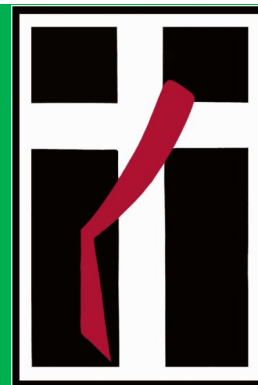


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MID WEEK SERVICE

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.

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

NO MID-WEEK SERVICES

VBS Spaghetti Dinner August 4th 5-7pm

Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner is this Tuesday **5-7pm!**



For **\$7** you get a generous helping of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tossed salad, homemade garlic bread, and a cookie. Takeout available.

Please let us know if you can help with packing or distributing meals. Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.

The Caregivers and Grief Group

The Caregivers and Grief Group will meet next month on **August 11th at 2:00 PM** in the Small Groups Room.

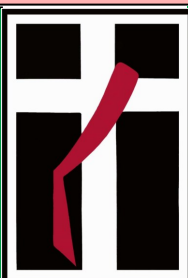
If you or someone you know would benefit from speaking with others who are experiencing grief, stress from a loss, or the challenges of caring for a loved one, please keep this group in mind.

A landmark 1999 study published in **JAMA** described caregivers as the “hidden patients.” The study found that highly stressed caregivers had a 63% higher risk of death than non-caregivers during the years following the loss of a disabled spouse. Research has also shown that caregivers often experience higher levels of depression, sleep deprivation, social isolation, and financial hardship.

You do not have to carry those burdens alone. We are here to help.



***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.

- **Dry Erase Markers (Expo brand Preferred)**
- **White Copy Paper**
- **Loose-leaf Notebook Paper**
- **1-inch Binders**
- **Composition Books (wide-rule, non-spiral)**

- **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**

St. Stephen's Blessing of the Backpacks!

**Next
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!

Are you Called? The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK)

No special spiritual attributes are needed to become a Daughter – only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God and to help others do the same. We are a group of Christian women who adopt a Rule of Life based on the promises of our Baptismal Covenant:

- To continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.
- To persevere in resisting evil, and when we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.
- To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
- To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself.
- To strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.

We are women living a Rule of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. Parishioners can look to us for love and help in time of need or loneliness. We seek to walk with God as our guide and try to draw those with whom we come in contact into the church. We are women who work to spread Christ's Kingdom here on earth. We can never forget that prayer is the foundation from which our service grows.

Discernment classes begin Sunday September 13, 2026. Please let any member wearing this cross know that you are interested.



08/04/26 Fr. David's Shoulder Surgery
08/04/26 VBS Spaghetti Night 5-7pm
08/09/26 Back to School Sunday and Second Sunday Brunch
08/11/26 Polk County Schools begin
08/30/26 Last Sunday for 9:00 in the Garden
08/30/26 Final Cookout of the Summer after the 10:00am Service
09/06/26 Return to 9:00am in the Sanctuary and 11:00am in the Worship Center.

Welcome to our Church

July 19, 2026

Garden Chapel	9:00am	36
Sanctuary	10:00am	49
Total		85

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: Genesis 32:28

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

August Birthdays

5 Roger Doyle
6 Jan Benware
8 Bruce Nelson
10 Mary Ann Corbin
13 Joyce Brock
14 Rita Yenney
18 Inga Rutledge
19 Jim Beasley
Ray Spiller
20 Art Rowbotham
21 Helen Vogt
22 Pete Wesley
25 Bill Baggett
26 Jonathan Robertson
28 Christopher Trimbath
Cathy Zielinski
29 Trudi Lithgow
31 Deacon Doug Jump

August Anniversaries

3 Fr. David & Lula Peoples
9 John & Susan MacGilvray
11 Italo & Janet Casini

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 DiGigiacomo, (**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

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