

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

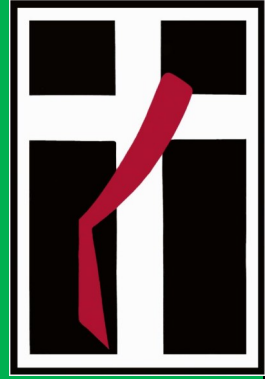
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15th Sunday After Pentecost



Deacon Doug Jump's 10th Anniversary of his Ministry as Our Deacon



This year we joyfully celebrate the 10th anniversary of Deacon Doug's ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. For a decade, Deacon Doug has faithfully lived out his call to serve Christ and His Church through prayer, proclamation of the Word, and service to the people of God.

The diaconate is a ministry of service, rooted in the example of Christ who "came not to be served, but to serve." Deacon Doug has embodied that calling—assisting at the altar, baptizing, preaching, visiting the sick, and ministering to those on the margins. His presence has been a witness to humility, compassion, and the Gospel lived out in daily life.

As we give thanks for these ten years, we also pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit in his ministry. May Deacon Doug be blessed with strength, joy, and grace as he continues to serve God and His people.

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



2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, 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



Pictorial Directory

It's Time to Sign-Up for Your Photo Session

We will begin taking photos on September 16 (after a hiccup on our 1st session) and continue as long as needed. The sessions will be 20 minutes long and will be:

Sundays 10:20am-1:00pm

Tuesdays 4:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm

We are using Sign-up Genius for scheduling. Please use the link shown below to choose the time and day you prefer. If you need help signing up, just call the office (863-646-6115) or Karen Beasley (863-838-3028) for help.



Confirmation Class

In an Episcopal confirmation class, you learn about fundamental Christian beliefs, the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal worship practices, sacraments like Baptism and Holy Communion, the structure and history of the Episcopal Church, and spiritual disciplines like prayer and service. The classes serve as preparation for the [Bishop](#) to lay hands on you, confirming your baptismal vows and strengthening your commitment to a mature Christian life.

The Bishop's visit on November 16th is approaching and we would like to offer a call to all interested people to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church. If you are interested, please contact Father David at 863-397-5337 or speak to him at Church this Sunday.



Invitation to PEACE House Meeting

Please join us Sept. 21 to share your concerns about local issues and learn more about Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment (PEACE), the coalition of Polk County churches in which St. Stephen's participates. Churches in PEACE hold house meetings, either in homes or in our case here at St. Stephen's, to hear about community problems affecting congregation members and their families. PEACE has tackled various issues through the years, including more affordable housing and expanded health care. It's currently working to get Polk County to fund more in-home support to help seniors remain in their homes. We need comments from this month's meetings to guide us toward an additional issue to take on. The Sept. 14 meeting will be at 10:15 a.m. . Grab some brunch and join us. The one Sept 21 will be at 12:15 p.m. We'll provide food. This is for both existing PEACE members and others who want input in this social justice ministry. You can contact team leaders Karen Beasley, 838-3028;; Joanne Gunner, 670-3991, or Robin Williams Adams, 640-5240, to RSVP or learn more.



September 14, 2025 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	64
Worship Center	11:00am	48
Total		112

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



We're Halfway there!!

Help Us Share Some Love with the Pups!



When Father David Heads out to bless the animals this year at the Bully Project, we want to send some extra love—homemade doggy treats!

To make this possible, we're collecting ingredients and supplies. If you'd like to help, we're in need of:

- Tall canisters of **Old-Fashioned Oats**
- **Unsweetened Applesauce**
- Jars of **Unsalted dry-roasted Peanuts**

Together, let's bring a little sunshine and a lot of tail wags to these sweet pups lives.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 9/21/25 Peace Meeting in Scout Rm
- 9/23/25 Home school 8am-4pm
- 9/24/25 Weekday Eucharist 11am followed by Book Study @ 12:00
- 9/25/25 Home school 8am-4pm
- 9/30/25 Home school 8am-4pm
- 10/1/25 Weekday Eucharist 11am followed by Book Study @ 12:00
- 10/2/25 Home school 8am-4pm
- 10/3/25 Blessing of the Animals at the SPCA & PCBP 10-12
- 10/5/25 St. Stephen's Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm

THE LAKELAND ROTARY CLUBS

2026 Twilight 5K
Friday, February 6, 2026
Start time: 7pm

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Benefitting Common Ground Playground

Our own Reverend Frank St Amour and Art Rowbotham are long time Rotarians in this club and invite you to participate or contribute to this worthy cause

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Verse of the Week: 1 Timothy 2:5
For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.



6	Susan Cardman
7	Robin Williams Adams
	Alex Trimbath,
	Gail Baldrige
10	Steve Naples, Janell Repsher
11	Andrew Thompson
12	Janet Bingham
14	Sharon Crosdale,
	Troy DeMan
	Kaitlyn Trimbath
21	Stephen Calhoun
22	Donna Hunt
24	Nelson Rumpel,
25	Roy Reynolds
25	Brieann Peterson,
26	Jarrett Sabine,
	David Trimbath
28	Francisco Gomez
29	Julie Peterson

2 Doug & Michele Jump
5 Mike & Christine Ferguson
13 Walter & Eleanor Thomas
17 Steve & Victoria Naples

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**), **Louis Bloodworth**, 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**, Pam Moore, Julie Cornish , Ricky Morrison, Emma Johnson & Kenny Ratliff, (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** Friends), **Fran Henry**, Jeremy Gagne (**Pat Dupont's** nephew) Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **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), **Donna McLemore**, **Beverly Meyer**, Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Al & Lucille Pfund, (**Lula Peoples'** co-worker), **Janell & Walter Repsher**, **Roy Reynolds** , **Glen Richardi**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister) **Art & Bonnie Rowbotham**, **Shirley Rumpel**, **Carla Sauve**, Royce Shelton, (father of **Kevin Shelton**), Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin), **Karen Spiller**, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling**, **Marion Stewart**, **Gloria Thomason**, **Dailia Walker**, **Rhys Wallace**, **Lindsay Zielinski**.
Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: **Tony Barfield**, **Susan Cardman**, **Rick Rahn**, **Jo Willey**, **Sandra Mewborn**, **Pat Dayton**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	22 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	23 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	24 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	25 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	26 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	27 Office Closed
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