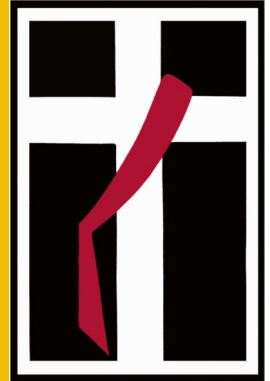


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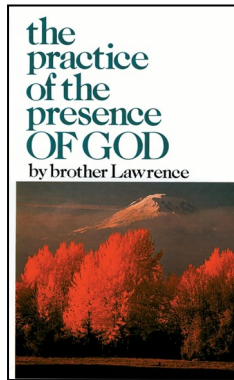
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Mid-Week Service

Following the Wednesday 11:00am Eucharist Service Father David's Book Study will continue with a book study of, **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.

The book study is available in person, on **Facebook** or on **YouTube**



WALK IN THEIR SHOES
The Virtual Dementia Tour® is an individual experience through simulated dementia. After this sensory tour, you will understand the overwhelming effects of the aging process when combined with dementia.

We are confident this training will provide you with a greater sense of the daily struggles people with dementia feel.

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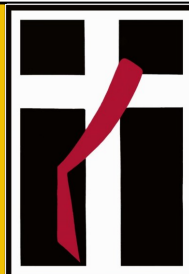
Take the Tour
THURSDAY
MAY 14
1:30PM-3:30PM
Scott Lake
Health & Rehabilitation
800 CO Rd 540A
Lakeland, FL

Brought to you by Senior Helpers. There is no cost to participate. Drop by. Your individual session will take about 30 minutes.

The Lunch Bunch will meet this month at The Olive Garden in Lakeside Village. Our luncheon will begin at 11:30am on May 21st and should be well attended. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by calling Debbie Bradford at 305-304-2548 or the Office at 863-646-6115.



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

Dog Treats

The Dog Treat Crew will meet again this month to bake homemade treats for our furry friends! If you're able to help, please bring your donations to church and place them in the collection bins.

Needed items:

- Pumpkin purée
- Unsweetened Applesauce
- Old-fashioned Oats
- Unsalted Peanuts

Most of the Dog Treats we make go to the puppies at the Polk County Bully Project to show them that we care and the remainder of the treats we sell and give the money in St. Stephen's name to the PCBP.



Join the St. Stephen's Choir!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to St. Stephen's Church? Do you enjoy singing in the shower or in your car?

Then you're exactly who we're looking for!

As Father David says, being part of the choir is a wonderful way to give back while getting to know the fun and welcoming people in our choir family.

No formal experience is needed—the main talent we're looking for is **interest and enthusiasm!**

For more information about joining, please contact:

Susie Stewart or **Charlie** in the church office.


Come make a joyful noise with us—we'd love to have you!

Project Ride to Wellness

FREE Weekly Uber Rides

TO GROCERY STORES & FOOD PANTRIES

WHO QUALIFIES?

 Polk County residents 18+ who are experiencing any of the following:



Food Insecurity



Chronic Illness



Frequent emergency room visits



Seniors & Veterans are encouraged to apply



Health Insurance is NOT a barrier to participation



Get the support you need - at no cost.

SIGN UP TODAY!

■ Scan QR code to get started.

■ A team member will contact you within 2 business days.



Prefer to speak to someone? This form can also be completed by phone.



(863) 999-3669

Welcome to our Church

May 3, 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	75
Worship Center	11:00am	38
Total		113

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.



Mark Your Calendar

- 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 Olive Garden
- 05/24/26 Pentecost Sunday one
Service 10:00am Sanctuary
Followed by our Chili Cook off!
- 05/25/26 Memorial Day Office
Closed
- 05/31/26 Summer Schedule Begins
9:00am Garden Chapel,
10:00am in Sanctuary

St. Stephen's Yard Sale – Save the Date!

St. Stephen's Yard Sale will be held a little later this year due to other church commitments.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We will be accepting donations on **Thursday, June 4th and Friday, June 5th** with setup taking place on Friday.

Come out and enjoy:

- A wide variety of yard sale items
 - Food booth outside featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks
 - Delicious baked goods available inside



For more information, please contact:
Michele Giberson at 863-205-6643



Verse of the Week

John 14:15

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands."



*Flowers on the Altar are Given by Charlie Bradford in
Thanksgiving for all of the Gifts I have received.*



May Birthdays

- 5 Melissa Eijo**
- Elizabeth Koshi**
- 7 Charlie Bradford**
- 9 Michael Englert**
- 10 Kevin Shelton**
- 14 Kaelynn Hiber**
- 15 Jim Heal**
- 16 Ed Knox, Carla Sauve**
- 18 Betty Calhoun**
- 19 Marcia Heath**
- 21 Rick Rahn**
- 23 Janice Olson**
- 29 Bill Monts de Oca**

May Anniversaries

- 1 Curtis & Janice Olsen**
- 8 Roger & Mary Statzer**
- 15 Ken & Judy Horne**
- Bill & Jackie Monts de Oca**
- 27 Tim & Mary Trimbath**

**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, Debbie Bradford, 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, Lynn Whitt, Lindsay Zielinski. Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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