



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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One of 13,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations Around the World

We believe that community is beautiful and messy and fulfilling and conflicted and...the POINT. God calls us together into community for the sake of one another, our neighbors, and creation. We don't always get it right, but we trust that when we center the love and grace that Jesus taught, we will get it right more often than not.

You are welcome here! We don't expect perfect, put-together people; we don't want you to conform to us and our ways; we want you to show up as who you are and to experience the love and grace of God as we have experienced it. And we hope that once you do, you will join us in sharing it with others too.



January 4, 2026
Second Sunday of Christmas

For Your Prayers –Jan 5-11, 2026

Lectionary readings for this week:

Mon – Jan 5:Joshua 1:1-9;Hebrews 11:32—12:2;Psalm 72

Tue Jan 6:Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (11) Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Wed – Jan 7: 1 Kings 10:1-13;Ephesians 3:14-21;Psalm 72

Thu – Jan 8:1 Samuel 3:1-9;Acts 9:1-9;Psalm 29

Fri – Jan 9:1 Samuel 3:10—4:1a;Acts 9:10-19a;Psalm 29

Sat – Jan 10:1 Samuel 7:3-17;Acts 9:19b-31;Psalm 29

Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 (3) Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Ingrid Brown, Preston Burton, Kristin Carter, Bob & Ginny Cummings, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Rita Kristiansen, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, Jim Ogborn, Carl and Mitchell Stauffer, and George Vonderheide.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Ailene Bartlett, Ed Brown, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Sam Areheart, Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Carl Baker, Charles Baugh, Donald and Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Jeffrey Berry, Sr., Lila Bradley, June Brantley, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Richard Boger, Doug Bolick, Kay Braman, Bob Britcher, The family of Scott Hadly, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Michelle Holdsworth, Jaxon Ireland, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Pat Layton, Marnah Lund, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Barry and Mabel Martin, Mabel Mater, Jack Mayfield, Jackie Mazzone, Tom Mifflin, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Jim Monteith, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Maricel Paulin, The Peterson family, Janet Popelas, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, Brian Ritter, Lou Schuster, Pamela Sharp, Kelsey Slay, Vasili Soultoukis, Kenneth & Laura Spencer, Chad Strausbaugh, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Janis Stevenson, George and Jewel Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Jenn Tyson, Matt Weilmuenster, and Elaine Wrich.

Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Welcome

Centering Music

Signs and Wonders

Setting, Egil Hovland

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
**we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.**
**We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized
your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**
**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
oppression, and fear.**
**We confess our failure to make room
for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems
that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.**
**Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**

Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Signs and Wonders

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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.**

Let Our Gladness Have No End



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!
3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!
our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

⁷ Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." ¹¹ For

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

Wor - ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa - lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.

12 Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,
13 **who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**
14 God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
15 **God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly. REFRAIN**
16 God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.
17 **God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
18 The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
19 **God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**
20 The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! **REFRAIN**

Ephesians 1:3-14

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things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Gospel Acclamation *Go tell it on the Mountain (stanzas 1 & 2) Stanza 3 after Gospel*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Gospel

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

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

[¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Prayers

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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

Offering Invitation

We, like the springtime flowers, like winter clouds, are creative and varied in our expressions. Let us gather our offerings, that we might protect each other's Holy Particularities, praising God for all the incredible diversity of creation.

Offering of Music

The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem

Aaron David Miller

Offertory Prayer

We dedicate our offerings to the thriving of all beings, particularly those who have been targets of harm for their blooming, like the wildflowers, into their gender identity. We dedicate our offerings to the protection and thriving of gender nonconforming beloveds, our trans siblings, Drag Queens, and folks whose queerness shines through them like sunlight. Protect your beloveds, oh God. Co-create with us a world for their flourishing. **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 ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*

Communion Hymn

The Bells of Christmas

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

He Came Down

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Blessing

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

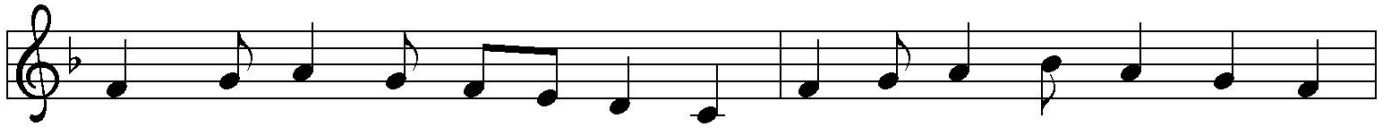
Dismissal Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!** Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

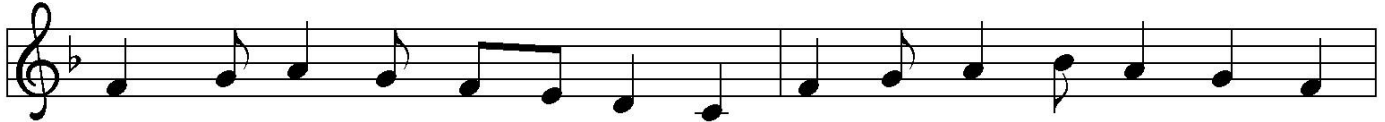
Go Tell it on the Mountain

Arr. Mark Hayes

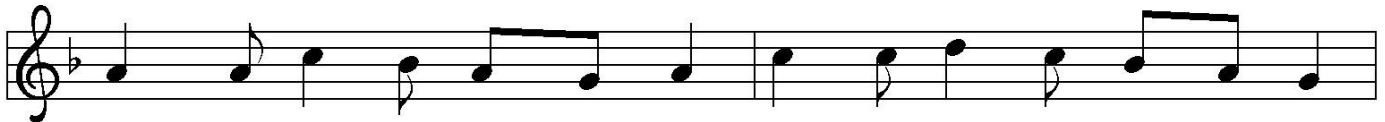
Signs and Wonders



- 1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
- 2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
- 3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;
saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;
bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



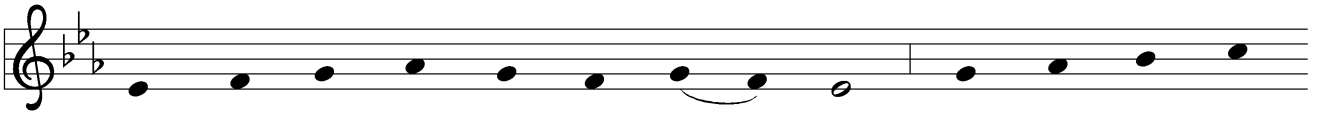
thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.
beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

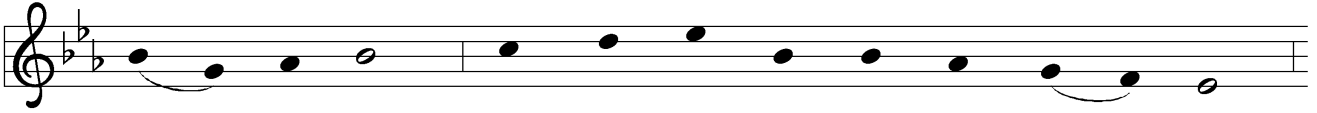
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

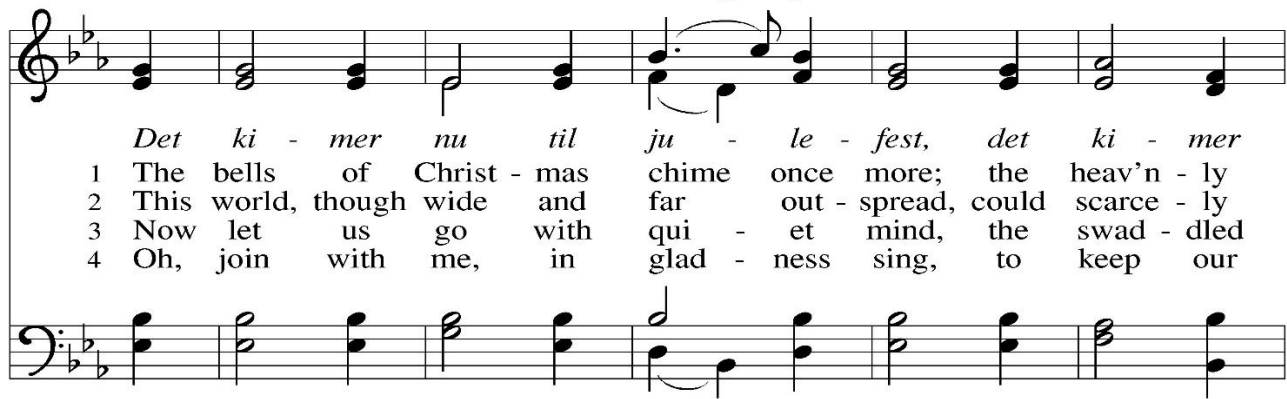


ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.


Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

The Bells of Christmas

Det kimer nu til julefest



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer
 1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:

6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
 and keep your Christmas in our breast;
 then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
 shall swell our jubilee of song.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, 1823–1883, alt.
 Music: DET KIMER NU TIL JULEFEST, Carl C. N. Balle, 1806–1855

He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light;
 he came down that we may have peace; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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As We Gather

Restrooms & First Aid

- ❖ A gender-neutral, family restroom and a Women's restroom can be found in the hallway behind our Worship Space.
- ❖ Additional Men's and Women's restrooms can be found on the lower level of the church building.
- ❖ A first aid kit and an A.E.D. can be found hanging on the wall in the hallway behind our Worship Space.

Live-streaming

- ❖ We regularly live-stream our services and cannot guarantee that you will not appear on our YouTube channel. Sitting in the East Wing or the NE section of the Worship Space will minimize your chances of being on screen. We can also bring communion to you if you inform an usher of that desire.

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.org)
- ❖ When parents and children need to take a break for a few minutes, there's a play area (aka "playground") with toys and books in the East wing of 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.

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 and his many blessings for this new year!

Information & Upcoming

St. Stephen Preschool Registration for the 2024-2025 year is now open to members of St. Stephen, who receive a *10 percent discount on tuition!* Please contact Preschool Administrator **Jessica Kimball** in the Preschool Office for more information.

Have Fun and Support our St. Stephen Preschool during our annual Winter Carnival **Sunday, February 1, 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! Please sign up in the gathering space.

The Women's Monthly Study on Thursday, **January 8**, will be led by Ina Berkey. We'll be discussing "Treasures". Please join us at 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm in the library.

Monthly Breakfasts

Come to build and deepen relationships – **at the Colonial Pancake House**, on the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road. Gatherings take place at **8:00 AM**.

- **Tuesday, January 6 - Women** are invited to join together for breakfast
- **Thursday, January 8 - Men** are invited to join together for breakfast

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 12:30 PM**.

Yoga classes will resume on **Jan 7th 2026**.

Community Meal

Join the preschool for a community meal on **January 12th from 5:30-7:00PM**. We will have several chili options, vegetables, bread, and desserts! We would love for members of the congregation to share in this meal with our families. No cost, though there will be a free-will offering to help support the Linda Laity Hite endowment fund. **Please sign up on the insert or contact the office** so we know how many to plan for.

Winter Book Study

Beyond the Bonnet: Little Women Thematic Study Join us this January for a unique five-week exploration of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* led by Elara Strand. This study looks beyond the plot to examine the history, morality, and social influences of the March sisters' world, and how those themes still speak to us today. Sessions begin the week of **January 12th** with two convenient times: **Mondays at 7:00 PM** or **Tuesdays at 2:00 PM**. Participants should be familiar with the story (book or film) beforehand. We will be using the Penguin Classics edition. All perspectives are welcome as we discuss everything from the Civil War to the "Battle of the Sexes."

St. Stephen Calendar: -January 4-11 2026

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

SUNDAY, January 4 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas

- 8:00AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**
- 9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion**

MONDAY, January 5

- 10:00 PM Staff meeting (Pastor Jon’s Office)
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Library/Conference room)

TUESDAY, January 6

- 8:00 AM Women’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake)

WEDNESDAY, January 7

- 8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering space)
- 5:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool Room)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, January 8

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Colonial Pancake)
- 1:00 PM Women’s Bible study group (Library)
- 5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)
- 7:00 PM Women’s Bible study group (Library)

FRIDAY, January 9

- 9:30-11 AM Book Mobile (cannot access drive way)

SATURDAY, January 10

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference room)
- 5:30 PM Al-Anon (Gathering Space)

SUNDAY, January 11~ Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 8:30 AM Worship – Communion (livestreamed on our YouTube channel)**
- 9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
- 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
- 11:00 AM Worship – Communion**

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) John McCurry
..... (11:00) Pam Buckley
Altar Guild (8:30)
..... (11:00)
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) Tim Judy (11:00) Charles Osborn
Bread Baker..... Ursula Recktenwald
Communion Assistants(8:30) John McCurry and Diane McCurry
..... (11:00) Sandy Croushore and Pam Buckley
Flower Delivery
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) (11:00)
Lectors.....(8:30) Sandy Peterkin (11:00) Nancy Egloff
Pastor Pastor Jon Nelson
Tellers.....
Ushers..... (8:30) Bill Dichtel and George Martin (11:00) Glenn Joppa and Sonya Lim

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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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or give it to an usher.

January 4, 2026

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:

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- _____ 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

Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

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