

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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Office Hrs. M-Th 9am-3pm

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4th Sunday of Easter



Special screening package for
\$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



May 8th, 8-4



May is National Stroke Awareness Month

A stroke occurs every 40 seconds, yet up to 80% of strokes can be prevented. That is why **St. Stephen's** is hosting **Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, on **May 8th**.

These screenings are fast, painless, and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke.

Other screenings check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose, and C-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests. For more information about the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-844-591-7160** or visit **lisa.social/hasca**.

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



2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller
2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh-Treasurer.
2028-Mary Roach, Helen Vogt, Mike Whitt, Jr Warden
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Treasurer: Jack Vonesh,
Secretary: Karen Beasley, Office Secretary: Charlie Bradford

PEACE Nehemiah Action

Thank you to the St. Stephen's members who attended the April 20 PEACE Nehemiah Action in Lakeland—and to those who brought friends. It was truly an inspirational evening.

We are encouraged to report that Polk Superintendent of Schools, Frederick Heid, responded "yes" to working with PEACE on a plan to make it easier for students and parents to access information about mental health services. A college student also shared a powerful and moving testimony about the challenges she faced in trying to get help during high school.

On a less positive note, we did not see progress on our goal of urging the county to increase support for seniors who wish to remain in their homes. This includes assistance with essential needs such as bathing, dressing, and access to healthy meals. Unfortunately, the county administrator neither attended the meeting nor sent a representative.

More information will be shared soon in a future FYI regarding PEACE's plans to address this need directly with the County Commission.



Welcome to our Church

April 19, 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	92
Worship Center	11:00am	83
Total		175

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

If you are new to St. Stephen's or if you would like to have Fr. David contact you, please fill out a Newcomer Card and place it in the plate and we will see that you are contacted. God Bless.



The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday after the 9:00am service at 10:10am. The meeting will be held in the Scout Room.

The Motto of The Order

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?



Mark Your Calendar

- 05/05/26 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm
- 05/06/26 Morgan Goers Funeral 11:00am
- 05/08/26 Life Line Screening 8-4pm
- 05/10/26 Mother's Day Brunch Between each service
- 05/19/26 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 05/21/26 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Location To Be Determined
- 05/24/26 Pentecost Sunday one Service 10:00am Sanctuary Followed by our Chili Cook off!

Mid-Week Service

Following the Wednesday 11:00am Eucharist Service Father David's Book Study will begin with a new book, **The Practice of the Presence of God.**

The current Pope, **Leo XIV**, highly recommends **The Practice of the Presence of God** by Brother Lawrence. In fact, he has identified it as one of the most influential texts in his life, placing it alongside the writings of Saint Augustine.

And also approved by Major L. Kight III

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Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 2:25

You were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

April Birthdays

- 1 Erica Long
- 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
- 19 David Vadzemnieks
- 22 Roger Statzer & Carl Lowry
- 23 Juliana Walker
- 24 Loreto Smalling
- 25 Jenna Walker
- 26 Carol Clark
- 27 Lee Carter
- 29 Bill Thompson

May Birthdays

- 1 Abby Pratt

April Anniversaries

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

May Anniversaries

- 1 Curtis & Janice Olson

St. Stephen's Prayer List
(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter), 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), Ricky Morrison, Becky Sue Morrison (Stacy & Michael Englert's Friends), 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), Wendell & Donna Hunt, Kevin Jackimowicz, Ken & Clair Jones (Roger Doyle's friends), Kay Jordan (Judy Elam's friend), Father Robert Keller, (Kathy Leahy's friend) Karen Kent (David Dresser's Relative) Cynthia Krempel (Janice Olson's sister), Minnie Lewis (Sally Flanagan's Sister in Law) Trudi Lithgow, Mary & Adrian McAleer (Liz Barham's sister & Brother in Law), Donna McLemore, Raelyn (daughter of Sue DeMan's friend Stephanie), Al & Lucille Pfund, (Lula Peoples' co-worker), Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds, Glen Richardi, Donna Roberts (David Dresser's sister) Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Shirley Rumpel, Carla Sauve, Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (David Dresser's Cousin), Karen Spiller, Lynn Staffier (from Kathy Leahy), Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Helen Vogt, Dailia Walker, Meg & Rhys Wallace, Lindsay Zielinski.

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary 10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm 11:00am Worship Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Communion Book Study at 12:00pm 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
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