

**St. Stephen's
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The First Sunday in Lent



Girl Scout Sunday takes place during Girl Scout Week. The week revolves around March 12, the birthday of Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Sunday is the first Sunday before March 12. The purpose of this special day is to emphasize that we take the Girl Scout Promise seriously "On my honor, I will try to serve God." It is a time for Girl Scouts to reflect upon the importance of the words, "to serve God."

Today we are happy to welcome members of the Girl Scout Troops that meet here at St. Stephen's. The girls will serve in both worship services as well as provide breakfast for us between 9&11am.

Please stay late or come early and get to know our Girl Scouts.

**DONATE
BLOOD TODAY**



Today the One Blood Bus is here at St. Stephen's. This is a great opportunity to save a life by a donation blood. All donors will receive a Free One Blood St. Patrick's Day T-Shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!
(Prepare to donate by eating a good breakfast with the Girl Scouts)
See you on the bus!

**There will a Staff Meeting Monday,
March 11th @10:30am**



Please join us this Wednesday night and all the Wednesday nights in Lent at 6:30pm for a soup supper and a Bible study on the Book of James. On our first meeting Fr. David will provide the soup after that we will ask folks to sign for the following Wednesday Nights. The Bible study will be led by Fr. Rob and Fr. David.
Bring your Bible and study the Book of James.

**St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor**



OUR VESTRY

2019-Richard Eijo, Karen Beasley, Marcia Heath
2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Ben Cochran
2021- David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell
Treasurer: Bruce Goers
Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski



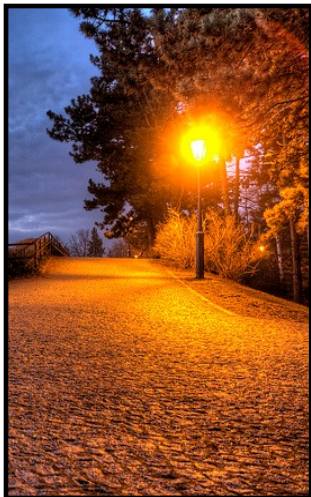
All 2018 Giving Statements have now been placed in parishioners' mail boxes at the Sanctuary or at the Worship Center or have been mailed out.

If you did not receive your Statement, or if you received an incorrect Statement please call the office @ 863-646-6115
Thank you for your patience while awaiting your receipts.

Light For My Path

Several years ago Fr. David wrote a book by book summary of the Bible and we got through the Old Testament. There are black boxes in each worship area with files of each book and folders for you to put them in. During Lent Fr. David will resume these summaries beginning with the Gospel of Matthew.

If you have any questions please see Priscilla Kight or call the office at 646-6115.



Our annual Worship in Action Sunday will be next Sunday, March 17th.

The Bible talks a lot about worship. It's pretty clear that we are called to worship God. It's also clear that there isn't just one way to worship God. Our whole lives can be an act of worship. Each year we at St. Stephen's step out of our worship norm and try to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Next Sunday we will be putting that idea to use. Instead of having our regular Sunday services we will be working on various projects here on our property and outside of St. Stephen's. There are sign up sheets in each worship area for these projects.

Please take time to check out the "Actions" and sign up. We have plenty of work for folks of all ages and abilities. Whether you are young or not so young there is something for your skill level.

At noon we will all meet back at the Parish hall for a cover dish lunch. The main dish, Ham, will be provided and you are ask to bring a side dish to share. Following lunch there will be a brief service in the worship center.

Please don't skip out on this opportunity to *Worship in Action*

Verse of the Week - 2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciles to God.

P.E.A.C.E. (Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment) is composed of congregations across Polk County to build justice ministries and solve problems affecting us and our neighbors.

For example, there are 4,000 homeless children in our schools who, with parents, sleep in cars or couch-surf due to the high cost of housing. Additionally, mental health problems and lack of treatment, cause joblessness, crime, and poverty.

St. Stephens joins 20+ other faith-based groups, crossing denominational, political, and racial lines, to bring justice to our community.

PLEASE SIGN the chart in the Narthex and agree to attend the P.E.A.C.E. Action on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30 pm at Resurrection Catholic Church.



The P.E.A.C.E organization is composed of congregations throughout Polk County. It's mission is to identify community problems and to work together to resolve them.

As we build justice ministries, we build power, meeting with elected and other county and city officials in person and at our Nehemiah action ... "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God." Micah 6:8.

Successes of P.E.A.C.E. are:

- **Opening five primary care clinics to serve uninsured and under insured residents.**
- **Pressing the County Commission to allocate \$450,000 from the indigent health care funds for outpatient mental health care.**
- **Reducing the number of school students arrested for minor, nonviolent offenses.**

For more information please see John or Pete McArthur



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

March 3rd, 2019

Attendance: 187

Income: \$8053.00

Bucks for our Buildings:\$43.00

Please Join Us

Come Join Us For A Fun Afternoon next Saturday, March 16th from 1-3:00pm. There will be an African Fashion Show and Tea along with door prizes, silent auction and authentic items from Kenya for sale. (All proceeds will benefit various Children's projects in Kenya)



March 10th: Worship @ 9 & 11, Girl Scouts Breakfast Blood Mobil, Youth Group @6:30pm

March 11th: Staff Meeting @ 10:30

March 12th: Talbot House

March 13th: Soup Supper & Bible Study @6:30pm

March 15th: Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

March 16th: African Tea

March 17th: Worship in "Action" Sunday



The flowers on the Altar have been given
in Loving Memory of
Bob Stockwell by Marge Stockwell



March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper
- 2 Scott Sauve
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 8 Pat Doyle
- 10 Samantha Denstedt
Evalyn Duncan,
Gloria Thomason
- 11 Mary Lou Garland
- 12 Christopher Steadman
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 15 Luna Denstedt
- 16 Bill Heath
- 20 Deb Brock
- 22 Fran Auclair, Richard Eijo
Shirley Rumpel
- 25 Joe Adams
Schuyler Denstedt
- 30 Adyline Rae Dillon



March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 19 Ken & Anna Butler
- 21 Major & Priscilla Kight
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson


St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Patricia Williams, (Lung Cancer) Jessica Sherotski, breast cancer, Jacob Leahy, Shannon Black, **Scott Barham**, Bryan Stockwell, chronic lymphatic leukemia, **(Marge Stockwell's son)**, Karen Stockwell, Stroke, Peggy Taylor, cancer surgery, (Fr. Jim Taylor's mother), **Rick Roach**, stroke, Regina Victoria, **Ernie Palmer, prostate cancer, David Dresser**, Severe Back issues, **Pat Martin**, Multiple Health Issues. Scott Johnson, (**Judy Horne's** brother, Myelofibrosis) **Sally Templeton**, (heart), **Rick Rahn** (prostate cancer) **Janell Repsher**, lung problems, **Bill Warneke** vision, **Trudi Lithgow, Roy Reynolds** heart problems, **Pat Dupont** back problems, **Ken Horne, Michele Giberson** Autoimmune disorder, Bethany and Stetson Glass, prayers for successful adoption (**Marge Stockwell's grand daughter**) Carol Kahlenberg mental illness (**Evie McCormick's friend**), **Susan Cardman** MS, **Sandy Gibson**, Salena and her family (**Janet Casini's family**) Kevin Jackimowicz back and hip (**Kim's husband**), Isabel Clayton, RA (**Evie McCormick's friend**), **Gene Dumaresq** bladder cancer, Yvonne Kimble, breast cancer (**Betty Pratt's Niece**), Mary K breast cancer, **Lindsay Zielinski** autoimmune disorder, JC and Heather Presley, multiple health issues, **Mavis Walker**, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, Stroke, Ron Cain, Sea Scout, cancer, Whitney Hand, multiple illnesses, Ali Smith, Mr. Havlett, Maria Figueroa Rodriguez, friend of Jim Heal, Cindy and Family, George and Alice

Pregnant: Jerney and Colleen Gagne (**Pat Dupont's grandnephew**), Gretchen and Eric, (**Ginny Martin's granddaughter**)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Nancy Bailey, Jim & Jo Willey, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman, Roger & Pat Doyle, Tom Crawford

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15 Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist	11 Staff Meeting @ 10:30	12 Talbot House @ 5:00	13 Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	15 Office Closed	16 African Tea 1:00-3:00
17 9:00-Noon  Noon: Cover Dish Lunch 6:30pm Youth Group	18 Staff Meeting @ 10:30	19 Vestry Meeting 6:00	20 Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:30pm	21 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Ruby Tuesday's Choir Rehearsal 7pm	22 Office Closed	23