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# The Fifth Sunday in Lent



## A word cloud shaped like a hand, with the word 'CAREGIVER' in large blue letters in the center. Other words include LOVE, HOME, FATHER, SISTER, MOTHER, and various family roles like grandparent, aunt, and uncle, all in different colors and sizes.

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



**2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Knight, Liz Barham**  
**2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller-Sr. Warden**  
**2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh-Jr. Warden, Jack Vonesh**  
**Treasurer: Bruce Goers—Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski**  
**Secretary: Karen Beasley**

## P.E.A.C.E.

About 1,000 people, including members of St. Stephen's, were at Monday night's 25th annual Nehemiah Action by Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment. But our work isn't done. A PEACE team has a meeting scheduled Tuesday April 8 with the Polk County administrator. PEACE members will gather outside the administration building, 330 W. Church St. in Bartow, at 9 AM that day for a prayer gathering in support. Our purpose is to get Polk County to develop a plan to help keep 1,000 low-income Polk seniors in their homes. It would provide help with basic needs such as making nutritious meals and housekeeping.

We got cooperation Monday from Winter Haven's police chief and assistant city manager on another PEACE goal of training and encouraging officers to use diversion alternatives instead of arrests for adults who commit minor offenses. Diversion imposes consequences without an arrest record.



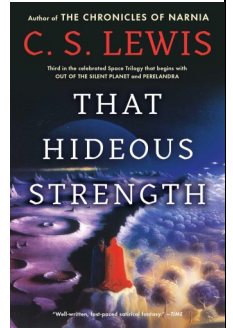
## Pictorial Directory

St. Stephen's is going to produce an "inhouse" pictorial directory this year so that we will all know each other by sight and name. We are fortunate to have a professional portrait photographer in our congregation, Jim Heal, and Karen Beasley has agreed to head the project up. Karen will need a lot of help with scheduling other duties so let us know if you can help. This should start after Easter.



## Wednesday Book Study

The next book for the noon book study will be "That Hideous Strength" by CS Lewis. We'll start on April 8th with an introductory class and then begin chapter 1 together on the 15th. You can order copies through the office for \$10 or purchase them on line.



## NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS April 16th

We will meet Wednesday, April 16th, 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!







Thanks to all those who supplied baked goods for our 50th Anniversary Gift Platters, they were greatly appreciated. We delivered platters to Scott Lake Health & Rehabilitation, Valleyview Elementary School and Fire House #28 on Clubhouse Rd. We will be delivering more in the near future as part of our 50th Anniversary projects to show our appreciation to our community. You may have noticed that we have tables set up at each service and clip boards for you to suggest ways we can give back. Please take the time to let us know what we can all do to show our gratitude to this neighborhood that has treated us so well for the past 50 years.



## Welcome to our Church

March 30, 2025

### Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	43
Worship Center	11:00am	51
<b>Total</b>		<b>94</b>

**Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING or the olive Landscaping Appeal envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/07/25 Staff Meeting 10:00am to prepare for Holy Week**
- 4/8/25 Talbot House Chili 3:30pm Need Brownies!**
- 4/9/25 Malware & Spam Prevention 6:00pm in Worship Center**
- 4/13/25 Palm Sunday 10am One Service**
- 4/13/25 Passover Dinner and Seder 5pm**
- 4/14/25 Lenten Quiet Service 7:00pm**
- 4/15/25 Chili Mac Dinner for 50th Anniversary 5:00-7:00pm**
- 4/15/25 Chanting the Psalms of David 7:00pm**
- 4/16/25 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm**
- 4/17/25 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm**
- 4/18/25 Good Friday Liturgy Noon & 7:00pm**

### 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.**



## Flowers on the Altar are Given by Meg & Rhys Wallace in Memory of Jo



### April Birthdays

2 Marilyn Kempinski  
 4 Jackie Monts de Oca  
 6 Margaret Wallace  
 13 Jami Beasley, Sally Flanagan  
 16 Gail Green  
 17 Maria Peoples  
 18 Gail Wortman  
 22 Roger Statzer & Carl Lowry  
 23 Juliana Walker  
 24 Loreto Smalling  
     Maurita Riznyk  
 25 Jenna Walker  
 27 Mary Gillan  
 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:** Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter) **Albert "Joe" Adams**, Lou  
**Alers**, Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Charlie Bibb (**Season**  
**Barham Hodges** Father in Law) 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, **Stacy Englert**, Laurens Flanagan (**Sally**  
**Flanagan's Daughter in Law**) **Bruce & Morgan Goers**, Tom Graham  
 & Julie Cornish & Ricky Morrison (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** Friends)  
 Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), Beverly Gull (Matthew Gull's Mother)  
**Jim Heal**, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of **Betty Calhoun**) Nicole  
 Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair  
 Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's** friend) Karen  
 Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) David Kight (**Major Kight's** brother)  
 Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) , **Trudi Lithgow**, Mary &  
 Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's** sister & Brother in Law), **Beverly Meyer**,  
 Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Lucille Pfund, (**Lula**  
**Peoples'** co-worker), **Janell & Walter Repsher**, **Roy Reynolds & Mel**,  
**Glen Richardi**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister) **Art & Bonnie**  
**Rowbotham**, **Carla Sauve**, Royce Shelton, (father of **Kevin Shelton**),  
 Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin),  
 Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **John & Carol Starling**, **Marion**  
**Stewart**, **Gloria Thomason**, **Bill Thompson**, **Dailia Walker**, **Dennis**  
**Vollmer**, **Lindsay Zielinski**. Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:  
**Tony Barfield**, **Brouck Boyd**, **Susan Cardman**, **Rick Rahn**, **Jo Willey**,  
**Sandra Mewborn**, **Pat Dayton**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>7</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>8</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer Talbot House Chili 8pm Online Compline	<b>9</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Malware & Spam Prevention talk in the Worship Center 8pm Online Compline	<b>10</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>11</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>12</b> Office Closed
<b>13</b>  <b>No Brunch            this Sunday</b> 10:00am Palm Sunday in the Memorial Garden Chapel 5:00pm Passover dinner and Seder 	<b>14</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Lenten Quiet Service 8pm Online Compline	<b>15</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer Chili Mac 5-7pm 7:00pm Chanting the Psalms of David 8pm Online Compline	<b>16</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8pm Online Compline	<b>17</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Maundy Thursday 8pm Online Compline	<b>18</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer Good Friday Liturgy at Noon Cross Walk at 12:45pm Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm 8pm Online Compline	<b>19</b> Office Closed