

**St. Stephen's
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Third Sunday of EASTER



PEACE UPDATE

We need you to join us at 6:30 pm April 29 to participate in Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment's Nehemiah Action. It will be at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Terrace Way, in Lakeland.

Why you? Because power is in numbers. St. Stephen's is one of 24 congregations in PEACE. Through an assembled show of support, we can better convince public officials to take actions that improve conditions in Polk County.

Past commitments for which PEACE successfully advocated include:

Persuading city officials in Lakeland and Winter Haven to fund more affordable housing and Polk County to give funds to multiple free and low-cost health clinics. Also a diversion program that's kept many Polk County children from having arrest records for minor offenses (consequences but not arrests.)

One of our goals this year is a similar program in Lakeland and Winter Haven for adults who commit misdemeanor, non-violent offenses. We'd like it countywide, but this would be a good start. Consequences or penalties for those offenses, but not an arrest record.

We were told April 8, at our organizational rally in Winter Haven, that Lakeland Mayor Bill Mutz and the safety director of Winter Haven will attend the April 29 Nehemiah action.

Another focus is elder care. The exact request is being finalized, but a PEACE team is looking at issues such as Polk County not having re-opened adult day care centers it closed during the COVID outbreak. As well as long waiting lists for assistance in the home.

Karen Beasley, Dianne Knox and Robin Williams Adams are the PEACE team leaders for St. Stephen's. Please contact us with any questions you have.



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



2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers

2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, Karen Spiller-Sr. Warden

2026-Betty Pratt, Liz Barham, Juliana Walker,

Treasurer: Bruce Goers

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

Our own Richard Eijo is racing in this year's Swan Derby and is asking for our support. Please make donations payable to Swan Derby and send them to either the church office or Richard's office. Please dig deep for Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine.

SWAN DERBY
LAKELAND VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

PRESENTED BY PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS CHARITIES

FRIDAY
APRIL 26, 2024

*Frances Langford Promenade
at Lake Mirror 5:30pm-9:00pm*

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

- SWAN BOAT RACES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- DERBY HAT CONTEST
- FIREWORKS

COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSOR ROOMS TO GO Foundation

ARTWORK BY MOHAWK BRANDING

LVIM
LAKELAND VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

FREE HEALTH CARE
IN POLK COUNTY



Lunch Bunch is this Thursday, 4/18/24 at 11:30am at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen on Florida Avenue. Please come out and join us for some great food and better company. If you can go, please call the office at 863-646-6115 or Debbie Bradford at 305-304-2548.



Coming soon we will return to outdoor/indoor worship services. Until we can perfect the cloning of Father David, we will have to separate the services to give him time to officiate both. Look for the notice on our start date.

YARD SALE

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

1820 County Rd. 540A Lakeland

SATURDAY **YARD SALE** 8am - 2pm
April 20th

call church office for large pick ups
donation will be accepted
April / 17th 18th 19th
in the Worship Center



NO early drop off please

There will be food and drinks for sale

10x10 space for ONLY \$10
set up will be from **6AM TO 8AM**
no application needed / pay day of event
Tables and tents not supplied

contact Michele Giberson
to reserve your space or spaces

863-205-6643



**You're invited to a
Life Line Screening
event!**



Where: St Stephen's Episcopal Church

When: Friday May 10, 2024

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone over the age of 40

Special Pricing for \$159

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Scan here:



Call 888-814-0466
and use promo
code: HSCA001

Visit
LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA

Text the word
"circle" to
216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/14/24 2nd Sunday Breakfast
- 4/15/24 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 4/16/24 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 4/18/24 Lunch Bunch @ Cheddar's
- 4/20/24 St. Stephen's Yard Sale
- 4/26/24 Women's Cursillo (Sharon C)
- 4/29/24 Nehemiah Action



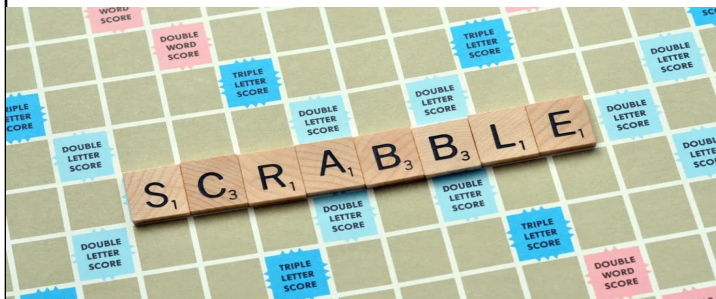
April 7, 2024 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	47
Worship Center	11:00am	53
Total		100



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.



The Casini, Prott and Turner families would like to thank St. Stephen's and the Daughters of the King for touching memorial to Matteo Casino last month, it was a wonderful outpouring of love to help them through the difficult time.

Thank you



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

DATE: APRIL 26-28, 2024

PLACE: CANTERBURY RETREAT CENTER

WEEKEND RECTORA: Nancy Tribble of St. Barnabas (Deland)

WEEKEND PRIEST: Rev. Carolyn Biggs

Rev. Gary Jackson of Grace Church (Port Orange)

Deacon Jonnette DeMarsico

WEEKEND THEME: Walk by Faith, not by Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

Applications for the weekend can be found on the website:

www.cfepiscopalcursillo.org

Candidates Wanted!!

Verse of the Week: 1 John 3:1

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!



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



April Birthdays

- 2 Marilyn Kempinski
- 4 Jackie Monts de Oca
- 12 Emma Moses
- 13 Jami Beasley, Sally Flanagan
- 16 Gail Green
- 17 Maria Peoples
- 18 Gail Wortman
- 22 Pam Maul, Roger Statzer & Carl Lowry
- 23 Juliana Walker
- 24 Dallas Ferguson, Loreto Smalling Maurita Riznyk
- 25 Jenna Walker
- 27 Mary Gillan
- 28 Sam Rosenberger Barbara Yeaple
- 29 Bill Thompson

April Anniversaries

- 4 Jim & Karen Beasley Michael & Stacy Englert
- 6 Ernest & Melissa Palmer & Philip Thomas & Elizabeth Koshi
- 25 Larry & Becky Schuster

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, Italo & 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,** Bob & Kay Henry (friends fo Betty Calhoun) Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister),**Kevin Jackimowicz,** Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) David Kight (**Major Kight's** brother) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy,** 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**), **John & Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Glenda Taylor (Fr Jim Taylor's Wife) Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson, 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>14</p> <p>9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:00am 2nd Sunday Breakfast</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>6:00pm Vestry</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00pm Soup and The Chosen Episode</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>20</p> <p>St. Stephen's Yard Sale</p> <p>8:00am until 2:00pm</p>
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