

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Love God, Love People, Form Faith.

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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost August 11, 2024

For Your Prayers -Aug 12-18, 2024

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: 1 Kings 17:1-16 Ephesians 5:1-14 Psalm 81

Tuesday: Ruth 2:1-23 2 Peter 3:14-18 Psalm 81

Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-6 John 6:35-40 Psalm 81 Thursday: Job 11:1-20 Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 34:9-14 Friday Job 12:1-25 Romans 16:17-20 Psalm 34:9-14 Saturday: Job 13:1-19 John 4:7-26 Psalm 34:9-14

Next Sunday's Lessons Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 (10) Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

<u>Join your prayers for healing</u> with God's desires for Trudi Arnold, Karen Bailey, Ed Brown, Steve Bushman, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Jim Mayfield, Carol Meyer and Helen Nelsen

<u>Pray for those unable to come to worship</u>: Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Pat Janot, Marilyn Johnson, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Bob Alt, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, June Brantley, Sharon Brown, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Amy Carl, Karin Cavanaugh, Ruth Ann Coski, Judy Craun, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Martin Flatin, David Gade, Greg Gildner, Joan Goodhart, Sue Hassan and family, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, Jaxon Ireland, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, Trish and Matthew Macerelli, Laura Margolin, Jack Mayfield, The Keith Meins family, Liz Montalvo, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Denise Ogborn, Lori Ogborn, Betty Roth, Kurtis Schultz, Lou Schuster, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Brenda Webster and Caleb Winig.

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

Welcome

Centering Music Baptized in Water

Arr. Jason W. Krug

St. Stephen Ringers

Confession (inspired by Ephesians 4:32, written by Thom Shuman, and posted on http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca) Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray,

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions— yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Silence is kept

Words of Forgiveness

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

Gathering Hymn

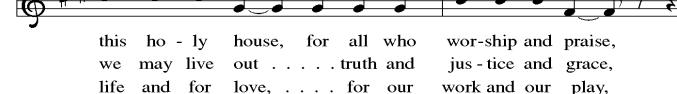
Baptized in Water

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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.**

Kyrie Refrain on our world and on Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, our way. Ky-ri - e e - lei day. son, ev-'ry For peace in the world, for the health of church, for the 1 the 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse the peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in for our homes, 4 For your Spir-it guide; that you cen - ter lives in the to our all; for ty of ni u and the that hun gry poor; friends and fam i ly; for wa ter and the word; that you



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Prayer of the Day

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Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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



¹I will bless the LORD | at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory | in the LORD; let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD; let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who | answered me and delivered me from | all my terrors. *Refrain*

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and de- | livers them.

⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! *Refrain*

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go

down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

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

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God;

he has seen the father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon Drawn to God

Pastor Jon Nelson

Silence for prayer and reflection.

Hymn of the Day

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Merciful God," Response: "receive our prayer."

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

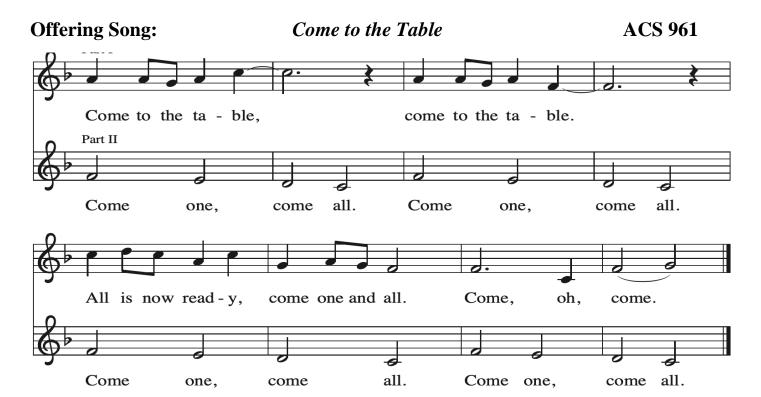
Offering

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

A Joyful Peal
St. Stephen Ringers

Greg Gilpin



Offertory Prayer

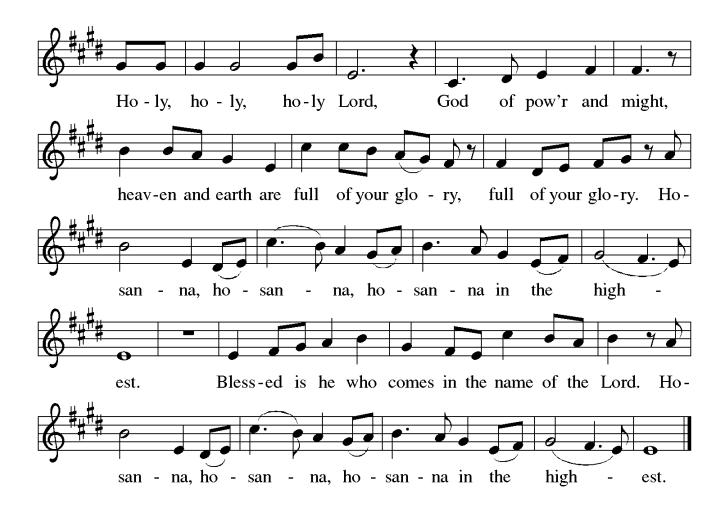
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

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 and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



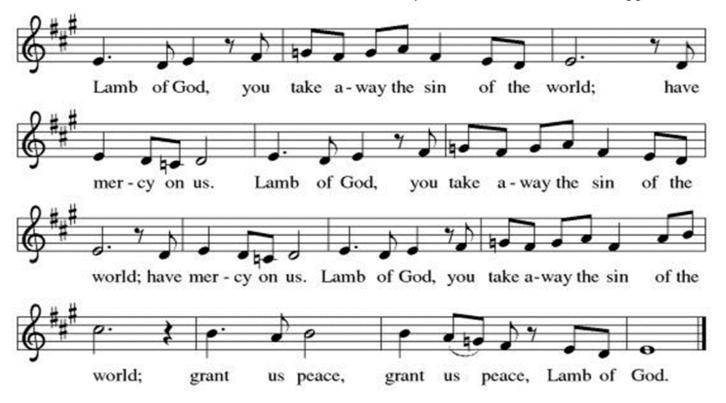
Words of Institution

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.



Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love

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Communion Music

What Feast of Love
St. Stephen Ringers

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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

Sending Hymn *I Come with joy*

ELW 482 Bulletin page15 Blessing
The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

→ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I Come With Joy St. Stephen Ringers Arr. Jason W. Krug

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Baptized in Water



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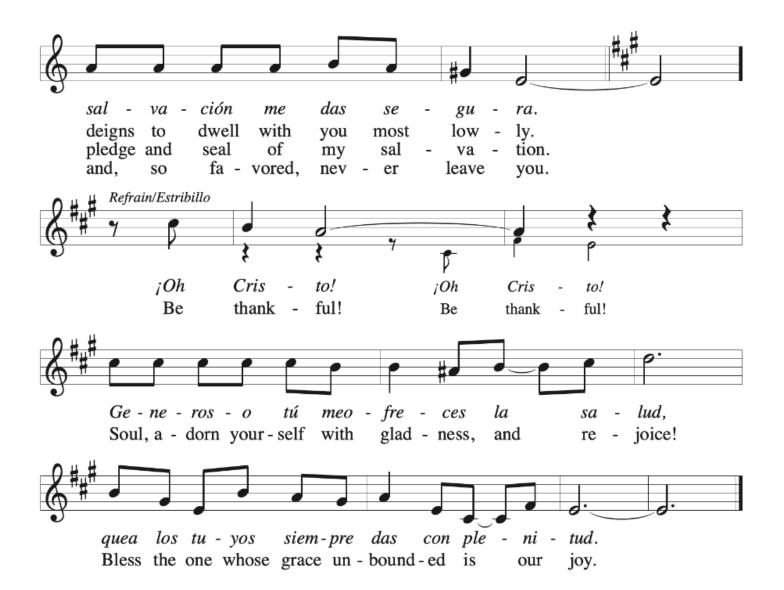
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Vengo a ti, Jesús amado

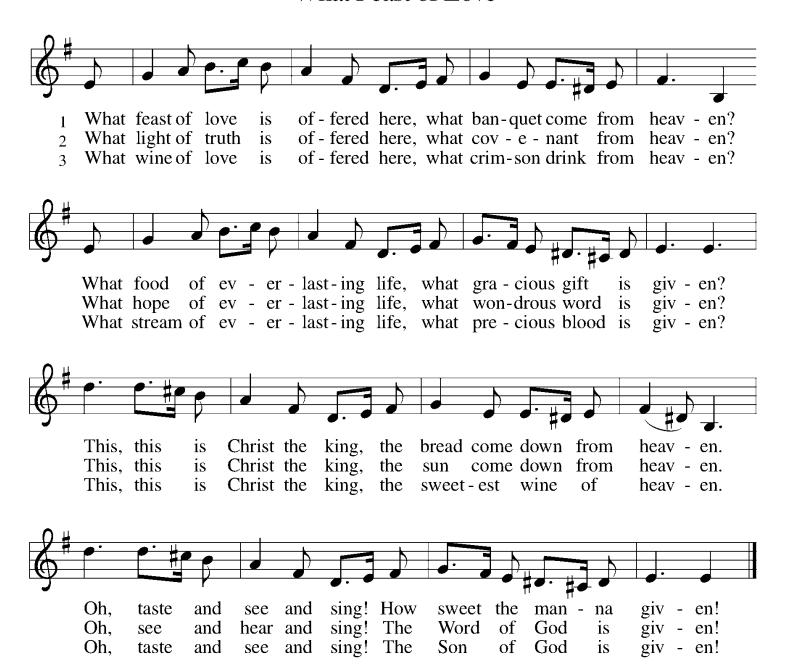




- Vida ofrece, y paz preciosa tu palabra poderosa; por unirse al elemento hace el santo sacramento.
 Con el pan y vino adquiero cuerpo y sangre del Cordero.
 ¡Oh, misterio tan profundo!
 ¿Quién lo entiende en este mundo? Estribillo
- 3 Ya mi alma tú libraste, y el pecado tú quitaste, cual preludio de tu cielo, hoy me gozo en tu consuelo. Cielos, tierra, noche y día te den gracias a porfía: "Por tus múltiples favores, gracias mil y mil loores!" Estribillo

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677, stanzas; Esther Bertieaux, b. 1944, refrain; tr. composite Spanish stanza text © 1964 Publicaciones "El Escudo," admin. Augsburg Fortress. English stanza text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Refrain text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

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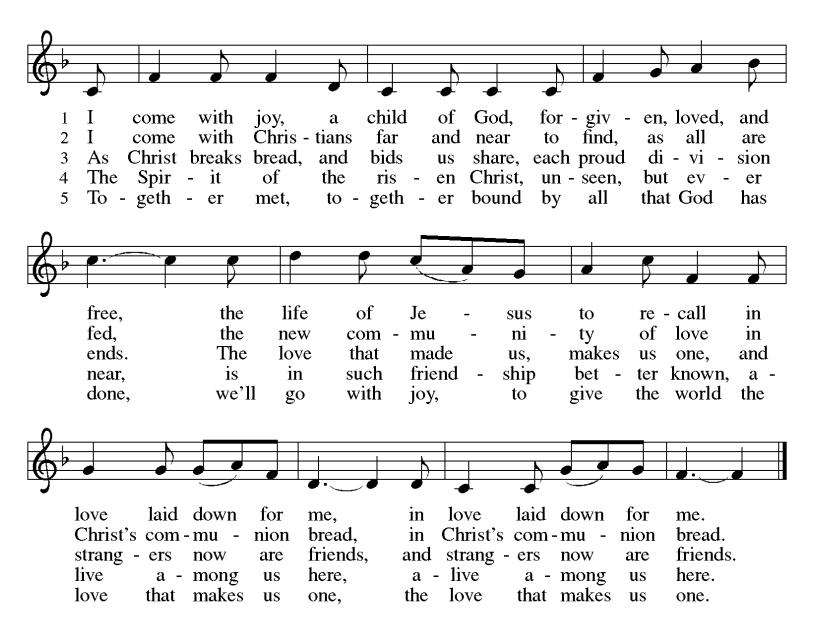


Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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I Come with Joy



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmonv, 1835

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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 "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.

<u>Health Update</u>: 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

<u>Flowers this morning</u> are given by Paul & Rita Kristiansen in loving memory of our parents.

Moving Furniture after Service in the Preschool Room and the Fellowship Hall

Upcoming

<u>Service: Floor Cleaning and Waxing</u>. We are having the floors of the building cleaned and waxed this week of **August 12-16. The floors will not be able to be walked on**. We will also need help the following Saturday, August 17 starting at 10:00AM as we seek to reset the furniture to where it belongs.

<u>From His Hands and Meals on Wheels "Summer Meals for Kids 2024"</u> needs our help each Tuesday this Summer from June 18th through August 20th to help prepare lunches for local children.



St. Stephen Fall 2024 Women's Retreat: "Walking the Spiritual Journey" Registration forms are on the way!

Friday evening social, Sept. 27 * Saturday retreat program, led by our own Christina Nelson, Sept. 28 * Sunday sermon, by Kristen Berkey-Abbott, Sept. 29 Plan to come (and bring a friend!) for part or all of the retreat weekend! A light continental breakfast and box lunch are provided on Saturday. Venue: St. Stephen Lutheran Church Outreach project: School kits for Lutheran World Relief

Each kit will contain the following items:

- **70-sheet Spiral Notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8"x 10½"; no loose leaf-paper. Note: Four notebooks will be included in each kit.
- **Crayons** − 1 box of 16 or 24.
- $\mathbf{Ruler} 1$ with centimeters, or centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil Sharpener -1.
- Blunt/17 safety Scissors − 1 pair.
- Unsharpened No. 2 Pencils with Erasers 5.
- Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink) -5.
- 2 ½" Eraser 1.

We are asking for donations of these items. Please look for a basket and poster in the gathering space. Monetary donations can be made by writing a check to St. Stephen and putting "Special Campaign – School Kits" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Buckley at 757.869.3373 or GuamMom16@aol.com. Thank you for any help you can give!

<u>Afghan Refugee Assistance-</u> The family that St. Stephen has helped knows a young lady who is currently in need of a room for rent in the Williamsburg area and is having trouble finding assistance. If you know of a room or someone in need of a roommate please contact Lida Kharooti at 757-817-9090.

You've Got Talent! Come One, Come All, Come Young or Older, there's a place for you! Over the course of the coming months the Stewardship Committee invites you to consider the many ways you might use your talents. In August we are featuring Worship and Music opportunities in the Gathering Space. Then in September you can explore the Learning and Caring ministries within St Stephen. The rest of the year in conjunction with the Social Ministry Committee we will focus on some of the many ministries we are involved in out in the world. Where might you find new ways to use your talents and be God's Hands?

Choir "Warm-ups" for Fall On August 18 and August 25, our Matins and



Chancel Choirs will have joint choir rehearsals following worship. This is a quick 45 minute run-thru of music to hit the ground running for our fall choir season. Please join us at one or preferably both practices from 11-11:45AM. Regular rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 4 for the Chancel Choir at 7:00PM. Matins Choir will have a brief rehearsal on Sunday, September 8 - 11:00-11:15 AM, and then beginning September 15, Matins' rehearsals will be back to the normal 9:30AM time slot.

Outdoor Worship at Chickahominy Park. Given the fun we had at our start of summer picnic at Freedom Park we decided to do it again, this time with worship! We will have an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 1st at 10:00 AM in the shelter between the playground and pool at Chickahominy Park. We have invited OSLC to join us. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns, water, lemonade, plates, cups, and silverware will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and your own lawn chairs. Please RSVP so we can plan an appropriate amount of food, you can let us know you're coming (and your numbers) by either marking the bulletin sign-up sheet or contacting the SSLC office.

St. Stephen Calendar – August 11th-18th , 2024

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

SUNDAY, August 11~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

11:30 AM Help Move Furniture (Fellowship Hall and Preschool Area)

MONDAY, August 12

Church Offices Closed (First Floor)

3:00PM Finance Committee meeting (Gathering Space)

TUESDAY, August 13

Church Offices Closed (First Floor)

10:00 AM Women's Retreat meeting (Gathering Space)

7:00 PM Council Meeting (Gathering Space)

WEDNESDAY, August 14

Church Offices Closed (First/Second Floor)

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Gathering Space/Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, August 15

(Second Floor Closed)

FRIDAY, August 16

(Second Floor Closed)

SATURDAY, August 17

10:00 AM Help Move Furniture (Fellowship Hall and Preschool Area)

5:30 PM AA Meeting (Library/Conference Room)

5:30 PM Al-ANON Family Meeting (Gathering space)

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9:00AM Coffee and Fellowship (Gathering Space)

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

11-11:45AM ALL Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer	Alina Dabel
Altar Guild	Amy Bergh
Audio-Visual Team	Tim Judy and Charles Osborn
Bread Baker	Amy Bergh
Cantor	Sandy Croushore
Communion Assistants	Jennifer Dabel and Alina Dabel
Flower Delivery	Nelia Lamoureux
Greeters/Hosts	Paul & Rita Kristiansen
Lectors	Karen Nester and Cyndy Touhasaent
Preacher & Presider	Pastor Jon O Nelson
Tellers	Jane deSolms, Susan Britcher, Jim Larsen
Ushers	George Bass and Art Nelsen

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All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

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Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (757-873-2273; 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.

August 11, 2024

Name:
For guests and members with changes:
Address (Home)
City/StateZip
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 a Stephen Minister to contact me
Any 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 nex	t month's Quill:
Name:	
Please remove from prayer concerns:	
Name:	
I/We need a name tag:	
I/we will be attending the outdoor service on Sept 1st	#