

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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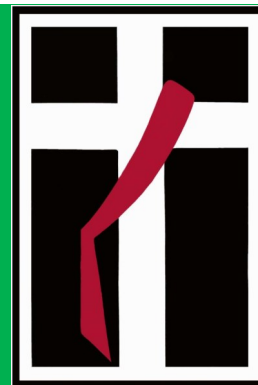
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Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost, Proper 12



Boy...I say Boy! I hope you plan to help us this week.

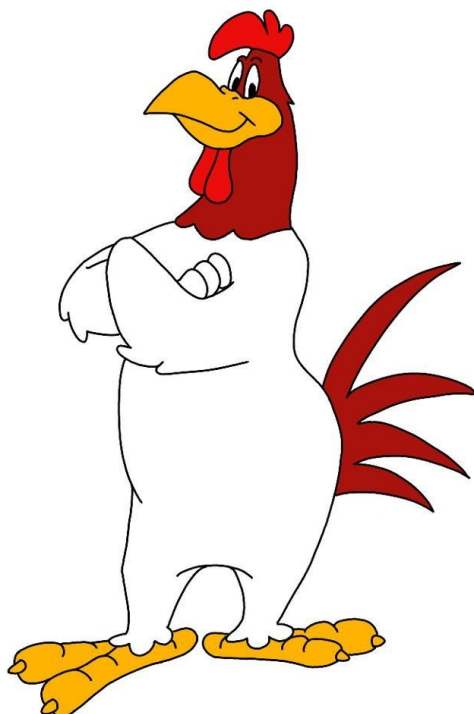
After another incredibly successful VBS, it's time to make the Rainforest back into a Worship Center

We invite everyone to join us **after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 26**, as we work together to take down the decorations and pack everything away.

We'll have snacks and drinks available for everyone who comes to help, so roll up your sleeves and join us for a fun time of fellowship and teamwork.

Thank you for helping make VBS such a success. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

God bless!



The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday after the 10:00am service at 11:10am. The meeting will be held in the Scout Room.

MID WEEK SERVICE

There will be **no 11:00 a.m. Eucharist service on Wednesday, August 5.**

If you happen to show up anyway, please feel free to spend some quiet time in the Sanctuary meditating on why you didn't read the **FYI** during the past two weeks to learn that there would be no service.

Please do **not** go to the office and ask the "Smart Alec" if there will be a Wednesday service that day. He'll probably tell you to go back to the Sanctuary and wait because the service is "just running a little late."

God bless you, and we'll see you the following week!

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



Back to School Supply Drive Begins

School begins Tuesday, August 11th—can you believe the summer is almost over? When you are out shopping, don't resist the urge to buy school supplies. We will again be donating supplies to Scott Lake Elementary, Valley View Elementary and Mi Escuela Montessori for the students and teachers who need them. Bins will be available in the Sanctuary for your donations.

Donations will be distributed by each school's administration to classrooms as the need arises.

- **White Copy Paper**
- **Loose-leaf Notebook Paper**
- **1-inch Binders**
- **Composition Books (wide-rule, non-spiral)**
- **Plastic 2-Pocket Folders (with brads)**
- **Dry Erase Markers (Expo brand preferred)**
- **Highlighters**
- **Fat Primary Pencils with Erasers**
- **#2 Skinny Pencils with Erasers**
- **Crayons (Crayola preferred)**
- **Colored Pencils (Crayola preferred)**
- **Blunt-tip Scissors**
- **Pink Erasers (Large or Cap)**
- **Washable Markers**
- **Glue Sticks**
- **Zippered Pencil Bag**
- **Pencil/Supply Box**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Lysol Wipes**
- **Tissues**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Quart & Gallon-size Ziploc Bags**



We are grateful for the generosity of several of our parishioners, whose donations have made it possible for St. Stephen's Church to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Having an AED available will help ensure that those attending worship services and other events at St. Stephen's can have greater peace of mind, knowing that, in the event of a cardiac emergency, immediate lifesaving assistance can be provided while we wait for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to arrive.

According to the American Heart Association, approximately 450,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year. When used promptly, an AED, together with CPR, can significantly improve a person's chance of survival.

St. Stephen's is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our doors. This new AED is an important addition to our emergency preparedness efforts and reflects our commitment to caring for the health and well-being of our parish family and visitors.

We extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners whose generosity made this important purchase possible.

St. Stephen's Blessing of the Backpacks!

**Sunday
August 9th**

All are welcome for a special service to ask God's blessings on our students and teachers at the start of the new school year. Bring your backpacks, bags, or binders, receive a special blessing and some school supply gifts to help you have a great start to a great new year!

UPCOMING

EVENTS

- 07/25/26 Fr. David's Birthday
07/26/26 Strike the (VBS) Set
08/04/26 Fr. David's Shoulder Surgery
08/09/26 *Back to School Sunday and
Second Sunday Brunch*
08/11/26 *Polk County Schools begin*



Welcome to our Church

July 19, 2026

Garden Chapel	9:00am	34
Sanctuary	10:00am	44
Total		78

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.

Verse of the Week: Romans 8:38 & 39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

July Birthdays

1 Mary Roach
2 Francis Smalling
5 Larry Schuster
6 Juanita Spence
8 Susan Barham
11 Tim Trimbath
16 Erica DeMan,
Judy Horne
19 Sue DeMan
Stacy Englert
Jennifer Williams
22 Tony Barfield
Gary Westberry
23 Sue St Amour
24 Jameson Ausmus,
Susan Helms
25 Fr. David Peoples
28 Debbie Bradford
30 Ken Horne,
Glen Richardi



July Anniversaries

2 David & Patricia Dresser
6 Francis & Loreto Smalling
23 Glen & Cathy Zielinski

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), 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**, Cory Davis, Annie Delling, Cathi DiGiacomo, (**Michele Giberson's** Aunt) **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), Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Heal**, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of **Betty Calhoun**) Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Kim & 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), **Mary Peoples**, 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, 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
26 9:00am in the Garden Chapel 10:00am Worship Center DOK, Scout Room Strike the Set	27 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	28 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	29 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 8pm Online Compline	30 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	31 8:00am Online Morning Prayer OFFICE CLOSED 8pm Online Compline	1 Office Closed
2 9:00am in the Garden Chapel 10:00am Worship Center	3 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	4 8am Online Morning Prayer VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7PM 8pm Online Compline	5 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	6 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	7 8:00am Online Morning Prayer OFFICE CLOSED 8pm Online Compline	8 Office Closed

You can't give life more time, So give the time you have more life.