

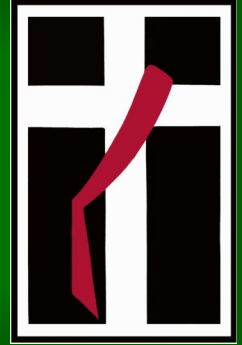
**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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FYI 2021

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**VBS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
This Tuesday, October 5th
5:30-7:30pm
\$6/plate (take-out only)**

FINALLY... our famous spaghetti dinner returns this week! October will be take-out only. We hope to resume in-person dining soon. For \$6 you get a generous portion of spaghetti with meat sauce, a salad, homemade garlic bread, and a dessert. Help support our VBS program by picking up your dinner Tuesday.



If you would like to help with cooking or packing dinners, please see Karen Spiller, 863-458-0981, jazzyteach2@yahoo.com.



**It's Today, October 3rd, 2-3pm!
Drive-thru Blessing of the Animals**

Pack up Fido & Fluffy and come to our Drive-Thru Blessing of the Animals this afternoon at 2pm. Perfect for keeping your animals calm, just drive into our parking lot and your pet will receive a blessing, medallion and treat while remaining in your vehicle. All animals are welcome. This is an annual event to commemorate the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Give Us a Name for our
All Saints' Wall of Remembrance**



We have the multicolored sheets of paper out in your worship area to receive the name of your loved one. These will be displayed on All Saints' Sunday, November 7th. If you are worshipping remotely, call the office 863-646-6115 or email us at ststlinda@gmail.com and we'll fill out a sheet for you. Please be sure to let us know by October 31st to have your loved one included.

Inside/Outside Worship Continues

10am Worship in the Sanctuary
(masked and socially distanced)

10am Worship in the
Garden Chapel

Join us as we continue to provide an outside venue while conditions hopefully continue to improve.



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



2021-Liz Barham, David Dresser, Debbie Powell
2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine
2023-Karen Beasley, Richard Eijo, Carol Reynolds

Treasurer: Charles Bradford

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

October Diaper Drive Collection



Our Polk County families could use your help! We are currently collecting diapers in **Newborn sizes to Size 6** and wipes of

any kind. This collection will benefit the Early Learning Coalition of Polk County's families in the Nurse-Family Partnership Program.

Your September toiletry items were appreciated and we thank you for your continued support of our St. Stephen's Outreach Ministry.

A cause you can really get behind.



COMMUNION AT HOME



Time for a Home Communion Refill

Bring back your empty kit container and get a full one for October! We have them in the kitchen and office refrigerators. If you are worshipping at home, we can give you a month's worth of pre-consecrated communion to use during our online services. No-touch delivery can be arranged if needed.



Still Proofing our October 2021 Directory Information— Please Check Yours

Parish Directory Proofs for additions & corrections are in your worship area this Sunday – please **make changes on one of our proof copies by October 10th** so we can have the new directory ready by October 24th.

For new entries, there is a form in the narthex. If you aren't sure your information is correct and are unable to check the proof copies, call the office or email ststlinda@gmail.com with your correct name(s), address, email(s), phone(s), and birthday/anniversary dates.

This week's Holy Hike is cancelled—sorry. Possible change in hiking day coming.

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TONIGHT 6:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Youth Group is open to middle and high school youth. Email ststyouth@gmail.com for more information or see Ms. Lula Peoples or Ms. Rachel Workman.



Thanks for your donations of "youth meals" keeping our middle and high schoolers well fed.

A Note From Your Parish Secretary



Next Sunday October 10th is Clergy Appreciation Sunday. Please consider writing a note to Father David, Father Rob & Deacon Doug. Shepherding a church during a pandemic is stressful and it's always nice to hear good things from parishioners.

Replacement Trees and Plants Needed

If you would like to donate a tree or a plant on our campus in memory or in honor of a loved one, please let David Dresser know, ststswarden@gmail.com



upcoming EVENTS

- Oct 3 2:00pm Drive-Thru Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 5 VBS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (take-out)
- Oct 12 Talbot House Chili Night
- Oct 10 Clergy Appreciation Sunday (write a note to our clergy)
- Oct 21 5:30pm Talbot House fundraiser dinner at Sun 'n Fun Skylight Hangar
- Oct 26 6:00pm Vestry Meeting



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."

September 26, 2021

Attendance:	Inside	44
	Outside	40
Total		84

Month of August Income \$33,708.28
Month of August Expenses 28,362.93

events

here's what's going on!

Still Happening Every Week—Join Us!

Monday-Friday 8:00am Online Morning Prayer
8:00pm Online Compline

Wednesdays 9:00am Holy Eucharist II in the Sanctuary with Father Rob
9:45am Bible Study in the Sanctuary with Father Rob
"Women in the Biblical Story"
12noon Book Study in the Worship Center with Father David
Perelandra by C.S. Lewis
6:30pm Bible Study in the Small Group Room with Father Rob
Book of Acts

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND WORSHIP



Verse of the Week—Mark 10:14
Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the
kingdom of God belongs to such as these.



***The flowers on the altar have been
given by Bill Baggett
in thanksgiving for our clergy and staff***

October Birthdays

3 Lynn Whitt
6 Tom Hiber
Carol Vonesh
7 Louis Bloodworth
9 Geneann Thompson
Phil Wortman
10 Chase Grandone
11 Bethellen Reinert
15 Ava Naples
17 Scott Dickie
Lyla Peddycoart
21 Avery Enriquez
25 Mary Statzer
26 Marion Stewart
27 Jim Cross
28 Michele Jump
29 Barrett Alley
David Ling
30 Lylah Denstedt
Major Kight
Debra Powell
31 Barbara LeMond
Kai Richardi



October Anniversaries

1 Nelson & Shirley Rumpel
6 Saint & BreAnna Jones
8 Ray & Karen Spiller
17 K.C. & Susan Eapen
Mike & Lynn Whitt
18 Buster & DeAnn Brown
21 Kit & Evalyn Duncan
28 Matt & Trish Grandone
31 Robert & Savannah Dillon



**St. Stephen's Prayer List
(Parish Members are in Bold)**

Prayer Needs: Kevin Ames (**David Dresser's** cousin), Terry Avery (**Joe & Robin Adams'** friend), Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Betty Calhoun**, **Stephen Calhoun**, Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend) **Annie Delling**, Martha G. Duncan (**Susan MacGilvray's** neighbor) **Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), **Evalyn Duncan**, **Kit Duncan**, **Eileen Fox**, **Morgan Goers**, **John Gove**, Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Ginny Hiber**, **Dan Howes**, Aubrey Hutson (Fr. Rob's friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), **John McArthur**, Sandra Mewborn (from Tropical Doll Study Club), **Steve Meyer**, Cassandra & Hannah Ortner (**Nancy Moses'** cousins), Cindy Racette (from Tropical Doll Study Club), Lou Ann Reckord (from **Trudi Lithgow**), **Janell Repsher**, **Roy Reynolds**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Stacey Santiago (**Dresser** family friend), Mark Schultz (**Harry Solloway's** friend), **Marion Stewart**, **Marge Stockwell**, **Bill Thompson**, **Carol Vonesh**, **Dailia Walker**, **Juliana Walker**, **Bill Warneke**.

Pregnancy: Eric & Brooke Wortman (**Phil & Gail Wortman's** grandson), Chase & Maddy Wilder (**Dugan & Judy Wilder's** grandson)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Rick Rahn, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

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