

St. Stephen's  
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2nd Sunday in Lent



**The Lunch Bunch** in February met at Dena's Place Diner & Grill and we had a great time talking and eating. The Lunch Bunch in March will be at **Fred's Market Restaurant** on Harden Blvd at 11:30am on March 21st, Plan to come out and join us.



PEACE

POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION  
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

Our Network Meeting is scheduled after the 11 AM service on today, February 25th. This is the time that we get together for an update from those working in research groups of the Elderly and Criminal Justice and to select names from our congregation to invite to the Nehemiah Action.

We want to make sure that each of you has a list of 8 people to contact to come to the Nehemiah Action, so that you will have at least 3 people come with you. However, you can start inviting them now and let me know if they have committed. I will mark them off of our list to choose from during our February meeting. If we do that, we will make our goal of 80 people counted for St. Stephen's and 1500 for the whole Action!!

We need to encourage each other to attend all meetings so that we can be the hands and feet of our Lord. Remember that we are called to do mercy and justice, as we walk humbly with our God.

Your participation helps countless other people in Polk County get the justice that they deserve!!!

When PEACE shows up...Justice reigns!!!

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



2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers

2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight

2026-Betty Pratt, Liz Barham, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller

Treasurer: Bruce Goers

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



## The Art of Recovery

*Mondays 1-3pm*

*Beginning February 19th*

*free therapeutic art time*

*PTSD, Depression, Addiction, Grief*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Aldersgate House**

**722 E Walnut St,**

**Lakeland, FL 33801**

This is an offering from the Lakeland Arts Association and will be held at the Methodist Church on the corner of Lake Morton Dr & E. Walnut St. and is open to all!

## Tai Chi Wednesday and Thursday 10:45 - 11:15



### Yoga Stretching and Tai Chi

Stretching classes will resume on Wednesday & Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the 1st classroom on the right. Also, Meg will be offering Tai Chi again on both mornings at 10:45am. Please just show up if you are interested in participating.



## We Need You

ASA SERVICE DOGS IS  
LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
US MAKE VESTS  
FOR OUR  
PLUSH SERVICE DOGS.



IF YOU LIKE TO SEW AND  
WOULD LIKE TO HELP AN  
AMAZING ORGANIZATION,  
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW AND EMAIL OR MESSAGE  
US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE DETAILS.



Sit. Stay. Scan.



## Simple stretching Wednesday and Thursday 10 - 10:30



### The Youth Group—Grades 6-12

Put a reminder in your phone—Tonight at 6:00pm—7:30pm is our Youth Group meeting.

Middle and High School youth are invited to attend. We start with supper together and then the fun and action begin!

Any questions, see Mrs. Lula Peoples, 954-579-1446 or Ms. Rachel Workman, 863-701-3437 or Missy Sabine, 863-608-1179.





### Interest in a Grief Support Group

I have been asked to see if there is any interest in starting a Grief Support Group at St. Stephen's. Sometimes the weight of being alone for the first time in many years due to the loss of a loved one can be lessened by sharing time with others walking your path. If you would be interested in participating please contact the office at 863-646-6115 or by email at ststoffice@gmail.com.



### February 18, 2024 Attendance Scout Sunday

Ash Wednesday		67
Sanctuary	9:00am	50
Worship Center	11:00am	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>



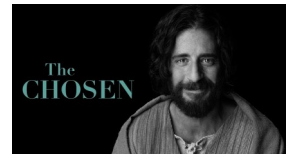
Rising costs and supply chain shortages do not affect Father David's weekly Sunday School! You can still receive the high quality explanation of the Gospel from our inhouse Theological leader every week.

Each Sunday after the 9:00am service, we have Sunday School in the Small Group Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/25/24 PEACE Meeting in Parish Hall
- 2/28/24 Study of the Book of James 12noon
- 2/28/24 Stations of the Cross 5pm, Followed by *The Chosen* & Soup
- 3/4/24 Staff Meeting 10am
- 3/5/24 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm

### New Lenten Programs



Each Wednesday in Lent, we will be offering a program packed full of liturgy, fellowship and the Gospel.

Father David will begin with a discussion of the Book of James for the Noon Book Study. At 5:00pm, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary followed by a soup dinner and a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen*. Following the viewing, we will be discussing *The Chosen* episode.

Father David will be joining our evening program to offer a contextual explanation of *The Chosen* episode.

### Verse of the Week: Mark 8:35

**For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.**



The Flowers on the Altar can be dedicated to a loved one or event by completing one of the forms available at each service



**February Birthdays**

- 2 Abigail Lankford
- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 9 Lindsey Zielinski
- 15 DeAnn Brown  
Dianne Knox
- 16 Becky Schuster
- 21 Allison Westberry
- 25 James Bowen  
Lula Peoples  
Glen Zielinski



**February Anniversaries**

- 5 Scott Dickie & Jami Beasley
- 11 Dale & Amy Ling
- 27 Bill & Marcia Heath
- 28 Bruce & Morgan Goers

**St. Stephen's Prayer List**

**(Parish Members are in Bold)**

**Prayer Needs:** **Janson** (Homeschool group) **Robin Adams, Lou Alers,** Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's** sister), Bryan Biery (**Judy Elam's** Friend), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Jim Bowen, Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Janet Casini,** Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend), Julie Cornish (friends of **Michael & Stacy Englert**) **Jim Cross,** Annie Delling, **Samantha & Schuyler Denstedt, Roger Doyle,** Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), **Evalyn Duncan,** Joe Elam & Lillian Elam (**Judy Elam's** Brother & Mother) **Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers,** Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), Pam Grimes (**Sam Rosenberger's** daughter) George & Mary Hannitan (**Stacy Englert's** friend), **Jim Heal,** Nicole Herhnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Kevin Jackimowicz,** Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy,** Allan MacGilvray (**Susan MacGilvray's** Brother in Law), Mary & Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's** sister & Brother in Law), Barbara McMahan (**Judy Elam's** Cousin) Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Eric Holter **Trudi Lithgow, Janell & Walter Repsher, Roy Reynolds,** Melody Richardi (**Kai Richardi's** mother), Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike & Tracey Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Shannon Rover, (**Judy and Ken Horne's** friend), **Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Carla Sauve,** Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart,** Bryan Stockwell (**Marge Stockwell's** son), **Marge Stockwell, Glenda Taylor (Fr Jim Taylor's Wife) Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson,** Leora Troup (**Abigail Lankford's** Mother) **Dailia Walker,** Doris Wise (homeschool group), **Lindsay Zielinski.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:00am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>26</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>27</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>28</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall 5:00pm Stations of the Cross & The Chosen 8pm Online Compline	<b>29</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>1</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b>
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