



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

One of 12,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2021

For Your Prayer – August 1-8, 2021

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Acts 18:1-11; Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:18-28; Acts 18:12-28; Mark 8:22-33

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 9:1-13; Acts 19:1-10; Mark 8:34—9:1

Thursday: 2 Samuel 11:1-27; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 9:2-13

Friday: 2 Samuel 12:1-14; Acts 19:21-41; Mark 9:14-29

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:15-31; Acts 20:1-16; Mark 9:30-41

Next Sunday's Worship Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:5—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Steven Bushman, Kristin Carter, Gene Clements, Martha Clements, Steve Grant, Evelyn Kernan, Julie Meeks, Don Nelson, Karen Nester, and Linda Reuben.**

Pray God's blessings on **Roberta and Dave Sulouff** as they await the birth of their baby.

God has blessed Pat Fretz with 90 years of life! Her birthday is next Sunday – send her a card!

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Doris Bass, Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, Bob and Angie Groom, Bobbie Harms, Jack Harris, Chuck and Ginny Hilbinger, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Jerry Trone.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Gary Abrams, Bob Alt, Mary Ann Arnold, Jane Ayers, Gary Baumgarten, Rose Baumgarten, Susan Behrens, Eliza Bicknell, Julie Boardman, Maria Calderon, Marla Canny, Lane Clark, Erica Collins, John Croushore, Graham Darnell, Kathryn Dieter, Bill DiGiacomo, Judy Drezek, Marian Fenstermaker, Mary Fitzgerald, Bruce and Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Carole Gilman, Andrea Gonzalez, Ted Harms, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Dorothea Heath, Sharon Hegland, Crystal Isaac, Megan Kaminski, Sandy Kellogg, Chris Kinney, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Derek Krull, Jordan Lee, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Keith Margrey, Patrick and Kristin McGraw, Harriett Meeks, Lisa Berg Melciouri, Dorothy Myers, Danielle Parrish, Sue Plevelich, Tony Poplin, Anna Recktenwald, Kurt Recktenwald, Jenny Rice, Edith Roberts, Shann Rufer, Marion Seidl, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Patricia Simpson, Mike Slyer, James Smith, Sharon Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Ed Tiller, Andy Williams, Carolyn Williams, Terry Wilson, and Aaron Zabell.

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

Welcome

Centering Music *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

sett. Wilbur Held

Gathering Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Hymn 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

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

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

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

²²The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Sermon

Where to Find Food

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?

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your mercy." Response: "Hear our prayer."

III. Meal: *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

Offering

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music *What Feast of Love* arr. Robert A. Hobby

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

The Communion

When receiving Communion, please stand 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.

Communion Music *Greensleeves* arr. Timothy Albrecht
 Blest Be the Tie That Binds Anna Laura Page

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Hymn 618



Dismissal

Postlude *God of Grace* Paul Manz



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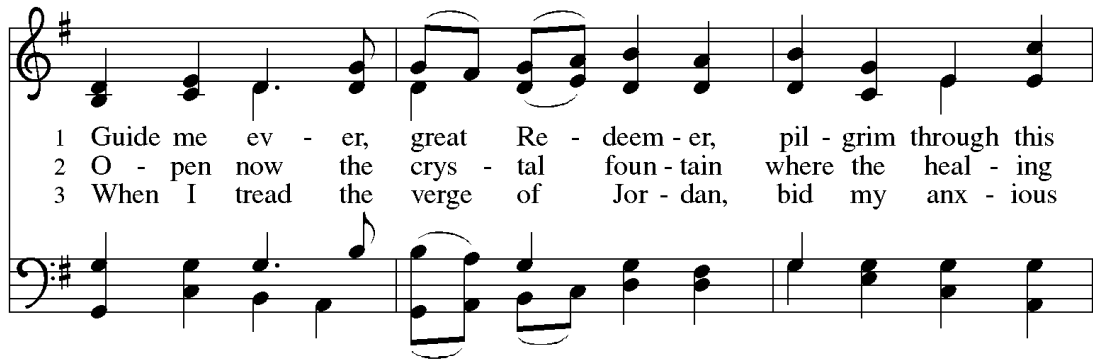
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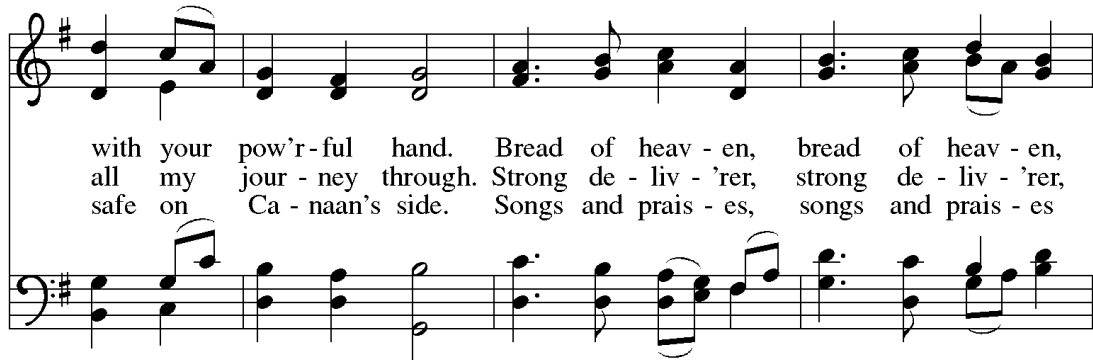
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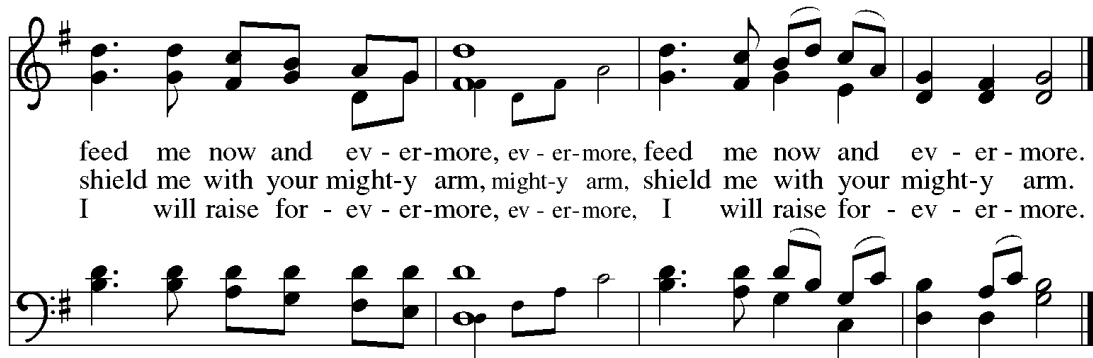
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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.

What's Happening Today

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Randy and Chris Punchard** on the occasion of Randy's and Katie's baptismal anniversaries.

Pastor Griffin is in Blacksburg today with her daughter and family, welcoming her newest granddaughter, Ava James!

Upcoming

Walk with me! Talk, Too! Join **Pastor Jon** on **Sunday, August 1 at 7:00 PM** for an hour of walking and talking! We will meet in the Jamestown Settlement parking lot. Come join us!

Would you like to try ringing our handbells? On **Sunday, August 15 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM**, **Karen Ives** will offer a "handbell retreat" for ringers of all ages and all abilities: new ringers, ringers who want to try them out, ringers who have played before but need a refresher course, ringers who want to join the handbell choir or stay in the handbell choir and need a refresher course, ringers that are families - parent/child or grandparent/grandchild, etc. No auditions required but a sense of humor is a must! We have 48 bells - plenty to go around. Please mark the green sheet if you are interested in participating.

Health ministry happenings. Diana Tiller-Dichtel, our Parish Nurse is planning to begin taking blood pressures in the office on **Sunday, August 15**. Please hang around after 8:30 service or come in early for 11:00 service to get your blood pressure checked. Also, we are working on having a CPR/First Aid class in September. If you are interested, please sign up on the green sheet so we can make sure everyone is included. The date and time will be announced soon. If you only want CPR, please mark the sheet accordingly.

Breakfasts for Women and Men to build and deepen relationships – will return in September! We will gather at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road.

- Men will meet on the first Thursday – **September 2**;
- Women will meet on the first Tuesday – **September 7**.

Items of Note

Help Needed Our pews and chairs in the Sanctuary need some repair and a fresh coat of paint – are you able to help? Supplies will be provided. Are you available during **August 15 through August 28**? Please mark the green sheet if you are available help!

“Jesus said to them, **“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”** (John 6:35) For the next several Sundays we will be hearing about Jesus being the bread of life. With that in mind, the Social Ministry Coordinating Committee invites you to bring in **non-perishable food items** for the [House of Mercy emergency pantry](#) during the next three Sundays. Monetary donations are welcome too! There will be a place in the Gathering Space for your donations.

For example:

Foods: hot & cold cereal, rice, mashed potatoes, protein drinks, canned vegetables, canned/plastic spaghetti sauce, pasta, granola bars, Ramen, tuna, canned chicken, soups and stews, spam, peanut butter, plastic jelly, canned fruits, cookies, crackers...

Toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream deodorant, hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, soap...

St. Stephen Calendar – August 1-8, 2021

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

SUNDAY, August 1

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion

8:30 AM Worship is Livestream on YouTube Live;

Recording available in the afternoon on YouTube

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

7:00 PM Walk & Talk with Pastor Jon (Jamestown Settlement)

MONDAY, August 2 ~ *Planes, Trains, & Things that Go Preschool Summer Camp*

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

7:00 PM *Transitions* Book Study (Fellowship Hall and via Zoom)

TUESDAY, August 3

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

2:30 PM Endowment Fund Committee (Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 4

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 PM Memorial Service for Ralph Johnson

7:00 PM **Compline via Zoom**

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, August 5

12:15 PM Noontime Prayer (Worship Space)

1:30 PM *Transitions* Book Study (Library/Conference Room and via Zoom)

7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee (Library/Conference Room)

FRIDAY, August 6

SATURDAY, August 7

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, August 8

8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion

8:30 AM Worship is Livestream on YouTube Live;

Recording available in the afternoon on YouTube

11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Nick Brisson (11:00) Casey Toler
Altar Guild(8:30) Rosalie Frey & Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) Heidi Flatin & Sue Neidlinger
Bread Baker..... Sue Voigt
Communion Assistants (8:30) Bob & Sue Voigt
.....(11:00) Margaret Krull & Emily Rossiter
Flower Delivery Reed & Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) Chris Punchard (11:00) Susan Kauffman
Lectors..... (8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) Jeane Moore
Audio/Livestreaming (8:30) (11:00) Chares Osborn
Tellers..... Jane Gingerich, Ursula Recktenwald, Jim Larsen, & Russ White
Ushers.....(8:30) Tom & Sandy Peterkin (11:00) Keith Egloff

Health Ministry

Lung Cancer Awareness Day

Today, August 1, is World Lung Cancer Day. Lung cancer is responsible for nearly 1 in 5 cancer deaths, killing more people yearly than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined. Smoking is the single greatest factor for causing lung cancer. Other risk factors include environmental exposure to radon, asbestos, arsenic, beryllium and uranium. Genetics is another contributor. Symptoms may include mucus, chest or back pain, coughing up blood or difficulty swallowing. Tests used to diagnose include chest x-rays, CT and PET scans, bronchoscopy and needle biopsies.

If you have a history of smoking and are over the age of 55, you may be a candidate for a low-dose CT scan to provide peace of mind. New treatments have been developed that are successful when combined with early diagnosis through screening. Let me know if you have any questions.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

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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)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Cheryl Ann Griffin (876-6371)

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (828-242-1133)

Sandy Peterkin – Parish and Preschool Administrator (229-6688)

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

Susan Berry-Ruane – Preschool Lead Teacher (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 out this form and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.*

August 1, 2021

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 the Parish Nurse to contact me

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/We can help with **painting** the pews and chairs between Sunday, August 15 – Saturday, August 28.

Days/Times available _____

_____ I/We can help with **repairing** the pews and chairs between Sunday, August 15 – Saturday, August 28.

Days/Times available _____

_____ I/We will come to the **Handbell Retreat!**

_____ I/We can help with **Parish Life Events** – such as funeral receptions and between services events. call me!

_____ I/We are interested in taking **CPR**_____ and/or **First Aid** _____.