

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.

Nov 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

For Your Prayers – November 9-15, 2026

Mon – Nov 9: Jeremiah 5:18-31; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20; Psalm 5
Tue – Nov 10: Lamentations 2:13-17; Acts 13:1-12; Psalm 5
Wed – Nov 11: Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9; Psalm 5
Thu – Nov 12: Amos 1:1—2:5; Revelation 8:6—9:12; Psalm 70
Fri – Nov 13: Amos 3:1-12; Revelation 9:13-21; Psalm 70
Sat – Nov 14:Amos 4:6-13; Matthew 24:1-14;Psalm 70
Next Sunday Worship Readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Kristin Carter, Craig Eichfeld, Jim Ivey, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Donna Kittelson, Terri Larsen, Carole Meyer, Gayle Spencer, and Charles Osborn.**

***Pray for those unable to come to worship*: Ailene Bartlett, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jon Lund, Darlene Simon,** and **Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: The families of Bob Alt , Thomas Alt, Randy Altona, Phyllis Andrews, Sam Areheart, Philip Baker, Lisa Baroni, Bob Bastian, Carol Baum, Robi Bayard, Lila Bradley, Dawn Bell, Carol Bergh, Mary Bloom, Doug Bolick, Robert Bunn, David Carr, John Coski, Amaree Cluff, Mary Davis, Ronnie Dodson, Pat D'Orazio, Dru Dowdy, Judy Drezek, Anne Dwiggins, Bob Friend, Danny Gass, Debbie Glenn, Joan Goodhart, Patricia Hallman, Charee Hampton, Sue Hassan and family, Andy Havola, Nick Havola, Bradley, Kim, Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Henry Hespenheide, Lisa Hill, Doris Hillenbrand, Michelle Holdsworth, Jaxon Ireland, Don Johnson, Jim Johnston, Kaitlyn Jones, Connie Kendrick, Carl Kester, Jenn Kramer, Bob Loubach, Pat Layton, Marnah Lund, Doug MacKenzie, Keara Mahony, Trish Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Barry and Mabel Martin, Ellen Martin, Rachel Martin, Mabel Mater, Jackie Mazzone, Jimmy Mitchell, Liz Montalvo, Chuckie Moore, Bob Myers, Jeanette Osborn, Rodger Osborn, Dima Pavlenko, Lloyd Peppard, Coral Pumley, Scott Radley, Kurt Recktenwald, Paula Rega, Brian Ritter, Ruth Sandoval, Lou Schuster, Caleb Seiler, Pamela Sharp, Kelsey Slay, Evelyn Smith, Valerie Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Laura Spencer, Emily Staaker, Charlie Stayton, Chad Strausbaugh, John Steigerwalt, Al Stern, Monika Stern, Lara Templin, Lenorah Thomas, Karli Wallace Thompson, Simone Tucker, Betty Lou Tulloh, Shelly Wrenn, Jen Tyson Elaine Wrich, the families of Lynda Wright, and Bev Utrich.

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

Welcome

Centering Music *Wachet Auf* J. S. Bach

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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying ELW 436
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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**

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is
darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house
and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight
in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I
will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But
let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70



1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. REFRAIN
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **REFRAIN**

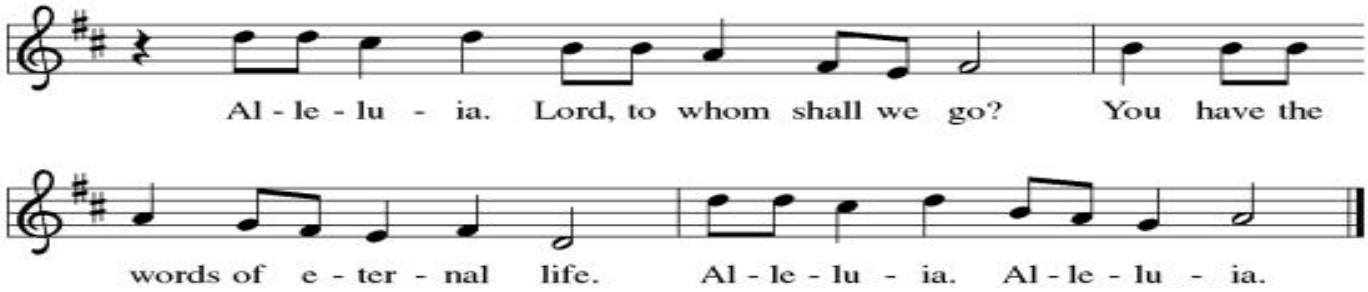
Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ..

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare
to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,

with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.
Response after announcement of the Gospel: ***Glory to you, O Lord****.*
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: ***"Praise to you, O Christ."***

Sermon Rev. Tina Toburen

Hymn of the Day *Deep River* ELW 951
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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
Yes, yes, even seemingly meager offerings become much when offered like dandelion seeds to the wind, taking flight with all the other seeds of change. Let us release to the community what is ours to offer.

Offering of Music *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* arr. John Helgen
Women's Retreat Choir

Offertory Prayer
Holy Spirit, may our collected seeds of solidarity float high enough to clear fences, walls, and even armed check-points, that resources may be used to heal the living and honor the dead. May we, together, bloom a world of gentleness and care. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

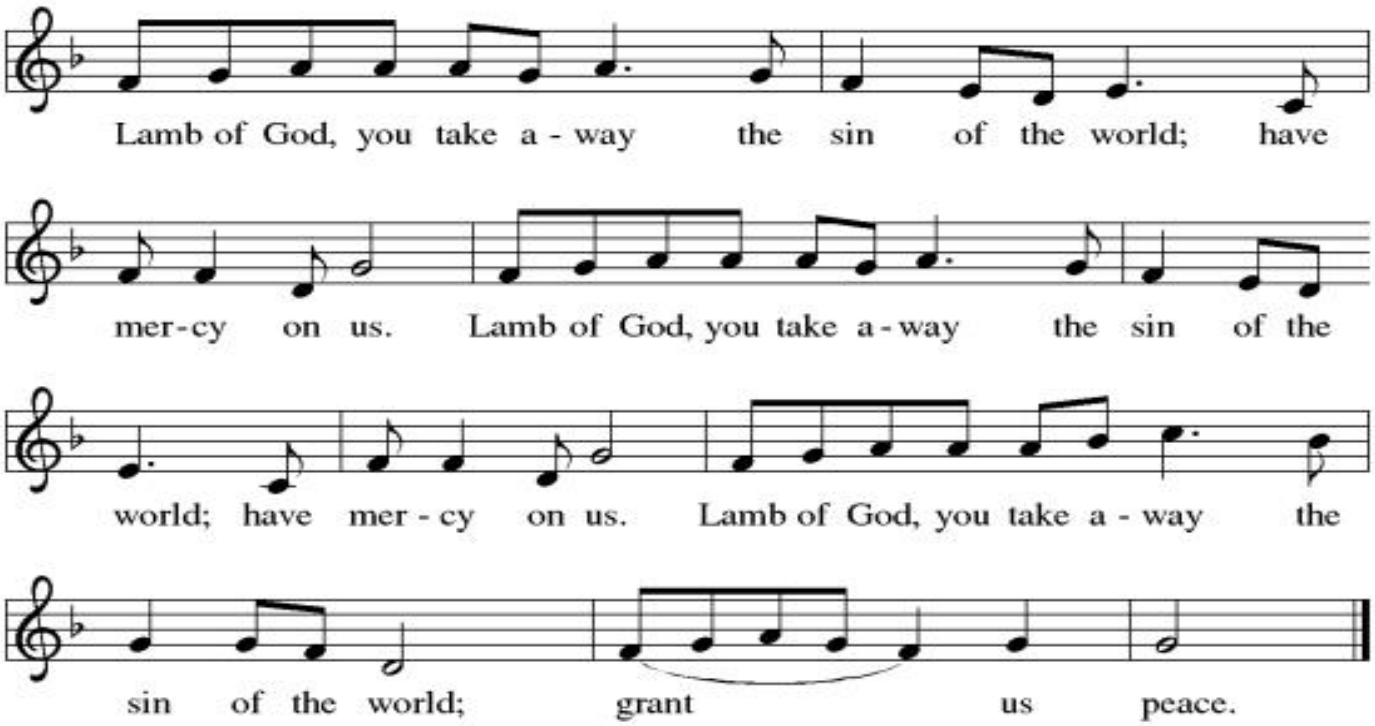
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks … we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>
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 *My Lord, What a Morning* ELW 438
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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* ACS 950
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Blessing
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. Amen.

Dismissal
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *All Saints Medley* Becki Slagle Mayo

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying




The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might
Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!
go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Deep River



Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
Arr. © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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 or Facebook 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. Both services are live streamed.

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 "prayground") 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 by Susan and Leo Bosworth for the glory of God!

Welcoming **the Rev. Tina Toburen** to St. Stephen's pulpit we are truly grateful for her time and talent!

Information & Upcoming

Giving Cards: People can turn in an estimate of giving card in the offering plate or send to the office. Please continue this for the remainder of the year.

Movie & Discussion. All fall films will take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM **in the Fellowship Hall**. Light snacks will be provided. **November 8, 2:00 PM - Dance, Girl, Dance (1940)** Unrated. Come for: Director Dorothy Arzner, starring Maureen O'Hara and Lucille Ball. On the surface it's a backstage melodrama about a ballerina and a burlesque dancer struggling to stay friends while they compete for work and a man (there's always a man). Stay for: The real story. This film is a rare gem: a story of women struggling for artistic achievement, self-actualization, and friendship in a blatantly sexist society. The monologue where Maureen O'Hara takes on the male gaze and mocks the audience is alone worth seeing the whole movie.

FISH Clothes Closet. November is the month SSLC volunteers at FISH. Once again, they have asked us to size clothing. The dates are **Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, and 17 from 10:00 AM to noon**. We need two to four people each Tuesday. Thank you for signing up by emailing Martha Buell, Volunteer Coordinator at mtonka@cox.net

Women's Study: Thursday, November 12
Nancy Egloff will be leading a study of "Pocahontas's People" on Thursday, November 12, in conjunction with Native American Heritage Month. The presentation will be at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the library. We will discuss Indigenous peoples of Virginia in particular, both past and present, with a focus on Indigenous women's roles and contributions to their culture. Please join us – and bring a friend!

Poinsettias and Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund. Please let the Office know if you want to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve ($21.00 each) and/or contribute to the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund for Christmas. This fund helps with those ministries needing assistance during the year for which we have not budgeted. **The deadline for poinsettias is Monday, November 30.**

Community Meal. Join the preschool in a community meal on **November 17th** from **5:30pm-7:30 pm**. We will be having a taco night! We would love for members of the congregation to share in this meal with our families. Please contact the office so we know how many to plan for. office@saintstephenlutheran.net

Caroling! We will be Christmas caroling a little earlier this year. Please mark you calendars for **Dec 6th.** We will all meet at the church and drive to the various communities.Time will be announced as we confirm with the various communities.

St. Stephen Calendar: November 8-15 , 2026

SUNDAY, Nov 8-24th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Women's Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
8:30 AM Worship – Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel)*
9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
10:30 AM Women's Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Communion *(livestreamed on Facebook)*
2:00 PM Movie & Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

MONDAY, Nov 9
8:30-9:30 AM Preschool Speech (Library/Conference Room)
12:30 PM Church Staff Meeting
1:30 PM Bible study (Library/Conference Room)
3:00 PM Finance Meeting (Library/Conference room
6:00 PM Faith5 Meal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, Nov 10
7:00 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, Nov 11
8:55 AM Yoga (Gathering Space)
10:00 AM Worship and Music Committee meeting (Library/Conference room)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Worship Space)
7:00 PM Girl Scouts (Preschool big room)
7:00 PM AA meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, Nov 12
1:00 PM Women's Study (Library/Conference room)
5:30 PM St. Stephen Ringers (Worship Space)
7:00 PM Women's Study (Library/Conference room)

FRIDAY, Nov 13
5:00PM-8:00PM Christmas Craft Night (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, Nov 14
5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Al-Anon (Library/Conference Room)

SUNDAY, Nov 15~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost
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)
9:45 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Library/Conference Room)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Communion *(livestreamed on Facebook)*
6:00 PM LSA Dinner (College Room)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer .....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel
..... (11:00) Sandy Johnson
Altar Guild .....(8:30) Amy Bergh
..... (11:00) Gerri Bass
Audio-Visual Team.....(8:30) Tim Judy (11:00) Charles Osborn & David Nelson
Bread Baker .....Carol Wiers
Cantors ..... (8:30) Karen Shoberg (11:00) Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants .....(8:30) Diana Tiller-Dichtel & Karen Shoberg
.....(11:00) Sandy Johnson & Lori Harms
Flower Delivery .....
Greeters/Hosts.....(8:30) Beth Grant (11:00) Jim & Esther Rollen
Lectors..... (8:30) Sandy Peterkin (11:00) Elara Strand
Pastor.....Rev. Tina Toburen
Tellers.....Jane deSolms and Jim Larsen
Ushers.....(8:30) Jeff and Lisa Bushmire (11:00) Jim Rollen and Glenn Joppa



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

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Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Nov 8, 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:

____ Member
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____ LSA member
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____ 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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