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5th Sunday After Epiphany



COMBINED WORSHIP

SUNDAY AT 10 AM



ANNUAL PARISH
Meeting

Today's Happenings

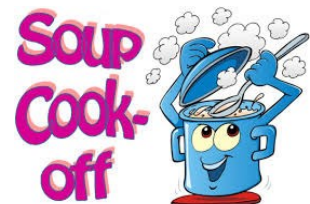
11:00am Soup Cookoff/Lunch

**(Best soup wins the Golden Ladle Award.
We will have outlets available for
slow cookers to be plugged in during worship.)**

**11:30am Annual Parish Meeting
with Vestry Election**

Electing four Vestry members

**(will be livestreamed on Facebook and
YouTube)**



*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, Jr. Warden Major Kight

Treasurer: David Dresser

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



If you are interested in playing Scrabble, you don't have to be good, just enjoy company. We meet on Thursdays at 11:30 in the Parish Hall, please come by and check it out.

If you are interested contact: Marilyn Hall at 863-450-6550.



Dedication forms are available at each service to give flowers in honor of a loved one or event. We will also be accepting Easter Flower dedications in the coming weeks to help offset the cost of the beautiful flowers.



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.



2023 Giving Statements

With the Standard Deductions being so high now, many of us no longer need giving statements. If you need a copy of your statement of giving to St. Stephen's church for 2023, we can provide it by email or printed copy starting later this month. Simply contact the office via email or call us and we get them to you. stsoffice@gmail.com (863)-646-6115



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.





VBS Spaghetti Dinner
February 6th
5-7pm
(\$7/each)



Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner returns this week **5-7pm!**

For **\$7** you get a generous helping of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tossed salad, homemade garlic bread, and a cookie. Takeout available.



January 28, 2024 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	54
Worship Center	11:00am	55
	Total	109



Are you looking for a way to kick up your biblical understanding this year? Do you find that you don't completely understand the application of the weekly readings and Gospel? Then we have a deal for you!

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

- 2/4/24 Annual Meeting and Souper Sunday Lunch**
- 2/6/24 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5:00pm**
- 2/11/24 Scout Sunday & 2nd Sunday Breakfast**
- 2/13/24 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
- 2/14/24 Ash Wednesday 9:00am, 12:00m, 7:00pm**

New Lenten Program

Beginning on February 21, 2024 and continuing each Wednesday until March 20, 2024 we will be offering a program packed full of liturgy, fellowship and the Gospel. We will start each evening with Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm followed by a soup dinner at 6:00pm and a viewing of an episode of The Chosen. Following the viewing, Father David will be offering an explanation of the appropriate Gospel presented in The Chosen episode. Please make plans to participate and enrich your Lenten experience with your friends.

- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:00pm Soup and Viewing of The Chosen Episode
- 6:30pm Father David explains the Gospel Reference



Verse of the Week: Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Judy Wilder in Memory of Virginia and Walter Marcinek's Birthdays

February Birthdays

- 2 Abigail Lankford
- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 9 Lindsey Zielinsk
- 15 DeAnn Brown
- Dianne Knox
- 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: **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), **Jim Cross,** Annie Delling, **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) **Jim Heal,** Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), Edith Hughes (**Tom Hiber's** friend), **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** 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, Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson,** Leora Troup (**Abigail Lankford's** Mother) **Dailia Walker,** Doris Wise (homeschool group), **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
<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Combined Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00am Soup Contest & meal</p> <p>11:30am Annual Meeting in the Worship Center</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm VBS Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary</p> <p>9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary</p> <p>12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Scout Sunday Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:00am 2nd Sunday Breakfast</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Service in the Worship Center</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Parish Hall</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>14 Lent Begins</p> <p>9:00am Inposition of Ashes</p> <p>12:00m Imposition of Ashes</p> <p>7:00pm Imposition of Ashes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  ASH WEDNESDAY </p>	<p>15</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p>17</p>