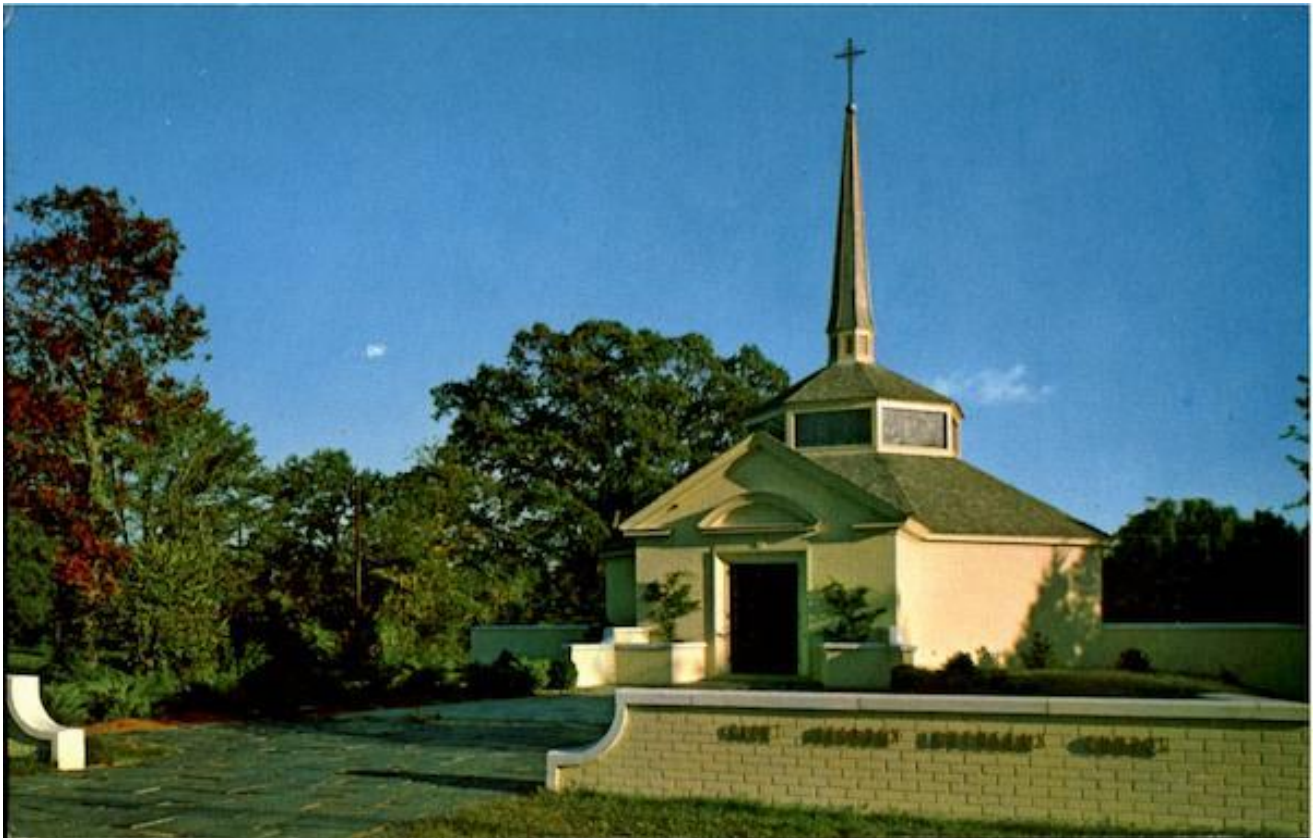
LSA Calendar of Events

- **Sundays, 6:00 PM:** *LSA dinners*
- **September 30:** *Saturday Morning Coffee at Aromas in Merchants Square around 11:00 AM*

- **October 5, 8:00 PM:** *VeggieTales Night!*
- **October 12-15:** *W&M Fall Break*
- **October 22:** *Pumpkin Carving* – we will carve pumpkins before/after LSA dinner
- **October 28:** *Saturday Morning Coffee at Aromas in Merchants Square around 11:00 AM*
- **October 29:** *Pumpkin Decoration Contest* – before/after worship, the congregation is invited to vote for their favorite pumpkin to raise money for a designated cause (TBD)
- **November 10, 5:00 PM:** *Game Night. Congregation members are invited and encouraged to join us!!*
- **November 12, 7:00 PM:** *Ice Cream Social with Adopted Church Families*
- **November 22-26:** *W&M Thanksgiving Holiday*
- **December 2:** *Saturday Morning Coffee at Aromas in Merchants Square around 11:00 AM*
- **December 8:** *W&M Last Day of Classes*

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Thank YOU for your support of LSA!

Peace,
Pastor Alex



An old St. Stephen post card - we were smaller then.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. STEPHEN



NO JUDGMENT

I was part of a conversation after worship on a recent Sunday, during which I shared about my search for a local church. I was looking for the right “fit” for me, sometimes visiting a church several times, sometimes only once, before moving on.

I looked until I came to St. Stephen. It was at St. Stephen that I knew I had found the place I belonged; I had found my church home. The worship experience and space felt like a warm embrace; I felt the peace and presence of God. I was welcomed by the Pastor and members of the congregation.

These feelings of belonging grew as I continued to participate in worship and get involved. My sense was confirmed: these people were good, and I could be myself. Perhaps all along, just as important as what I felt was what I didn't feel: judgment. I am so very thankful.

We've all experienced judgment though, one way or another. It seems to be a part of human nature that we judge one another and ourselves. It is hurtful. I want to be accepted for who I am, don't you? Let's be honest and consider whether we judge others and ourselves.

I'll go first. Since it really, really bothers me when other people are judgmental, I'm pretty sure (!) that means my answer is yes; judgment is an area I think I'll always need to work on. It is something I pray about, thanking God for his forgiveness when I so often fail and asking for help to discern and persevere on the path of God's will.

So, what do judgment and non-judgment have to do with Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-on-one Christ-centered care and support for people who are hurting. We are trained with an emphasis on compassionate, faithful, confidential care, and listening without judgment. The training has helped me tremendously, both as a Stephen Minister and in all areas of my life. We regularly pray for our care receivers, asking for God's healing grace, acceptance, and

unconditional love for them. We also pray for each other as caregivers in Stephen Ministry, for God's gentle strength to work through us to benefit our care receivers.

Stephen Ministry is “Christ caring • for people • through people.” If you'd like to be matched with a Stephen Minister, or simply have questions about this ministry, please reach out to **Pastor Jon, Pastor Alex, or Stephen Leader Bill Dichtel**.

Peace,
Alison Carney, Stephen Minister

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God.*
- Romans 15:7

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are finally moving ahead with a new St. Stephen Pictorial Directory. The photo sessions will take place on **December 11 and 12 from 2:00 PM until 8:30 PM** and you will need to reserve your households time slot. There is not a sitting fee and every household will receive one free 8x10 of the photo that they select to be in the directory. You will also have the option to purchase additional photos and have the opportunity to have multiple photos taken. Every household that sits for their photo will also receive a copy of the directory. If you have any questions please contact **Hollie Jones**, Parish Administrator, office@saintstephenlutheran.net, 757-229-6688.

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Directory

It's time for our
NEW Parish
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Save The Date!
December 11th
and 12th

*It won't be
OUR
directory without
YOU!*



OCTOBER

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|----|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Jeffry Bushmire | Bob Phipps |
| 3 | Heather Macdonald | Sharon Powell |
| 4 | Keith Egloff | Joe Jansson |
| | Caitlin Leek | Jaina Leek |
| 5 | Ruby Umberger | Ellie Bergh |
| 6 | Ellen Bushman | Sandy Peterkin |
| 7 | Tom Berkey | Jonathan Toler |
| 8 | David Nelson | Roberta Sulouff |
| 9 | Jayne Lawson | |
| 10 | Ilianna Ogborn | |
| 11 | Evelyn Kernan | |
| 13 | Jane Gingerich | |
| 14 | Brenda Lee-Allen | |
| 17 | Sandy Brust | Joel Gillespie |
| 18 | Kara Meermans | |
| 19 | Kristie Kelley | Martha Reier |
| 20 | Magnolia Sulouff | |
| 22 | Barbara Morris | |
| 24 | Steve Jacobs | |
| 29 | Neil Bailey | |
| 31 | Pam Groman | |



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

On **October 1**, we will hold a ministry fair in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The purpose of this is to introduce everyone to the ministries we currently have at St. Stephen Lutheran Church. I hope everyone will be able to come, but in case you are not able, I still want you to know what is available. We have opportunities to help with worship. Included are Acolyte/Crucifer, Altar Guild, Bread Bakers, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, and Audio-Visual team.

There are many opportunities in music. You can be part of the choir, a cantor, a bell ringer (St. Stephen Ringers), or display your talents playing an instrument during the service. There are also opportunities for children to participate with music at St. Stephen.

There are also opportunities for giving: Stewardship, Kitchen Keepers, Garden Ministry, or Property Committee. You can even mow the yard if that is your talent!

Caring ministries include Stephen Ministry, Shawl and Banner Ministry, Home Communion and Parish Life, Caring Cooks, Flower Delivery, Campus Ministry and Social Ministry. The Social Ministry Coordinating Committee has many opportunities for outreach in our community under its umbrella.

There are so many opportunities to share your talents. Some are part of the worship service and are scheduled. Some are on your own schedule. Instruction is provided in all the ministries and most will place you with someone who has been in the ministry for a while.

I would like to share that we have a real need for Ushers at the 11:00 AM service and Audio-Visual technicians at 11:00 AM as well. I now would ask that you prayerfully consider donating your time and talent to one of the many ministries available.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel, Parish Nurse





OCTOBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



PRAYERS

The significance of baptism, Luther teaches in the *Small Catechism*, is “that the old creature in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily contrition and repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”

Your baptismal anniversary is an opportunity to light a baptismal candle and to give some prayer time to reflecting on your experiences during the past year on your journey in faith!

Pastor Jon Nelson

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| 1 | Paul Kristiansen | Joe Philipoom |
| 2 | Kathie Eichfeld | |
| 4 | Henry Lawson | |
| 8 | Dorothy Hinders | Phil McKenna |
| 9 | Diana Lyons | |
| 12 | Erik McKenna | |
| 13 | Katy Wood | |
| 14 | Stan York | |
| 21 | David Allen | |
| 22 | Jim Larsen | |
| 24 | Jennifer Voigt | |
| 27 | Jonathan Hallman | Sandy Peterkin |
| 31 | PJ McAteer | Sharon Powell |

Others who were baptized in October:

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| Meghan Osborn | Sara Osborn |
| Ann Booth Young | |

Were you baptized in October but your name isn't on the list above? Let us know!

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Gerry & Sandy Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Julia Mahony, Jim Mayfield, Randy Punchard 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: Dawn Allen, Paula Battle, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Mary Bloom, Ann Bunn Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Catherine Harbison, Deanna Harbison, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Zac and Jen Holtzman and family, Brian Johnson, Mason Jones, Connie Kendrick ,The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Julia Mahony, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Laura Mcgolin, Detra Michaels, Maddie Murray, Bob Myers, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Marci Ries, Betty Roth, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.



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