

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

If you are seeking God you are welcome here.

If you have been hurt in a judgmental church, here you will not be judged. Here you will be nurtured in the grace and Good News that our salvation has been accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Here you may discover that, in fact, it is God who has been seeking you!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



July 9, 2023

For Your Prayers –July 10-July 16, 2023

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25; Psalm 131

Tuesday: Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8; Psalm 131 *Wednesday*: Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17; Psalm 131

Thursday: Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16; Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13 **Friday**: Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13 **Saturday**: Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50; Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

Next Sundays Lessons:

Isaiah 55:10-13;Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 (11);Romans 8:1-11;Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Joe Beene, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Karen Einarsen, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben.

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

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Dawn Allen, Roberta Barbour, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Nelson Blish, Mary Bloom, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Judy Drezek, Derald Edwards, Deanna Harbison, William Harbison, Char Henry, Brian Johnson, Mason Jones, Sean Kelley, The Kennedy family, Bob Lamoureux, Ron Luchetti, Julia Mahony, Marnah Lund, Doug Mayes, Laura Mcgolin, Detra Michaels, Bob Myers, Gina Peterson, Paula Rega, Betty Roth, Naomi Schmidt, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Marie Talmage, Charley Underdahl, Caleb Winig, Rickey Winsette, Linda Wright, The Graduating Class of 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

Centering Music Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of \pm Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

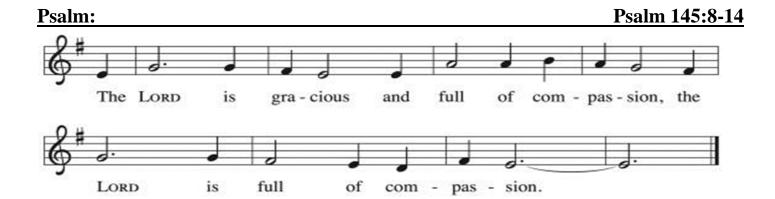
First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a

donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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



⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are | good to all, and your compassion is over | all your works. *Refrain*

- ¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD, and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom and speak | of your power,
- ¹²that all people may know | of your power and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down. *Refrain*

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Harvey 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

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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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

Give Me Jesus

arr Mark Hayes

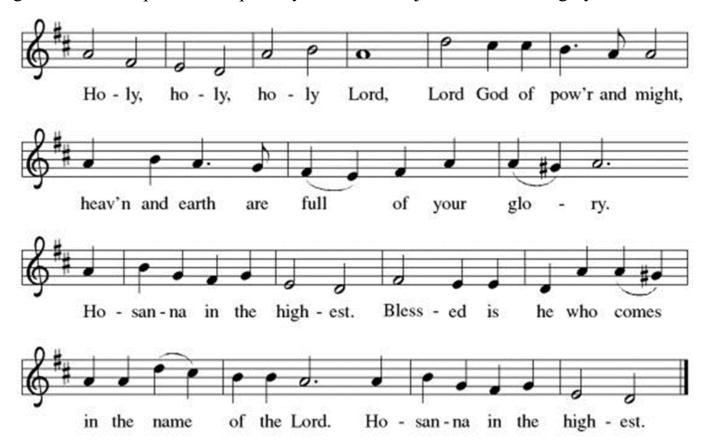
Offertory Prayer

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:



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.



Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness

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Blessing
The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
+ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost

J.S. Bach

A special Thank you to Sarah Ford Bland for filling in while Karen is out.

Sarah Ford Bland recently retired after 9 years as Minister of Music at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano. A resident of Williamsburg for forty years, she has served a number of other local churches including Williamsburg Baptist, Williamsburg Presbyterian and Williamsburg United Methodist. She is also a past director of the Williamsburg Choral Guild and instructor of piano at the College of William and Mary.

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Jesus Shall Reign



Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

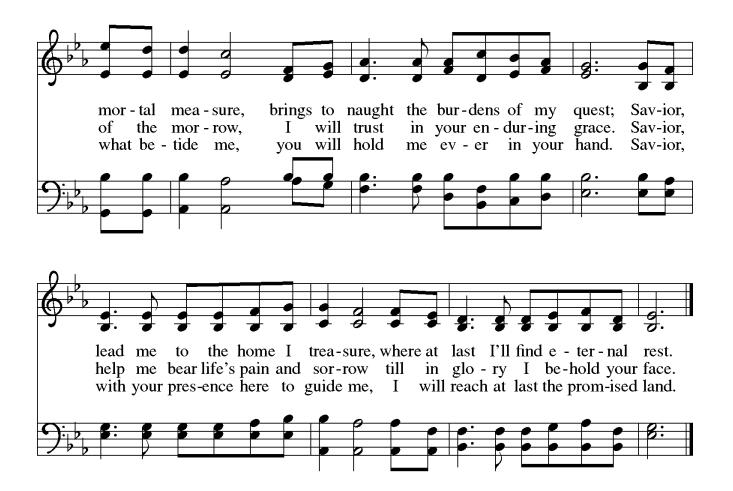


- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.

 Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Day by Day

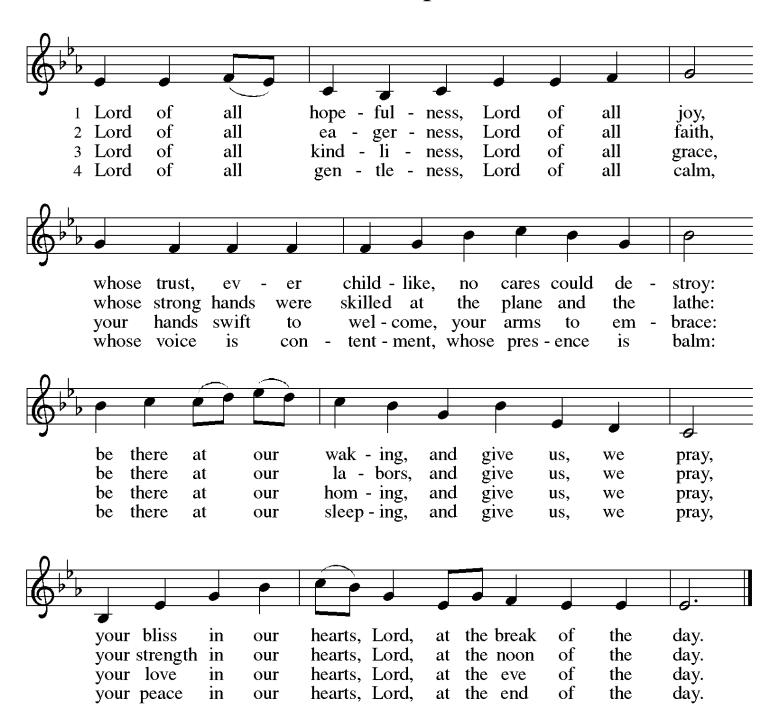




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Lord of All Hopefulness



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As We Gather

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.com)
- When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area with toys and books in the room right beneath the Worship Space.
- Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the Gathering Space ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- Large print worship materials are available ask an usher.
- **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- If someone should need emergency medical assistance, CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

Health Update:

We always encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms of illness and to worship from home if you are experiencing any. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for use in our building should you require.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.

Communal Life: Pastor Jon on Vacation. Pastor Jon will be out of the state from June 27-July 12 for vacation. In his absence Pastor Jim Larsen will be covering June 27-July 3 and Pastor Harvey Nelson from July 4-July 12.

Upcoming

Service: Looking for Job Opportunities. The Williamsburg UMC is trying to find employment for the Rasuli-Sayeed family whom they are hosting from Afghanistan (we were hoping to host some other members of this extended family before talks between the US and Taliban broke down). Know of an opportunity? Please contact Brian Agor with info.

Service: Shoes for Grove. This is the 18th year that St. Stephen members have the purpose-filled opportunity to provide sneakers for Grove community students so they can start school this fall in style! If you like to shop, please buy GIRLS sneakers in any size from 6 to 11 or BOYS sneakers any size from 6 to 12, including half sizes for both—these are the most needed sizes but any size will do! Deliver them to the Gathering Space by Sunday, July 30 and we will take them to Grove. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. Stephen Lutheran Church with SHOES FOR GROVE on the memo line.

Communal Life: Cybersecurity Reminder. While we have not had any recent incidents, we would like to remind the congregation that no one associated with St. Stephen will ever ask you for money or a gift card or anything like that. If you received a suspicious email, text, or direct message, please feel free to call the church office directly and double check!

Habitat is coming back to James City County. The need for affordable housing has not decreased since St. Stephen's last involvement with Habitat. They have continued to build 200 homes and rehab 400 others in their history in this area. Since their latest builds were in New Kent County, it made it difficult for us to be involved. They are in the process however of securing land in James City County. The Social Ministry hopes we can again be involved in the fall of 2023. In the meantime, other opportunities to show support are available: On August 19 four sponsors are holding a 1mile fun run/5K run or walk. Registration is at www.RunSignUp.com.

No Shame. Period. provides packs to area ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE schools in Hampton Roads. Each pack contains a pad, new pair of underwear, a bag for soiled underwear, a wipe and a note or item of encouragement Please join us for a packing party before and after our church service on **August 6**. Thanks to leftover supplies from the SSLC women's retreat, the MOST NEEDED are makeup bags or opaque pencil cases and new GIRL's underwear size 10-16 or WOMEN's size small. A bin for donations is in the gathering space. Consider asking friends who may have a stockpile of freebies! A card making station will be available to make short notes of encouragement to include in the packs. Questions? Contact Jeane Moore at 757-508-2050.

<u>Communal Life: Breakfasts.</u> Come to build and deepen relationships – at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Gatherings take place at 8:00 AM.

Thursday, July 6 - Men are invited to join together for breakfast Tuesday, July 11 – Women are invited to join together for breakfast

Health Ministries

Boosting Brain Health

Most people will begin to see changes in brain function as we age. It is normal. Can we improve our brain health? We can certainly make wise choices to help our brains.

Make exercise a priority. Put it on your calendar and treat it like an appointment that can't be missed. If you don't like to exercise by yourself, find a friend that exercise with you. Studies show that people who exercise are 45 percent less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease.

Eat a salad daily. One serving of leafy greens daily is associated with cognitive decline according to a study by Rush University Medical Center. You can add in fruit, beans and whole grains to boost the nutrition.

Go for the berries. Dark colored berries, blueberries and blackberries for example, contain compounds that help to fight inflammation and protect your brain. They can also help to lower your risk of cardiovascular disease.

Other things that have been shown to help, drinking green tea, reading books, and do something new. Learn some words in a different language, listen to new music, or try a new hobby.

Let me know if you have questions.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar – July 9- July 16, 2023

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

SUNDAY, July 9

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)

MONDAY, July 10

TUESDAY, July 11

8:00 AM Womens Breakfast (Colonial Pancake House)

WEDNESDAY, July 12

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, July 13

12:00 PM Bulletin review (Library/Conference room)

FRIDAY, July 14

SATURDAY, July 15

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, July 16

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (Gathering Space)

9:00 AM Blood Pressure Clinic (Nurse Office)

9:45 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)



FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AGENCIES

SATURDAY, JULY 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Drop off items at SMITH MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

6515 Richmond Road (Lightfoot Area)

FOOD

INDIVIDUAL PORTION

- READY-TO EAT FOODS
- BAGS OF DRIED BEANS
- BOXED MASHED POTATOES BOXED - MEALS, ex.
- Hamburger helper
- BOXED RICE
- BOXED SIDE DISHES
- CANNED BAKED BEANS
- CANNED BEANS
- CANNED/JAR BEETS
- CANNED CARROTS
- CANNED CORN
- CANNED GREEN BEANS CANNED MEATS - beef, tuna,
- chicken
- CANNED OR CUPS OF FRUIT
- CANNED PEAS
- CANNED PORK & BEANS CANNED POTATOES OR
- SWEET POTATOES
- CANNED TOMATOES
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CANS OF PASTA MEALS
- POP-TOP PASTA MEALS
- COFFEE
- COLD CEREAL
- CORNED BEEF HASH
- CUP O' NOODLES
- FRUIT CANNED AND CUPS
- GRANOLA/BREAKFAST BARS

- HOT CEREAL INDIVIDUAL FRUIT OR
- VEGETABLE CUPS
 - INDIVIDUAL PEANUT BUTTER
- PACKETS

INDIVIDUAL PORTION CEREAL BOWLS, SPOON

. READY

JUICE - Individual and larger

- containers
- LUNCHABLES SNACKS
- MAC AND CHEESE MICROWAVEABLE MACARONI AND CHEESE
- BOWLS

MICROWAVEABLE OATMEAL

- BOWLS
 - MICROWAVEABLE SOUP
- BOWLS
- PASTA VARIOUS SHAPES
- PASTA SAUCE
- . PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

PORK AND BEANS IN POP-TOP CANS (TEENIE WEENIE

- BEANIES)
 - PREPARED TUNA OR CHICKEN SALAD ENVELOPES
- terraneri
- (STARKIST)
- RAMEN
 - SNACKS CHEESE OR
- PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS
- SNACKS COOKIE PACKS

SNACKS - RICE CRISPY

TREATS

SNACKS - SNACK SIZE CHIPS,

- PRETZELS
- SOUP
- SPAGHETTI
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- SPAM
- STUFFING
- TEA

PERSONAL HYGIENE

ADULT BLADDER

- PROTECTION
- BABY WIPES
- DEODORANT

DIAPERS All but especially

- sizes 5 and 6
 - FEMININE HYGIENE
- PRODUCTS
- · LOTION

PULL UPS All but especially-

- Boys 4-5T
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- * SOAP
- TOOTHPASTE

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- DISHWASHING LIQUID
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- SANITIZING WIPES
- TOILET BOWL CLEANER
- UNSCENTED DRYER SHEETS

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	Alina Dabel
Altar Guild	
Audio-Visual Team	Doug Moore
Bread Baker	Paul Kristiansen
Cantors	Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Communion Assistants	Randy & Chris Punchard
Flower Delivery	Rosemary Stimson
Greeters/Hosts	·
Lectors	Marj Gottschalk-Trone
Tellers	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers	Tom and Sandy Peterkin

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(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)

Holly Ready – Preschool Director (229-6688)

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

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

July 9, 2023

Name:		
For guests and members w	ith changes:	
Address (Home)		
City/State	Zip	
Telephone #	_	
E-Mail Address		
Guests Only: I belong to		
Church Address		
Please check as many as pert	tain:	
Member First time guest		
Regular guest		
Guest (out of town)		
Student at William & N	Mary	
Looking for a church h		
Desire to speak with pa		
Would like more inform	mation about Steph	en Ministry
Would like a Parish Nu	urse to contact me	
Any comments? Please be so necessary.	ure your name is ab	pove, so we may respond, if

Prayer Requests

Name: Please remove from prayer concerns: Name:	Please add to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and	next month's Quill:
• •	Name:	
Name:	Please remove from prayer concerns:	
	Name:	
I/We need a name tag:		