



Worship Assistants



	September 3, 2017		September 10, 2017	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
Acolyte	David Herb	Randy Neidig	Sara Houser	Drayce Grove
Lector	Larry Bouchat	Carol Clelland	Sue Rodgers	Greg John
Cantor	Beth Lengel	Art Grove	Paulette Krewson	Greg John
Assisting Minister	Sara Houser	Julie Grove	Beth Lengel	Julie Grove
Communion	Alan Gamble	Kathy Burson	Ja 'net Grey	Tom Burson
Ushers	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Beverly Caley	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Julie Read	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Beverly Caley	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Julie Read
Greeters	Dan Lebo	Frank & June Roberto	Bev Caley Stephanie Sauve	Steve & Judy Read
Altar Guild	Crystal & Sara Houser		Crystal & Sara Houser	
Counters	Art & Julie Grove; Parker Lee		Art & Julie Grove; Parker Lee	

Attendance August 27, 2017	
8:00am service	56
10:45am service	36
Total	92
Sunday School	22

Other Designated Offerings August 27, 2017	
El Salvador	\$ 106.00
Bell Tower Repair	\$ 18.50
Stephen's Gift	\$ 290.00
Baby Food	\$ 163.00
Total	\$ 577.50
Grand Total	\$ 2545.00

Our Tithes; August 27, 2017	
General	\$ 1700.50
Benevolence	\$ 253.00
World Hunger	\$ 14.00
Total	\$ 1967.50

Pastoral Care in Times of Emergency or Crisis. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call the St. Stephen office at 766-2168 (leave a voice mail if necessary), or call Pastor Matthew at 717-805-7598.

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Office Hours: *Monday – Thursday*
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This Week At St. Stephen

Sunday, September 3

8:00am Worship
9:30am Sunday Church School
10:45am Worship
2:00pm Dulcimer's Practice

Monday, September 4, Labor Day, Office Closed

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 6

6:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 7

9:00am Quilting

Sunday, September 10, Rally Day

8:00am Worship
9:30am Sunday Church School
10:45am Worship
2:00pm Dulcimer's Practice

◆ **The office will be closed tomorrow** in observance of Labor Day, the traditional end of summer. (what summer!)

◆ **Please welcome** Ms. Karen Appel to the organist bench this morning!

◆ **Pastor Matthew will be installed** on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00pm here at St. Stephen. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan on attending the reception to follow. This allows us to plan accordingly.

◆ **Dear St Stephen parishioners,** I just want thank community of St Stephen's for helping my family in our time of need after my car accident. The many meals provided were a huge help and greatly appreciated. While I am still unable to put weight through my leg, I am able to get around better with less pain. I am hoping I can start therapy and put full weight through my leg after my next doctor's appointment in early September. David has made a full recovery! And he even got to go visit his grandparents in Michigan before school started. Again, I greatly appreciate the generosity and support of the St Stephen's Community. Thank you ~Ashley Cornman

◆ **The ELCA, through the Synod has an opportunity** to stand by our neighbors as Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade, continues to affect large areas of Texas. Please pray for the victims and consider giving today to support the needs in this response and others like it. Please enter "**US Hurricane Relief**" in the check memo line. One hundred percent of your designated donation will be sent to the Synod and used to assist those affected by the hurricane until the response is complete.

◆ **Act(s) Now!** Join in the conversation as we journey through the Book of Acts and explore the stories of key figures in the Book of Acts and how it relates to our lives today. The multiple week bible study will take place on **Wednesdays** beginning on **September 20th**. Pr. Matthew will be leading the bible study at two different times to accommodate people's availability – 10:30am and 7:00pm. Come and join in the conversation and invite your friends too. Please contact Pr. Matthew if you are interested in being a part of this study.

◆ **Today is Gift Card Distribution Sunday!** Please remember; you are helping to support your

Social Ministries mission!

◆**Thank you for your Spirit of Service!** After Tina's video, 32 have already signed up to serve at this year's Apple Festival. There remains many opportunities to help. Please contact Tina via email (tinagordon@hotmail.com) or phone (717-226-0454). Remember, the Apple Festival is THE primary source of income for Social Ministries' use in helping those in need.

◆**The RAVEL TRIO** will open the 2017-2018 Fine Arts at First Concert Series at First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford St., Carlisle on Sunday, September 24 at 3 P.M. Based in Baltimore, the Ravel Trio features violinist Simon Maurer, cellist Nancy Baun, and pianist Daniel Lau. It is hailed internationally for its conversational concert style, musical passion, and "unflagging energy and verve". Featured in the program will be works by Haydn, Babadjanian, Schoenfield, and Dvorak. The piano trio's concert will benefit Carlisle Meals On Wheels. All proceeds raised will be donated to the organization in support of its mission to deliver nutritious meals to homebound residents in the community. The concert is free of admission and

will be followed by a dessert reception. Call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for more information.

◆**St Stephen is collecting bars of soap** for Lutheran World Relief this year. In the past we have collected and assembled personal care and school kits. We are working with St Mark Lutheran Church for this collection. Any kind and size of soap is acceptable. Please place your donation in the box on the stage. October 15th will be the last Sunday to donate. Thank you from your Social Ministry Committee.

◆**St. Stephen Rally Day Picnic...**St. Stephen's Annual Picnic will be held next Sunday, **September 10th**, immediately following the second worship service outside at the pavilion (weather permitting) or in the fellowship hall (inclement weather only). St. Stephen will provide the hamburgers/hot dogs, paper products, utensils, and drinks. If you will be attending please bring a dish to pass. Volunteers will be needed to set up for food preparation and clean up. If there any committees who would like to assist, please contact Lela Ewell at 579-5406.

Prayer Ventures—September

Sept. 3 Following Jesus is sometimes difficult and even frightening. Pray for faith, courage and humility to put our needs and fears aside that we may follow and serve with confidence in our salvation, the promises of God and God's assurance that we are never alone.

Sept 4 Give thanks to God for the 14 interns who served in the ELCA churchwide organization this past summer. Pray they are inspired by their faith to continue serving the church and world with their unique skills, gifts and interests.

Sept 5 Pray that our actions and thoughts are guided daily by Scripture, God's ways, the teachings and example of Jesus, the influence of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and the Spirit of God at work in and among us.

Sept 6 We remember in our prayers people working to recover from recent floods and wildfires and pray they experience the hope of God's enduring presence and love and receive the resources and support

they need to rebuild their lives, homes, businesses and communities.

Sept 7 As fall programs and ministries take shape and get underway in congregations, we give thanks for the service, gifts and preparation of congregational teachers, leaders and volunteers who help make things happen.

Sept 8 We trust in the Lord throughout our baptismal journey and pray that God will use the encouragement and witness of our sisters and brothers in Christ to sustain us, stir our faith and help teach us God's ways of light, justice, peace, righteousness, wisdom and compassion.

Sept 9 Give thanks for the ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission serving in a variety of roles and contexts with our global church companions in Central and South America. Pray their work and witness will bear abundant fruit, stir faith and hope, equip new leaders and help grow the church.

Current Prayers Requests

Bob Lamp	
Hen Yohn	
Michael Smith	Brain Tumor
Darlene	Friend of Michael Smith
Gail Phillippy	Ongoing treatment
Pastor Rochelle Lewis	Continuing recovery from brain surgery. Still has headaches and swelling.
Jimmy and Family	Friends of Roger and Lynne Immell. Jimmy is in hospital with injuries from truck accident.
Joel Gochenauer	Daryl's nephew; undergoing cancer treatment

Prayers of Intercession

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Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth and its well-being. Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and their leaders. Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in any need. Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this community and its ministry. Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with them until we are joined around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen.