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The 5th Sunday of Lent



Passover Dinner & Seder

Join us on 4/2/23 at 5:00pm for a homecooked Passover Dinner of roast lamb or beef. Roasted vegetables and fruit, signup sheets at each service.

Then we'll share the Exodus Story through the symbolic Seder plate. Fundamental to both Judaism and Christianity, we'll hear and taste how the LORD hears the prayers of His people, frees us from sin and death, and brings us to a Promised Land, just as Jesus shared with His disciples at the Last Supper.



**DON'T MISS OUR DAILY
90-SECOND SERMONS ON FACEBOOK AT
10AM TO GO WITH YOUR LENTEN
DEVOTIONAL CARDS**

NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS APRIL 5TH

We will meet Wednesday, April 5th, 10am in the Small Group Room to stuff Easter candy bags and assemble plastic eggs for the Easter morning egg hunt. If you're interested in participating, just call or email the office to volunteer!



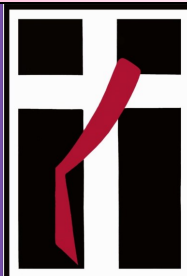
Easter Bonnet Contest

**"In your Easter bonnet
With all the frills upon it
You'll be the grandest person
In the Easter parade"**

**Break out your hats and glue guns and
get ready for a
great time at our
annual Easter
Bonnet Contest on
Easter Morning at
10:15.**



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



2023-Karen Beasley, Carol Reynolds, Sr. Warden-Karen Spiller
2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers
2025-Nancy Wenham, Nancy March, Jr. Warden Major Kight

Treasurer: David Dresser

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



Easter Flowers Dedication Sheets in Your Worship Area

Look for forms marked "Easter Flowers" and fill out a form with your dedication. Your attached \$20 payment may be placed in the collection plate or sent to the church office. Please have your form turned in by Palm Sunday, April 10th in order to have your dedication in the Easter FYI. Flowers will be planted on the church grounds afterward to beautify our property.

This Month's Holy Hikes will be as follows:

- 3/2/23 Circle B-Bar Reserve***
- 3/9/23 Lake Hollingsworth (paved)***
- 3/16/23 Lakeland Highland Scrub***
- 3/23/23 Bonnet Springs (paved)***
- 3/30/23 Seven Wetlands (Loyce E. Harpe Park)***

Pre-Hike Prayer & Prep @ 9:00am, Please come join Us!



The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday after the 9:00am service at 10:00am. The meeting will be held in the Scout room

Thirty diners from St. Stephen's Lunch Bunch went to Miller's Ale House last week. Next month we are going to Fred's Market Restaurant, contact Lyla Peddycoart at lpeddycoart6@gmail.com



upcoming EVENTS



- 3/28/23 PEACE Nehemiah Action
- 4/2/23 Palm Sunday, one Service
- 4/2/23 Passover/Seder 5:00pm
- 4/3/23 Staff Meeting 10:00
- 4/3/23 Lenten Quiet Service
- 4/5/23 Stuffing Easter Bags
- 4/5/23 Stations of the Cross
- 4/6/23 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
- 4/7/23 Good Friday Service Noon
- 4/7/23 Good Friday Cross Walk 12:45
- 4/7/23 Good Friday Service 7:00pm
- 4/9/23 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am
- 4/9/23 Easter Services 9:00 & 11:00
- 4/9/23 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
- 4/9/23 Easter Brunch 10:00
- 4/9/23 Easter Bonnet Contest 10:15
- 4/9/23 Brunch Continued 12:00
- 4/10/23 Office Closed until 4/17/23

Easter Brunch Help Needed!

We need breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit and baked goods in addition to people to help set-up and clean up after the day's brunches.



March 19, 2023 Attendance

9:00am	43
11:00am	60
Total	103

Look for the bright yellow **BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING** envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

Invitation to Nehemiah Action

It starts 6:30 p.m. March 28, this coming Tuesday. Everyone interested in supporting this year's Nehemiah Action is urged to come. There's no cost. It helps fulfill our Christian responsibility to work for justice and help others. It's in person this year at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Terrace Way, Lakeland. The annual Nehemiah Action reflects hours of research, prayer and persuasion by members of **Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment**.

St. Stephens, Resurrection Catholic and 20-plus other churches are part of **PEACE**. At the action, public officials are asked to work with PEACE in making changes to help those in need. Lakeland and Winter Haven officials will be praised for their current efforts on adding affordable housing, while being asked to do more.

Local governments are being asked to help renters get substandard, unhealthy living conditions corrected without fear of eviction. Law enforcement officials are being asked to use and expand pre-trial diversion for adults charged with minor offenses. Second chances for first-time offenders. Pre-trial diversion imposes consequences, but it's not logged as an arrest.

Verse of the Week: Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.



*The Lenten greenery on the altar is Trudi Lithgow in Memory of
Robbie Robinson, Sr.*

March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper
Michael Ferguson, Sam Jerome
- 2 Scott Sauve, Abigail Lankford
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 4 Connie Befus
- 8 MaryLou Taylor
- 10 Samantha Denstedt
Evalyn Duncan
Gloria Thomason
- 11 MaryLou Garland
- 12 Christopher Steadman-Jones
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 15 Luna Denstedt
- 16 Cameron Abbey, Bill Heath
- 20 Deb Brock
- 22 Richard Eijo, Shirley Rumpel
- 23 Jerry Jerome
- 25 Joe Adams, Schuyler Denstedt
- 29 Mary Trimbath
- 31 Paiton Troup

March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Nathan Baker (**Judy Elam's** friend), Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's** sister) **Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Janet Casini, Roz Coleman (Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Cross, Annie Delling, Roger Doyle, Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), **Evalyn Duncan, Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers, Angela Grilli (Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Heal, Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's** sister), Edith Hughes (**Ginny Hiber's** friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz, Ken & Clair Jones (Roger Doyle's** friends), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's** friend) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy, Tom MacGilvray (Susan MacGilvray's** Brother in Law) Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Lou Ann Reckord (**Trudi Lithgow**), **Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds, Melody Richardi (Kai Richardi's** mother), Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Shannon Rover, (**Judy and Ken Horne's** friend), Sheryl Short(Tropical Doll Club), **Harry Solloway, Patti Soper (Major Kight's** sister), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **John Starling, Marion Stewart, Bryan Stockwell (Marge Stockwell's** son), **Marge Stockwell, Bill Thompson, Carol Vonesh, Dailia Walker, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Worship, Sanctuary , also FB/YouTube 11:00am Contemporary Service in the Worship Center 8:00pm Online Compline	27 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	28 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	29 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 12:00m Book Study- The Screwtape Letters 5:30 pm Soup & Study 8:00pm Online Compline	30 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	31 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	1
2 10:00am Combined Palm Sunday Service Outside 8:00pm Online Compline	3 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Lenten Quiet Service 8:00pm Online Compline	4 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Chanting the Psalms 8:00pm Online Compline	5 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, 12:00m Book Study- The Screwtape Letters 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm Online Compline	6 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service With Foot Washing 8:00pm Online Compline	7 8:00am Online Morning Prayer Noon Good Friday Liturgy 12:45pm Good Friday Cross Walk 7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy 8:00pm Online Compline	8